

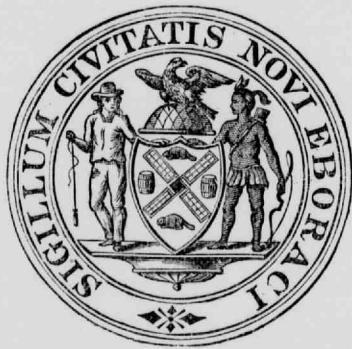
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DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Report for the Quarter ending October 1, 1877.

NEW YORK, October 8, 1877.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor, etc. :

In conformity with the requirements of section 27 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments respectfully

REPORT :

That the provisions of the law (chapter 302, section 7, Laws of 1859), directing that the assessment of the real and personal property in this city shall commence on the first Monday in September, have been complied with.

STATE EQUALIZATION.

The equalization of the assessments for the State tax between the various counties in the State is fixed by law for the first Tuesday in September, in the City of Albany. On that day the Board of Equalization met, four members only (State Comptroller Olcott and the three State Assessors) of the ten constituting the Board being present, and adjourned to the 20th of September. At that first meeting one of the Commissioners of Taxes submitted to those present, and forwarded copies to the absent members, the following statement :

NEW YORK, September 1, 1877.

To the Board of State Equalization :

GENTLEMEN—The City of New York has for several years past paid a share of the State tax greatly in excess of her just quota. Since 1865 the proportion has largely increased, as the following figures prove. Of the State tax for

1865 the city paid 40.1 per cent. of the whole.	1871 the city paid 49.5 per cent. of the whole.
1866 " 45.7 " "	1872 " 49.8 " "
1867 " 44. " "	1873 " 51.8 " "
1868 " 43.8 " "	1874 " 50.9 " "
1869 " 46.8 " "	1875 " 50.9 " "
1870 " 47.2 " "	1876 " 48.8 " "

It is to be noticed that during several of these years the State tax was at the highest rate ever known.

In 1865 the rate was 4 53-80 mills.	In 1871 the rate was 5 79-120 mills.
1866 " 5 9-16 " "	1872 " 9 3-8 " "
1867 " 7 3-5 " "	1873 " 6 95-100 " "
1868 " 5 4-5 " "	1874 " 7 1-4 " "
1869 " 5 5-8 " "	1875 " 6 " "
1870 " 7 41-156 " "	1876 " 3 11-24 " "

The report of the State Assessors shows that in many counties there has been a large increase of valuations in 1876 over the valuations for 1873, exceeding in several instances 200 per cent. New York, however, shows no increase between these years, but a very slight decrease, so that from that presentation alone it would appear that many other counties had exceeded New York in fidelity to duty. Yet such is by no means really the case. Permit me to call your attention to the course of assessments in this State for the past twenty-five years. From 1851 to 1876 the assessments in New York City were increased 215.8 per cent., or excluding the three annexed towns 209.3 per cent. : while in the rest of the State the increase was only 100.7 per cent.

In 1851 the assessments in New York City were \$682 per capita, and in 1876 \$1,062 per capita, an increase of 55.7 per cent.

In 1851 the assessments in the rest of the State were \$317 per capita, and in 1876 \$449 per capita, an increase of only 41.6 per cent.

The following table shows the rate of increase and decrease in the assessments upon real and personal estate in each county from 1851 to 1876, a period of twenty-five years :

COUNTY.	1851.	1876.	INCREASE. PER CENT.	DECREASE. PER CENT.
Albany.....	\$33,068,549	\$52,340,049	85.4	....
Allegany.....	8,864,268	16,719,433	88.6	....
Broome.....	7,024,393	25,765,627	266.8	....
Cattaraugus.....	5,174,157	21,257,354	160.	....
Cayuga.....	20,805,734	33,631,350	61.6	....
Chautauqua.....	12,267,859	38,884,271	216.9	....
*Chemung.....	8,897,260	23,367,950	See note.	....
Chenango.....	12,605,953	24,585,223	95.	....
Clinton.....	7,138,386	0,050,409	....	15.2
Columbia.....	15,901,080	22,971,032	21.5	....
Cortland.....	5,601,111	9,539,739	75.6	....
Delaware.....	8,819,181	14,247,663	61.5	....
Dutchess.....	21,135,353	28,522,499	34.9	....
Erie.....	34,081,545	145,254,109	326.2	....
Essex.....	4,473,498	6,404,596	43.2	....
Franklin.....	3,758,198	8,863,462	135.1	....
Fulton.....	4,647,172	4,676,322	.6	....
Genesee.....	12,807,370	17,860,787	39.5	....
Greene.....	9,221,532	5,408,818	....	41.3
Hamilton.....	477,524	645,447	35.2	....
Herkimer.....	13,895,727	13,714,538	....	1.3
Jefferson.....	17,220,810	36,696,786	113.1	....
Kings.....	60,806,394	238,271,886	291.8	....
Lewis.....	5,822,945	8,808,846	51.3	....
Livingston.....	16,947,985	25,045,160	47.8	....
Madison.....	13,277,740	20,387,800	53.5	....
Monroe.....	31,612,686	93,677,187	199.3	....
Montgomery.....	9,458,081	9,600,786	1.5	....
New York.....	351,765,396	† 1,111,054,343	215.8	....
Niagara.....	16,217,062	32,328,666	105.5	....
Oneida.....	19,397,166	63,167,288	225.6	....
Onondaga.....	25,792,853	83,282,786	222.9	....
Ontario.....	20,796,367	37,348,844	79.6	....
Orange.....	23,446,322	46,805,586	99.6	....
Orleans.....	11,103,809	22,079,792	98.8	....
Oswego.....	13,696,190	26,216,909	91.4	....
Otsego.....	12,599,011	14,320,090	13.7	....
Putnam.....	5,940,691	10,758,710	78.7	....
Queens.....	14,711,925	26,416,339	79.5	....
Rensselaer.....	28,681,964	28,434,014	....	.8
Richmond.....	7,559,022	14,085,558	86.3	....
Rockland.....	4,563,976	12,339,799	170.4	....
St. Lawrence.....	13,487,642	15,069,246	11.7	....
Saratoga.....	14,103,943	15,349,180	8.8	....
Schenectady.....	7,149,113	6,500,690	....	9.
Schoharie.....	7,921,210	9,107,062	14.9	....
*Schuyler.....	....	8,644,441	See note.	....

COUNTY.	1851.	1876.	INCREASE. PER CENTS.	DECREASE. PER CENT.
Seneca.....	11,716,434	16,091,285	37.3	....
*Steuben.....	17,035,375	28,481,791	See note.	....
Suffolk.....	11,272,875	13,106,649	16.3	....
Sullivan.....	5,100,506	6,305,892	23.6	....
Tioga.....	6,995,614	5,422,705	....	22.5
*Tompkins.....	13,137,328	13,576,614	See note.	....
Ulster.....	16,620,306	12,403,062	....	25.4
Warren.....	2,292,638	2,995,004	26.7	....
Washington.....	15,802,002	13,072,511	....	17.3
Wayne.....	13,813,057	21,198,313	53.5	....
Westchester.....	32,175,517	† 63,128,592	96.2	....
Wyoming.....	8,124,601	14,812,971	82.3	....
Yates.....	9,099,634	8,605,229	....	5.4
Total.....	\$1,171,291,020	\$2,755,740,318	....	....

*Schuyler County was formed, in 1854, from Chemung, Steuben, and Tompkins counties. The increase in this territory is 89.6 per cent.

† Including three annexed towns, assessed at \$22,804,710 in 1876. Deducting this sum would show the increase 209.3.

‡ Excluding three annexed towns, assessed at \$9,000,000 in 1873.

From the foregoing table it will be seen that during twenty-five years only six counties in the State have increased their assessments in as great a ratio as the City of New York. Conceding, if you please, that in these six counties the assessed values bear a closer relation to the true values than do the assessments in the City of New York, yet that furnishes no reason why any portion of the excess should be apportioned to this city, while there are several important counties that have allowed their assessments to decline largely, or have made but a nominal increase in twenty-five years. These need not be named, as a glance at the table given will suffice to designate them.

The assessments in the City of New York, from 1851 to 1873, increased 223.9 per cent., while no other county except Kings increased so much as 85 per cent. during the same period. Indeed, 34 counties actually decreased their assessments about \$62,000,000 in that period, as the following table will show.

Table showing the decrease in the assessments upon real and personal estate, and the increase in the City of New York from 1851 to 1873 :

COUNTIES.	1851.	1873.
Cattaraugus.....	\$8,174,157	\$7,463,004
Cayuga.....	20,805,734	19,832,899
Chenango.....	12,605,953	10,833,179
Clinton.....	7,138,386	6,117,806
Delaware.....	8,819,181	8,528,704
Fulton.....	4,647,172	3,352,011
Greene.....	9,221,532	5,587,520
Herkimer.....	13,895,727	9,693,634
Jefferson.....	17,220,810	15,300,731
Lewis.....	5,822,945	3,827,499
Livingston.....	16,947,985	13,379,157
Madison.....	13,277,740	16,191,935
Monroe.....	31,612,686	28,764,990
Montgomery.....	9,458,081	8,785,826
Niagara.....	16,217,062	13,085,382
Oneida.....	19,397,166	17,569,095
Ontario.....	20,796,367	18,118,185
Orleans.....	11,103,809	10,449,634
Otsego.....	12,599,011	11,146,094
Putnam.....	5,940,691	5,637,994
Rensselaer.....	28,681,964	28,095,075
Richmond.....	7,559,022	7,319,444
Saratoga.....	14,103,943	11,763,880
Schenectady.....	7,149,113	5,652,779
Schoharie.....	7,921,210	4,880,038
Seneca.....	11,716,434	10,696,640
Sullivan.....	5,100,506	5,100,506
Tioga.....	6,995,614	2,747,087
Ulster.....	16,620,306	12,974,971
Washington.....	15,802,002	14,226,378
Yates.....	9,099,634	7,855,580
Chemung.....	8,897,260	....
Steuben.....	17,035,375	....
Tompkins.....	13,137,328	....
Schuyler.....	....	....
Total.....	\$435,521,316*	\$373,633,878
New York.....	\$351,765,396	\$1,139,229,152

* This territory is treated as a unit, Schuyler Co. having been formed from the three others in 1854.

New York City having steadily increased its assessments from 1851 to 1873, while most of the other counties diminished theirs during the same period, has borne more than its just proportion of the State tax, and now when some other counties, yielding to the demands of the State Assessors, increase their valuations to, or, if you please, beyond the valuations of this city, their tardy and long delayed discharge of duty should not receive recognition at the expense of New York City, which did not falter in the discharge of its duty when the temptation was greatest in the form of a State tax of inordinate severity.

In 1873 a financial crisis struck every interest with a blight. Since then all values have declined. Yet, strange to say, it is during this very period of extreme depression that many counties have increased their assessed valuations from 50 to 226 per cent. Such an increase is conclusive proof of actual and long continued dereliction.

The assessments in New York City for 1876 are 40.3 of the aggregate assessments in the State, and represent more than the full proportion which the city should bear of the State tax, and more than its quota as fixed on the State tax of 1865.

I rely upon the facts to influence your Board to do equity to the city, and shall not dilute their strength by any resort to argument. Their logic is inexorable.

At the meeting of the State Board of Equalization at Albany on the 20th of September, there were present Lieutenant-Governor Dorsheimer, Comptroller Olcott, Attorney-General Fairchild, State Engineer Van Buren, State Treasurer Ross and State Assessors Briggs, Fowler and Hadley. The State Assessors submitted a table of equalization which increased the 'Tax Commissioners' valuation of the real estate of the City of New York for 1876 \$200,323,558; that is, from \$892,428,165 to \$1,092,751,723, and the total valuation of real and personal estate from \$1,111,054,353 to \$1,311,377,901. One of the Tax Commissioners, who appeared on behalf of the city, protested against this great wrong in an address of which the following is a synopsis :

The addition of more than \$200,000,000 to the valuation of the real estate of New York City is excessive for the following reasons :

That in the counties of Broome, Erie, Jefferson, and Onondaga, which claim to be assessed at full value, in all \$261,759,281, the State Assessors deduct \$133,624,750 or more than one-half, thereby establishing a ratio of less than 50 per cent. of present actual values as the basis of equalization.

That the addition of \$200,000,000 as proposed, would make the equalized value of the real estate of New York City \$1,092,751,723, and adopting that value as a basis of less than 50 per cent. of present actual value, would make the present actual value of said real estate \$2,200,000,000.

That the State Assessors in their grossly exaggerated estimate of the actual value of the real estate of New York City in 1873, estimated it at \$1,935,021,540. Since 1873 there has been a shrinkage of not less than one-third, whereas the addition of \$200,000,000 would assert an increase in value since 1873 of about \$250,000,000, exclusive of the \$38,000,000 of real estate added by annexation in 1874.

That the City of New York has for ten years past paid more than a just proportion of the State tax, as the result of an inequitable apportionment, varying from 43.8 to 51.8 per cent., whereas for the preceding ten years it had varied from 36.1 to 40.1 per cent.

That this increase in the proportion of the State tax allotted to New York City was occasioned by an increase in the valuation of its real estate, from 1866 to 1873, of \$409,287,596, as follows:

1866.....	increase	\$51,590,550 00
1867.....	"	76,447,128 00
1868.....	"	67,793,243 00
1869.....	"	60,948,613 00
1870.....	"	57,919,157 00
1871.....	"	27,203,335 00
1872.....	"	27,842,257 00
1873.....	"	39,542,513 00

During these years the increase in real estate valuations in the rest of the State, excluding Kings County, was only \$80,758,641. New York City was not relieved during these years by a proper distribution of the large valuation of its real estate upon other counties. But now, when some other counties, inspired by the State Assessors, increase their valuations largely, the wrong toward New York City is to be perpetuated by relieving such counties at the expense of New York City, by adding to its valuation \$200,000,000 belonging to other counties.

That, thereby the proportion of State tax allotted to New York City would be 47.6 per cent., which is more than an equitable share, that is not to be justified by the wrongs of the past ten years.

The full value of the real property of the State in 1873, upon the statements of local assessors, was \$3,816,500,060, of which the value of New York City was \$1,394,488,966, or 36.5 per cent. Adding the value of the district annexed to New York in 1874 (\$38,000,000) to the latter and it would leave the just proportion of New York City 37.5 per cent.

The Board of Equalization thereupon declined to adopt the table reported by the State Assessors, and deferred the further consideration of the subject until October 5th.

On that day the Board of Equalization again met in Albany; Lieutenant-Governor Dorsheimer, Comptroller Olcott, Engineer Van Buren, Treasurer Ross, and State Assessors Fowler, Hadley and Briggs being present. A member of the Board of Tax Commissioners again presented the claims of New York City for an equitable apportionment of the State tax.

Lieutenant-Governor Dorsheimer moved to apportion the State tax according to the valuation of the local assessors. This motion was lost—receiving the votes of Lieutenant-Governor Dorsheimer and Engineer Van Buren, and five voting in the negative.

Comptroller Olcott moved to equalize by taking off \$100,000,000 of the \$200,000,000 addition to the valuation of this city, recommended by the State Assessors. This motion was lost, receiving the votes of Messrs. Dorsheimer, Olcott, and Van Buren, with four in the negative.

State Assessor Briggs then moved to reduce the \$200,000,000 proposed to be added by \$77,000,000, making the total assessment for this city \$1,234,191,178, which was carried by four affirmative votes, and three (Messrs. Ross, Hadley, and Fowler) in the negative.

Thus closed the protracted discussion of this question. It fixes the proportion of the State tax to be paid by this city at 45.5 per cent. of the whole tax, as against 48.8 per cent. last year, and 50.9 per cent. the year preceding the last. Under this apportionment, the amount of State tax to be paid next year is \$254,611 less than is paid this year, although the tax to be paid in the entire State is somewhat more.

Yet this apportionment is far—very far—from doing equity to the City of New York, whose just proportion of the State burden should be less than 40 per cent. of the whole.

JOHN WHEELER, } Commissioners
JOHN N. HAYWARD, } of
GEO. H. ANDREWS, } Taxes and Assessments.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The following schedules form a report of the transactions of the office of the Counsel to the Corporation for the week ending October 13, 1877.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York are defendants, unless otherwise mentioned.

SCHEDULE "A."

Suits and special proceedings instituted.

SUPREME COURT.

In re John Reilly—To vacate assessment for Willis avenue grading, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth to One Hundred and Forty-seventh street.
Ernest Hall—To foreclose mortgage; city judgment creditor.
In re Julia M. Coggill—To vacate sale for non-payment of assessment for Seventh avenue sewer.
In re Edwin P. Smith, sole executor, etc.—To vacate assessment for pavement on Twentieth street.
In re Mary A. Trainor—To vacate assessment for pavement in Twentieth street.
In re George Leonard—To vacate assessment for pavement in Twentieth street.
In re Joseph Bell—To vacate sale for non-payment of assessment for Madison avenue pavement.
In re The Rector, etc., of St. Luke's Church—To vacate assessment and sale for non-payment of assessment for sewer in Grove street.
People, ex rel. James H. Graham, against The Fire Department—Mandamus to compel Board to issue certificate of performance of contract for coal.
People, ex rel. Rowland N. Hazard, against John Kelly, Comptroller—Mandamus directing Comptroller to pay award of \$1,000 made to relator in change of grade of Eighth avenue.
In re Louis L. Delafield—To vacate assessment for regulating, etc., Boulevard or Public Drive.
In re Elizabeth Jones, executrix, etc.—To vacate sales for non-payment of assessments for opening One Hundred and Fourteenth street, Avenue St. Nicholas, Public Drive, Public Square, and regulating One Hundred and Thirtieth street.
Joseph K. Riggs—To foreclose sale, city judgment creditor.
In re Ralph Schoonmaker—To vacate, modify or reduce assessment for regulating, etc., One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street.
John J. Sullivan against Michael Cragan—To recover back \$100 paid by mistake.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Elliot F. Shepard—For professional services on retainer of Counsel to the Corporation, \$100.

COMMON PLEAS.

Joseph Reeve—To recover \$22.50, paid for assessment for Broome street paving.

SCHEDULE "B."

JUDGMENTS ENTERED AND ORDERS OF THE SPECIAL AND GENERAL TERMS.

John C. Ham—Judgment entered on remittitur in favor of the city for \$425.85.
People, ex rel. F. Leroy Saterlee, vs. Board of Police—Order for mandamus to compel Board to draw requisition for relator's salary, entered and writ issued.
Mayor, etc., vs. West Side Elevated R. R. Co.—Suit discontinued by consent.
Mayor, etc., vs. Adrian H. Muller—Order of discontinuance entered.
Moritz Kellner—Judgment entered in favor of the city for \$67.92, and affirming judgment at Special Term.
Harris Wines—Appeal by the city dismissed with costs.
People, ex rel. Morgan Jones, vs. Allan Campbell, Commissioner of Public Works—Order of General Term entered in favor of the Commissioner, affirming order at Special Term.
Conrad Boeler—Order of General Term entered in favor of the city, overruling exceptions.
Annie T. Curnen—Judgment entered in favor of the city for \$302.05.
Henry J. Greata et al.—Judgment entered upon offer in favor of plaintiffs for \$7,956.78.
Wm. A. Seaver, Collector, etc.—Order of General Term entered reversing Special Term and ordering new trial.
Methodist Episcopal Church—Order for judgment entered in favor of plaintiff, vacating taxes and for judgment for costs.
Sarah M. Norman—Judgment entered in favor of the City dismissing complaint, and for \$67.27 costs.
Sarah A. Otter, administratrix, etc.—Order entered to dismiss appeal.
In re Abraham B. Tappen—Order entered in each proceeding to vacate sales for non-payment of assessments.
In re Randle McDonald—Order entered in each proceeding to vacate sales for non-payment of assessments.
In re Louise E. Lestrade—Order entered in each proceeding to vacate sales for non-payment of assessments.
In re Thos. J. Barr, guardian, etc.—Order entered in each proceeding to vacate sales for non-payment of assessments.
In re Wm. H. Bowne—Order entered in each proceeding to vacate sales for non-payment of assessments.

SCHEDULE "C."

SUITS AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS TRIED OR ARGUED.

Timothy Dorsey—Motion made to dismiss action for want of prosecution; granted.
Broadway widening—Reference proceeded.
David C. Carleton—Plaintiff examined before trial.
John McGuire—Reference proceeded.
Herman Kochler—Tried before Van Brunt, J., and a jury; verdict directed for plaintiff for full amount.
Joseph F. Darling—Tried before Van Brunt, J., and jury; judgment dismissed.
Joseph Spears, Hartford and New York Steamboat Co., Wm. H. Dannat—Appeals argued in Supreme Court, General Term.
John Baird—Reference proceeded.
William Barnes—Reference proceeded.
C. T. McClenachan—Reference proceeded and closed.

WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Abstract of Proceedings for the two weeks ending October 6, 1877.

MEETING, OCTOBER 3, 1877.

All the fountains in the parks, except the Bethesda fountain, in Central Park, were stopped, at the request of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The planking on Central Bridge was ordered relaid, at a cost not exceeding \$800.

The Board of Aldermen were requested to amend the ordinance for setting curb and gutter stones on One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Third and College avenues, so as to provide for laying a strip of stone block pavement, about three feet in width, outside the gutter stones.

Four extra teams were employed during the race days at Jerome Park to water Jerome avenue.

Designs for a temporary bridge at the south entrance to the Museum of Natural History, were amended in accordance with the suggestions of the Trustees of the Museum, and plans and specifications ordered, the whole cost of the structure not to exceed \$6,000.

Messrs. Morton, Chelsey & Co. were paid \$10,000 on account of the contract for cases for the Museum of Natural History Building.

Two laborers were employed to assist in setting monuments in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Gen. George S. Greene, Engineer, in charge of the construction of the Iron Bridge over the Harlem river at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, was suspended, without pay, until the further order of the Board, the construction of the bridge having been postponed.

The time of the employment of the eight Special Patrolmen, previously appointed, was extended to and including October 31, 1877.

The agreement with the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company for the telegraph wires between No. 36 Union square and Central Park, was authorized to be renewed to December 31, 1877.

The return to the writ of certiorari in the matter of William E. Beames was signed and certified.

Contracts Executed.

For Reflooring Roadway of Third Avenue Bridge. Principals—Gibb & O'Reilly, No. 428 East Tenth street. Sureties—Charles G. Mason, No. 356 East Fourth street; Nickolaus Schoen, No. 56 Avenue D.

For 750 cubic yards trap rock, and 250 cubic yards trap rock screenings. Principals—James J. Jones, 203 E. Eighty-fourth street, John J. McQuade, Lexington avenue and Eighty-ninth street. Sureties—Charles Jones, No. 203 East Eighty-second street, John McQuade, Lexington avenue and Eighty-ninth street.

Appointment.

E. B. Van Winkle, City Surveyor on—

1 sewer in Mott avenue, One Hundred and Forty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth streets; and
2 sewers in Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-third street.

Forwarded Finance Department—For Week Ending September 29.

Pay-rolls..... \$6,682 38

For Week Ending October 6.

Cash..... \$37 38
Bills..... 7,432 20
Pay-rolls..... 19,579 78

Animals received at Central Park Menagerie for week ending September 29, 1877.

Donations.

1 Humboldt Lagothrix (*Lagothrix humboldti*), presented by Mr. Isaac Brandon, Panama.
1 Hawk (*Falco columbaris*), presented by Master George F. Hollister, New York City.
1 Parrot (*Amazona dominicensis*), presented by Mr. Thos. L. Dabney, New York City.
1 Red Fox (*Vulpes fulvus*), presented by Master Owen Conwell, New York City.
1 Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo borealis*), presented by Master Clarence Riker, Orange, N. J.

Received in Exchange.

3 Monkeys (*Macacus cynomolgus*).

Placed on Exhibition.

1 Givet Monkey (*Chlorocebus enyithia*).
1 Festeri Parrot (*Chrysotes festivus*).
1 Springbuck (*Gazella euchores*).

Animals received at Central Park Menagerie for the week ending October 6, 1877.

Placed on Exhibition.

3 Blue-fronted Amazons (*Chrysotes amazonica*).
1 St. Domingo Parrot (*Chrysotes dominicensis*).

Number of Visitors to the Museum of Natural History.

Monday, September 24.....	319
Tuesday, " 25.....	385
Wednesday, " 26.....	2,739
Thursday, " 27.....	2,321
Friday, " 28.....	3,111
Saturday, " 29.....	4,586

Total for week..... 13,461

Monday, October 1.....	335
Tuesday, " 2.....	398
Wednesday, " 3.....	2,781
Thursday, " 4.....	942
Friday, " 5.....	2,869
Saturday, " 6.....	3,588

Total for week..... 17,883

WM. IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to cause the pavement of Twenty-sixth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, to be repaired and put in good order as soon as possible.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 28, 1877.

Approved by the Mayor, October 9, 1877.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles Allen to pave with Belgian pavement, a space ten feet wide in the sidewalk in front of No. 243 West Forty-seventh street, with two strips of flags through the same, to be done at his own expense and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 28, 1877.

Approved by the Mayor, October 9, 1877.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
October 12, 1877.]

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

SALE OF FERRY FRANCHISES.

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

THE FRANCHISES TO RUN THE FOLLOWING ferries and a lease of the wharf property belonging to the city, if any, set apart for ferry purposes at each of said ferries, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, on Thursday, October 11, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the period of five years from August 1, 1877, except as otherwise stated, namely:

Old ferry from foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island.
Ferry from Cortlandt street, North river, to Jersey City.
Ferry from Desbrosses street, North river, to Jersey City.

Ferry from Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, Queens County, Long Island, for five years from November 1, 1877.

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

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

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

The leases will contain a covenant requiring the lessees to pay rent quarterly to the Comptroller.

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

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

The minimum price for which the lease of said wharf property will be sold has been fixed by the Board of the Department of Docks at the following sums, namely:

Wharf property connected with the ferry from Cortlandt street, North river, to Jersey City, has been leased by the Department of Docks to the associates of the Jersey Company for ten years from May 1, 1876, at \$7,510 per annum.

Ferry from Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, Long Island.

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

All the above-named premises to be taken in the condition in which they may be in on the 1st day of August, 1877, and all repairs and rebuilding thereof, and dredging thereof, during the term leased, to be done at the expense and cost of the lessees.

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

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

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

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

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.
Dated New York, October 8, 1877.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

JACOB A. WESTERVELT, HENRY E. DIMOCK, JACOB VANDERPOEL, Board of Department of Docks.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, October 25, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

CORPORATION SALE OF THE FRANCHISE OF THE FERRY FROM BULKHEAD AT THE FOOT OF WHITEHALL STREET, NEW YORK, TO STATEN ISLAND.

THE FRANCHISE OF THE NEW FERRY FROM the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, as established by resolution of the Common Council, approved November 3, 1875, will be sold at public auction, pursuant to adjournment, on Thursday, October 11, 1877, at the Comptroller's Office, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the period of one year, from July 15, 1877. The form of the lease required to be executed by the highest bidder can be seen at the Comptroller's Office.

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

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

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

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

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

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

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, October 25, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
COURT-HOUSE, PARK, No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
October 11, 1877.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

THE BOOKS FOR TAXES ON PERSONAL property and bank stock will be opened for payment at this office on Monday, October 15, 1877.

Due notice will be given when the books for real estate are ready.

MARTIN T. McMAHON, Receiver of Taxes

PROPOSALS FOR \$4,741,700 BONDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Comptroller's Office until Thursday, October 25, 1877, at 2 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of \$4,741,700 bonds of the City of New York, reissued in pursuance of chapter 756, Laws of 1873, to wit:

"Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," authorized by chapter 397, Laws of 1852, and chapter 580, Laws of 1872.....	\$3,439,000 00
"Assessment Fund Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," authorized by chapter 579, Laws of 1853.....	834,000 00
"Street Improvement Fund Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," authorized by chapter 573, Laws of 1853.....	44,500 00
"Department of Parks Improvement Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," authorized by chapter 397, Laws of 1852, chapter 697, Laws of 1867, and chapter 580, Laws of 1872.....	424,200 00
Total.....	\$4,741,700 00

Said Bonds will bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable on the first day of May and November in each year, and the principle will be paid on November 1, 1882.

The proposals will state the amount of Bonds desired, and the price per one hundred dollars thereof; and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them respectively, together with any premiums thereon.

On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposit, the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par value of the sums awarded to them, bearing interest from the dates of payment.

Each proposal should be sealed and indorsed "Proposals for Bonds of the City of New York," and inclosed in a second envelope addressed to the Comptroller.

The right is reserved on the part of the Comptroller to reject any or all of the bids, if in his judgment the interests of the Corporation require it.

The above-mentioned Bonds will be applied exclusively to the redemption of like Bonds of the City of New York, which mature November 1, 1877, and their issue, therefore, will not make any addition to the city debt.

The holders of like City Bonds which mature November 1, 1877, may apply the amount due on such bonds, respectively, to the payment for any bonds that may be awarded them on their bids under these proposals.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
October 11, 1877.

PROPOSALS FOR \$314,298.94 STOCKS AND BONDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Comptroller's Office, until Thursday, October 18, 1877, at 2 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of \$314,298.94 "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," under the following titles and conditions of payment:

"Additional New Croton Aqueduct Stock," authorized by chapter 278, Laws of 1877, payable August 1, 1900.....	\$8,165 57
"Additional Croton Water Stock," authorized by chapters 56 and 328, Laws of 1871, payable November 1, 1891.....	26,500 00
"Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonality of the City of New York," authorized by chapter 429, Laws of 1876, payable three years from the date thereof	8,666 00
"City Improvement Stock," redeemable at the pleasure of the Comptroller after November 1, 1896, and payable on May 1, 1926, authorized by chapter 920, Laws of 1869.....	53,967 37
"Croton Water-main Stock," authorized by chapter 477, Laws of 1875, payable November 1, 1906.....	33,500 00
"Museums of Art and Natural History Stock," authorized by chapter 490, Laws of 1871, payable May 1, 1903.....	18,000 00
"New York County Court-house Stock, No. 5," authorized by chapter 583, Laws of 1871, payable November 1, 1898.....	80,000 00
"Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, 'G,'" authorized by chapter 354, Laws of 1875, payable November 1, 1897	40,500 00
"Dock Bonds of the City of New York," authorized by chapter 574, Laws of 1871, payable November 1, 1907.....	45,000 00
Total.....	\$314,298 94

Said Stock will bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable on the first day of May and November in each year.

The proposals will state the amount of Bonds desired, of each issue or denomination, and the price per one hundred dollars thereof; and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them respectively, together with any premiums thereon.

On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposit, the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par value of the sums awarded to them, bearing interest from the dates of payment.

Each proposal should be sealed and indorsed "Proposals for Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," and inclosed in a second envelope addressed to the Comptroller.

The right is reserved on the part of the Comptroller to reject any or all of the bids, if in his judgment the interests of the Corporation require it.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
October 8, 1877.

REAL ESTATE RECORDS

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

Grantors, grantees, suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriff's sales, in 61 volumes, full bound, price..... \$100 00
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Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house."

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller

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

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

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED AUGUST 31, 1877.
75th street, paving, from 1st to 3d avenue.
113th " " " " 3d to 4th " "
Little 12th street, paving, from 10th to 13th avenue.
116th street, paving, with Telford-McAdam pavement, between 6th and 7th avenues, and setting curb stones and flagging sidewalks.
133d street, regulating, grading, etc., from 10th avenue to Hudson river.
136th street, grading, from Southern Boulevard to within 230 42-100 feet of Oak avenue.
80th street, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging, and laying crosswalks, from 4th to Madison avenue.
117th street, south side, flagging, from 4th to Lexington avenue.
5th avenue, east side, flagging, from 58th to 64th street.
Madison avenue, crosswalks, at 89th, 90th, 91st, 93d, and 94th streets.
152d street, sewer, between Boulevard and Hudson river.
4th avenue, sewer, east side, between 19th and 20th streets.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before November 3, 1877, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

EDWARD GILON, Collector of Assessments.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City and County of New York, due November 1, 1877, will be paid on that day by the Comptroller, at his office in the New Court-house.

The transfer books will be closed from September 25 to November 1, 1877.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
September 19, 1877.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1877, AT 12 O'CLOCK M.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF the City of New York, under the direction of John C. Campbell, Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct, will sell at public auction, on the premises, the following described buildings now standing within the flow line of the new Storage Reservoir, situated on the middle branch of the Croton river, in the town of South East, Putnam County, New York, viz:

Lot No. 1. Frame house 13 x 16, two stories, formerly owned by Thomas Bird.
Lot No. 2. Frame house 22 x 28, one-and-a-half stories, formerly owned by Nelson Smith.
Lot No. 3. Barn 16 x 20 and woodshed, formerly owned by Nelson Smith.
Lot No. 4. Frame schoolhouse.
Lot No. 5. Frame house 40 x 48, with extension 22 x 21, two stories high, formerly owned by Isaac Kelley.
Lot No. 6. Frame house 16 x 41, with extension 12 x 15, one story, formerly owned by Isaac Kelley.
Lot No. 7. Frame house 21 x 24, two stories, formerly owned by Isaac Kelley.
Lot No. 8. Barn 30 x 60, with wing 19 x 59, formerly owned by Isaac Kelley.
Lot No. 9. Two carriage-houses 12 x 30 and 24 x 24, formerly owned by Isaac Kelley.
Lot No. 10. Stable 13 x 14, ice-house 12 x 16, and corn crib 11 x 13, formerly owned by Isaac Kelley.
Lot No. 11. Barn 14 x 25, formerly owned by Frederick Knox.
Lot No. 12. Frame house 25 x 34, with additions 22 x 23 and 18 x 18, two stories, formerly owned by Adah Mead.
Lot No. 13. Barn 30 x 60, and stable 18 x 20, formerly owned by Adah Mead.
Lot No. 14. Two wood-houses 11 x 14 and 11 x 24, formerly owned by Adah Mead.
Lot No. 15. Carriage-shed 13 x 20, and corn crib 8 x 28, formerly owned by Adah Mead.
Lot No. 16. Saw and feed mill, with machinery and fixtures, formerly owned by John Wood.

TERMS OF SALE.

The consideration that the Department of Public Works shall receive for the foregoing buildings will be: first—the removal of every part of the building, excepting the stone foundation, on or before the 15th December, 1877; and second—the sum paid in money on the day of sale. If any part of any building is left on the reservoir grounds on and after 16th December, 1877, the purchaser shall forfeit all right and title to the building or part of building so left, and also the money part of the consideration paid at the time of the sale, and the Department of Public Works may at any time, on or after 16th December, 1877, cause said building, or part of building, to be removed and disposed of at the expense of the party to whom the above conditioned sale as described may be made. The total amount of the bid must be paid at the time of the sale.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York.

CORPORATION NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING Assessment Lists have been received by the Board of Assessors, from the Commissioner of Public Works, for—

No. 1. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging Forty-third street, from Second to Third avenue, \$21,378.60.
No. 2. Sewer in Fifty-seventh street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, from end of present sewer to within 35 feet of Ninth avenue, \$424.77.
No. 3. Laying crosswalks across Fourth avenue, from south side of Eighty-first street, \$262.01.
No. 4. Laying crosswalks across Fourth avenue, from south side of Seventy-fifth street, \$278.24.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 19 CHATHAM STREET,
NEW YORK, October 12, 1877.

JOHN R. MUMFORD, Secretary

IMPORTANT TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON BLOOMINGDALE ROAD.

ALL PARTIES PRESENTING CLAIMS FOR damage to property, by reason of closing the Bloomingdale road, are required, in filing such claims, to produce their title deed to said property.

They are also requested to present the statement of their claims at the earliest possible day, as the Board of Assessors are engaged in the consideration of all questions of damage now before them, previous to a final adjustment and settlement of the same.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, JOHN MULLALLY, EDWARD NORTH, WILLIAM L. WILEY, Board of Assessors

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW YORK, May 29, 1877.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
ROOM 39, 300 MULBERRY STREET.

JACOB SEABACHER, AUCTIONEER.

TWENTY-FOURTH AUCTION SALE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SALE UNCLAIMED property will take place at 300 Mulberry street, Police Department, on October 15, at 10 o'clock A. M. Consisting of miscellaneous articles, boats, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, trunks, revolvers, rope, lead, blankets, brooms, gold and silver watches, rings, brooms, tea, coffee, etc.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
October 15, 1877.

The above sale postponed to October 17, 1877, at same time and place.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 39,
NEW YORK, September 28, 1877.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants:

Boats, cart, wagon, lot rope, revolvers, furniture, male and female clothing, silver watch, small amount of money taken from prisoners and found on street.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Twelfth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, until 9½ o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, October 17, 1877, for enlarging the building occupied by Primary School No. 38, on the corner of Avenue A and One Hundred and Eighteenth street.

The entire work of enlarging will be given out in one contract.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same time and place for the new seats, etc., required for the additional rooms.

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

Proposals will not be considered unless the following provisions are strictly complied with:

The party submitting a proposal and the parties proposing to become sureties must each sign his own name and place of residence on said proposal.

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

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

DAVID H. KNAPP, R. G. ROLSTON, CHARLES CRARY, JOHN N. TONNELLE, GERMAIN HANSCHALL, Board of School Trustees, Twelfth Ward.

Dated New York, October 3, 1877.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, October 3, 1877.

ELEVEN HUNDRED SQUARE YARDS OF CLOTH FOR PICTURE GALLERIES OF THE MUSEUM OF ART.

PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, 36 Union Square, New York City, until Wednesday, the 17th day of October, 1877, at the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened by the head of the said Department and read—

For furnishing and delivering to the said Department, in accordance with the specifications and contract hereafter mentioned, eleven hundred (1,100) square yards of cloth for hanging on the walls of the Picture Galleries in the Museum of Art building in Central Park.

The color of the cloth must correspond with the specimen tint exhibited by the said Department.

The quality of the cloth must be equal to the sample exhibited by the said Department.

All the cloth to be delivered within ninety (90) days from the date of the agreement to be entered into therefor.

Each proposal must state, both in writing and in figures, a price per square yard for the cloth.

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

Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all persons interested with him therein; that it is made without collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same work; and that no member of the Common Council, head of a Department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

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

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

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

WM. R. MARTIN, President;
H. G. STEBBINS,
JAMES F. WENMAN,
WM. C. WETMORE,
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE WILL MEET in Room No. 16, City Hall, every Monday, at 3 o'clock P. M.

PATRICK KEENAN,
WILLIAM L. COLE,
SAMUEL A. LEWIS,
JOHN J. MORRIS,
JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Committee on Finance.