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THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT FOR THE YEAR 1874.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NOVEMBER 8, 1873. }

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

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 112, of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Provisional Estimate of the City of New York, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the year 1874, is herewith submitted to the Board of Aldermen, with "their reasons for it in detail," which are contained in the accompanying communication from the Comptroller to said Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and were adopted by the Board under a resolution herewith, also transmitted as "their reasons for said estimate in detail."

Very respectfully,

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

Resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at a meeting held November 7, 1873:

RESOLVED, That the reasons for the Provisional Estimate of the City of New York for the year 1874, contained in the communication presented this day by the Comptroller be submitted to the Board of Aldermen, as provided by Section 112, of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, and that they be and the same are hereby approved and adopted by this Board as their reasons for said estimate in detail, and that the Comptroller transmit the same to the Board of Aldermen, with the said Provisional Estimate.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NOVEMBER 5, 1873. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

In submitting the Budget for the year 1874, for the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I have thought it proper to accompany it with a statement of the reasons for the allowance of the amounts therein specified.

The estimated expense of conducting the City and County Governments, for each of the years 1873 and 1874, is shown by the following tables:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN 1873 AND 1874.

TITLE OF ACCOUNTS.	1873.	1874.	INCREASE IN 1874 OVER 1873.	DECREASE IN 1874 FROM 1873.
Legislative Department.....	\$209,822 17	\$193,500 00	.....	\$16,322 17
Mayoralty	47,648 68	59,500 00	\$11,851 32	.....
Finance Department.....	477,010 69	475,000 00	.....	2,010 69
Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	89,561 59	143,000 00	\$53,438 41	.....
Law Department.....	109,885 40	138,370 00	28,484 60	.....
Department of Public Works.....	1,464,500 00	1,582,500 00	118,000 00	.....
Health Department.....	243,819 19	217,250 00	.....	26,569 19
Public Charities and Correction, Department of.....	1,460,000 00	1,504,685 50	44,685 50	.....
Department of Public Parks.....	495,000 00	615,500 00	120,500 00	.....
Department of Buildings.....	78,000 00	98,200 00	20,200 00	.....
Police Department.....	4,101,152 33	4,345,494 80	244,342 47	.....
Fire Department.....	1,264,900 00	1,465,011 00	200,111 00	.....
College of the City of New York.....	150,000 00	150,000 00	.....	.....
Board of Education.....	3,300,000 00	3,752,500 00	452,500 00	.....
City Courts and Court expenses.....	455,216 58	502,100 00	46,883 42	.....
Board of Apportionment.....	.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....
Bureau of Municipal Correction, expenses of.....	25,000 00	.....	.....	25,000 00
Contract Commission, expenses of.....	8,000 00	.....	.....	8,000 00
Judgments.....	200,000 00	200,000 00	.....	.....
Salaries, Board of Revision and Correction.....	1,000 00	.....	.....	1,000 00
Fourth Avenue Improvement.....	.....	1,598,767 50	1,598,767 50	.....
Special Contingencies.....	140,869 24	500,000 00	359,130 76	.....
Expenses examining real estate in 1871.....	12,500 00	.....	.....	12,500 00
Salaries, Commissioners of Accounts.....	3,000 00	6,000 00	3,000 00	.....
Interest on the City Debt.....	4,500,000 00	6,480,458 46	1,980,458 46	.....
Principal, redemption of, and reduction of City Debt.....	680,763 33	930,763 33	250,000 00	.....
Expenses, Commissioners of Sinking Fund.....	1,582 70	.....	.....	1,582 70
Printing, stationery and blank books.....	45,995 76	92,000 00	46,004 24	.....
Totals.....	\$19,565,137 66	\$25,052,100 59	\$5,579,947 68	\$92,984 75

* This is only an apparent increase of \$53,438.41 for the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and is caused by the appropriation for this Department having been made on county account for seven months in 1873, amounting to \$59,600.41; showing an actual decrease in the appropriation for 1874 of \$6,162.

† The increase in the general appropriation for "printing, stationery and blank books" in 1874 over that for 1873, is accounted for by the fact that it covered only seven months in the latter year, from May 1st to Dec. 31st.

NOTE.—The appropriation for extra contingencies in 1872 was \$200,000; and has been reduced to amount stated above by transfers. The appropriation for extra contingencies in 1873 is \$200,000; and has been reduced to amount stated above by transfers.

I.—THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The reduction of \$16,322.17, exhibited in this Department for the year 1874 is chiefly occasioned by the omission of the advertising and printing, which was included in the estimate for 1873. This reduction is only apparent as, by the Charter, the advertising and printing is provided for under another head in this budget.

II.—THE MAYORALTY.

In this Department there is an increase of \$11,851.32 in salaries and contingencies, chiefly in the Bureau of Permits, on account of the probability of the necessity for employing a large force to perform the business of collection. The amount of moneys paid into the Treasury in 1872, the last year of Mr. Hall's term was \$10,786 35. The amount paid into the Treasury thus far (October 31), in the year 1873, is 46,403 00.

III.—THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

There is a net decrease of \$2,010.69 in this Department, although the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments has been added to it this year, and the volume of business generally has been largely increased by the Charter.

IV.—THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

The reduction in this Department is made up of \$3,000 in stationery, which, by the Charter, is provided for under another head, and \$1,400 in contingencies, and for salaries, \$1,762, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$6,162; \$3,000 of which appears in this estimate under another head.

V.—THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

Shows an increase of \$28,484.60, chiefly in salaries, on account of a large increase of business in this Department.

VI.—THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

There is an increase over 1873 in the proposed allowances to this Department of \$118,000, made up of the following items:

Boulevard, roads and avenues—maintenance of.....	\$20,000 00
Flagging sidewalks, and fencing vacant lots, (new item).....	2,000 00
Free floating baths.....	1,000 00
Lamps and gas.....	50,000 00
Public Buildings—Construction and repairs.....	10,000 00
Removing obstructions in streets and avenues.....	2,000 00
Repairing and keeping in order wooden pavements.....	20,000 00
Roads and avenues and sprinkling.....	5,000 00
Salaries—Department of Public Works.....	8,000 00
Street improvements (new item).....	2,500 00
Streets—Repaving and repairs, stone pavements.....	10,000 00
Supplies for and cleaning public offices.....	10,000 00
Wells and pumps.....	500 00
	\$141,000 00

The items of decrease are:	
Printing and stationery provided for by the charter under another head.....	\$13,000 00
Repairing and removal of pipes, stop cocks, &c.....	5,000 00
Sewers—repairing and cleaning.....	5,000 00
	23,000 00
Net increase.....	\$118,000 00

VII.—THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

There is an increase in this department of \$120,500, made up by the following items:

Maintenance and government of parks and places.....	\$23,000 00
Repairs to pavement—City Hall Park (new item).....	10,000 00
Repairing sea wall—Battery.....	7,500 00
Gas for lighting parks—1872 and 1873.....	58,000 00
Harlem River bridge.....	12,000 00
Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art—Maintenance of.....	10,000 00
	\$120,500 00

VIII.—THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

The increase in this Department is \$20,000 for salaries on account of an increase of the number of officers employed, and a more effective prosecution of the business of the Department.

IX.—THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

The net increase of \$44,685 50 is occasioned by the allowances made for new buildings and improvement of old buildings under the charge of this department, greatly increased accommodation being absolutely necessary. A reduction was made in the amount called for by the Free Labor Bureau and School Ship "Mercury," providing for the same to July 1, 1874.

The item for printing and stationery is also omitted, the expense for this being provided for under another head, as in other departments.

X.—THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A decrease in this Department of \$26,569.19 is mainly in the items for contingencies and printing, the latter being provided for under another head, as in other cases under the Charter.

XI.—THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

In this Department an increase is shown of \$244,342.47, made up by the following items:

Police Fund to provide for increase in the force.....	\$95,650 67
For supplies (more being required).....	40,000 00
Construction of stables, Eighty-seventh and Eighty-ninth streets.....	26,785 86
For street cleaning—an increased expenditure being required to perform the work more effectively.....	100,000 00
For rents.....	1,906 00
	\$264,342 47
Less in item "Repairs for Station Houses".....	20,000 00
	\$244,342 47

XII.—THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The additional amount required for this Department is \$200,111 00 for the following purposes:

For new Fire Steamboat.....	\$35,000 00
For improved Fire Escape and Life-saving Apparatus.....	25,000 00
For new buildings.....	50,000 00
The balance to provide additional men for newly organized companies and the increase in salaries, as provided for by law.....	90,111 00
	\$200,111 00

There is no room for doubt that the new fire steamboat, which will navigate the waters adjacent to the city, would be of great service to the shipping and to the dwellings and structures near the water. It is to be provided with adequate pumps of large capacity.

The aerial ladder is thought by the Department to be a valuable addition to the apparatus of the Department for saving life and property.

The new buildings asked for are necessary.

XIII.—THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The estimate of the Board of Education shows an increase over 1873 of \$452,500, which is occasioned by an increase on the amount of salaries of teachers and others of \$61,000. The balance is required for purchasing sites and erecting new buildings and alterations and repairs of buildings.

In the year 1871 the Legislature authorized \$680,000—to be raised by the issue of bonds for new buildings—which amount has been expended during the years 1871, 1872 and 1873. The amount required for this purpose in the year 1874 must be raised by tax, and is included in the present estimate, which accounts for the greater part of the increase for this Board. Many of the school buildings were left by the predecessors of the present Board in a very bad condition, their repairs being greatly neglected. Although the sum of \$200,000 was appropriated for this purpose in 1873, more is needed for repairs, and, as the population increases, the need for new buildings increases, and it is better to pay it from taxes than to go more into debt.

XIV.—THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The amount is the same as was appropriated under this head in 1873, and as required by law.

XV.—ADVERTISING, PRINTING AND BLANK BOOKS.

Under this head is provided the expenses of the publication of THE CITY RECORD, the salaries of the Supervisors and his Assistants, and contingent expenses; also the expenses of advertising and all printing, stationery and blank books required by the Common Council and the Departments, as provided by the new charter. For this purpose the appropriation from May 1, 1873, was \$45,905 76. For 1874 the amount is estimated at \$92,000.

This appropriation includes those items of decrease for printing and stationery referred to under their respective heads in the estimates for the departments.

XVI.—THE CITY COURTS AND COURT EXPENSES.

The estimate under this head is for the expenses and salaries of justices, clerks and attendants of the Police and Civil Courts; also for the expenses and salaries of clerks and officers of the

Court of General Sessions and the Marine Court, and attendants of the Supreme and Superior Courts and the Court of Common Pleas.

In 1873 the appropriation under this head was \$455,216 58. This amount has been found insufficient. The amount required for these purposes in 1874 is estimated at \$502,100.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes 'Expenses of Board of Estimate and Apportionment, new item' and 'Judgments (same amount in 1873)'.

The increase in the item of interest on the City Debt is shown by the following statement:

Table with 2 columns: Amount raised in 1872 and Amount raised in 1873. Shows an increase from \$6,072,637 74 to \$6,480,458 46.

A balance of \$1,326,071.61 remained unexpended of the appropriation for interest for 1872, and was applied to the interest account of 1873—thus requiring a less amount to be raised in 1873 than the actual amount of interest.

For 1874, the estimate includes the amount necessary to provide for the interest on the debt of the city, and an amount to meet any additions to the same in pursuance of laws now in force, requiring the issue of bonds for public improvements.

The item of \$250,000, under the head of Reduction of the City Debt, is included, in conformity to the provisions of sec. 17, of chap. 535, of the laws of 1873.

The following table shows the amounts of the Departmental Estimates, and the purposes named and the amounts included in this budget; and also exhibits the reductions made from original estimates:

Large table with 4 columns: Title of Appropriation, Amount of Departmental Estimates, Amount Allowed, and Reduction. Lists various departments like Legislative, Mayoralty, Finance, etc.

The following table exhibits the amounts of appropriations for the year 1873 and 1874 in county account, and also the amounts of increase and decrease of appropriations in 1874, compared with those of the year 1873:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 1873 AND 1874.

Table with 5 columns: Titles of Accounts, 1873, 1874, Increase in 1874 over 1873, and Decrease in 1874 from 1873. Lists items like Advertising, Armories, etc.

The principal items of increase in the county estimates for 1874 over those of 1873 are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Shows 'State taxes, including tax for common schools' increasing from \$7,673,481 76 to \$8,117,365 09.

The tax for State purpose is to provide for the general expenses of the State Government, installments of Bounty Debt, new capital, new work on canals and extra repairs, canal floating debt, payment of awards by Canal Appraisers and Canal Commissioners, certificates of indebtedness, deficiency in the sinking fund, asylums and reformatories, academies and union schools and for common schools.

The state taxes are mandatory by acts of the Legislature and are required to be raised by tax and paid over to the State for the various purposes indicated above.

The increase in the item for interest on the County Debt, and for the principal of debt falling due, and to be provided for in 1874, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Interest and Principal. Shows interest increasing from \$640,055 40 to \$640,055 40 and principal from \$364,438 77 to \$364,438 77.

The increase in the item of "Interest," to be provided for in 1874, arises mainly from the issue of stocks to pay the proportion of awards, etc., due by the County for lands taken in the opening of the Northern Boulevard above One hundred and fifty-fifth street, and also in part from bonds to be issued to pay the quota "chargeable to the City and County of New York for Canal and General Fund deficiencies under and in pursuance of Chapter 734 of the Laws of 1872," as provided in Section 3, of Chapter 95, Laws of 1873.

The estimate of \$250,000 for 1874 is deemed not more than adequate for such purpose as matters now stand.

There is no doubt that all the expenses necessary for proper armories ought to be kept within one-half of this sum.

An additional amount is also included for Asylums and Reformatories, made necessary for the support of these charitable institutions by acts of the Legislature. The amount of this increase over 1873 is \$49,745 00.

Besides these additional equipments for the County in 1874, it is also necessary to provide a further sum of \$16,500 for "Crowners' Fees," and \$10,000 for "Contingencies in the District Attorney's Office." In the item for "Jury Fees," \$5,000 is added; also, \$7,000 for "Printing—Executive Department and Judiciary," and \$8,056 16 for "Salaries—Judiciary." For "Advertising," \$2,500 is included, for which amount no appropriation was made in 1873, a balance of the appropriation for the year 1872 being sufficient for the expense of 1873.

For county contingencies an appropriation of \$15,000 is made, which is an increase of \$6,353.44 over 1873, for the reason that a balance of appropriation was carried over from 1872 to this account.

An item of \$200,000 for "special contingencies" is also included, which amount is intended to cover all matters that cannot at the present time be anticipated and provided for under their proper heads.

By reference to the table it will be seen that the items of decrease in the appropriations for 1874, under certain heads, amount to \$98,311 71.

The net increase for all purposes in the estimates for city and county for 1874, over those of 1873, is shown by the following statement:

Table with 2 columns: City and County. Shows net increase for City of \$5,486,962 92 and for County of \$2,911,369 09.

The following table exhibits some of the items in the estimate of the city and county for the year 1874, and for which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are required by law to provide:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'STATE TAXES' for General Purposes, Bounty Debt, etc.

COMMON SCHOOLS FOR STATE: For Common Schools, 1 1/4 mills, Chap. 765, Laws 1873.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'For Interest on City and County Debt' and 'Redemption of Principal and for Reduction of City Debt'.

(Signed), ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK for the year 1874, adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at a meeting held October 31st, 1873.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as provided by section 112 of chap. 335, of the laws of 1873, and the amendments thereto by the affirmative vote of all the members thereof, make the following provisional estimate of the amounts required to pay the expenses of the public business of the City of New York in each department and branch thereof, conducting the public business of the City of New York in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year, viz., the year 1874, in which is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the said city which become due and payable within said year, and also such sum as is necessary to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable from taxes during the said year, to wit:

PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE.

THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'City Contingencies', 'Salaries Legislative Department', etc.

THE MAYORALTY.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'Contingencies Mayor's Office', 'Salaries Mayor's Office', etc.

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'Cleaning markets', 'Contingencies—Comptroller's Office', etc.

THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'Contingencies—Law Department', 'Salaries—Law Department', etc.

OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'Salary of Counsel to the Corporation', 'Salary of Assistant Counsel', etc.

BUREAU OF CORPORATION ATTORNEY.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'Salary of Corporation Attorney', 'Salaries of Clerks and Assistants'.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'Salary of Public Administrator', 'Salaries of Clerks and Assistants'.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Large table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'Aqueduct repairs and maintenance', 'Boulevards, roads and avenues', etc.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Lists 'City Hall Park, pavement of', 'Maintenance and government of parks and places', etc.

