

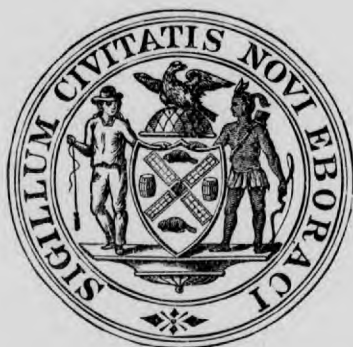
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 6, 1885.

Hon. E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation:

SIR—Will you, at your earliest convenience, inform me whether, in your opinion, my predecessor's recent action in appointing Messrs. French and McClave Police Commissioners was valid.

I find on examining the files of my office that your predecessor in May, 1883, in response to a letter from Mayor Edson, advising him that Mr. French's term did not expire until May, 1885, and I also find in looking over the letter book in my office that on November 15, 1884, Mayor Edson requested you to advise him upon the same question, and in his communication to you enclosed the opinions of two gentlemen whose names were left blank, but who seem to have taken a view entirely at variance with that of Judge Andrews.

I cannot find on file in this office any answer to that communication, a copy of which I enclose herewith, though it was currently reported at about that time that you had rendered an opinion concurring with that of your predecessor. Will you kindly inform me whether any answer was written by you to my predecessor's communication of the 15th of November, 1884, and, if so, will you furnish me with a copy of it, together with a copy of the opinion referred to in Mr. Edson's letter, in addition to whatever opinion you may render on the main question.

Yours respectfully,
W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 15, 1884.

E. HENRY LACOMBE, Esq., Counsel to the Corporation:

SIR—I hand you herewith an opinion, which has been handed to me to-day, touching the term of office of Police Commissioner Stephen B. French. It seems to me of so much importance that I deem it my duty to ask your official opinion upon the same subject. Should you concur in this opinion of Messrs. French and McClave, will you also kindly inform me whether or not in your opinion the term of office of Police Commissioner Joel W. Mason expired on the 1st of May, 1884.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1885.

Hon. WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor, etc.:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of January 6, 1885, enclosing copy of a letter to me from your predecessor under date of November 15, 1884, requesting my opinion touching the expiration of the terms of office of Police Commissioners French and Mason. You ask me:

1. Whether any answer was written by me to your predecessor's communication, and that I will furnish you with a copy thereof.

2. That I furnish you with a copy of the opinion, which your predecessor referred to me for my examination.

3. That I advise you at my earliest convenience whether, in my opinion, your predecessor's recent action in appointing Messrs. French and McClave was valid.

These three questions may be briefly answered.

The opinion which was referred to me was returned by me to your predecessor, and, as I kept no copy of it, I cannot now furnish you with one.

I gave no written opinion to your predecessor, but advised him verbally that the question had been carefully considered by my predecessor, who had given an opinion, to which I referred him—a copy of that opinion is herewith enclosed. I further stated that, with all deference for the views of those who might think differently, I thought that the opinion of my predecessor was entitled to great consideration in view of his long experience in interpreting the provisions of the city charters; and added that if my official opinion was desired it would be to the same effect as his. No written reply was given by me to your predecessor for the reason that the verbal statement above recited was, as he informed me, considered by him a sufficient answer to his question.

In answer to your third question it is perhaps sufficient for me to say that I have seen no reason to change the opinion I expressed to your predecessor.

I remain, yours respectfully,
E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, May 7, 1883.

Hon. FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor:

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 9th ultimo, requesting my opinion as to the time when the term of Police Commissioner Stephen B. French will expire.

It cannot be said that the question submitted to me is free from doubt, but my own opinion is that Mr. French's term will expire on the expiration of six years from the date of his appointment, which was May 20, 1879. This opinion is based, not from a consideration of the facts and law applicable to the case of Commissioner French only. The question as to the time of the expiration and commencement of terms of office of heads of departments, and other officers, has been the subject of frequent consideration by the Law Department ever since April 30, 1873, the date of the passage of the so-called charter of that year. Every Mayor who has held office since that time has raised the question, and it has been repeatedly discussed and considered by the several incumbents of the office of the Counsel to the Corporation and their assistants.

Substantially the same question was submitted to my predecessor, Mr. Whitney, by Mayor Cooper, in 1879. The charter of 1873 expressly legislated out of office the then Commissioner of Jurors, but a doubt was raised as to the constitutionality of this provision. The consequence was, that the then incumbent, Mr. Taylor, held over from April 30, 1873, to the summer of 1875, when Mr. Dunlap was appointed Commissioner of Jurors, and took possession of the office. The term of office of the Commissioner of Jurors was six years, and in 1879 the question was raised whether Mr. Dunlap's term had expired, or whether he had about two years more to serve. The question was submitted to the then Counsel to the Corporation, and Mr. Whitney replied that the law was in such inextricable confusion that the question could only be settled by a decision of the Court of last resort. Mr. Whitney's opinion is to be found in the CITY RECORD of May 14, 1879. In consequence of this opinion, Mayor Cooper refrained from nominating any person for the office of Commissioner of Jurors, and Mr. Dunlap held that office for a full term of six years from the date of his appointment.

A similar question arose, as I understand, in the case of Mr. Lane, formerly a Park Commissioner, but I believe that he too held his office for a full term.

The truth of the matter is, that certain provisions of the so-called charter of 1873 threw the whole subject of the termination and commencement of the terms of heads of departments into great confusion, and there never has been any judicial decision interpreting those provisions; and

the difficulties which beset the matter are so great that probably the questions involved can never be settled satisfactorily to everybody, except by a decision of the Court of Appeals.

When the so-called charter of 1873 passed, April 30, 1873, Henry Smith was a Police Commissioner, and was continued in office by that charter for the balance of his term, which was to expire May 1, 1877. Mr. Smith died in office, and on May 1, 1874, Mr. Disbecker was appointed his successor. On December 30, 1875, Mr. Disbecker was removed from office, and Mr. Erhardt appointed in his place for the remainder of Mr. Smith's term. Mr. Erhardt served during the balance of Mr. Smith's term until May 1, 1877, and then held over until May 20, 1879, when Mr. French was appointed in his place. It is expressly provided in said charter that the terms of office of all Police Commissioners, except those first appointed under it, shall be for six years, and until their successors are appointed. The question is, was Mr. French entitled to a term of six years from May 1, 1877, the date of the expiration of Mr. Smith's term, or to a full term of six years from May 20, 1879, the date of Mr. French's appointment.

It would be an easy matter for me to go into an elaborate analysis of the different provisions of the charter of 1873, which may be supposed to have some bearing upon this question. Such analysis would only serve to show that the charter contradicts itself on material points, and is defective in failing to make clear provision to meet such a case as Mr. French's. In other words, it does not seem to have occurred to the Legislature that a head of department might hold over for one or two years after the expiration of his term; or, at any rate, the Legislature failed to clearly provide what should be the effect of such holding over. The consequence is, that either construction that may be put upon the law is open to objection, and the only course left to a court, if the question were presented to it, or to a lawyer whose opinion is asked, is to adopt that construction which seems to be the least open to objection.

After a most careful consideration of the matter myself, and after hearing all that could be said in support of the different interpretations of the law, the opinion formed by me several years since, was, and the opinion now entertained by me is, that if the question should be presented to the courts, they would decide that a hold-over officer does not exhaust a portion of the term of his successor, and that heads of departments cannot be said to take office until they have been appointed, and when so appointed, that they hold office for a full term, from the date of their appointment. As my opinion, therefore, in this matter, has not been formed hastily, but after careful study and deliberation, and after extended and repeated discussions with other persons familiar with the subject, I am compelled to advise you, with great deference for the views of those who think differently, that Mr. French's term will not expire until 1885. This opinion is given without reference to the provisions of the so-called Consolidation Act. Whatever may be the effect of that statute upon the terms of office of persons appointed after its passage, it clearly can have no effect upon the terms of those who were appointed prior to the time it became a law.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

GEORGE P. ANDREWS, Counsel to the Corporation.

P. S.—Of course, the opinion above given relates to those cases only in which heads of departments, or commissioners, are appointed to succeed officers who have held over beyond their terms. In all cases where the head of department or commissioner dies, resigns, abandons his office, or otherwise creates a vacancy therein, the person appointed, by the express terms of the charter, takes the unexpired term only of his predecessor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 7, 1885.

Hon. E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation:

SIR—An examination of the records in my office shows that during my term as Mayor the question will arise in a number of cases as to the date upon which the terms of office of a number of heads of departments in this city will expire.

In view of the communication received from you, in answer to my yesterday's letter, in which you concur in your predecessor's view as to the rights of hold-over officers, I deem it of the most vital importance, both to me as Mayor, to the different heads of departments who may be interested in the matter, and to the community at large that there should be a speedy judicial determination of the question involved in the recent action of my predecessor in appointing Messrs. McClave and French.

It is needless for me to state at length precisely what that question is, as you are fully informed upon the subject, but as your advice is directly opposed to the views of the Attorney-General, as recently expressed in the McClave-Mason case, it is clear that very grave questions may arise during my term of office as to the rights of certain heads of departments now in office.

I find upon examination that the same question which arose in the French and McClave case arises just as clearly in the case of Commissioner Asten, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, in the case of Mr. Laidlaw, the Chamberlain, in the case of Mr. Caulfield, the Commissioner of Jurors, in the cases of Messrs. Wales and Olliffe, Commissioners of Public Parks, and in the case of Commissioner Laimbeer, of the Department of Docks.

In view of this state of facts I deem it my duty to request you to apply without delay to the Attorney-General for the purpose of inducing him, if possible, to reconsider his determination in the Mason case, and to allow Mr. Mason, through his counsel, to commence an action of quo warranto.

It may well be gathered from the opinion of the learned Attorney-General that when he denied the application made by Mr. Mason's counsel he was not aware of the importance of the question, nor did he have any idea of how far reaching his ultimate decision was, and I cannot but believe that should his attention be called to the facts as they exist, and as I have recited them in this communication, he would be willing, in the interests of good government in this city, and as a matter of public necessity, to reconsider his opinion, and to allow an action to be commenced on behalf of Mr. Mason.

Mr. Charles P. Miller, who appeared for Mr. Mason before the Attorney-General, and with whom I have consulted in this matter, informs me that he will gladly co-operate with you, and I would suggest, if agreeable to you, that you communicate with him and ask his aid in the matter.

Yours respectfully,
W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, January 8, 1885.

Hon. WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor, etc.:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication under date of January 7, 1885, requesting me to apply, without delay, to the Attorney-General, for the purpose of inducing him, if possible, to reconsider his determination in the Mason case and to allow Mr. Mason, through his counsel, to commence an action of quo warranto.

Immediately upon its receipt, I prepared and transmitted to the Attorney-General a letter, of which I enclose you a copy.

I have also, in accordance with your suggestion, communicated with Mr. Charles P. Miller, who appeared for Mr. Mason before the Attorney-General, with the view of securing his aid in the matter.

I remain, very respectfully yours, etc.,
E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, January 8, 1885.

Hon. DENNIS O'BRIEN, Attorney-General:

SIR—I am in receipt of a communication from the Mayor of this city, under date of January 7, 1885, a copy of which I enclose.

His Honor calls my attention to the fact that the same question which arose in the Mason-McClave case (recently considered by you), arises just as clearly in the cases of six other prominent city officers, and requests me to apply without delay for the purpose of inducing you, if possible, to reconsider your determination in the case referred to and to allow Mr. Mason, through his counsel, to commence an action of quo warranto.

In your opinion of December 19, 1884, you characterized the provisions of the act of 1873, under which the question presented by Mr. Mason arose, as "indefinite, uncertain and almost chaotic."

From the examination, however, which you gave to the question, while conceding that both sides were able to present reasons and arguments in favor of their respective views of the law which were in your opinion worthy of consideration, you were "inclined to believe that Mr. Mason's term

"expired on May 1, 1884, and that after that date, though he still remained in possession of the office, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen had the legal right to appoint a person in his place."

My predecessor, after an extended examination of the same question, arrived at an opposite conclusion, and I have recently had occasion to advise his Honor the Mayor that, if my official opinion were requested in interpretation of the section in question, I should adhere to the views expressed by my predecessor.

In view of the fact that the provisions of the act of 1873 are differently construed by your Department and by the Law Department of this city, and in view of the further fact that the present Mayor, as a city officer would, no doubt, be guided in his action by the views of his official counsel, it seems inevitable that, unless a judicial interpretation of the section is obtained, the tenure of many important offices will remain uncertain, and the respective incumbents thereof—and probably the city itself—will be involved for some time to come in numerous and vexatious litigations.

I therefore would respectfully request you to reconsider your determination in the Mason case so as to allow the parties to that controversy to submit to the Supreme Court—and ultimately, I trust, to the court of last resort—for judicial interpretation the "indefinite, uncertain and almost chaotic" provisions of this statute.

I do this, not from any confidence in the accuracy of my own conclusions as opposed to those which you have arrived at from your careful examination of the statutes, but because a sentence in your opinion seems to invite such an application should public necessities make it desirable. The sentence to which I refer is as follows: "If it cannot be said that the right to maintain the action is reasonably clear, or that the public safety and the public welfare will be promoted by presenting for judicial determination ambiguous and conflicting statutory provisions upon which the right to the office rests, it is apparent that such litigation ought not to be instituted by the State."

Where the converse is the case, I assume you would be inclined to allow the writ, even in cases where you have yourself no confidence in the soundness of the relator's position.

I remain, sir, very respectfully yours,

E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation.

STATE OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, }
ALBANY, January 14, 1885. }

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

DEAR SIR—I have to-day decided to allow an action to be brought by Mr. Mason against John McClave, in order to settle, if possible, the disputed questions arising out of the provisions of your City Charter.

While I have seen no reason to change my mind as to the law applicable to the case, I feel that your application to have the matter submitted to some competent court ought not to be refused. The reasons for my action now are expressed in the memorandum which I enclose.

In justice to me, and perhaps for the information of the public, my reasons and your communications through Mr. Lacombe to me ought to be published.

Very sincerely and truly yours,

D. O'BRIEN, Attorney-General.

STATE OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, }
ALBANY, January 14, 1885. }

Before the Attorney-General.

In the Matter of the application }
of }
Joel W. Mason. }

About the first of December last, Mr. Mason, claiming to be the lawful incumbent of the office of Police Commissioner of the City of New York, made application to me to begin an action in the name of the People of the State against John McClave, who as he alleged had usurped, intruded into and unlawfully held that office.

The question involved related to the validity of the appointment of Mr. McClave to the office of Police Commissioner by Mayor Edson, and his confirmation by the then Board of Aldermen of the City of New York. A hearing was had before me and on the 19th of December, 1884, the application was denied.

The Hon. Wm. R. Grace, Mayor of the City of New York, has filed in this office some additional papers upon which he requests that the disposition heretofore made of the case be reconsidered. These papers consist of a communication by the Mayor to E. Henry Lacombe, Esquire, Counsel to the Corporation, in which attention is called to the fact that the advice of the Corporation Counsel given to the Mayor is directly opposed to the views of the Attorney-General, as heretofore expressed, and that very grave questions may arise during his term of office as to appointments and as to the rights of certain heads of Departments now in office and setting forth reasons why it is necessary that the conflicting provisions of the Charter of the City of New York in regard to appointments to office and to vacancies should be judicially determined, if possible, by the court of last resort.

I have also a communication from Mr. Lacombe, from which it appears that the advice heretofore given by him and by his predecessor in office to the Mayor conflicts with the construction which this office has given in regard to the appointing power and in regard to vacancies in office, and in which it is stated that "unless a judicial interpretation of the section is obtained, the tenure of many important offices will remain uncertain and the respective incumbents thereof, and probably the city itself will be involved for some time to come in numerous and vexatious litigations," and requesting a reconsideration of the determination heretofore made in this case and permission to allow the parties to this controversy to submit to the Supreme Court, and ultimately, if necessary, to the court of last resort for judicial interpretation, the questions involved in this controversy.

As this case appeared to me upon the former application, it was simply a contest between two claimants for the possession of a public office. There was nothing from which I had a right to infer that the citizens of the City of New York or the general public had any interest in the controversy, and I felt at liberty to dispose of the application according to my views of the legal merits of the dispute as between two claimants. I think the matter has now assumed a very different and more important aspect. There is now good reason to believe that the public interests will be subserved by a judicial decision of the questions involved, whether the decision be for or against the contention of Mr. Mason.

On the former hearing before me Judge Hand and Mr. Shepard, counsel for Mr. McClave, resisted the application and stated their position in the following language: "If the right sought to be enforced be a clear one in point of law, or if, although not clear in law beyond a reasonable doubt, there still be considerations of public convenience or public safety which make it important to the people of the City of New York, or the public generally, to establish, if possible, the disputed right, then, in either case, the Attorney-General will probably feel that he should permit the suit." "The applicant could not, therefore, as he does not, dispute that it is at the best for him very doubtful whether his view of the law would prevail. He seems, however, to suppose that if the law be even doubtful, he has found a sufficient reason for the intervention of the Attorney-General. This is, however, a mistake. The Attorney-General does not bring suits which he does not think will probably succeed for the mere sake of deciding mooted questions. If the right be not clear, the great law officer of the State will not move unless there be considerations of public safety or welfare which would materially be promoted by the establishment of the doubtful proposition."

"There are here no such questions of public safety or welfare. Mr. McClave has been nominated and confirmed as a Police Commissioner by the Mayor and Aldermen of New York, to whom the law now confides and who are responsible for the selection of Police Commissioners. Mr. Mason derived his appointment from no superior or other source. Neither the Mayor nor the Common Council, nor the law officer, nor any officer or department, nor any known or recognized body of citizens of New York, has asked the Attorney-General to involve the Police Department of the city in litigation nor to test a doubtful question, if, indeed, there be a doubtful question. There is no pretense that Mr. McClave is not well fitted for the performance of the duties to which he has been appointed; there is no pretense that his occupancy of the place injures or even inconveniences the Police Department of the public service of the city. Mr. McClave's appointment in Mr. Mason's place did not alter the non-partisan character which it has been deemed proper for the Board to have, being as it is the Department of Elections. There is not a citizen except Mr. Mason who complains or has the appearance of injury; and Mr. Mason very certainly cannot ask the intervention of the State itself in his behalf to enable him to occupy a public office, unless it be clear beyond reasonable doubt that he is the lawful holder of the office, for the office is to be deemed purely a public trust, to be treated upon public considerations and not as a private right."

I had no doubt then, and I have no doubt now, that this is a correct statement of the reasons and the true principles upon which applications of this character should be disposed of by the Attorney-General; and in the opinion then written denying the application my views of the case were stated in these words:

"If it cannot be said that the right to maintain the action is reasonably clear, or that the public safety and the public welfare will be promoted by presenting for judicial determination ambiguous and conflicting statutory provisions upon which the right to the office rests, it is apparent that such litigation ought not to be instituted by the State."

It is now made to appear, however, from the communication of the Mayor and Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, to which I have referred, that the very contingency has happened and the very condition of things exists which the counsel for Mr. McClave have so frankly and explicitly admitted would require the Attorney-General, in the performance of his duty, to grant the application and to direct the commencement of an action to settle the controverted questions involved.

The chief executive head of the Government of the City of New York and his official adviser, the chief law officer of the corporation, have requested the Attorney-General to permit this action to be commenced and have stated the "considerations of public convenience or public safety which make it important to the people of the City of New York, or to the public generally, to establish, if possible, the disputed right."

These considerations seem to me to be of such importance as to require a reconsideration of the action of this office without regard to any opinion I may entertain as to the ultimate result of this particular suit. To refuse under such circumstances to permit these questions to be presented to the court through the appropriate proceeding at the request of the Mayor of the City of New York and of his legal adviser, might well be regarded as an unreasonable, and, possibly, an arbitrary exercise of the discretion in such cases confided to the Attorney-General by the law.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that the application should now be granted; and the action may be commenced upon filing the security to indemnify the State against the costs and expenses of the litigation, as required by the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure.

D. O'BRIEN, Attorney-General.

BOARD OF ARMORY COMMISSIONERS.

ARMORY BOARD—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
January 14, 1885. }

A meeting of the Armory Board was held at the office of his Honor the Mayor, City Hall, this date.

Present—Mayor Grace, General Shaler, Commissioner Squire.

The Board was organized by the election of Mayor Grace as President, and General Shaler as Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from James E. Ware, architect of the Twelfth Regiment Armory, asking that permission be obtained from the proper authority to construct towers and buttresses extending into the area space, as provided in the accepted plans for said armory.

The communication was received and the Secretary instructed to address a communication to the Board of Aldermen, requesting their favorable action in the matter, it being understood that they have heretofore granted permission for such structures.

A communication was read from John Renehan, the contracting plumber for the Twelfth Regiment Armory, asking that the Board of Aldermen be requested to pass a resolution giving permission to make connections with the public sewer at Ninth avenue, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, for said armory without the payment of the usual fee.

The communication was received and the Secretary instructed to examine the contract with Mr. Renehan, with reference to his obligation to pay for such permit, and report the result to this Board.

A communication was read from W. H. Dykeman, Secretary, notifying this Board of the action of the Sinking Fund Commissioners at their meeting held December 29, 1884, concurring in the execution of contracts for building the Twelfth Regiment Armory, which was received and ordered on file.

It was then

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to sign and forward a requisition for the alteration of five hundred letter-heads, and printing the names of the Mayor and Commissioner of Public Works thereon.

A communication was read from John T. Hall and John L. Tonnelli, lessors of the armory occupied by the Twenty-second Regiment, offering to renew the lease to the City upon the same terms and conditions as the present lease, for one, two or three years.

The communication was received and referred to the Comptroller, with the request that he advise this Board whether in his judgment the terms of said lease are advantageous to the City.

Communications were read from William H. Gebbard and from W. H. Hamersly, offering for sale plots of ground for armory sites, which the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge and place on file.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

(Signed)

ALEXANDER SHALER, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Board of Police met on the 13th day of January, 1885.

Present—Commissioners French, Matthews, Porter, and McClave.

Leave of Absence Granted.

Sergeant Edward R. Delamater, Fifth Precinct, three days.

Report of the Chief Clerk, relative to conference with the Comptroller on certification of documents, was ordered on file.

Report of the Superintendent, inclosing \$215, proceeds of mask ball fees for week ending January 10, was referred to the Treasurer to pay over to the Pension Fund.

Report of Inspector Dilks, on application of Patrolman David O'Connor, Twentieth Precinct, for transfer, was ordered on file.

Mask Ball Permits Granted.

Rudolph G. Hoerburger, at Irving Hall, January 22, 1885. Fee, \$10.

L. Gamet, at Irving Hall, January 24, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Jacob Pertsch, at Irving Hall, January 31, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Maurice S. De Vries, at Irving Hall, February 21, 1885. Fee, \$10.

M. Gerber, at Irving Hall, February 23, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Adolph Robinson, at Walhalla Hall, February 27, 1885. Fee, \$10.

William Walter, at Turn Hall, January 19, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Frederick J. Harth, at Beethoven Hall, February 23, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Jacob Dietrich, at Everett Hall, February 21, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Wm. F. Maher, at Everett Hall, March 17, 1885. Fee, \$25.

Henry Schneider, at No. 218 Second street, February 16, 1885. Fee, \$10.

M. Gunther, at No. 293 Bowery, January 19, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Ernestine Marx, at No. 293 Bowery, January 20, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Ernest Schmidt, at No. 293 Bowery, January 21, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Gustav Pulvermader, at No. 293 Bowery, January 23, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Maria Muller, at Harmony Rooms, January 17, 1885. Fee, \$10.

E. Weinlander, at Harmony Rooms, January 23, 1885. Fee, \$10.

L. Butz, at Harmony Rooms, February 14, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Adam Hersman, at Harmony Rooms, February 24, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Louise Spreter, at Germania Rooms, February 7, 1885. Fee, \$10.

F. Franznick, at Terrace Garden, February 10. Fee, \$25.

Jas. Terwilliger, at West Side Germania Rooms, March 9. Fee, \$10.

Application of C. B. Sherwood and Julius Grossman for appointment of Adam Mouligan as Special Patrolman at Washington Hall, was referred to the Superintendent for Report.

Applications Ordered on File.

Willett F. Barnes, for examination for appointment as Doorman.

J. D. Pell, for the appointment of a Patrolman.

Patrolman James Humphreys, Twenty-seventh Precinct, for transfer.

Application of Mary T. Ward, widow late Michael Ward, pensioner, for pension, was referred to the Trustees of the Pension Fund.

Application of Patrolman Charles L. Albertson, Twenty-ninth Precinct, for promotion, was referred to the Superintendent to cite for examination.

Communication from the Superintendent, inclosing subpoena from U. S. Circuit Court, New Orleans, for Patrolman George W. Blonk to appear at New Orleans on 19th inst., was referred to Commissioner Porter and the Chief Clerk to ascertain if Blonk's testimony can be taken by a commission.

Communications Referred to the Superintendent.

From Board of Excise, submitting list of unlicensed liquor dealers on December 31, last.

From E. Reed Burns, relative to damage to East Baptist Church.

From Elihu Root, relative to detail of Patrolman George Fletcher, Eighth Precinct.

Communication from John D. Townsend, relative to pension of Thomas F. Dooley, was referred to Commissioners Matthews and Porter.

Communications Ordered on File.

From Thomas Brown, No. 111 Broadway, relative to police service in preventing violations of Excise Law.

From District Attorney, relative to detail of Patrolman Thomas Kernan.

From Mayor, notice of meeting with Excise Commissioners on 15th instant.

From Russell Sturgis, Secretary Civil Service Board, notice of examination for promotion of Charles L. Gott.

on that day, had been delivered to the contractors, one of each of the same had been delivered to the Comptroller for filing in the Finance Department, and one of each of the same placed on file in

JAMES W. McCULLOH, Secretary.

From Abram Durye, Dock Master:

1st. In reference to the application of Theo. F. Tone for permission to erect a derrick on the bulkhead at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, North river, and stating that the erection of the derricks

Commissioner Voorhis, the Treasurer of the Board, presented his report of receipts for the week ending January 6th, instant, which was received, read and ordered to be placed on file, and the Secretary directed to enter the same in full on the minutes, as follows :

JOHN T. CUMING, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, January 14, 1885.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending January 10, 1885:

Public Moneys Received and Deposited in the City Treasury.

For Croton water rents.....	\$19,333 21
For penalties on water rents.....	390 30
For tapping Croton pipes.....	76 50
For sewer permits.....	197 20
For vault permits.....	422 63
For redemption of obstructions seized.....	5 00
For restoring and repaving—Special Fund.....	322 00
Total.....	\$20,746 84

Public Lamps.

9 new lamps lighted.
6 old lamps relighted.
2 lamps discontinued.
5 lamp-posts reset.
1 lamp-post straightened.
4 columns refitted.
5 columns released.

Report of Photometrical Examinations of Illuminating Gas, for the week ending January 10, 1885, made at the Photometrical Rooms of the Department of Public Works.

DATE.	TIME.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	GAS COMPANY.	BURNER.	Pressure as Delivered to Burner.	Consumption of Gas, Rate per hour.	Consumption of Gas, Grs. per hour.	ILLUMINATING POWER.	
									Observed.	Corrected.
Jan. 5	5 P.M.	68.	30.13	Manhattan.....	Empire 5 ft.....	.89	5.00	117.0	20.82	20.32
" 6	2 P.M.	65.	29.62	" .....	" .....	.89	5.00	120.6	19.30	19.39
" 7	4 P.M.	74.	29.49	" .....	" .....	.88	5.00	115.2	21.08	20.23
" 8	3 P.M.	72.	30.00	" .....	" .....	.88	5.00	120.0	19.48	19.48
" 9	5:30 P.M.	79.	29.81	" .....	" .....	.88	5.00	121.2	19.04	19.23
" 10	5 P.M.	77.	30.17	" .....	" .....	.88	5.00	120.0	18.90	18.90
Average.									19.59	
Jan. 5	4 P.M.	67.	30.13	New York.....	Bray's Slit Union, 7	.93	5.00	120.6	24.00	24.12
" 6	2:30 P.M.	65.	29.62	" .....	" .....	.93	5.00	123.0	21.94	22.49
" 7	3:30 P.M.	74.	29.49	" .....	" .....	.93	5.00	121.2	22.90	23.13
" 8	3:30 P.M.	72.	30.00	" .....	" .....	.93	5.00	118.2	24.34	23.97
" 9	5 P.M.	79.	29.81	" .....	" .....	.93	5.00	120.0	23.13	23.13
" 10	2:30 P.M.	73.	30.17	" .....	" .....	.93	5.00	120.0	22.96	22.96
Average.									23.30	
Jan. 5	2 P.M.	64.	30.13	N. Y. Mutual..	" .....	.99	5.00	120.0	28.80	28.80
" 6	3:30 P.M.	66.	29.62	" .....	" .....	.97	5.00	123.6	21.10	21.73
" 7	2 P.M.	74.	29.49	" .....	" .....	.97	5.00	120.0	26.36	26.36
" 8	4:30 P.M.	72.	30.00	" .....	" .....	.97	5.00	120.6	29.02	29.16
" 9	3:30 P.M.	79.	29.81	" .....	" .....	.97	5.00	114.0	27.72	26.33
" 10	3:30 P.M.	73.	30.17	" .....	" .....	.98	5.00	120.0	27.00	27.00
Average.									26.56	
Jan. 5	3 P.M.	64.	30.13	Municipal.....	" .....	.95	5.00	114.0	30.66	29.13
" 6	3 P.M.	66.	29.62	" .....	" .....	.94	5.00	123.0	27.76	28.45
" 7	3 P.M.	74.	29.49	" .....	" .....	.95	5.00	120.0	30.50	30.50
" 8	4 P.M.	72.	30.00	" .....	" .....	.94	5.00	119.4	30.04	29.89
" 9	4 P.M.	79.	29.81	" .....	" .....	.94	5.00	115.8	30.34	29.28
" 10	3 P.M.	73.	30.17	" .....	" .....	.94	5.00	118.8	28.90	28.61
Average.									29.31	
Jan. 5	4 P.M.	73.	30.19	Metropolitan...	" No. 6	.69	5.00	121.8	20.98	21.29
" 6	4 P.M.	76.	29.64	" .....	" .....	.69	5.00	124.8	20.44	21.26
" 7	5:30 P.M.	80.	29.64	" .....	" .....	.68	5.00	120.0	21.00	21.00
" 8	4:30 P.M.	75.	30.05	" .....	" .....	.69	5.00	123.0	20.98	21.50
" 9	4:30 P.M.	78.	29.64	" .....	" .....	.68	5.00	117.6	23.22	22.75
" 10	11:30 A.M.	78.	30.23	" .....	" .....	.68	5.00	122.4	22.36	22.81
Average.									21.77	
Jan. 5	3 P.M.	70.	30.19	Knickerbocker.	" .....	.83	5.00	121.8	25.52	25.90
" 6	4:30 P.M.	78.	29.64	" .....	" .....	.83	5.00	116.4	25.76	24.99
" 7	5 P.M.	77.	29.64	" .....	" .....	.82	5.00	124.2	23.74	24.57
" 8	5 P.M.	77.	30.05	" .....	" .....	.84	5.00	121.2	26.48	26.74
" 9	3:30 P.M.	76.	29.64	" .....	" .....	.82	5.00	121.2	27.18	27.45
" 10	12:30 P.M.	79.	30.23	" .....	" .....	.82	5.00	124.8	25.16	26.16
Average.									25.97	

E. G. LOVE, PH. D., Gas Examiner.

Permits Issued.

26 permits to tap Croton pipes.
68 permits to open streets.
13 permits to make sewer connections.
18 permits to repair sewer connections.
3 permits to construct street vaults.
91 permits to place building material on streets.
9 permits—special.
1 permit to cut down tree.

Obstructions Removed.

Booth and stand from southeast corner Thirteenth street and Third avenue.
3 single trucks from Pike Slip.
2 single trucks from Jackson Slip.

4 trucks from Pike Slip.
Wagon from No. 130 East Fourth street.
Butcher-cart from Jackson Slip.
2 blankets and 1 robe from No. 124 Chambers street.
Cart from southeast corner Forty-ninth street and Third avenue.
Wagon from No. 128 East Forty-first street.

Repairing and Cleaning Sewers.

40 receiving-basins and culverts cleaned.
179 lineal feet of sewer rebuilt.
3 lineal feet of spur-pipe laid.
23 receiving-basins repaired.
22 new basin heads and covers put on.
1 new basin cover put on.
5 manholes repaired.
4 new manhole heads and covers put on.
7 new manhole covers put on.
1 manhole head reset.
339 cubic yards of earth excavated and refilled.
135 square yards paving relaid.
472 square feet flagging relaid.
7 cart-loads of earth filling.
201 cart-loads of dirt removed.

Statement of Laboring Force Employed in the Department of Public Works during the Week ending January 10, 1885.

NATURE OF WORK.	MECHANICS.	LABORERS.	TEAMS.	CARTS.
Maintenance of Aqueduct and Reservoirs.....	2	94	3	6
In Pipe Yard, foot of East Twenty-fourth street.....	1	17	2	..
Repairing and laying water pipes, etc.....	11	170	..	9
Repairing pavements.....	17	5	..	..
Repairing and cleaning sewers.....	4	27	..	17
Maintenance and construction of boulevards and avenues.....	4	5	1	..
Repairing unpaved streets.....	..	33	5	3
Totals.....	39	351	11	35
Increase over previous week.....	..	..	..	..
Decrease from previous week.....	1	1	..	1

Appointments.

D. Lowber Smith, Deputy Commissioner.

Requisitions on the Comptroller.

The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department on the Comptroller during the week is \$115,318.22.

D. LOWBER SMITH, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, CITY OF NEW YORK,
NOS. 31 AND 32 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, January 10, 1885.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51, chapter 410, of the Laws of 1882, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning makes the following report of the transactions of the Department of Street Cleaning for the week ending December 27, 1884:

Number of loads of ashes removed.....	18,652
" " rubbish removed.....	131
" " material received from Department of Public Works.....	40
" " " " Markets.....	136
" " " " Permits.....	2,652
" " snow removed.....	12,286
Total.....	33,897

Public moneys received and deposited in the City Treasury—for trimming scows..... \$197 00

Appointments.

J. Powers, Driver.
Joseph Fallon, Laborer.

J. S. COLEMAN, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING—CITY OF NEW YORK,
NOS. 31 AND 32 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, January 13, 1885.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51, chapter 410, of the Laws of 1882, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning makes the following report of the transactions of the Department of Street Cleaning for the week ending January 3, 1885:

Number of loads of ashes removed.....	17,651
" " rubbish removed.....	3,249
" " snow removed.....	340
" " material received from Department of Public Works.....	72
" " " " Markets.....	185
" " " " Permits.....	2,752
Total.....	24,249

Public moneys received and deposited in the City Treasury—for trimming scows..... \$197 00

Bills

—audited and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning" for the year 1884:

Schedule No. 288—	
The "Evening Post," advertising.....	\$21 60
The New York News Publishing Co., advertising.....	36 30
The New York "Staats Zeitung," advertising.....	10 40
The New York "World," advertising.....	21 60
Schedule No. 289—	
Claffy, John, supplies.....	34 83
Davies, Thos. J., coal.....	12 75
Dillon, Jas., hire of horses.....	115 50
Gannon, Thos., condenser.....	985 00
Lenane, P. & Bro., feed.....	492 75
Lenane, P. & Bro., feed.....	515 27
L'Hommidiou, S., towing.....	769 50
L'Hommidiou, S., towing.....	10 00
Hopkins, Russell & Co., oil.....	10 50
Hotchkiss, Guy C., Field & Co., supplies.....	4 68
Hotchkiss, Guy C., Field & Co., supplies.....	83 14
Jenkins & Tregarthen, repairs.....	30 00
Patterson Bros., supplies.....	46 42
Porter's (Wm.) Sons, head light.....	5 00

Shewan, Jas., repairs.....	168 26
Slater & Reid, repairs.....	86 23
Starke, Adolph, spikes.....	12 60
The Metropolitan Telephone Co., services.....	38 90
The New York & Amboy Towing Co., services.....	5 00
Vanderbilt & Hopkins, lumber.....	606 45
Schedule No. 290—	
Chicerelli, Jos., labor.....	89 25
Chicerelli, Jos., labor.....	159 50
L'Hommieu, S., towing.....	626 00
Jenkins & Tregarthen, docking.....	25 00
Patterson Bros., supplies.....	222 52
Pride, Geo. H., call bell.....	3 00
Pfeffer, Wm., roofer.....	42 00
Hecker, Henry, roofer.....	42 00
Shewan, Jas., repairs.....	130 97
Vanderbilt & Hopkins, lumber.....	29 83
Total.....	\$5,492 75

Pay-rolls

—audited and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning" for the year 1884:

Schedule No. 291—	
Commissioner.....	\$3,334 98
Foreman.....	900 00
Assistant Foreman.....	418 06
Inspectors.....	7,125 00
Tugs.....	1,210 00
Total.....	\$6,988 04

Appointments.

Wm. Coholan, Hired Cartman.
John Reilly, Hired Cartman.
Edward Martin, Hired Cartman.

Discharged.

Thos. Day, Driver.

J. S. COLEMAN, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
December 15, 1884.

Present—President Cornelius Van Cott, Commissioners Henry D. Purroy and Richard Croker.

Communication

From—Inspector of Buildings—Forwarding reports of Examiners: on fire-escapes (24), on violations (3), on unsafe buildings (7), with recommendation. Referred back, with directions.

Discharge.

John D. Perry, employed as Engineer of Engine No. 43, from 16th instant.

Employed.

Washington E. Delancey, to act as Engineer of Engine No. 43, at \$3.50 per day, from 16th instant.
On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 16, 1884.

Present—President Cornelius Van Cott, Commissioners Henry D. Purroy and Richard Croker.

Communication

From—Inspector of Buildings—Forwarding report of Examiners: on fire-escapes (11), on violations (6), on unsafe buildings (7), with recommendation. Referred back, with directions.
On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 17, 1884.

Present—President Cornelius Van Cott and Commissioner Henry D. Purroy.

Trials.

Private Richard P. Moore, of Engine Co. No. 1, charged with "conduct prejudicial to good order." Found guilty and fined ten days' pay.
Private Patrick H. Mullane, of Engine Co. No. 26, charged with "absence without leave," and "incapacity for duty." Evidence taken; laid over.
Private Michael J. Riley, of Engine Co. No. 25, charged with "absence without leave." Found not guilty, and charge dismissed.

President Walker, of the Board of Education, appeared and requested that the requirement to connect public schools with the fire-alarm telegraph be rescinded.

On motion, it was determined that the requirement be adhered to, and that immediate notice of this determination be communicated, with the suggestion that to prevent the interference of crowds at public schools in cases of alarm therefrom, the Police Department should also receive immediate telegraphic notice of the alarm, and with the information that this Department will be instructed to restrain crowds collecting, in case of its arrival before the police.

Communications

From—Examining Board of Engineers—Report of examination of Assistant Engineer of Steamer John J. Naughton, on application for promotion. Filed.

Foreman Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3—Reporting loss of horse seal. Referred to the Property Record Clerk.
Assistant Foreman Thomas A. Kenny—Applying for promotion to rank of Foreman. Referred to Examining Board.

Privates William J. Gleason and Joseph A. Cottrell—Applying for advancement. Filed.
Assistant Foreman John McCarthy—Volunteering for instruction in Life Saving Corps. Filed.
Commissioner Croker here entered and took part in the proceedings.
Chief of Department—Returning complaint of Robert Brewer against Foreman Dusenberre, with agreement for settlement of claim. Filed.

Inspector of Combustibles—Report of licenses and permits issued to the 16th instant. Filed.
Same—Reporting violations of law. Referred back, with directions to collect penalties.
Same—Recommending remission of penalties. Approved.

Inspector of Buildings—Forwarding reports of Examiners: on fire-escapes (17), on violations (9), on unsafe buildings (16), with recommendation. Referred back, with directions.
Attorney—Returning communication from Pennsylvania Railroad Company, requesting information concerning laws relative to transportation of combustible materials, with opinion. Referred back for additional information.

Superintendent of Telegraph—Reporting that damage to telephone instruments on 6th instant was caused by wires of the Brush Company. Referred to the Attorney.

Same—Report of investigation relative to delay in receipt of alarm for fire Nos. 145 and 147 Mulberry street. Laid over.

Foreman-in-Charge Stables—Reporting death of horse. Filed.

Same—Recommending sale of five condemned horses. Sale at auction ordered.

Comptroller—Requesting information relative to examination and record of gas-meters in company quarters. Filed, with directions to reply.

Same—Statement of condition of appropriation to 13th instant. Filed.

Same—Receipt for security deposits accompanying proposals opened 11th instant. Filed.

Archibald Wheel Company—Inviting attention to wheels of their manufacture. Referred to Committee on Apparatus and Telegraph.

Israel C. Jones, Superintendent—Requesting that an alarm box be placed at Home for Incurables. Filed, with directions to reply.

R. Hoe & Co.—Requesting that an alarm box be located at their factory. Filed, with directions to reply.

T. Shenahan—Claim for damages to truck. Referred to Chief of Department for investigation.
James Palmer's Sons—Claim for loss of goods seized and stored by the Department. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles for investigation.

John C. Fleming—Requesting information relative to the Department. Referred to Chief Bonner.

Mr. N. Le Brun, Architect, reported non-compliance by James Duffy, contractor for new quarters for Hook & Ladder Co. No. 16, with plans, specifications and directions, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the Architect and Inspector be approved, and that the contractor be notified that in case of further non-compliance with the requirements of the contract, action will be taken thereunder to enforce its provisions.

Transfers.

John Iles, employed as Engineer, Engine Co. No. 51 to Engine Co. No. 43.

W. G. De Lancey, employed as Engineer, Engine Co. No. 43 to Engine Co. No. 51.

Bills

—audited and transmitted to the Comptroller for payment:

For the Current Year—Schedule No. 70.

Arctander, A. & Co., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	\$390 00
Clapp & Jones Mfg. Co., ".....	96 00
Consolidated Gas Co., ".....	57 15
Dobbs, William H., ".....	30 00
Donohue, M., ".....	46 41
Hunter-Keller Mfg. Co., ".....	57 19
Jussen, Carl, ".....	79 00
Lanigan, William J., ".....	132 00
Merrill, E. R., ".....	30 54
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	27 50
Pearce & Jones, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	186 95
Porter's Sons, Wm., ".....	22 00
Powers, John, Manager, ".....	81 82
Schmidt, A. & Bros., ".....	10 00
Smith, J. Elliott, ".....	41 52
Winant & Terhune, ".....	76 55
Total.....	\$1,364 63

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

An open competitive examination for the position of Inspector of Provisions will take place on Monday, January 19, 1885, at 2.30 P. M., at No. 23 East Twentieth street.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE
COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, January 15, 1885.

The salaries of Messrs. Frank A. Irish, Francis L. Wellman and Thomas P. Wickes, Assistants to the Counsel to the Corporation, are designated at \$4,000 per annum each.

E. HENRY LACOMBE,
Counsel to the Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
STAATS ZEITUNG BUILDING,
NEW YORK, Jan. 16, 1885.

At a meeting of the Board of Taxes and Assessments, held January 14, 1885, John Sigerson, a Clerk in the Department of Taxes and Assessments, was removed, said removal to take effect January 15, 1885.

By order of the Board.

FLOYD T. SMITH,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor; RICHARD J. MORRISON, Secretary; WILLIAM L. TURNER, Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS W. BYRNES, First Marshal.
GEORGE W. BROWN, Jr., Second Marshal.

Permit Bureau Office.

No. 13 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HENRY WOLTMAN, Registrar.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Rooms 114 and 115 Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. PITT SHEARMAN, J. B. ADAMSON.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.

Room 78, Tribune Building, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
THE MAYOR, President; JAMES W. McCULLOH, Secretary; BENJAMIN S. CHURCH, Chief Engineer.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

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

City Library.

No. 12 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ROLLIN M. SQUIRE, Commissioner; DAVID LOWBER SMITH, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE W. BIRDSALL, Chief Engineer.

Bureau of Water Register.

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

Bureau of Street Improvements.

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

Engineer-in-Charge of Sewers.

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

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.
ALSTON CULVER, Water Purveyor.

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.
GEO. E. BABCOCK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Incumbrances.

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

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.

MARTIN J. KRESE, City Hall.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

No. 15 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD V. LOEW, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.

Nos. 19, 21, 23 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. J. LYON, Auditor of Accounts.
DAVID E. AUSTEN, Deputy Auditor.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.

Nos. 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ARTEMAS S. CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets.

Nos. 1 and 3 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
FRANCIS TOMES, Collector of the 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.

Nos. 25, 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HENRY B. LAIDLAW, 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. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
E. HENRY LACOMBE, 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; WILLIAM H. KIPP,
Chief Clerk; JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Chief Bureau of Elections.

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.

Office hours for all except where otherwise noted from
9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, to 3 P. M.

Headquarters.

Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.
CORNELIUS VAN COTT, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

Bureau of Chief of Department.

CHARLES O. SHAY, Chief of Department.

Bureau of Inspector of Combustibles.

PETER SEERY, Inspector of Combustibles.

Bureau of Fire Marshal.

GEORGE H. SHELTON, Fire Marshal.

Bureau of Inspection of Buildings.

WM. P. ESTERBROOK, Inspector of Buildings.

Attorney to Department.

WM. L. FINDLEY, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.

Fire Alarm Telegraph.

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

Central Office Fire Alarm Telegraph open at all hours.

Repair Shops.

Nos. 128 and 130 West Third street.

JOHN CASTLES, Foreman-in-Charge, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Hospital Stables.

Ninety-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

JOSEPH SHEA, Foreman-in-Charge.

Open at all hours.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

ALEXANDER SHALES, President; EMMONS CLARK,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 36 Union Square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS, President; EDWARD P. BARKER,
Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, 9 A. M.
to 5 P. M.

Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.

One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and Third avenue,
9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

LUCIUS J. N. STARK, President; JOHN T. CUMING,
Secretary.

Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily, except Saturdays;
on Saturdays as follows: from September 15 to
June 15, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.; from June 15 to September
15, from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Staats Zeitung Building, Tryon Row, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; FLOYD T. SMITH,
Secretary.

Office Bureau Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.

Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

CHARLES S. BEARDSLEY, Attorney; WILLIAM COM-
BERFORD, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

Nos. 31 and 32 Park Row, "World" Building, Rooms
8 and 9, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES S. COLEMAN, Commissioner; A. H. ROGERS,
Deputy Commissioner; M. J. MORRISON, Chief Clerk.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE ADVISORY AND
EXAMINING BOARDS.

No. 23 East Twentieth street.

EVERETT P. WHEELER, Chairman of the Advisory
Board; RUSSELL STURGIS, Secretary and Executive
Officer.

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.

NICHOLAS HAUGHTON, President; JOHN K. PERLEY,
Secretary and Chief Clerk.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

ALEXANDER V. DAVIDSON, Sheriff; JOEL O. STEVENS,
Under Sheriff; DAVID MCGONIGAL, Order Arrest Clerk.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN REILLY, 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; JAMES E. CONNER,
Deputy Commissioner.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

PATRICK KEENAN, County Clerk; H. S. BEATTIE,
Deputy County Clerk.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

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

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, District Attorney; JOHN M.
COMAN, 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., except Saturdays, on
which days 8 A. M. to 3 P. M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHAR-
ITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1885.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF
the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of
strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the
public institutions of the City of New York," the Com-
missioners of Public Charities and Correction report as
follows:

At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—James Gallagher;
committed December 9, 1884.

William Lyle; committed November 4, 1884.

Sarah E. Howland; committed August 24, 1884.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Kate Roach;
aged 35 years; 5 feet 1½ inches high; brown eyes and
hair.

Jennie Young; aged 32 years; 5 feet ¾ inch high;
brown eyes and hair.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Ada
Carlow; aged 30 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; blue eyes,
brown hair. Had on when admitted black cloak, brown
striped dress, gaiters, black straw hat.

William White; aged 23 years; 5 feet 9 inches high;
brown eyes, black hair. Had on when admitted black
suit of clothes.

At Hart's Island Hospital—Bridget Tucker; aged 65
years.

Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order.

G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PROPERTY CLERK (Room No. 39),
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, 1884.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY
Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New
York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 39, for the
following property, now in his custody, without claim-
ants: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing,
boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods,
liquors, etc., also small amount money taken from
prisoners and found by patrolmen of this Department.

JOHN F. HARRIOT,
Property Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
December 26, 1884.

PROPERTY-OWNERS INTERESTED IN THE
proposed change of the grades of the streets and
avenues intersecting and crossing the tracks of the
Harlem Railroad Company, in the Twenty-third and
Twenty-fourth Wards, are requested to call at the office
of the Topographical Engineer of the Department of
Public Parks, at the Arsenal building, Sixty-fourth street
and Fifth avenue, Central Park, and examine plans, as
prepared by the Department of Public Parks, showing a
system of proposed over grade crossings, and make known
their views in relation to the same with the view of secur-
ing such change of grades.

By order of the Department of Public Parks.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONERS OF APPRAISAL OF REAL ESTATE
TO BE TAKEN FOR THE NEW
AQUEDUCT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

EVERY OWNER OR PERSON IN ANY WAY
interested in any real estate between the Harlem
river and the northern boundary of the City and County
of New York, intended to be taken or entered upon and
used and occupied for the purposes of the new Aqueduct;
also any owner or person interested in any real estate
contiguous thereto, and which may be affected by the
construction and maintenance of said aqueduct, or of any
of the works connected therewith, is hereby required to
present his claim to the Commissioners of Appraisal
appointed for the purpose of appraising such lands and
easements, or ascertaining such damages, at the offices of
said Commissioners, Room 803, in the Mutual Life In-
surance Building, No. 32 Nassau street, in the City of
New York.

All said claims may be filed on and after the first day
of October, 1884. The maps showing the location of the
Aqueduct, and the lands and interests to be acquired
will be on file at the said offices on and after that date.

E. ELLERY ANDERSON,
HENRY F. SPAULDING, Commissioners

ROBERT MURRAY,

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT
the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of
Grand and Elm streets, by the School Trustees of the
Twenty-third Ward, until 4 o'clock P. M., on Thursday,
the 29th day of January, 1885, for erecting two Iron Stair-
ways for Primary Department Grammar School-house
No. 60, on Courtland avenue, near One Hundred and
Forty-eighth street.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blanks for
proposals, and all necessary information may be obtained,
at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings,
No. 146 Grand, corner of Elm street, third floor.

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties pro-
posing to become sureties, must each write his name,
place of residence, and place of business on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of
this city, are required in all cases.

No proposal will be considered from persons whose
character or antecedent dealings with the Board of
Education render their responsibility doubtful.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of
the proposals submitted.

WILLIAM R. BEAL,
L. A. FULLGRAFF,
WILLIAM HOGG,
SAMUEL SAMUELS,
ALVAH TROWBRIDGE,

Board of School Trustees, Twenty-third Ward.

Dated, New York, January 15, 1885.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET
CLEANING.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
CITY OF NEW YORK, 31 and 32 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, Jan. 14, 1885.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
the following articles, the property of the Depart-
ment of Street Cleaning, will be sold at public auction,
at the stables of this Department, Seventeenth street and
Avenue C, on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1885, at
11 o'clock in the forenoon.

11 Horses, known as 6, 9, 10, 32, 50, 59, 84, 90, 91,
93 and 97.

TERMS OF SALE.

The purchase-money to be paid in bankable funds at
the time of sale or the articles will be resold.

Purchasers will be required to remove their articles
from the stables within twenty-four hours after the sale.

Information in relation to the articles to be sold may be
obtained from the Superintendent of the Stables, at
the stables, Seventeenth street and Avenue C.

A. H. ROGERS,
Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 & 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, Nov. 21, 1883.

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

CORNELIUS VAN COTT, President.

HENRY D. PURROY,
RICHARD CROKER,

Commissioners

CARL JUSSEN,
Secretary

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF
NEW YORK.

A STATED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
Trustees of the College of the City of New York
will be held at the Hall of the Board of Education, No.
146 Grand street, on Tuesday, January 20, 1885, at 4
o'clock P. M.

LAWRENCE D. KIERNAN,
Secretary.

Dated New York, December 12, 1884.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 and 119 DUANE STREET.

TO CONTRACTORS.

(No. 221.)

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING
AND EXTENDING THE HOMOEOPATHIC
HOSPITAL PIER AT WARD'S ISLAND,
EAST RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING AND EXTEND-
ing the Homoeopathic Hospital Pier at Ward's
Island, East river, will be received by the Board of
Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks,
at the office of said Department, Nos. 117 and 119 Duane
street, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M., of

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1885,

at which time and place the estimates will be publicly
opened by the head of said Department. The award of
the contract, if awarded, will be made as soon as prac-
ticable after the opening of the bids.

Any person making an estimate for the work shall fur-
nish 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 Engineer's estimate of the nature, quantities and
extent of the work is as follows:

Feet B. M.
measured in
the work.

1. Yellow Pine Timber, 12"x12"..... 38,000

" " 10"x12"..... 240

" " 8"x10"..... 630

" " 8"x8"..... 940

" " 6"x12"..... 2,940

" " 6"x10"..... 6,710

" " 5" plank..... 52,250

" " 4"x10"..... 320

" " 2" plank..... 100

Total..... 102,130

NOTE.—The above quantities of timber are exclu-
sive of extra lengths required for scarfs, laps,
etc., and of waste.

2. White Pine, Yellow Pine, Cypress or Spruce
Piles, about..... 159

(It is expected that these piles will not have to be
more than about 30 feet long, measured in the work,
to comply with the specifications.)

3. White or Yellow Pine Mooring Piles..... 5

4. Oak Fender Piles..... 14

(It is expected that these piles will have to be about
35 feet long, to comply with the specifications.)

5. Spring and Cluster Piles..... 25

(It is expected that these piles will have to be
about 45 feet long, to comply with the specifications.)

6. Half-round Oak Fenders, about..... 11

7. Crib Logs, 40 to 45 feet..... 56

8. Cast-iron Cleats, about..... 891

9. Cast-iron pile shoes, about..... 400 pounds

10. 1½", 1¾", and 2" wrought-iron Screw
Bolts, and ¾" Ring Bolts, about..... 2,000 "

11. ¾"x22", ¾"x20", ¾"x18", ¾"x16",
¾"x14", ¾"x12", ¾"x10", ¾"x8", ¾"x6",
¾"x4", and ¾"x3" square
wrought-iron Dock Spikes, about..... 8,000 "

12. Cast-iron Washers, about..... 1,265 "

13. ¾-inch Chain, about..... 350 "

14. Crib Stone, in place, about..... 142 cub. yds.

(It is expected that sufficient stone for this purpose
can be obtained out of the old crib work to be removed
under this contract.)

15. Labor of removing so much of the old material of the
existing pier as is to be removed under this con-
tract.

16. Labor of every kind for repairing and extending the
pier.

N. B.—As the above-mentioned quantities, though
stated with as much accuracy as is possible, in advance,
are 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 ex-
amination 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 an estimate, dis-
pute or complain of the above statement of quantities,
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 contracted for, to the satisfaction of the Depart-
ment of Docks, and in substantial accordance with the
specifications of the contract. No extra compensation,
beyond the amount payable for the work before men-
tioned, 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.

3d. The bidder to whom the award is made shall give
security for the faithful performance of his contract, in
the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the
sum of two thousand dollars.

The work to be done under the contract is to be com-
menced within five days after the date of the contract,
and all the work to be done under the contract is to be
fully completed on or before the first day of April,
1885, and the damages to be paid by the contractor for
each day that the contract, or any part thereof, may be
unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof
has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and
liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

All the old material taken from the said pier, to be
removed under the contract, will be relinquished to the
contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such
material when considering the price for which they will
do the work under the contract.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the
whole of the work to be done, in conformity with the ap-
proved form of agreement and the specifications therein
set forth, by which price the bids will be tested. This
price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in
or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including

any claim that may arise through delay, from any cause,
in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in
figures, the amount of their estimates for doing the 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 ac-
cepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state, in their estimates, their
names and places of residence; the names of all persons
interested with them therein; and if no other person be
so interested, the estimate shall distinctly state the fact;
also that the estimate is made without any connection
with any other person making an estimate for the same
work, and that it is in all respects fair and without col-
lusion or fraud; and also that no member of the Com-
mon 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 por-
tion 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 inter-
ested, it is requisite that the verification be made and
subscribed to 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 busi-
ness 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 of the City
of New York any difference between the sum to which
said person or persons would be entitled on its comple-
tion, and that which said Corporation may be obliged to
pay to the person to whom the contract may

NOTE.—The above quantities of timber are exclusive of extra lengths required for scarfs, laps, etc., and of waste.

3. Piles—Yellow Pine, White Pine, Cypress or Spruce..... 50
(It is expected that these piles will have to be from 35 to 40 feet long to meet the requirements of the specification for driving).
4. Oak Fender Piles, about 55 feet long..... 2
5. Half-round Oak Fenders..... 12
6. $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 22", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 20", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 16", and $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 14" Square Wrought-iron Dock Spikes, about..... 695 pounds.
7. 1" Wrought-iron Screw Bolts, about..... 57 "
8. Cast-iron Washers, about..... 53 "
9. Labor of removing existing crib, and disposal of surplus material, according to the terms of the specifications.
10. Labor and material for relaying, paving and resetting curbing, for about 64 square yards.
11. Labor of back filling, grading, and labor of every description.

CLASS 2—PIER 61, EAST RIVER.

	Feet B.M., measured in the work.
1. Yellow Pine Timber, 12" x 12".....	6,960
" " " 6" x 12".....	838
" " " 4" x 12".....	480
" " " 10" x 10".....	833
" " " 8" x 8".....	905
" " " 5" x 10".....	4,017
" " " 5" plank.....	11,412
Total.....	25,465
2. Spruce Timber, 3" x 12".....	1,998
" " " 4" Plank.....	24,472
" " " 3" ".....	18,705
Total.....	45,175

NOTE.—The above quantities of timber are exclusive of extra lengths required for scarfs, laps, etc., and of waste.

3. Piles—White Pine, Yellow Pine, Cypress or Spruce..... 36
(It is expected that 42 of these piles will have to be from about 35 feet to about 45 feet long, to meet the requirements of the specifications for driving).
4. White or Yellow Pine Mooring Piles..... 5
5. White or Yellow Pine Mooring Posts..... 29
6. Oak Fender and Spring Piles, about 45 feet long..... 1
7. Half-round Oak Fenders..... 14
8. $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 22", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 16", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 18", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 14", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 11", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 10", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 6", $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 9" square wrought-iron Dock Spikes, about 11,900 pounds.
9. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 1" wrought-iron Screw bolts, about..... 1,182 "
10. Cast-iron Washers for 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 1" Screw Bolts, about..... 810 "
11. Cast-iron Cleats, about..... 300 "
12. $\frac{3}{8}$ " Wire Iron Chain, about..... 224 "
13. Wrought-iron Armature Plates and Bands, about..... 3,088 "
14. Materials and labor for relaying pavement for about..... 23 square yards.
15. Materials for painting and oiling or tarring.
16. Labor of removing portions of the existing pier, according to the terms of the specifications.
17. Labor of framing and carpentry, including all moving of timber, jointing, planing, bolting, spiking, etc., and labor of filling and grading, as set forth in the specifications.

N. B.—As all the above-mentioned quantities, though stated with as much accuracy as possible, in advance, are 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 estimate, dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, 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 contracted for, to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract. No extra compensation, beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed, at the price therefor, in each class, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The work to be done under the contract is to be commenced within five days after the date of the contract, and the entire work to be done under both or either of the above classes, is to be fully completed on or before the first day of April, 1885; and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

All the old material taken from the said existing structures to be removed under this contract, will be relinquished to the contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such material when considering the price for which they will do the work under the contract.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the work to be done in either or both of the above classes, respectively, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which prices the bids will be tested. These prices are to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including any claim that may arise through delay, from any cause, in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimates for doing each class of the 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 re-advertised and relet, and so on until it is accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residence; the names of all persons interested with them therein; and if no other person be so interested, the estimate shall distinctly state the fact; also that the estimate is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and that it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and also that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof; which 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 to 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 of the City of New York

any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled on its completion, and that which said 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 to be done in each class, 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 his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by 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 included 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 by the Comptroller 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 by the Comptroller.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

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.

LUCIUS J. N. STARK,
WILLIAM LAMBEER,
JOHN R. VOORHIS,
Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated, New York, January 8, 1885.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 AND 119 DUANE STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

NOTICE TO MARINERS IN THE PORT OF NEW YORK, PILOTS, AND ALL OTHERS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THIS DEPARTMENT has placed off the Battery and south of Pier, new 1, North river, two wooden floats or buoys, cubical in shape, six feet on each side, painted black, and anchored on a line bearing S. 75° E. east from southwest corner of Pier, new 1, North river, the first float being anchored about 200 feet and the second about 335 feet distant therefrom.

By order of the Board. JOHN T. CUMING,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
STAATS ZEITUNG BUILDING,
NEW YORK.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 847 OF THE City Consolidation Act of 1882, it is hereby advertised that the books of "The Annual Record of the Assessed Valuations of Real and Personal Estate" of the City and County of New York, for the year 1885, will be open for examination and correction from the second Monday of January, 1885, until the first day of May, 1885.

All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, at this office, during the period said books are open, in order to obtain the relief provided by law.

Applications for correction of assessed valuations on personal estate must be made by the person assessed, to the said Commissioners, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. at this office during the same period.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,
EDWARD C. DONNELLY,
THOMAS L. FEINER,
Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

JURORS

NOTICE

IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, JUNE 1, 1883.

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

CORPORATION NOTICE.

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.:

List 1762, No. 1. Regulating and grading, setting curb and flagging in Eighty-first street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

List 1839, No. 2. Regulating and grading, setting curb and flagging One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard.

List 1924, No. 3. Sewer in Lexington avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.

List 1934, No. 4. Sewer in Avenue A, between Ninety-second street and Harlem river.

List 1949, No. 5. Sewer in Ninety-second street, between Avenue A and First avenue.

The limit embraced by such assessments includes all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Eighty-first street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive, and to the extent of one-half the block at the intersection of Eleventh avenue.

No. 2. Both sides of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard.

No. 3. Both sides of Lexington avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.

No. 4. East side of First avenue and west side of Avenue A, between Ninety-second and Ninety-third streets; also, south side of Ninety-third street, between Avenue A and First avenue.

No. 5. Both sides of Ninety-second street, from Avenue A to First avenue.

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 31st of December ensuing.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,
JOHN W. JACOBUS,
JOHN MULLALLY,
HENRY A. GUMBLETON,
Board of Assessors

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 11½ CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, November 29, 1884.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 31 CHAMBERS ST.,
NEW YORK, Jan. 6, 1885.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1885, AT 11 o'clock A. M., the Department of Public Works will sell at public auction, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Street Improvements, by Messrs. Van Tassel & Kearney, auctioneers, on the premises, the following buildings and structures, or such parts thereof as remain standing, in lots, viz.:

- WITHIN THE LINES OF THE EXTENSION OF WASHINGTON STREET, BETWEEN TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH STREETS.
- Lot No. 1. One-story frame building, 18 2/4 x 31.4.
 - Lot No. 2. One-story frame building, 12.7 1/4 x 31.4.
 - Lot No. 3. One-story frame building, 9.10 1/2 x 31.4.
 - Lot No. 4. One-story frame building, 9.7 1/2 x 31.4.
 - Lot No. 5. Two-story frame building, 42.2 1/2 x 14.5 1/2 x 12.3.
 - Lot No. 6. Two-story brick shop, 32.8 1/2 x 12.6.
 - Lot No. 7. Two-story frame building (rear of No. 6), 14.8 1/2 x 9.6.
 - Lot No. 8. One-story frame building (rear of No. 7), 64.3 x 14.8 1/2.
 - Lot No. 9. One-story frame building (east of north end of No. 8), 16.4 1/2 x 10.1.
 - Lot No. 10. Stable (east of No. 8), 20 x 5.
 - Lot No. 11. Stable (east of No. 8), 12.1 x 3.6.
 - Lot No. 12. Three-story brick building, 16 x 23.
 - Lot No. 13. Two-story brick stable (rear of No. 12), 77.0 1/2 x 13.1.

WITHIN THE LINES OF THE EXTENSION OF WASHINGTON STREET, BETWEEN THIRTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH STREETS.

- Lot No. 14. Two-story and basement brick building, 35.1 x 25.
- Lot No. 15. Frame shed, 43 x 13.6.
- Lot No. 16. One and two story frame building (rear of No. 14), 10 x 25.
- Lot No. 17. One-story frame building (rear of No. 16), 8.1 1/2 x 8.
- Lot No. 18. One-story frame building (rear of No. 17), 16.1 1/2 x 8.
- Lot No. 19. Two-story brick stable (rear of No. 18), 25 x 30.1.
- Lot No. 20. Shed (rear of No. 19), 26 x 7.

The sale will commence with Lot No. 1, fronting on north side of Twelfth street, 425 feet west of Ninth avenue, and will proceed in the order in which the buildings and structures are herein enumerated.

TERMS OF SALE.

The purchaser must remove the building or parts of building or structure entirely out of the line of the street within thirty days from the date of the sale, otherwise he will forfeit the same together with all moneys paid therefor.

The purchase money to be paid in bankable funds at the time and place of sale or the building to be resold.

ROLLIN M. SQUIRE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, Nov. 1, 1884.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO property-owners of the City of New York that, by the New York City Consolidated Act of 1882, among other matters relating to Croton water rates and affecting all properties liable for Croton water charges, is embraced the following: "Title 2, Duties and Powers of the Department of Public Works as to Procuring and Distributing Water."

§ 350. The Commissioner of Public Works shall, from time to time, establish scales of rents. * * * * *

Such rents shall be collected from the owners or occupants of all such buildings, respectively, which shall be situated upon lots adjoining any street or avenue in said city in which the distributing water-pipes are or may be laid, and from which they can be supplied with water, said rents shall become a charge and lien upon such houses and lots, respectively, as provided by law.

It becomes my duty to state that on and after the first day of April, 1885, all extra charges, such as steam-engines, bakeries, barbers, bathing-tubs, boarding-houses, boarding-schools, building purposes, horses, horse-troughs, hotels, porter-houses, taverns, etc., printing offices, stone cutting or dressing, slaughter-houses, dyeing, water-closets and urinals, laundries, restaurants, soda fountains, extra families, oyster and coffee saloons, water by meter measurement, meters and meter setting, and all other purposes for which the use of Croton water is chargeable according to law, are liens, and unless paid on or before the 30th day of April next must be returned to the Clerk of Arrears, with the amount due on each lot.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Public Works.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Forty-second street, between Boulevard and Tenth avenue, in the City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 73 William street (third floor), in the said city, on or before the 28th day of January, 1885, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten weekdays next after the said 28th day of January, 1885, and or that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 29th day of January, 1885.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows: northerly by the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Forty-second street and One Hundred and Forty-third street; easterly by the westerly line or side of Tenth avenue; southerly by the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Forty-first street and One Hundred and Forty-second street; and westerly by the easterly line or side of the Boulevard, excepting therefrom all the streets and avenues within said area.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 13th day of February, 1885, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, December 16, 1884.

HAROLD MORGAN SMITH,
E. HOGAN,
JOHN WHALEN,
Commissioners.

ARTHUR BERRY, Clerk.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City of New York, due February 1, 1885, will be paid on that day by the Comptroller, at his office in the Stewart Building, corner of Broadway and Chambers street.

The Transfer Books will be closed from January 17 to February 1, 1885.

EDWARD V. LOEW,
Comptroller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 10, 1885.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS FOR UNPAID TAXES AND CROTON WATER RENTS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 928 OF THE NEW York City Consolidation Act of 1882, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives PUBLIC NOTICE that the sale at public auction of lands and tenements in said city for unpaid taxes levied in the year 1880, and Croton Water Rents laid for the year 1879, and now remaining due and unpaid, which sale is advertised to be held at the County Court-house, in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on Monday, December 22, 1884, at 12 o'clock noon, has been and is hereby postponed by him until Monday, May 11, 1885, to be held on that day at the same hour and place.

A pamphlet containing a detailed statement of the property advertised for sale may be obtained at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.

EDWARD V. LOEW,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 20, 1884.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS FOR UNPAID ASSESSMENTS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 928 OF THE NEW York City Consolidation Act of 1882, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives PUBLIC NOTICE that the sale at public auction of lands and tenements in said City for unpaid assessments laid and confirmed during the year 1879 and prior thereto, for local improvements, which sale is advertised to be held at the County Court-house, in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on Monday, November 24, 1884, at 12 o'clock noon, has been and is hereby postponed by him until Monday, May 25, 1885, to be held on that day at the same hour and place.

A pamphlet containing a detailed statement of the property advertised for sale may be obtained at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.

S. HASTINGS GRANT,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Nov. 15, 1884.

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EDWARD V. LOEW,
Comptroller.

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