

investigation into the matter therein referred to.
Very respectfully,
WM. F. HAVEMEYER.

Resolutions.

By Commissioner Bowen—
Resolved, That Doctor James R. Wood be appointed Surgeon-in-Chief of reception hospitals, in place of Doctor F. H. Hamilton, resigned. Adopted by the Board May 16, 1874.

By Commissioner Stern—
Resolved, That the messenger of the city and district prisons, be and is hereby authorized and directed to go on the tiers and visit the cells of the prisoners, for the purpose of carrying such messages for the prisoners as they may require, and that Warden Quinn be directed to have the same carried into effect. Adopted by the Board May 16, 1874.

By Commissioner Laimbeer—
Resolved, That Warden Liscomb of the Penitentiary be directed to furnish at all times to the supervising engineer such men, with keepers, as he may in writing require to do work in the Department. Adopted by the Board May 16, 1874.

WM. LAIMBEER,
JAS. BOWEN,
MEYER STERN.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK COUNTY COURT HOUSE,
Saturday, May 23, 1874, 2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
New York, May 22, 1874.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of an act entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30th, 1873, and an act entitled "An act in relation to the City of New York," passed June 13th, 1873, and an act entitled "An act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for County purposes," passed June 14, 1873, and chapter 303 and chapter 308 of the laws of 1874, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Comptroller, on Saturday, May 23, 1874, at 2 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of acting upon such matters as may come before said Board, under the provisions of the acts before mentioned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

ENDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this day, May 23, 1874.

W. F. Havemeyer, Mayor; Andrew H. Green, Comptroller; Samuel B. H. Vance, President Board of Aldermen; John Wheeler, President Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present—all the members, viz.:

Wm. F. Havemeyer, the Mayor of the City of New York; Andrew H. Green, the Comptroller of the City of New York; Samuel B. H. Vance, President of the Board of Aldermen; John Wheeler, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time as may be required, Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, (\$250,000) of "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," as authorized by section 6 of chapter 756 of the laws of 1873, to meet the requirements of the Department of Public Parks, in accordance with its requisition upon the Comptroller dated April 4, 1874.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the city of New York, (chairman,) the Comptroller of the city of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated under the head of "New City Prison Commission Expenses of" to meet expenses incurred by the Commissioners under and in pursuance of chapter 535 of the laws of 1873, said amount to be transferred from the appropriation for "Extra contingencies" for 1873.

LAWS OF THE STATE RELATING TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

CHAP. 300.

AN ACT to amend chapter three hundred and thirty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An act to re-organize the local government of the city of New York," passed April thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and the acts amendatory thereof.

Passed April 30, 1874; three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION 1. Section thirty-nine of chapter three hundred and thirty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An act to re-organize the local government of the city of New York," passed April thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 39. The police department shall have for its head a board to consist of four persons, to be known as police commissioners of the city of New York, who shall, except those first appointed, hold their offices for six years unless sooner removed as herein provided. The office of the police commissioner of the city of New York, whose term of office expires on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, is hereby abolished on and after said date; the police department, on and after the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be under the charge and control of four commissioners, who shall perform all the duties and exercise all the powers now by law conferred or imposed upon the police department of the city of New York.

§ 2. Section eighty-four of chapter three hundred and thirty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of the city of New York," passed April thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 84. This department shall be under the charge of a Board, to consist of four members, who, except those first appointed, shall hold their offices for five years, unless sooner removed, as herein provided. The office of the Commissioner of Parks, whose term of office expires on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, is hereby abolished on and after said date. The Department of Public Parks, on and after the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be under the charge and control of four Commissioners, who shall perform all the duties and exercise all the powers now by law conferred or imposed upon the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York.

§ 3. The Mayor of said city shall hereafter appoint, without confirmation of the Board of Aldermen, a person or persons to fill any vacancy or vacancies which now exists, or may hereafter occur from death, resignation, or cause other than the expiration of the full term in any office to which, by the provisions of the twenty-fifth section of chapter three hundred and thirty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, he is empowered to appoint by and with the consent of the Board of Aldermen.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAP. 340.

AN ACT to punish persons personating members of police in the several cities of the State.

Passed May 6, 1874; three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION 1. Any person other than the members of the police department of any city in this State, who, with fraudulent design upon persons or property, shall, at any time, have, use, wear or display the uniform, or any part thereof, or any of the emblems, signs, signals or devices adopted and used by any such police department or force, or falsely represent himself as being such a member, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,250 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the head of "Commissioners of Accounts, Expenses of" as provided by resolution of the Board of Supervisors of February 9, 1874, said amount to be transferred from the appropriation for "Election expenses" for 1873.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of Three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated under the head of "Legal expenses under sec. 113 of the charter of 1873" the said amount to be transferred from the appropriation for "Salaries and contingencies, Bureau of Permits for 1873."

The chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by provisions of section 112, of chapter 335, laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent per annum, Assessment Bonds of the City

of New York, as authorized by chapter 397, laws of 1852, and chapter 580, laws of 1872, Three hundred thousand dollars, (\$300,000.)

The chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the city of New York, (chairman,) the Comptroller of the city of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by provisions of section 112, of chapter 335, of the laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue a Revenue Bond, as provided by sec. 38 of chapter 625 of the laws of 1871, for Sixteen hundred and sixty-six 23-100 dollars, at a rate not exceeding seven per cent interest per annum, to provide for the expenses incurred by the Superintendent of Buildings for repairs to unsafe buildings Nos. 39, 41, 43, 45 and 47 Bowery, in conformity with a precept of the Court of Common Pleas, April 1, 1874.

The chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of Three thousand three hundred and seventeen 78-100 dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated under the head of "Contingencies Comptroller's office" for expenses of 1873, said amount to be transferred from the appropriation for Extra contingencies for 1873.

The chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York, (chairman,) the Comptroller of the city of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Abstract of the proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at the meeting held May 2, 1874.

Present—Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor, Chairman; Hon. John K. Hackett, Recorder; Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller; and Geo. W. Lane, Esq., Chamberlain.

The bids for ferry franchises, received April 30, 1874, in response to the advertisement of the Comptroller, of April 24, 1874, were submitted, and on motion of the Comptroller publicly opened as follows, viz.:

Ferry (franchise only) from the slip north of and adjoining foot of Grand street, E. River, to foot of South Seventh street, Brooklyn (five years). Joseph Riley, 5 per cent. on gross receipts. James Murphy, 8 per cent. on gross receipts.

The following bids are for lease of franchise, with use of pier and wharf property belonging to the city:

Ferry from foot of Houston street, E. River, to Grand street, Brooklyn (five years). Houston street Ferry Associates; by Laurence Waterbury. Annual rent of \$6,500, and 2½ per cent. on receipts.

Ferry from foot of Chambers street, N. Y., to Pavonia, N. J. (one year). Erie Railway Company; P. H. Watson, President. \$15,000 rent for the year, and 2½ per cent. on gross receipts.

Ferry from foot of Desbrosses street to Jersey City (one year). Associates of New Jersey Ferry Company; A. L. Dennis, President. \$1,000 per annum for renewal of lease.

Ferry from foot of Whitehall street, E. River, to N. Shore, Staten Island (ten years). William Hitchcock; 2½ per cent. of gross receipts for the franchise for the ferry. Union Ferry Company; C. P. Smith, Managing Director. In case the North Shore Ferry Company do not bid for the slip foot of Whitehall street according to the terms published, and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund will grant a lease to run a ferry to foot of Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, the Union Ferry Company will take the lease at \$10,000 rent, and pay 2½ per cent. on gross receipts.

Ferry from foot of Christopher street, N. River, to Hoboken, N. J. (ten years). Hoboken Land and Improvement Company; W. W. Shippen, President. 2½ per cent. on gross receipts.

On motion of the Recorder, the said bids were referred to the Comptroller, to report at the next meeting.

The subject of leasing Castle Garden was submitted, and on motion referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Applications for water grants were received from James W. Beekman (E. River, between Forty-eighth and Fifty-first streets), and William B. Isham (Harlem River, between Two Hundred and Eleventh and Two Hundred and Twelfth streets), which on motion were referred to the Comptroller.

W. H. DIKEMAN,
Clerk.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

From the proceedings of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, May 25, 1874:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, May 25, 1874. }

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—Through the agency of those mysterious influences so potent in and around our legislative halls, a bill was passed by both the Senate and Assembly in the expiring hours of the last session, entitled "An act to incorporate the New York Warehouse and Railway Company, and to improve the commercial facilities of New York," which is now before his Excellency the Governor, for his action thereon.

To the provisions of this bill I invite your attention and the earnest attention of the public.

The bill is pre-eminently the most objectionable of all the legislation attempted or enacted during the last session in reference to the city of New York. It embodies the scheme of a few political and needy adventurers, by which, if consummated, they shall be able to perpetuate, under the guise of legislative sanction, a most gigantic act of confiscation of the public property than their Tammany predecessors ever dreamt of.

Under the specious plea of improving the commercial facilities of the city, a company is proposed to be organized, authorized to contract and maintain piers, to build warehouses, to construct an elevated railway along the entire waterfront around the Island. Upon the company no restrictions of any character are proposed to be imposed; their piers, warehouses and railway are to be built and constructed upon the property of the city.

By statutes already in force the city is directed to proceed with certain works, in building a new river front, with piers, extending from a new bulkhead line, and the space covered by or embraced within the area of the works bounded by the bulkhead line, it is proposed by the bill in