

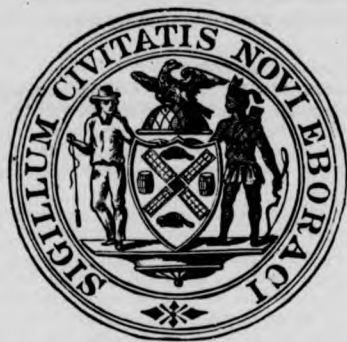
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Message from the Mayor to the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, March 18, 1875.
To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—In my message of January 4, I remarked that, as to what the liabilities of the City really are, I was not then in a position to state. I cannot do so yet. But, as stated in that message, I have been informed by the Comptroller that that portion of the indebtedness known as the bonded and funded debt amounted, on the 31st of December, 1874, to \$141,803,758, which includes the amount of the Sinking Fund.

Since entering upon the duties of the Mayoralty, I have, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and as one of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, been required to pass upon a number of applications for authority to issue additional bonds, which increase the debt of the City. Before any such bonds were voted, the laws authorizing them were examined. Those laws are mandatory.

The Common Council has no control over the proceedings required to be taken under several of them. But some officer or department of the City Government is by each of them authorized to prosecute a public work of some sort, and to incur obligations for it in the name of the City. For the payment of such obligations, city bonds must be issued, and the provisions of the laws on the subject are in such terms that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, or, as the case may be, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, can be compelled to authorize the issue of Bonds to an amount necessary to meet the obligations—and that, whatever may be the opinion of the members of the Board or Commission as to the necessity for, or propriety of, the work for which the obligations were incurred.

If this system is to be continued in operation, the debt of the City must go on increasing indefinitely; and it will probably, at the close of the present year, largely exceed the amount now reached.

The burdens which the bonded and funded debt have already imposed upon the tax-payers have, in my judgment, now attained a magnitude which cannot safely be increased.

There should be better regulations as to incurring obligations requiring any further issue of bonds. Neither the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, nor any other branch of the City Government, should be called on to act upon the subject when it is helpless to apply a check or remedy for the evils fostered by the present system. The action of the Board should not be for the first time invoked when an obligation has already been incurred, and when the funds to meet it must be raised without discretion as to methods or amounts. And it should be provided by statute that no obligation, payable from proceeds of bonds, may be incurred by any officer or department, beyond the limit of the appropriation made by the Board for the particular work out of which it arises.

This is now the law in regard to all obligations payable from the proceeds of taxation; and as to that class of obligations the restraint has been found to have a salutary effect.

I urge the matter upon your attention, and solicit your co-operation in my efforts to have all statutes which apply to this city so far amended, that, except to meet obligations already incurred, our bonded and funded debt shall not be increased beyond its present limit. Our progress in the future should be determined by our ability to meet our obligations in the past; and only in the ratio in which we actually pay for public improvements already executed or undertaken should we proceed with new enterprises which require further expenditures.

Under a well regulated system, I can see no reason why, with a wise and efficient administration of our finances, by competent officers, we

cannot attain this object and at the same time progress with public improvements as rapidly as the public interests demand.

With a view of initiating some such system, it seems desirable that a limit should be fixed, beyond which the City authorities cannot proceed with works of regulating, grading, sewerage or paving streets, roads, or avenues, the expense of which is payable from assessments upon the property benefited.

I suggest that this limit may be safely fixed at (say) \$15,000,000 as the maximum aggregate sum which the City authorities can lawfully advance for local improvements, on the security of assessments payable by the property benefited.

These advances made by the City on the security of assessments are, as it were, continually revolving. Moneys are raised on the bonds of the City and advanced to pay for public works as they progress; and for these works, when completed, assessments are imposed which, when collected, are applied towards payment of the bonds. When, however, as has frequently happened, the assessments are vacated, the funds, on the security of which bonds were issued, are not forthcoming to pay them at maturity—and the City is obliged to redeem those bonds with the proceeds of general taxation.

There is no reason why an assessment for advances for such works should not be a perfect security to the City. If a limit is fixed, beyond which no advances can be made for local improvements, payable from assessments, the terms of the law should be so simple and plain as to relieve us from apprehension that, in the future, any assessment imposed for the advances made by the City will be vacated or set aside; and the assessment fund should be secured by law, to be faithfully applied towards the obligations of the City undertaken on the security of it.

Proper regulations should also be enacted in reference to proceedings for street openings. The present system, of special proceedings and separate commissions for each opening, should be abolished. All streets laid down in plans which have been approved by the Legislature may be declared opened by law; and in all proceedings to determine the compensation to be paid by the City for property taken, and for rights acquired, for such streets, etc., the fees of Commissioners and the expenses which can be lawfully incurred by them should be restricted.

In the past, the fees of Commissioners, and their charges for the clerks and surveyors and others employed by them, have been exorbitant. The law should be so amended that excessive fees or expenses of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment shall not be recoverable against the City.

Since 1871, the practice has existed of borrowing money on the bonds of the City for meeting the expenses incurred in repairing or rebuilding sewers. The authority for it is found in a statute passed March 29, 1871—the amount to be expended in any one year for the purpose stated not to exceed \$100,000. So long as this law remains upon the Statute Book it is mandatory upon the City to provide the amounts required, within the limit stated, for repairs of sewers. But this is an expenditure which ought to be provided for in the annual tax levy. The habit of raising money upon bonds for any portion of the ordinary expenses of the government is so objectionable in theory and in operation that every effort should be made to put an end to every phase of the system which allows it; and, with this view, the law referred to should be immediately repealed—the repealing act to take effect from and after the end of the present year.

Another statute was passed in 1871 which authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works, acting on his own motion, to take such lands and proceed with such works as he may consider necessary for securing "a further and inexhaustible" supply of water for the City. In this statute, as originally passed, the Commissioner was authorized to expend for this purpose an unlimited amount, and the City was required, on his requisition, to raise on City bonds such amounts as he should ask for. A subsequent statute, passed the same year, limited the amount to be expended in any one year, for the purposes stated, to \$1,000,000.

The question of securing a proper supply of water for the City is of undoubted importance, but it should be considered in all its aspects. While every care should be taken to have such works completed as will collect and store up the water required, equal care should be taken to regulate the distribution and use of the water and to prevent waste. The

power should not continue in the Commissioner of Public Works to proceed with new enterprises of this sort on his own motion merely. It should be exercised subject to the approval of the Common Council, upon the recommendation of the Mayor, and to this extent the law of 1871 should be at once amended.

A third statute was passed in 1871, designed to regulate the use of Croton water by the introduction of water meters. The object of the law is manifestly good, and proper steps should be taken to secure the advantages contemplated, and to prevent the waste of water, which, during the past season, has been enormous. By so doing, we may be able to obviate the necessity of proceeding with extensive works of construction to husband still further supplies. An effort was made to carry the law into effect which provides for meters for this purpose, but it resulted in a litigation which is still pending. That litigation should be prosecuted to a decision without unnecessary delay.

Another important matter which requires regulation is the administration of the Department of Docks. This Department at present occupies an anomalous position. All the expenses connected with the administration, and arising out of the performance or execution of the duties intrusted to it, are provided for out of bonds of the City. Salaries of the Commissioners at the head of the Department, and of the clerks they employ—the expenses of the offices they rent, of the supplies they require, of the engineers and other employees, and of the laborers they employ—are all paid for out of the proceeds of bonds.

The Department may proceed with its works, incurring obligations for the City as they go, subject to the only limitation which the law imposes—and that is that the gross amount of its obligations shall not exceed three millions of dollars in any one year—and that for salaries, rent, etc., the amount shall not exceed \$100,000 annually. All the valuable wharfage property belonging to the City is under the care of this Department, subject in effect to the will of the three Commissioners at the head of it. I know of no good reason why the ordinary expenses for salaries, rent or supplies should not be provided in the tax levy for the Dock Department, as it is for all the other departments of the City Government. The expenditures of the Department, for original construction and repair, should not in any one year be allowed to exceed a fixed sum, less perhaps than that now provided, and some system should be devised to bring the entire operations of this Department under the supervision and control of the City Government.

I suggest that every department of the local government, before proceeding with any works authorized to be performed by it, should be required to file with the Clerk of the Common Council, for publication in the CITY RECORD, a statement, in detail, of the expenditure estimated to be required for such work; and a strict official accountability should be demanded where in any instance the actual expenses, to any material extent, exceed the original estimate.

If in this City progress is to be made with public improvements, there must be a power of control, vested in some central authority, by which the rate of progress of each may be regulated with reference to the amount which the City may be authorized to spend, and that amount should in no year increase the debt beyond the sum by which the City shall have, by payment of past obligations, reduced its debt below the present maximum. There will thus be created a restriction upon the amount to be expended in new undertakings.

The present disjointed and disorganized arrangements, by which several of the Departments of the City Government are permitted, without reference to the action of any other, annually to incur large obligations which the City must provide for by the issue of bonds, cannot be allowed to continue if the City is to maintain its credit.

It is your duty to see at once that all attempts of whatever character, and by whomsoever made, to obtain authority from the Legislature to increase the pecuniary obligations of the City, should be stopped, unless promoted by you, acting in conformity with some system or plan regulating such authority in the manner I have suggested.

There are several respects also in which legislation is proper concerning the administration of the Law Department, for instance, the authority to consent to references of causes to which the City is a party, to be tried by referees instead of by a jury (which latter is, except in very rare cases, the appropriate and only safe tribunal), should not be exercised by the Corporation Counsel

alone. His consent to a reference should not be operative unless upon the approval of the Mayor, to be expressed in writing; and the power of the courts to order a reference of a cause to which the City is a party, should be subjected to restrictions not now imposed. By judicious legislation in these respects the City will be protected against wrongs and the Treasury against losses to which they have during recent years been frequently subjected.

I again urge these matters upon your immediate attention, and recommend that the various matters above discussed be referred by you to some appropriate committee, with authority to act in concert with me in securing the measures which may be considered necessary and advisable to accomplish the purposes mentioned.

I shall myself communicate with the respective heads of the several departments, requesting them to transmit to me (as several of them already have done) the particulars of measures which they have under consideration, and upon which legislation is desired in the interests of the City.

By such means I hope that we may be able to secure a more efficient and responsible administration of the government, and to obtain relief from present oppression.

As heretofore remarked, I think it eminently proper that there should be no legislation requiring the expenditure of public moneys, the proceeds of taxation or of bonds of this community, which has not first received the approval of the elected representatives of the people in the City Government.

WM. H. WICKHAM,
Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

STATED SESSION.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

THURSDAY, March 18, 1875,
2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their chamber, No. 15 City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. SAMUEL A. LEWIS, President;

ALDERMEN

Oliver P. C. Billings, Robert Power,
Andrew Blessing, Henry D. Purroy,
William L. Cole, John Reilly,
George B. Deane, Jr., John Robinson,
Edward Gilon, Peter Seery,
Magnus Gross, Edward J. Shandley,
John W. Guntzer, Stephen N. Simonson,
Patrick Lysaght, Chester H. Southworth,
William H. McCarthy, Joseph P. Strack,
John J. Morris,

ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.
E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Counsel to the Corporation.

WALTER W. ADAMS, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings.

SALEM H. WALES, President of the Department of Docks.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By the President—

Petition of tax-payers and owners in the Twelfth Ward, asking that action be taken to widen and regulate Kingsbridge road.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Simonson—

Petition for the widening of the sidewalks in Fifty-seventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Gilon—

Petition of merchants and others, protesting against the removal of the Twenty-eighth Precinct Station-house.

Which was referred to the Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That Mortimer Cooper be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid across Lexington avenue at Seventy-ninth, Eightieth, and Eighty-second streets, under the direction of the

Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That Second avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-eighth streets, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, from Second to Seventh avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By Alderman Billings—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the north side of Fifth street, from Fourth to Madison avenue, be flagged full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Billings—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Eleventh street, between Third and Fourth avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the President—

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid at each of the intersections of Madison avenue with One Hundred and Twentieth, One Hundred and Twenty-first, One Hundred and Twenty-second, One Hundred and Twenty-third, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth, One Hundred and Thirtieth, One Hundred and Thirty-first, and One Hundred and Thirty-second streets, where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Billings—

Resolved, That the use of the room in the building known as the New Court-house, formerly occupied by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, on the half-story directly over the room at present occupied by the Special Term of the Supreme Court, be and is hereby allowed temporarily to the Attorney General of this State and his assistants, while engaged in the prosecution of what are generally known as the "ring suits."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That Fifth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirtieth street to Harlem river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Thirty-first street, from Fourth to Sixth avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By Alderman Blessing—

Resolved, That a receiving-basin and culvert be built at each of the four corners formed by the intersection of Second avenue and One Hundred and Sixth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Billings—

Resolved, That Charles Sherwood be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John P. McLaughlin, deceased.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Gunter, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

By the same

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to report to this Board, what action, if any, has been taken by him to compel the Avenue D and East Broadway Railroad Company to comply with the resolution of the Common Council, approved February 25, 1875, requiring the removal of their tracks so as not to interfere with the uses of the crosswalk at the junction of Ann street and Broadway.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Blessing—

Resolved, That Josiah F. Robinson be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Gunter, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

By Alderman Gunter—

AN ORDINANCE to amend section 30, of chapter XXIV of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, relating to obstructing public streets, wharves, and piers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30 of the above-entitled ordinance is hereby amended, by inserting after the words "New York" in the third line of said section, the words "having a sidewalk less than nine feet wide," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

"SECTION 30. No person shall plant, or suffer, or permit to be planted any tree or shoot in any street in the City of New York, having a sidewalk less than nine feet wide, under the penalty of fifteen dollars for every such offense."

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By Alderman Cole—

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid at each of the intersections of Lexington avenue and Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Seventieth, and Seventy-first streets, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That Ninety-first street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set and reset, and the sidewalks flagged and reflagged, a space of four feet wide through the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Simonson—

Resignation of William H. Allcock, as Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

By the same—

Resolved, That Benjamin W. Beyea be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York, in place of William H. Allcock, resigned.

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

Was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Gunter, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

By Alderman Billings—

Whereas, The practice has prevailed from time immemorial to ring and toll the bells of the several churches in this city, for the space of half an hour or more, before each service; and

Whereas, Such a custom is not only unnecessary, because but few of the attendants upon the services lives within the sound of the bells of their respective churches, but is also positively a nuisance in a large and closely built-up city, injurious to the sick, and an annoyance to the citizens generally; and some uniform system should be adopted by which the tolling of such bells, if permitted at all, should be only for a stated period, and restricted to ten minutes previous to the hour set apart for the commencement of services in each church respectively; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Arts and Sciences be and is hereby directed to investigate the subject, and, if deemed advisable, to report an ordinance containing the provisions necessary to carry into effect the measures mentioned in the preamble to this resolution.

Alderman Lysaght moved to refer to the Committee on Law Department.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

AN ORDINANCE to prevent bears, and other noxious or dangerous animals, from going at large or being led through any streets, avenues, or public places in the City of New York.

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

SECTION 1. Any person who shall permit any bear, or other noxious or dangerous animal, to run at large, or who shall lead any such animal, with a chain or rope or other appliance, whether such animal be muzzled or unmuzzled, in any street, avenue, lane, highway, or public place within the corporate limits of this city, shall thereby incur a penalty of fifty dollars, to be imposed and collected by any police justice, in the manner now provided by law, upon arrest and complaint by any policeman, or by any civil magistrate, upon complaint being made by any citizen to the Corporation Attorney.

SEC. 2. Should it be found dangerous or difficult, by any policeman, to arrest any such person owning such noxious or dangerous animal, and, together with such animal, conveying them before any police magistrate or justice, it shall and may be, and hereby is declared to be lawful for any such policeman to kill and destroy any such animal, taking immediate measures to have the dead carcass removed, and shall report the killing, with the facts connected therewith, to the nearest magistrate, who, if he so desires, may require such statement to be made under oath.

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

SEC. 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

(G. O. 117.)

By Alderman McCarthy—

AN ORDINANCE to amend section 44 of article 4 of chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, entitled "Of pawnbrokers, dealers in second-hand articles, and keepers of junk-shops."

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

Section 1. Section 1 of article 4 of chapter 42 of the above-entitled ordinance is hereby amended by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the following: "And the owner of every such licensed cart or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, shall procure for every such cart or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, one metal badge containing the license-number of such cart or boat, and no person shall buy or sell, or solicit for the purchase or sale of any rags, bottles, old metal, or junk of any description, unless he have such badge conspicuously displayed upon his person; the form and material of such badge shall be determined by the Mayor, and a penalty of \$25 for every offense."

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Shandley—

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the northwest corner of Jackson and South streets, extending seventy feet on Jackson street, and seventy-five feet on South street, be flagged full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Strack—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Albert Naegle to erect a portico in front of his premises, No. 100 West Nineteenth street, as shown on the accompanying diagram; the work to be done at his own expense, under the di-

rection and supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works; and the permission hereby given to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Shandley—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in South street, from Jackson to Corlears street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Simonson—

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the removal of telegraph poles from the streets, avenues, and public places within the corporate limits of the City of New York, and to authorize Telegraph Companies to lay their wires under ground.

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

SECTION 1. From and after the passage of this ordinance it shall not be lawful to erect or place any telegraph pole in or upon any of the streets, avenues, or public places in the City of New York, or to keep any such telegraph pole, except those now in use, as hereafter provided, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for every such telegraph pole so erected, placed, or kept; to be recovered by the Corporation Attorney, as in the case of other penalties, for the benefit of the City Treasury.

Sec. 2. The Commissioner of Public Works is hereby directed to notify the several Telegraph Companies, individuals, or corporations now owning and using telegraph poles in the streets of this city, to remove the same forthwith, and restore the streets to as good condition as existed previous to the erection of such poles, and place the wires now suspended upon such poles, underground and beneath the surface of the carriageway in every such streets, avenues, or public places, in such manner and form as may be deemed most convenient or advisable by the owners thereof, and to that end permission is hereby granted to open every such street, avenue, or public place; provided, always, that the greatest care be taken to avoid interference with or injury to any sewer, water-pipe, or gas-pipe, now laid, or hereafter to be laid in any such street, avenue, or public place, and that in all cases where such wires shall be laid, the greatest care be taken to restore the pavements to as good condition as existed previous to such opening. Every such company, corporation, or individual, shall be responsible for any loss or damage occasioned by or arising from imperfect restoration of the street pavements, or interference or injury done to any sewer, water, or gas-pipes.

Sec. 3. Within a period of one year from the passage of this ordinance, the several companies, individuals, or corporations, owning or using the telegraph poles now standing in this city, are hereby required to have the wires of their respective lines of telegraph, placed underground, in the manner provided in sec. 2 of this ordinance, and such poles removed also in the manner therein set forth, under the penalty mentioned in sec. 1, which shall be collected and applied in the manner mentioned in said section.

Sec. 4. The telegraph poles now owned by the City, and used by the Police, and Fire Departments, shall also be removed, and the wires placed underground, as provided in section 2 of this ordinance, when an appropriation sufficient to pay the cost thereof, shall have been made and set aside for that purpose; the work to be completed within one year from the date of such appropriation.

Sec. 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Gilon—

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor, in his message of 4th January, recommended that the construction of Riverside avenue should be at once proceeded with, and in a subsequent message of the 11th February, again urged the prosecution of this work.

Whereas, The owners of property in that vicinity, who have paid heavy assessments for the land taken for the avenue, are justly entitled to have the work completed without delay.

Whereas, The construction of this avenue will give access to an extensive district, and increase the value of the property there, and thus add permanently to the amount to be annually realized from taxation.

Whereas, The prosecution of this work will afford employment to many laborers who are now out of work; and

Whereas, There is a bill now before the Legislature, the object of which is to remove a doubt whether the assessment for the work, on said avenue, can be so imposed as to be free from technical objections to its validity; therefore

Resolved, That it is of great importance to the interests of the City that the said bill, which is now in the hands of the Committee on Cities of the Assembly, should at once become a law, and that the Legislature is hereby requested to put the same upon its immediate passage.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to transmit these resolutions to the Speaker of the Assembly.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By Alderman Shandley—

Resignation of Edward J. Shandley as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

By the same—

Resolved, That John J. Taggart be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and

for the City and County of New York, in place of Edward J. Shandley, resigned.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

By the President—

(G. O. 118.)

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause the execution and delivery of a lawful lease, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and of the owner or owners of the building of the Staats Zeitung, covering the second story of that building, for the term of five years from the first of January, 1875, at the annual rent of \$12,000, to be used by the Counsel to the Corporation and his Assistants and Clerks, for the necessary and convenient transaction of the public business confided to that officer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Alderman Morris subsequently moved a reconsideration of the above reference.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

He then moved that the resolution be laid over.

By the same—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York be and are hereby tendered to the Honorable Oswald Ottendorfer for the public use, from May, 1874, to January, 1875, of the eligible rooms in the building of the Staats Zeitung occupied by the Law Department during that period, without expense to the City Treasury.

Alderman Reilly moved to refer to the Committee on Law Department.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Seery—

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to present to this Board the number of clerks employed in his office, together with their duties and compensation.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

(See page 495.)

Alderman Reilly moved to refer the communication to the Committee on Law Department.

Alderman McCarthy moved to amend by referring to the Committee on Finance.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the amendment of Alderman McCarthy.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Gilon, McCarthy, Power, Purroy, and Robinson—7.

Negative—Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, Morris, Reilly, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—13.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Reilly.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, March 18, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of the authority upon me conferred by the ordinance of the Common Council, I hereby nominate Francis Lynde Stetson and Elliott F. Shepard—two competent persons—to codify the laws of the State relating to or affecting the City and County of New York, together with the ordinances of the Common Council.

WM. H. WICKHAM,
Mayor.

Alderman Simonson moved that the nomination of the persons named in the above message be confirmed.

The President first put the question whether the Board would agree to confirm the nomination of Francis Lynde Stetson.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree to confirm the nomination of Elliott F. Shepard.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

REPORTS.

(G. O. 119.)

The Special Committee on Rapid Transit, to whom were recommended reports heretofore made by the majority and minority of the Committee, respectfully

REPORT:

That, upon more maturely considering the subject, they are still convinced that the position taken in the former report of the majority of the Committee, so far as the necessity for this mode of

transit in this City, and the desirability of performing the work by private individuals, and with private capital, is concerned, is the correct one, and that the greatest facilities should be afforded for undertaking and completing the work in this manner. These facts admitted, and it is equally clear that more time should be allowed than is provided in the act heretofore submitted, and that it should be so amended as to omit at this time all reference to the performance of the work by the City.

The reasons for such a change are obvious: the present session of the Legislature will most assuredly expire before it can be finally determined whether private capital will embark in the enterprise or not. At the ensuing election, an entirely new Legislature, both Senators and Assemblymen are to be elected, and the question can then be directly submitted to the people. Should private capitalists refuse to subscribe to the work sufficient to build and equip the road, then the question, "Shall the City, in its corporate capacity, build, own, and manage roads for rapid transit?" can be finally and definitely settled. The decision then rendered none can gainsay, and it will then become the duty of the Common Council of this City and the Legislature of this State, both elected at the same time, and for or against this issue, then so presented, to enforce it, whether favorably or adversely.

Your Committee believe their action in leaving private capitalists untrammelled for this year will be approved by your Honorable Body and the people. Should it fail to meet the demands of the public, then let the tax-payers of our City—and that means every man, woman and child in it—determine by the votes of the electors upon the question of providing rapid transit at the public expense. The act so recommended to your Committee, therefore, should be amended in conformity with the above suggestions, and accordingly your Committee respectfully recommend that the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th sections be stricken from the act, and sections 13, 14, and 15 numbered respectively, sections 7, 8, and 9, and, as amended, approved.

The following resolution is therefore respectfully offered for your adoption:

Resolved, That the Common Council does hereby approve of the accompanying act to provide for quick transit in the City of New York, and his Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to transmit the same, with this resolution, duly authenticated, and a memorial in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the Legislature of this State, praying for the passage of said act.

O. P. C. BILLINGS,
WM. L. COLE,
HENRY E. HOWLAND,
Special Committee on Rapid Transit.

AN ACT to authorize cities to provide railways for rapid transit of persons and property, and to create corporations for that purpose.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor of any city in this State is hereby authorized to nominate, and by and with the consent of the Board of Aldermen to appoint, three persons who shall be residents of such city, as Commissioners of Rapid Transit to hold office respectively for one, two and three years. The said Commissioners, or a majority thereof with the Mayor, shall have power—

1st. To fix and designate the route or routes, avenues, places, or streets to be used by a railway company, with steam or other motive power, for the rapid transit of persons and property through said city or any portion thereof, upon, under, or over the streets or avenues so designated.

2d. Legally, and in the manner required by law, to acquire the right of way used or wanted for the use of the railway in the name of the city, or in the name of such persons or corporation to whom said Mayor and Commissioners shall grant a license to use the same for carrying persons and property.

3d. To grant a license, right, and franchise upon such terms and conditions to such bidders or acceptors of proposals, or to their assigns, as the Mayor and a majority of the Commissioners shall accept and approve under their advertisement, hereinafter named, which license, right, and franchise is to be used for hauling or conveying persons and property, by the agency of steam or other motive power, through, over, upon, or under any and all streets, places, and avenues in said city, which have been designated, as above named, as the route or line for carrying persons and property. Also, to authorize the construction and maintenance of a proper road-bed in, on, or under said streets, places, and avenues, for such conveying of persons and property.

4th. To reject any bid or proposal received by said Mayor and Commissioners, and to readvertise the same for other bids, either upon the same or different terms and conditions.

5th. To fix the rate of toll or fare for carrying persons upon said line of railway.

6th. To determine the manner, form, and style of constructing and operating said line of railway.

7th. To authorize the construction and maintenance of a suitable bridge, by the accepted or successful bidders, or their assigns, across any navigable river or stream within the limits of said city, with such width of draw, and in such manner and form, and with such guard as will not seriously interfere with the navigation of such river or stream, wherever it may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of establishing a continuous line for rapid transit of persons or property through said city or any portion thereof.

Sec. 2. Whenever a majority of said Commissioners, with said Mayor, have fixed upon the line of the proposed railway, and designated the route, streets, places, or avenues, or any portion of both or either, over, under, or upon which they propose to authorize rapid transit, by steam railway or other motive power, and have filed a map and

a certificate of the same in the Mayor's office, the Mayor shall then and thereupon advertise, for at least thirty days, for proposals to purchase the license, grant, franchise, and right to build, maintain, and operate a railway with one or more tracks, over, under, or upon the lines so designated, to be operated by steam locomotive or other motive power.

And the said Mayor and a majority of the Commissioners are hereby authorized to accept the bid or proposal which shall be made, which, all things pertaining thereto being considered, shall appear to be the most advantageous for the interest of the city, and its citizens and inhabitants.

Sec. 3. To facilitate the construction of a railway for rapid transit of persons and property in cities where the steps above named have been taken, the Mayor and Aldermen of said city may procure the entire right of way for said proposed railway, either in their own name or in the name of the successful bidders, or their assigns, and may give license to use the same on the terms proposed by the Mayor and Commissioners, as above set forth.

Sec. 4. The Mayor may remove for cause a Commissioner so appointed as above provided, or, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, fill any vacancy in the number of Commissioners caused by death, removal, or inability to serve as such Commissioners.

Sec. 5. The persons making the bid or proposal which shall be accepted by the Mayor and Commissioners as above provided, or his or their associates or assigns, may at any time form themselves into a corporation, by filing articles of association in the office of the Secretary of State and in the office of the County Clerk, with such powers and privileges as may be necessary or desirable, nor contrary to, or inconsistent with the laws of the State, including the right to mortgage, with power of sale, of all or any part of their property and franchises. Upon filing such articles of association, they shall have all the powers therein enumerated, and all the rights and franchises purchased by them, by said Mayor, and Commissioners, or by any other State or municipal authority; and also all the powers, rights, privileges, and franchises, conferred upon railroad corporations by an act entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, and to regulate the same," passed April 2d, 1850; and also by all acts and parts of acts in addition or supplemental thereto, or in alteration thereof.

Sec. 6. Nothing in this act contained shall authorize the construction or operation of any railway over, along, upon or under either Broadway or the Fifth avenue, below Fifty-ninth street, in the City of New York, except to cross the same in manner and form approved by said Mayor and Commissioners, where necessary to form a continuous line of railway.

Sec. 7. The said Board of Aldermen may fix and determine the salaries to be paid to said Commissioners per annum, and the same shall be paid said Commissioners by the Comptroller or other financial agents of the said city.

Sec. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 120.)

The Committee on Roads, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of flagging Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fifth to Sixtieth street, east side, and from Fifty-fifth to Fifty-ninth street, on the west side, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the sidewalks on the east side of Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fifth to Sixtieth street, and on the west side of Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fifth to Fifty-ninth street, be flagged eight feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

WM. H. MCCARTHY,
JOHN REILLY,
GEORGE B. DEANE, JR.,
Committee on Roads.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 121.)

The Committee on Roads, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of fencing vacant lots on the southeast corner of Third avenue and Eighty-seventh street, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the southeast corner of Third avenue and Eighty-seventh street be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

WM. H. MCCARTHY,
JOHN REILLY,
GEORGE B. DEANE, JR.,
Committee on Roads.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 122.)

The Committee on Roads, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving One Hundred and Thirteenth streets, from Second avenue to Harlem river, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Second avenue to Harlem

river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

WM. MCCARTHY,
GEO. B. DEANE, JR.,
JOHN REILLY,

Committee on Roads.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 123.)

The Committee on Roads, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of filling and fencing in three sunken lots, north side of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, 323 feet east of Avenue A, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the three sunken lots on the north side of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, commencing three hundred and twenty-three feet east of Avenue A, be filled in and fenced, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

WM. H. MCCARTHY,
JOHN REILLY,
GEORGE B. DEANE,
Committee on Roads.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 124.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of flagging west sidewalk of Seventeenth street, from Avenue A to B, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the west side of Seventeenth street, between Avenues A and B, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN W. GUNTZER,
PATRICK LYSAGHT,
S. N. SIMONSON,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 125.)

The Committee on Lands and Places, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting and keeping open continuously the public urinal in Eighth street, opposite the Mercantile Library, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed opening and lighting to be necessary, only until 12 o'clock at night. They therefore recommend that the following resolution be adopted in lieu of the resolution referred to your Committee:

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be and is hereby directed to cause the public urinal located in Eighth street, opposite the Mercantile Library building, to be kept open and sufficiently lighted every night until 12 o'clock M.

PATRICK LYSAGHT,
AND. BLESSING,
GEORGE B. DEANE, JR.,
Committee on Lands and Places.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 126.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of flagging sidewalk, both sides of Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-second and Fifty-ninth streets, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the sidewalk on both sides of Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-second to Fifty-ninth street, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN W. GUNTZER,
PATRICK LYSAGHT,
S. N. SIMONSON,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 127.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of flagging sidewalk west side of Mangin street, between Rivington and Stanton streets, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the sidewalk west side of Mangin street, between Rivington and Stanton streets, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN W. GUNTZER,
S. N. SIMONSON,
PATRICK LYSAGHT,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 128.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving Sixty-eighth street, from Third to Fourth avenue, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, respectfully

REPORT :

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

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

PETER SEERY,

WM. H. MCCARTHY,

Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Repairs and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed petition of dealers in hay, asking for a modification of the ordinance of the Common Council, providing for marking the gross and net weight upon every bale of hay sold in this City, respectfully

REPORT :

That, upon examination, your Committee find that the ordinance above referred to did not go into effect until the 7th inst., and the petition for its amendment is dated February 25, 1875, and was presented in the Board of Aldermen and referred to your Committee on the 4th inst., or three days before the ordinance became operative. No opportunity had been given to test the effect of the operations of the law, and any action looking to its amendment or modification, in the absence of such test, would be unwise, if not reprehensible. If, upon trial, it appears that the ordinance bears heavily or unjustly upon the petitioners, it will then be time enough to seek a remedy.

Your Committee, therefore, respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the paper be placed on file.

EDWARD GILON,

CHESTER H. SOUTHWORTH,

JOSEPH P. STRACK,

Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 129.)

The Committee on Law Department, to whom was referred a communication from the Commissioners of Police, hereto annexed, transmitting a form of lease of premises for the Police Force of the Thirtieth Precinct as a station-house, for approval by the Mayor and Common Council, as provided in section 49, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, respectfully

REPORT :

That, in the opinion of your Committee, no better or more advantageous arrangement can be made for providing a station-house, lodging-house, and prison for the Police of the Thirtieth Precinct (Manhattanville). The terms are moderate, the premises the best adapted for the purpose of any building that can be obtained near the centre of the Precinct, and is every way well suited for the purposes intended.

Your Committee, therefore, respectfully offer for your adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Common Council, as provided in section 49 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, authorize and approve of the action taken by the Board of Police of the Police Department of the City of New York in leasing premises for the Police of the Thirtieth Precinct from John Theiss, for a period of five years, from May 1, 1875, at an annual rent of one thousand four hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,450.00), and hereby directs that such authorization and approval be indorsed upon the copy of lease hereto annexed, and then transmitted to the Board of Police of the Police Department of the City of New York.

HENRY D. PURROY,

O. P. C. BILLINGS,

E. J. SHANDLEY,

Committee on Law Department.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 130.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of having gas-mains and street-lamps lighted north side of Sixty-first street, between Broadway and Ninth avenue, respectfully

REPORT :

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

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid and street-lamps lighted on the north side of Sixty-first street, between Broadway and Ninth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

JOHN REILLY,

JOHN J. MORRIS,

E. J. SHANDLEY,

Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 131.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the accompanying petition of owners of property, and residents, in and near Amity street, in the Fifteenth Ward, to have the name of said street changed to West Third street, respectfully

REPORT :

That they have examined the subject so referred, and are of the opinion the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. The petition clearly and concisely sets forth the reasons for making the change,

and your Committee fully concur in every reason therein given. The following resolutions are, therefore, respectfully offered for your adoption.

Resolved, That Amity street, from Broadway to Sixth avenue, shall hereafter be known and designated as West Third street; and be it further Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and is hereby authorized and directed to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing resolution.

JOHN REILLY,

E. J. SHANDLEY,

JOHN J. MORRIS,

Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 132.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of erecting a street-lamp on the southwest corner of Broadway and Fulton street, respectfully

REPORT :

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

Resolved, That a street-lamp and post be erected on the southwest corner of Broadway and Fulton street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN REILLY,

JOHN J. MORRIS,

E. J. SHANDLEY,

Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution to have the room heretofore occupied as the chamber of the Board of Aldermen fitted up for the use of the Corporation Council, respectfully

REPORT :

That, upon examination and consultation with that officer, they find the room entirely too small for the requirements of his office, as will appear by the annexed communication. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the papers be placed on file.

JOHN REILLY,

JOHN J. MORRIS,

E. J. SHANDLEY,

Committee on Public Works.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE

COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,

NEW YORK, March 13, 1875.

The Honorable Mr. REILLY, Mr. SHANDLEY, and Mr. MORRIS, Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—It appears in the official report of the late meeting of the Honorable the Board of Aldermen that a resolution was referred to your Committee to the effect that this office should be removed to the room heretofore occupied as the chamber of the Board of Aldermen.

While this office, with the enormous and unprecedented business thrown upon it, was crowded into dark and inconvenient rooms in Nassau street, I desired its removal into the City Hall or the County Court-house. It appeared, however, that the desired accommodation could not be obtained. I then made application to a large number of buildings in the vicinity of the Courts, and could find no suitable rooms except in the building of the Staats Zeitung. Alderman Ottendorfer consented to the use of offices in that building, without compensation, from the 1st of May, 1874, to the 1st of January, 1875, making, however, no demand or even request that the City should enter into a lease after the 1st of January, when he would cease to be a public officer and could legally receive rent for the premises.

The office of the Counsel to the Corporation has been conducted, since my term commenced and for a long period prior to that time, without any expense for rent. In my judgment it is for the interest of the public business that rooms in this building should be occupied for the business of this office, for diligent investigation and inquiry have failed to discover any other place where suitable accommodation can be had. In my judgment, also, it would be treating the bounty of Alderman Ottendorfer most unjustly and unfairly to remove from this building under the circumstances, involving, as such removal would, the use of the premises, not only before but since the 1st of January, without either direct or indirect compensation to him.

In addition to these considerations, no one who shall make himself acquainted with the business and requirements of this office, having reference only to the public service, can, for a moment, suppose that the late chamber of the Board of Aldermen could accommodate the public business intrusted to this Department.

I write this letter simply and only upon public grounds. It is my plain duty to ask you to investigate the matter, as public servants. So far as I am concerned, I have no personal wishes on the subject. If I should continue to hold this office, my own personal convenience would be promoted by a location in the City Hall or the Court-house, where many steps and much time would be saved to me; but the proper accommodation of the clerks of this office (who work many more hours than any other employees of the City), together with the public business and the public convenience, should be considered. If your Committee should desire it, I will wait upon the Committee for the purpose of giving further facts and explanations; and if the Committee, or any member of it, should visit this office, the whole matter can be easily comprehended in all its practical operations.

With these suggestions my duty in the premises is performed, unless your Honorable Body should further call upon me.

I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

E. DELAFIELD SMITH,

Counsel to the Corporation.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 133.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed communication from the Police Department, transmitting a form of renewal of lease of premises in New street, for the Police Force of the First Precinct, for approval by the Mayor and Common Council, as provided in section 49 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, respectfully

REPORT :

That, your Committee, after an inspection of the premises, are of opinion that no better arrangement can be made in the interests of the City, and that when certain needed improvements and alterations are made in the interior of the building, by which the ventilation will be improved, will answer every requirement. Your Committee recommend that such improvements be made at once, a proper regard for the health and comfort of the inmates seeming to require it.

The following resolution is, therefore, respectfully offered for your adoption :

Resolved, That this Common Council, as provided in section 49 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, authorize and approve of the action taken by the Board of Police of the Police Department of the City of New York, in renewal of lease of premises Nos. 52 and 54 New street, for a period of five years from May 1, 1875, at an annual rental of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500), as a station-house for the Police Force of the First Precinct, and hereby directs that such authorization and approval be indorsed upon the copy of renewal of lease, hereto annexed, and then transmitted to the Board of Police of the Police Department of the City of New York.

JOHN REILLY,

JOHN J. MORRIS,

E. J. SHANDLEY,

Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 134.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of placing and lighting three lamps in front of chapel in Thirtieth street, east of Third avenue, respectfully

REPORT :

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

Resolved, That three lamps be placed and lighted in front of the Memorial Chapel of Madison Square Presbyterian Church on Thirtieth street, east of Third avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

JOHN REILLY,

JOHN J. MORRIS,

E. J. SHANDLEY,

Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 135.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of regulating, grading, curbing, guttering, and flagging Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-ninth to Seventy-second street, respectfully

REPORT :

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

Resolved, That Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-ninth to Seventy-second street, be regulated, graded, curb and gutter stones set, and sidewalks flagged, full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN REILLY,

JOHN J. MORRIS,

E. J. SHANDLEY,

Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
March 13, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 112, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Common Council, from January 1 to December 31, 1875, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation :

Title of Appropriations.	Amount of Appropriations.	Payments.
City Contingencies.	\$5,000 00
Contingencies, Clerk of the Common Council.	500 00
Salaries, Common Council.	109,000 00	18,179 85

ABM. L. EARLE,

Deputy Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Corporation Counsel :

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE
COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, March 16, 1875.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—The petition of Griffith Rowe, asking a quit-claim deed from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to a certain gore of land adjoining the north side of Fifty-second street, between Fifth and Madison avenues, together with the report of the Law Committee of the

Common Council thereon, and a memorandum referring the matter to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion thereon, have been duly received and examined.

The facts appear to be, that, by a change in the plan of the streets of the City, a small gore was cut from the lots fronting on the south side of Fifty-third street, and a similar gore left between Fifty-second street and the lots fronting on the north side thereof, between Fifth and Madison avenues. To regulate the streets and bring the said lots to the street line, an exchange was made by which the Mayor, etc., conveyed to the executors of Charles McEvers the gore on Fifty-second street in consideration of a like grant to the City by the said executors of the gore on Fifty-third street. These deeds are recorded.

Griffith Rowe, by a claim of title from the heirs of Charles McEvers, acquired the lots on Fifty-second street herein referred to. A purchaser from him has conceived the idea that the title conveyed to said executors was not valid, which question was the cause of the above-mentioned petition. Whether or not that title was good is of no particular importance so far as the City is concerned, for it agreed and essayed to convey a good title in consideration of the grant to it of the Fifty-third street gore. No harm can come from making a new deed to this gore, and it may save an expensive suit between the parties, to establish a title which, though probably good, and good in any case against the City, has raised some doubt among lawyers. It will be an honorable and equitable proceeding for the City to make the deed as requested.

In my opinion, the deeds to the gore on Fifty-second street, referred to in the petition, should be made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York to James E. Roosevelt and Griffith Rowe, as desired in Mr. Rowe's petition.

I am, gentlemen,

Respectfully yours,

E. DELAFIELD SMITH,

Counsel to the Corporation.

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Billings moved the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions reported by the Committee on Law Department :

Whereas, By deed bearing date November 13, 1848, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York did convey to the executors of Charles McEvers, deceased, the gore of land caused by changing the lines of Fifty-second street, lying between the northerly line of Fifty-second street and the southerly line of lot No. 68 of the common lands of the City of New York; and

Whereas, Griffith Rowe, by divers mesne conveyances from said executors, has become owner in fee of all that portion of said gore extending from a point on the northerly side of Fifty-second street, distant two hundred and fifty feet easterly from the northeasterly corner of Fifty-second street and Fifth avenue to a point on said northerly side of Fifty-second street, distant three hundred feet easterly from said corner; and

Whereas, James A. Roosevelt, by like mesne conveyances, has become owner in fee of that portion of said gore extending from a point on the northerly side of said street, distant two hundred feet easterly from said corner to a point on said street, distant two hundred and twenty-five feet east of said corner; and

Whereas, It is contended that said deed to the executors of Charles McEvers should have been made to the heirs instead of the executors, in consequence whereof the titles of said Griffith Rowe and James A. Roosevelt have been questioned; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council of the City of New York be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute to said Griffith Rowe and James A. Roosevelt, in the name of said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, quit-claim deeds of the portions of said gore owned by said Rowe and Roosevelt respectively as aforesaid.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Gunter, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Robinson, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—17.
Negative—Aldermen Blessing, Reilly, and Seery—3.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Board here proceeded to the consideration of the special order of the day, being G. O. No. 97, as follows :

Resolved, That sewers, with the necessary receiving-basins and culverts, be built in Eighth avenue, where not already done, from Sixty-ninth street to the Harlem river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected not voting in favor thereof) :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Gunter, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Seery, Shandley, and Strack—14.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Deane, Morris, Robinson, Simonson, and Southworth—6.

Alderman Reilly moved a reconsideration of the above vote.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

He then moved that the paper be again laid over.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Strack called up

G. O. 110,

being an ordinance, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE for the Licensing of City Railroad Passenger Cars.

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

Sec. 1. Each and every passenger railroad car, running in the City of New York shall pay into the City Treasury the sum of fifty dollars, annually, for a license; a certificate of such payment to be procured from the Mayor, except the one-horse passenger cars, and the cars of the Ninth Avenue Railroad Company, which shall each pay the sum of twenty-five dollars, annually, for said license as aforesaid, and except such as pay the sum of three per cent. or over on the gross receipts, or where the franchise has been sold at public sale to the highest bidder.

Sec. 2. Each certificate of payment of license shall be affixed to some conspicuous place in the car, that it may be inspected by the proper officer, to be designated and appointed by the Mayor.

Sec. 3. To every passenger car run upon any of the railroads without the proper certificate of license, the proprietor or proprietors thereof shall be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars, to be recovered by the Corporation Attorney, as in the case of other penalties, and for the benefit of the City Treasury.

Sec. 4. Chapter XLI. of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall go into effect immediately.

Alderman Gilon moved to amend by inserting in section 3, after the words "fifty dollars," the words "for each day every such car shall be so run."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said ordinance as amended.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

Alderman Strack called up

G. O. 109,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the north side of Sixty-ninth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, and on the east side of Lexington avenue, between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

Alderman Blessing called up

G. O. 89,

being resolutions, as follows:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor and the President of the Board of Aldermen be and are hereby authorized to assign and apportion rooms in the City Hall to the Bureau of Permits, the Commissioner of Accounts, and the CITY RECORD, and to apportion rooms to such officers of the Department of Public Works as may be affected by such assignment.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause said apartments to be refitted, refurnished, and altered in such manner, and to such an extent as may be determined upon by the said Mayor and the President of the Board of Aldermen, and under their direction and supervision, the expense to be taken from the appropriation for "Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Southworth, and Strack—19.

Alderman Reilly called up

G. O. 107,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Eighty-fourth street, from Madison to Fifth avenue, be flagged and reflagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

Alderman Seery called up

G. O. 111,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the sewer in Centre street, between Pearl and Canal streets, be rebuilt, connections made anew with the present receiving-basins and culverts, and new basins and culverts, where necessary, be constructed, by day's work, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—19.

Negative—Alderman Deane—1.

Alderman Seery called up

G. O. 116,

being the Rules and Orders of the Board reported by the Special Committee.

The Rules having been read by the Clerk, Alderman Gilon moved that the Board consider the rules separately.

Alderman Billings moved to amend by providing that the Rules be called in numerical order, and, if objection be considered, adopted.

Which was accepted by Alderman Gilon.

Rule VI. Alderman Billings moved to amend by inserting the word "and" in lieu of the word "or" in the first line.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Rule VIII. Alderman Reilly moved to amend by striking out the words "two-thirds," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "majority."

Alderman Deane, as an amendment to the amendment, moved to strike out the whole of Rule VIII.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Deane.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Deane, Morris, Simonson, and Southworth—4.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, and Strack—16.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the amendment of Alderman Reilly.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—17.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Gilon, and Purroy—3.

Rule XI. Alderman McCarthy moved to amend by striking out the words "who voted on the prevailing side of the question."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Rule XI. Alderman Blessing moved to amend by striking out the word "once," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twice" after the words "more than."

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

Which was decided in the negative.

Rule XXVII. Alderman Strack moved to amend by striking out the words "a member," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three members."

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

Which was decided in the negative.

Rule XXVII. Alderman Cole moved to amend by striking out the letter "a" before the word "member," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "the."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Rule XXIX. Alderman McCarthy moved to amend by striking out the word "ballot," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "resolution."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Rule XXXII. Alderman Billings moved to amend by inserting, after the word "printed," the words "in document form."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Rule XXXIV. Alderman McCarthy moved to amend by striking from sub-division 14 the words "and Park Department," and by striking out the whole of sub-divisions 15, 16, and 17.

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

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Cole, McCarthy, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—5.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, and Strack—15.

Rule XXXIV. Alderman Morris moved to amend by adding to sub-division 10 the words "bridges and tunnels."

Alderman McCarthy moved to amend the mo-

tion of Alderman Morris by striking out the whole of sub-division 10.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Morris to add "bridges and tunnels" to sub-division 10.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree to adopt the Rules and Orders as amended.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

Alderman Purroy called up

G. O. 112,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving-basins and culverts, be built in Thirty-sixth street, from the Eleventh avenue to the North river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—19.

Alderman Purroy called up

G. O. 115,

being resolutions, as follows:

Resolved, That this Board respectfully ask of the Legislature the passage, with such amendments as may be proper, of the bill now before the Legislature authorizing the Greenwich Elevated Railway Company to extend its route and improve its road.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly authenticated, be forwarded to the Senate and Assembly as the memorial of this Board of Aldermen, on the subject therein referred to.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—20.

REPORTS RESUMED.

Alderman Purroy here re-presented a report of the minority of the Special Committee on Rapid Transit, made to this Board on the 4th instant, and recommended to the Committee on the 11th instant.

(G. O. 119.)

The undersigned, members of the Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the message of his Honor the Mayor on the subject of rapid transit, respectfully beg leave to

REPORT:

Recognizing the great importance of the subject committed to its charge, the Committee held numerous public sessions, which were attended by many prominent citizens, the exposition of whose views clearly demonstrate that they had given to the question of rapid transit long and careful study. The same diversity of opinion as to the mode of obtaining the desired result was exemplified before the Committee as has been shown in the various acts already introduced in the Legislature. But, from the weight of argument produced before us, and from our individual judgments, based upon such arguments, as well as from what we believe to be the conviction of a majority of the people of this City, the undersigned have come to the conclusion that the best and only plan to secure the speedy attainment of rapid transit in this City is the construction of an East and West side double-track road, with intersecting lines of communication, to be built, owned, and operated as a public work.

In our opinion, what this City needs is not merely rapid transit; it must be cheap as well as rapid—so that the poorer classes of this community, which we believe to be more deeply interested than any other in this matter, may be able to take advantage of the benefits of the road. It was the expressed opinion of many (we think of a majority) of those who appeared before your Committee, that this need could be supplied only by the City building the road; because, in that case, the rates of fare would be regulated, not by the insatiable greed of private capital, but by the cost and expense of the road, making, of course, allowance for a fair remuneration to the City Treasury.

In these opinions the undersigned fully and heartily concur.

But what has had most weight in bringing us to the conclusion above set forth, is that from all that we have heard and read, as members of this Committee, we are forced to the firm belief that cheap and rapid transit never will be accomplished unless it be as a City work. In support of this belief we point to the experience of the past, always the safest guide for future action.

For more than twenty years the Legislature of this State has been earnestly entreated, session after session, to confer this boon, through private enterprise, upon our long-suffering people. Yet the sad fact is apparent, that to-day we are as far as ever from the attainment of the end so much

desired. Charters have been granted to private companies, each one of which, it was claimed by its supporters when presented, would surely cut this Gordian knot; but, no sooner was it attempted to carry out the powers conferred therein, than unforeseen obstacles arose on all sides, and dampers were thrown on the honest effort, such as to effectually extinguish the faint sparks of hope which had been temporarily kindled in the breasts of our expectant people.

Not only was this the case, but in the opinion of the undersigned, charters for private companies have been sought for and obtained from the Legislature, the express purpose and result of which have been to prevent the accomplishment of what was pretended to be the very aim and end of such charters—rapid transit. While the Legislature has been thus sporting with the public interest of our City, it is a notorious fact that New York has suffered, both in population and wealth, an incalculable loss; while New Jersey, Long Island, and Connecticut have gained at our expense; because, to reach points therein, distant more than fifty miles from the City Hall, has become far easier, and, in a sense, cheaper, than to travel, by our present means of transportation, the short length of this City.

It has been stated that no charter has yet been granted under which private capital could hope to successfully build a road and remunerate itself. This may indeed be so; but the undersigned are at a loss to understand why there is any better reason for them to expect kinder treatment at the hands of the Legislature to-day (a vast majority of which reside far from New York City) than there was at any time during the last twenty years. We have been informed that on the Committee on Railroads of the present Senate there is not one member from our City. In short, we have been forced to conclude that the only power which can successfully grapple with and overthrow the combined forces of the numerous wealthy corporations and individuals, who are a unit in opposition to the solution of this question, is the strong arm of our Municipal Government.

It has been argued that for the City to build the road, it will be necessary to permanently increase our present heavy debt, and thus impose additional burden upon already oppressed people. To say nothing of the immeasurable benefits which would be sure to follow the outlay, we think that this argument must surely fall to the ground if it can be shown that the City, by engaging in this undertaking, will, instead of losing, be able, in a comparatively short period, not only to pay off all the cost of the road, but also to secure a large yearly revenue for the City Treasury. It has been heretofore a mooted question whether a rapid transit railroad would pay an adequate return upon the capital invested in its construction. A careful and exhaustive examination of this question has recently been made by the American Society of Civil Engineers, who, in their report of February 3, 1875, append a tabulated statement of the profits to be derived from rapid transit, calculated upon the basis of the business done by the present horse-car companies of this City. We beg leave to refer to that statement, beginning at page sixty-five of said report. We consider that it is there clearly demonstrated that rapid transit in this City would, after covering the original cost of the road, pay a handsome return upon the capital invested therein. The undersigned believe that one of the chief reasons which has deterred private capital from this undertaking is the well-founded belief that when a road is built the same will be found so remunerative that competition will spring up on every side, and, consequently, a corresponding decrease will take place in the returns of the road first built. This danger would be avoided by the City building the road, for, in that event, the monopoly of the business, as in the case of the Croton water, would be in its own hands. We have failed to learn why, if private capital can undertake this work and repay itself, the City is not much better situated for the accomplishment of the same result; on the contrary, we believe that the City enjoys very great advantages over private capital.

The statement has been also made (and this seems to be the great objection to the City undertaking this work) that it would be unsafe to intrust the expenditure of the necessary funds to the hands of any political body. While, no doubt, the public mind has not as yet recovered from the shock received from the disclosure of the Ring frauds, yet, upon sober reflection, it will be seen that these were, in a great measure, the result of circumstances never likely again to occur, as well as of the looseness of the then existing laws, and the lack of interest taken by the public in the management of the City's affairs.

Since then stringent laws have been enacted, under which every facility is afforded for the investigation of public affairs and public officials, and severe penalties prescribed for frauds upon the public treasury.

But it should be borne in mind that the management of this whole matter would, in all likelihood be placed in the hands of three Commissioners, to be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Board of Aldermen, and to be removed by the Mayor for cause. Their terms of office might be made short, the security required for the faithful performance of their duties ample, and they might properly be held to the very strictest accountability. The manner of running the road and of collecting its revenues would rest entirely with them. We think it safe to presume that none but the most trustworthy citizens would be selected by the Mayor, or confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, for the performance of these onerous duties.

In connection with the objection last mentioned, it will not be, perhaps, out of place to here refer to some of the important works heretofore constructed by City, State, and National Governments.

The Erie canal has been the means of handing down to imperishable fame the name of him who secured its construction, and, together with the other State canals, has, despite the speculations

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, March 17, 1875.

FRAME BUILDING ON CENTRAL PARK.

PROPOSALS IN SEALED ENVELOPES WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, until 9:30 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 1875, when they will be publicly opened, for the construction and erection of all the Wood, Carpenter, Tin, Glaziers, and other work necessary for the erection of a building on the Central Park, near Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, in accordance with the drawings and specifications for the same, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent Architect, at the above address. The building is to be completed on or before August 1, 1875.

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 residences being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of two thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal.

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 or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, 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 before a Judge of a Court of Record in the County of New York.

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the terms of the contract (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 to Erect Building for Animals."

H. G. STEBBINS, President,
WILLIAM R. MARTIN,
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
THOMAS E. STEWART,
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, March 17, 1875.

POLICE UNIFORMS.

PROPOSALS IN SEALED ENVELOPES WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, until 9:30 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 1875, when they will be publicly opened for 84 Uniform Body Coats,
1 Uniform Blouse,
85 Uniform Summer Pantaloon,

made according to specifications and samples, which can be seen at the above address.

All the uniforms to be delivered complete according to specifications on or before May 15, 1875.

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 residences 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.

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 or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, 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 before a Judge of a Court of Record in the County of New York.

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the terms of the contract (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 Uniforms."

H. G. STEBBINS, President,
WILLIAM R. MARTIN,
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
THOMAS E. STEWART,
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, March 17, 1875.

1,000 CUBIC YARDS OF BROKEN STONE.

PROPOSALS IN SEALED ENVELOPES WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, until 9:30 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 1875, when they will be publicly opened, for the delivery of one thousand cubic yards of Broken Stone, suitable for repairing macadamized roads, at such places in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, in such quantities and at such times as shall be required, and according to specifications which can be seen at the above address.

The stone must be of the size known as "pea size." The following are the probable places at which delivery shall be required, but the said Department does not restrict itself absolutely to those places, viz:

400 cubic yards at Port Morris.
300 " " " Devoe's Dock, West Farms.
300 " " " W. G. Ackerman's Dock, Kingsbridge.

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 residences 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.

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 or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, 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 before a Judge of a Court of Record in the County of New York.

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the terms of the contract (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 Broken Stone."

H. G. STEBBINS, President,
WILLIAM R. MARTIN,
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
THOMAS E. STEWART,
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, March 18, 1875.

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

At Industrial School, Hart's Island, March 16, 1875—Samuel Welter; committed June 14 1872. He said he had a sister living on Staten Island, but did not know the place.

By Order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, March 17, 1875.

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

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, March 16, 1875—Catherine Plunkett; admitted April 2, 1873; age 32 years; 4 feet 11 1/2 inches high; brown hair; grey eyes; no clothes. There has been no person to visit her, nor could any information be obtained of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

At New York Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, March 14, 1875—William F. Lingham; age 32 years; 5 feet 5 1/2 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Was dressed in black frock coat, dark striped pants, black vest, dark brown woolen shirt, and felt hat. This patient was transferred from City Prison without address of friends. There has been no person to visit him, nor could any information be obtained of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

By Order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, March 15, 1875.

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

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, March 12, 1875—Elizabeth (alias) Jane Price, transferred from Alms House December 30, 1874; age 50 years; 5 feet 4 1/2 inches high; gray eyes; brown hair. Had on black dress, cotton-flannel petticoat, shoes. There has been no person to visit her nor could any information be obtained of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By Order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, March 13, 1875.

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

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, March 12, 1875—Catherine Burns, age 50 years; 4 feet 11 inches high; gray hair; blue eyes. Was dressed in water-proof cloak, red petticoat, calico wrapper, chemise and hood (all old), no shoes or stockings. This patient was transferred from Bellevue Hospital, February 18, 1875. There has been no person to visit her, nor could any information be obtained of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVE. AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, March 11, 1875.

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

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, March 9, 1875—Margaret Coyle, aged 71 years; 4 feet 8 inches high; light hair and eyes. This patient was transferred from Alms-house, April 12, 1869. There has been no person to visit her nor could any information be obtained of her friends or relatives. She had no clothes of her own. No effects found on her person.

At New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, March 5, 1875—Jacob Hoffman, aged 36 years; 5 feet 7 1/2 inches high; dark brown hair; grey eyes. This patient was transferred from old Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, June 22, 1872, and had on Corporation clothes. The usual death notice was sent to a friend's address who has visited him, but he could not be found. No effects found on his person.

By order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, March 15, 1875.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, 300 Mulberry street, room 39, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Furniture, male and female clothing, gold and silver watch, watch chains, rings, plated ware, coffee, liquor, boats, wagon, revolvers, brooms, burial robes, lap robe, and small lot of money.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 39,
NEW YORK, February 27, 1875.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property, now in his custody without claimants: Two barrels fish, robe, lot furniture, six trunks and contents, carpet, kid gloves, lace collars, sewing machine, lot coats, pants, dresses, etc., gold and silver watches, remnant silk, worsted goods, shoes, uppers and muslin, ribbons, ten revolvers, tea, coffee, opera glass, wagon, harness, cash, female clothing, etc.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, March 2, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED NOVEMBER 18, 1874.

Opening and widening Kingsbridge road, from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to the Harlem river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before the first day of May, 1875, 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.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, February 5, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED JANUARY 5, 1875.

Opening a new street, running parallel to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, from Kingsbridge road, across Tenth avenue, to the Boulevard, near the Harlem river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before the 6th day of April, 1875, 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. until 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, February 1, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED DECEMBER 2, 1874.

Opening Tenth avenue, from a point 10,353 feet north-easterly from the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to Eleventh avenue.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before the 2d day of April, 1875, 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.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, February 18, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED FEBRUARY 5, 1875.

Regulating, grading, setting curb, gutters and flagging Seventy-fifth street, from Fifth avenue to the East river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before the 19th day of April, 1875, 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.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, Feb. 9, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED JANUARY 14, 1875.

Forty-third street, paving, between Madison avenue and the Grand Central Railroad Depot, or Vanderbilt avenue.

Fifty-seventh street, paving, between Second and Lexington avenues.

Eightieth street, paving, between Madison and Fifth avenues.

Second avenue, paving, between Sixty-sixth and Eighty-sixth streets.

Third avenue, curb, gutter, and flagging (west side), between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-ninth streets.

Eighty-sixth street, regulating, grading, setting curb, gutter, and flagging, four feet wide, from Eighth avenue to the River Drive.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before April 10, 1875, 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.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Avenue A, from One Hundredth street to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, in the City of New York.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES OF THE State of New York, in such case made and provided, the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby gives notice that the Counsel to the Corporation of said City will apply to the Supreme Court, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the New Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1875, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter.

E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from the westerly line of the Kingsbridge road, to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, from the westerly line of the Road or Public Drive, near the Harlem river, to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from the westerly line of the Kingsbridge road, to the Hudson river; and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from the westerly line of the Road or Public Drive, near the Harlem river, to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES OF THE State of New York, in such case made and provided, the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby gives notice that the Counsel to the Corporation of said City will apply to the Supreme Court, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in the Chambers thereof, in the New Court-house, in the City of New York, on the twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1875, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from the westerly line of the Kingsbridge road to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, from the westerly line of the Road or Public Drive, near the Harlem river, to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from the westerly line of Kingsbridge road to the Hudson river; and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from the westerly line of the Road or Public Drive, near the Harlem river, to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue, in the City of New York, as said streets are shown and delineated on a certain map made by John J. Serrell, Civil and Topographical Engineer for the Central Park Commissioners, and by them ordered filed May 13, 1869, and filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on the 27th day of May, 1869.

E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Seventy-third street, from the easterly line of Fifth avenue, to the East river, in the City of New York.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES OF THE State of New York, in such case made and provided, the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby gives notice that the Counsel to the Corporation of said City will apply to the Supreme Court, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the New Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1875, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the opening of Seventy-third street, from Fifth avenue to the East river, in the City of New York, as laid out on the map or plan of said City, under and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes," passed April 3, 1867.

E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row.

New York, February 27, 1875.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Docks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the acquisition of right and title to the upper or easterly half of Pier No. 12, East river, in the City of New York.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT of Docks, in the name and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an 'Act to reorganize the City of New York,' passed April 5, 1870," passed April 18, 1871, three-fifths being present; and of an Act of said Legislature, entitled "An Act to reorganize the Local Government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and of an Act of said Legislature, entitled "An Act to amend an Act of said Legislature, entitled 'An Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act,' passed April 20, 1839; and of an Act of said Legislature, entitled 'An Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act,' passed April 9, 1813; and of an Act of said Legislature, entitled 'An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets and roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes,' passed April 3, 1867: Hereby give notice that they will apply, through the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, to the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District of the State of New York, at a Special Term of the Court, to be held in the New Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1875, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquiring of right and title for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the upper or easterly half of Pier No. 12, East river, in the City of New York.

E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Sixty-fifth street, from Third avenue to the East river, in the City of New York.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES OF THE State of New York, in such case made and provided, the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby gives notice that the Counsel to the Corporation of said City will apply to the Supreme Court, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in the Chambers thereof, in the New Court-house, in the City of New York, on the twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1875, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the opening of Sixty-fifth street, from Third avenue to the East river, in the City of New York, as laid out on the map or plan of said City, under and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets and roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes," passed April 3, 1867.

E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row.

New York, February 27, 1875.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,
No. 8 CITY HALL.

THE STATED SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF Aldermen will be held in their Chamber, room No. 15, City Hall, on Thursday of each week, at 2 o'clock, P.M.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS,
President.FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,
Clerk.OFFICE CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL,
No. 8 CITY HALL.

NEW YORK, January 9, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE COMPTROLLER, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Corporation Counsel, and the President of each Department of the City Government, pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, that the Board of Aldermen have designated Thursday of each week, at 2 o'clock P. M., as the time for holding the regular meetings of the Board.

The Board meets in Room No. 15, City Hall.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,
Clerk.BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
NEW YORK, February 27, 1875.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE WILL MEET hereafter every Wednesday, at 3 o'clock P. M., at No. 9 City Hall, for the transaction of such public business as may be referred to the Committee.

MAGNUS GROSS,
W. L. COLE,
PATRICK LYSAGHT,
S. B. H. VANCE,
JOHN J. MORRIS,
Committee on Finance.FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,
Clerk.BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
NEW YORK, February 4, 1875.

THE COMMITTEE ON FERRIES WILL MEET every Monday, at No. 9, City Hall, at 2 o'clock, for the consideration of all subjects referred to the consideration of the Committee.

ROBERT POWER,
JOHN REILLY,
HENRY E. HOWLAND,
Committee on Ferries.F. J. TWOMEY,
Clerk.BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
NEW YORK, January 30, 1875.

THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at No. 9 City Hall, for the transaction of such business as may be referred to the Committee.

J. W. GUNTZER,
PATRICK LYSAGHT,
S. N. SIMONSON,
Committee on Streets.FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,
Clerk.OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,
No. 8 CITY HALL.

NEW YORK, January 15, 1875.

NOTICE.—THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC Works of the Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday, at 3 P. M., in Room No. 9, City Hall, for the consideration of such subjects as may have been referred for its action.

JOHN REILLY,
EDWARD J. SHANDLEY,
JOHN J. MORRIS,
Committee on Public Works.FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,
Clerk.OFFICE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,
No. 8 CITY HALL.

NEW YORK, January 20, 1875.

NOTICE.—THE COMMITTEE ON STREET Pavements of the Board of Aldermen will meet hereafter every Wednesday, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 9, City Hall, for the consideration of such subjects as may have been referred to the Committee.

PETER SEERY,
WM. H. MCCARTHY,
CHESTER H. SOUTHWORTH,
Committee on Street Pavements.FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,
Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET.

NEW YORK, January 2, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOOKS of Annual Record of the assessments upon the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New York, for the year 1875, will be open for inspection and revision, on and after Monday, January 11, 1875, and will remain open until the 30th day of April, 1875, inclusive, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate.

All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners during the period above mentioned, in order to obtain the relief provided by law.

By order of the Board,

ALBERT STORER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 1875, and until 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, for the Desks, Seats, and other Furniture required for the new Primary School Building on First street, between First and Second avenues.

Sealed proposals will also be received, at the same time and place, for the Steam Heating Apparatus for said building.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this City, will be required from each successful bidder.

Proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

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

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

ROBERT A. BARRY, M. D.,
ADAM WEBER,
OWEN MURPHY,
FREDERIC C. WAGNER,
HENRY MERZ,
Board of School Trustees, Seventeenth Ward.

Dated New York, March 8, 1875.

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE OBTAINED at No. 2 City Hall (northwest corner basement). Price three cents each.

CORPORATION NOTICES.

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

No. 1. Paving Seventh avenue, with Telford-Macadam pavement, from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street; also for setting the curb-stone, and flagging a space four feet wide through the sidewalks thereof.

No. 2. Belgian pavement in First avenue, from Sixty-first to Ninety-second street.

No. 3. Belgian pavement in Seventy-first street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard.

No. 4. Belgian pavement in Third street, from Goerck street to Pier foot of Third street.

No. 5. Belgian pavement in Fifty-sixth street, between First avenue and East river.

No. 6. Regulating and grading Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river.

No. 7. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging eight feet wide in Seventy-third street, from Eighth avenue to Hudson river.

No. 8. Regulating, grading, setting curb, gutter, and flagging Seventy-seventh street, between Ninth avenue and Boulevard.

No. 9. Sewer in Attorney street, between Grand and Broome streets.

No. 10. Receiving-basin on northwest corner of One Hundred and Sixteenth street and St. Nicholas avenue.

No. 11. Flagging southerly side of One Hundred and Twenty-first street (full width), between First avenue and Avenue A.

No. 12. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging Madison avenue, from Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Twentieth street (third section, from One Hundred and Fifth to One Hundred and Twentieth street).

The limits embraced by such Assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 2. Both sides of First avenue, from Sixty-first to Ninety-second street, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 3. Both sides of Seventy-first street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 4. Both sides of Third street, from Goerck to Tompkins street, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 5. Both sides of Fifty-first street, from First avenue to the East river, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 6. Both sides of Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 7. Both sides of Seventy-third street, from Eighth avenue to Hudson river, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 8. Both sides of Seventy-seventh street, from Ninth avenue to the Boulevard, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 9. Both sides of Attorney street, between Grand and Broome streets.

No. 10. North side of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, from Avenue St. Nicholas to Eighth avenue; and west side of St. Nicholas avenue, between One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Seventeenth streets.

No. 11. All the property on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, from Avenue A to First avenue.

No. 12. Both sides of Madison avenue, from Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Twentieth street, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

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 Thomas B. Asten, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,
JOHN MCHARG,
VALENTINE S. WOODRUFF,
JOHN MULLALLY,
Board of Assessors.OFFICE, BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW YORK, Mar. 15, 1875.

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

No. 1. Regulating, grading, curb, gutter, and flagging Madison avenue, from One Hundred and Fifth to One Hundred and Twentieth street. [Third section, from Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Twentieth street.]

No. 2. Regulating, grading, curb, gutter, and flagging Seventy-seventh street, between Ninth avenue and the Boulevard.

No. 3. Basin on the north side of Twentieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

No. 4. Sewer on east side of Hudson street, between Spring and Vandam streets.

No. 5. Flagging Seventy-third street, from Eighth avenue to the Hudson river.

No. 6. Regulating, grading, laying Belgian pavement, and crosswalks, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging and repaving and relaying crosswalks, resetting curb and gutter stones, and relaying Broadway, from Thirty-second to Fifty-ninth street, as widened and straightened.

No. 7. Outlet Sewer in One Hundred and Tenth street, from Harlem river to Fifth avenue, to One Hundred and Sixteenth street, to Seventh avenue, with branches in Second, Fourth, and Fifth avenues; One Hundred and Eleventh, One Hundred and Twelfth, One Hundred and Thirteenth, and One Hundred and Twentieth streets.

No. 8. Sewer in Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and in Ninth avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets, with branches in Eighty-fourth street.

The limits to be assessed are embraced as follows, viz:

No. 1. Both sides of Madison avenue, from Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Twentieth street, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 2. Both sides of Seventy-seventh street, from Ninth avenue to the Boulevard, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 3. All the property on north side of Twentieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

No. 4. East side of Hudson street, between Spring and Vandam streets.

No. 5. Both sides of Seventy-third street, from Eighth avenue to the Hudson river, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 6. Both sides of Broadway, from Thirty-second to Fifty-ninth street, to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 7. All the property from Ninetieth to One Hundred and Fifth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, and from One Hundred and Fifth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, from East river to the Eighth avenue.

No. 8. Both sides of Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and Ninth avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-fifth streets, and both sides of Eighty-fourth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,
Chairman.OFFICE, BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
19 CHATHAM STREET.

NEW YORK, Mar. 10, 1875.

SALE OF LANDS FOR UNPAID ASSESSMENTS.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, Collector of Assessments, appointed by the Comptroller of the City of New York, pursuant to provisions of chapter 613 of the Laws of 1873, that payment is required of the several amounts of assessments, interest, and charges upon the lots, premises, and parcels of land, as hereinafter set forth, within sixty days from the date of this notice, to wit: On or before the seventh day of May, 1875, at the office of said Collector, corner of Mott street and Railroad avenue, Tremont, Twenty-fourth Ward, New York City; and if default is made in the payment of the said amounts, the property which is the subject of such assessments, as hereinafter described, will be sold at public auction, at my office, Tremont, on the seventh day of May, 1875, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the lowest term of years which any person or persons shall offer to take the same, in consideration of advancing the assessments, commissions, interest, charges of notice and advertisements, and all other costs and charges of sale accrued thereon. Office hours, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. on Friday of each week.

CHARLES CLARK,
Collector of Assessments.

Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Dated March 1, 1875.

ASSESSMENT FOR ERECTING LAMP-POSTS
TWENTY-FOURTH WARD, LATE
TOWN OF WEST FARMS.Sub Lamp District in General Lamp District
No. 3.

CENTRAL AVENUE, SOUTH.

LOT NO.	NAME.	ASSESSMENT.
	INWOOD.	
301	Unknown.....	\$3 87
302	do	3 87
303	do	3 87
304	do	3 87
311	do	2 58
312	do	2 58

36	Unknown.....	3 87
37	do	3 87
38	do	3 87
39	do	3 87

17	Unknown.....	2 06
22	do	26
23	do	2 58
25	do	6 44
28	do	3 09
49	do	6 44
53	do	26

58	Unknown.....	3 87
61	do	11 59
62	do	12 88
63	do	12 88
64	do	14 17
73	do	12 88
74	do	12 88

A	Unknown.....	5 15
B	do	14 17
D	do	24 47
E	do	24 47
56	do	14 17
58	do	9 02
54	Chas. Heinzel.....	2 58
55	do	12 88
In red 103	do	5 15
do 104	do	2 58
Central ave. plot	do	19 32
do	Cockroft, J. V.....	26 67
do	do	21 33

1	Unknown.....	14 22
21	do	17 78
101	do	17 78
102	do	17 78

1	Unknown.....	3 56
2	do	3 56
3	do	3 56
4	do	3 56
5	do	5 34
12	do	5 34
13	do	5 34
14	do	5 34
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16	do	5 34
17	do	5 34
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32	do	5 34
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34	do	5 34
35	do	5 34
50	do	5 34
52	do	5 34
53	do	5 34
54	do	5 34
55	do	5 34
64	do	5 34
66	do	5 34
Central ave. plot	Timpson & Lowerre.....	67 55
do	John B. Haskin.....	33 78
do	do	17 78
do	do	65 77
do	St. James Episcopal Church.....	53 33

Sub Lamp District in General Lamp District
No. 4.

KINGSBRIDGE ROAD.

LOT NO.	NAME.	ASSESSMENT.
..	Dutch Reformed Church Parsonage.....	\$9 36
..	J. B. Haskin.....	33 40
..	Dutch Reformed Church.....	23 38
..	Geo. H. Peck.....	70 14
..	do	30 06
..	New York, Boston & Montreal R.R.....	10 02
..	do	6 68
..	Geo. H. Peck.....	20 04

Sub Lamp District in General Lamp District
No. 2.

BELMONT VILLAGE.

LOT NO.	NAME.	ASSESSMENT.
Reserv'd strip Plot. do	Unknown.....	\$11 25
	Crescent ave.—John C. Kayser.....	2 25
	John B. Haskin.....	46 13
	do	20 25
	SAMUEL RYER MAP.	
109	Unknown.....	3 38
110	do	3 38
111	do	3 38
112	do	3 38
113	do	3 38
114	do	3 38
115	do	3 38
116	do	3 38
117	do	4 50
118	do	5 03
119	do	5 03
120	do	4 50
121	do	1 13

Sub Lamp District in General Lamp District
No. 3.

WAVERLEY STREET.

LOT NO.	NAME.	ASSESSMENT.
43	Charles Gerding.....	\$15 95
48	Unknown.....	15 95
49	do	15 95
52	do	15 95
53	Charles Heinzel.....	15 95
54	do	15 95
55	do	15 95
In red A	do	4 79
B	do	11 17
56	Unknown.....	15 95
57	do	15 95
58	do	15 95
59	do	15 95
60	do	15 95

Sub Lamp District in General Lamp District
No. 2.

CENTRE STREET, WEST FARMS.

LOT NO.	NAME.	ASSESSMENT.
Plot	B. B. Valentine.....	\$12 50
do	Bradford.....	25 00
do	Mrs. Jessup.....	22 50

Sub Lamp District in General Lamp District
No. 4.

MCCOMB'S DAM ROAD.

LOT NO.	NAME.	ASSESSMENT.
Plot	John B. Haskin.....	\$35 69
do	do	120 88
do	do	17 85
do	do	17 85
	PETER VALENTINE FARM.	
54	— McNamara.....	15 86
	CHARLES BERRIAN FARM.	
In red 305	— Berrian.....	13 89
In blue 305	do	15 86
Plot	Unknown.....	35 69
278	P. H. Berrian.....	17 85
279	Phebe Berrian.....	3 97
280	do	3 97
299	do	3 97
300	Charles and Philip Berrian.....	3 97
301	do	3 97
302	do	3 97
303	do	3 97
304	do	3 97
305	do	3 97
306	do	3 97
307	do	3 97
In red 342	Timpson & Lowerre.....	5 96
In blue 342	do	3 97
343	do	5 96
348	do	3 97
349	do	3 97
352	Sarah E. Timpson.....	3 97
353	do	3 97
354	do	3 97
355	do	3 97
356	do	3 97
357	do	3 97
358	do	3 97
359	do	3 97
369	Unknown.....	3 97
370	do	3 97
	FISHER FARM.	
1	Mrs. Robertson.....	11 90
2	do	5 96