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### THE CITY RECORD.

#### PROPOSALS FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING CITY RECORD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT to sections 91 and 111 of chap. 335, Laws 1873, proposals for printing and distributing THE CITY RECORD for one year, in accordance with the specifications filed in the office of the Mayor of the City of New York, in the City Hall in said city, will be received at the said office until Wednesday, June 3, prox., at 12 o'clock, M., at which hour the bids will be opened and read, and the award of the contract made as soon thereafter as practicable. Each proposal will be enclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Proposals for Printing and Distributing THE CITY RECORD," and must be made in strict conformity to the specifications aforesaid. The security required on the contract will be ten thousand dollars.

Dated New York, May 19, 1874.

WM. F. HAVEMEYER,  
Mayor.  
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,  
Counsel to the Corporation.  
GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

#### SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING THE CITY RECORD.

1.—It must be published daily, Sundays and legal holidays excepted.  
2.—It must be of four or more pages, each page in size one-eighth of a sheet 33 by 46.  
3.—It must be printed on clear rag paper, sized and calendered, and of a weight of seventy-five pounds to each ream of 500 sheets, 33 by 46, as per sample hereto annexed.  
4.—The type used must be new, copper-faced, and of the kind known as the "modern old style," in regular sizes ranging from nonpareil to pica, inclusive, with leading and display type to correspond; the columns to be twenty-seven ems nonpareil in width, and four to each page.  
5.—The paper to be issued and distributed each day before 9 o'clock, A. M., and the copies for use and sale by the Supervisor of the CITY RECORD to be delivered at his office at such hour as he may designate from time to time.

6.—Bids must specify the price per 1000 ems for ordinary composition; the price per 1000 ems for standing matter; the price per 1000 ems for tables; the price per 1000 ems for rule and figure work, and all other matter not included in ordinary column or table work; and the price per hour for alterations. Also the price per ream for all paper used, and the price for press work, per ton of 250 copies of four pages to the form.

7.—In the measurement of composition and standing matter, the rules of the trade will be strictly observed.

8.—The contractor will be required to distribute, free of charge, to the several departments and officers of the City Government, and to such persons, and in such manner as the Mayor shall direct, not more than 1,000 copies; and no greater number of copies of said paper shall be printed at any time than shall be directed by the Mayor or Supervisor, and every copy printed shall be delivered to the Supervisor, excepting those delivered under the direction of the Mayor, as herein provided.

9.—All composition, press-work, make-up of forms, supply of proofs, and other work, to be done in a first-class manner, under the direction and control of the Supervisor of the CITY RECORD. The composing-room to be within a convenient distance of the City Hall. No matter of any kind whatsoever to be printed in said paper unless by order of the Mayor or of the Supervisor.

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Report for the week ending May 23, 1874:  
Licenses granted and amounts received for licenses and fines by First Marshal:

Licenses granted..... 379  
Amount received..... \$3,603 75

Permits issued for street stands, signs, show cases, deliveries, &c., and amount received for same:

Permits issued..... 164  
Amount received..... \$1,126

W. F. HAVEMEYER,  
Mayor.

#### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

##### STATED SESSION.

#### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NO. 15 CITY HALL,  
THURSDAY, May 28, 1874,  
2 o'clock P. M.

##### PRESENT:

O. P. C. Billings, Patrick Lysaght,  
S. V. R. Cooper, Robert McCafferty,  
John Falconer, Joseph A. Monheimer,  
Richard Flanagan, John J. Morris,  
Edward Gilon, Oswald Ottendorfer,  
Peter Kehr, John Reilly,  
George Koch, Jenkins Van Schaick.

Heads of Department present—W. W. Adams, Supt. of Buildings.

The President being absent Alderman Morris moved that Aldermen Koch be appointed chairman pro tem.

Which was agreed to.

Alderman Koch declined and moved that Alderman Kehr be appointed chairman pro tem.

Which was agreed to.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

##### PETITIONS.

By Alderman Gilon—

Petition of Thos. W. Gager to be allowed to use croton water for the purpose of sprinkling Grand street

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By —

Petition of Catherine A. Cammann to erect a porch in front of the first story of her dwelling house, No 19 East 33d street, with a bay window over it in front of the second story.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the President pro tem—

Memorial of Henry C. Gardiner, in reply to a communication from his Honor the Mayor, in relation to a bill to incorporate the New York Warehouse and Railway Company.

Alderman McCafferty moved that it be received and printed in full in the minutes.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The memorial is as follows:

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

GENTLEMEN: His Honor the Mayor has sent you a communication in relation to the bill to incorporate the New York Warehouse and Railway Company, now held under consideration by the Governor.

The extraordinary character of this message, and the great public importance of the subject, lead me to induce the hope that you will allow me to present this petition, asking you to give the whole matter your most careful consideration, to the end that you may take such action as may best promote the public welfare.

Laying aside all that part of the message which is mere declamation and individual censure, the allegations of the Mayor are substantially as follows, viz:

That the bill contains and authorizes the persons therein named as incorporators to

1st. Construct the wharves, warehouses, and railway upon the property of the City, without payment therefor.

2d. To transfer the property of the City to themselves.

3d. To take possession of the new street on the bulkhead line all along the water front of the city, to the extent of two hundred feet in width, and monopolize the same; that is, to appropriate the whole street for the exclusive use of constructing their railroad tracks and stations.

4th. That the city is authorized to acquire such real estate and property as may be necessary for the purposes of the company, and to sell the same to the company, taking its full paid stock therefor.

5th. The warehouses are to be erected on the wharves taken from the city in exchange for the full paid stock of the company, and the railroad connected therewith.

6th. That the directors of the company may build the railroad as they please, and as high as they please.

7th. That from the Battery to West Eleventh street, on the North River, a distance of 11,400 feet, the right to the street obtained would be worth eleven million dollars.

8th. That the railway would form a wall around the city, separating it from its water front, except where pierced by loopholes, twenty-five feet wide, in front of every wharf.

9th. The approach to Fulton Ferry would be restricted to twenty-five feet.

10th. The whole commerce of the port would be placed under the absolute control of the incorporators in the bill.

11th. That the favorable public opinion of this bill is manufactured and false.

12th. That the state of public morals is such as to be exceedingly disheartening.

13th. That the merchants appear to be wholly unaware of the attempt to injure their interest.

14th. That the press of the city, with one exception, has been silent on the subject.

15th. That the promoters of the bill employ agents to obtain signatures to a petition in its favor, and that they pay a certain price therefor.

16th. That signers to the petition have been obtained with facility.

17th. That second mortgage bonds have been promised to secure signers to the petition.

18th. That it is matter of conjecture if the silence of the press has not been secured by the promise of second mortgage bonds, and also, in like manner, the merchants have been prevented from making opposition to the bill.

19th. That some person, not named in the bill, is working like a ground mole to make the bill a law; and, if successful, will procure the passage of a law to authorize the immediate completion, within two years, of the sea wall on the water front of the city, under the exclusive direction of the dock department.

The best answer to these charges against the bill is the bill itself.

The first four sections of the bill create a corporation making the persons named in the first section the directors of the company. The only privileges conferred on these persons individually are the right to be first directors, open books for subscriptions for stock, and fix the terms of payment therefor. Every other privilege belongs to the company, which is open to any person who may subscribe to its stock precisely on the same terms as to the incorporators.

But, as the Mayor finds no fault with these four sections, it is not necessary to consider them further.

The fifth section authorizes the construction of an Elevated Railroad, at least fifteen feet in height, with four tracks, to be located by three engineers to be appointed by the Governor, within two hundred feet of, and on the inside of, the bulkhead line. The road follows the bulkhead line on the North River to a point above Central Park, then crosses to the East River on such line as the engineers appointed by the Governor may locate below One hundred and sixty-first street, then in the same manner down the East River to the place of beginning.

The section concludes as follows:

"In case the said company shall construct its railway upon arches, it may enclose and use the same for warehouse and other purposes, but shall leave and keep open in front of every pier or wharf a cartway of at least twenty-five feet in width, and at the end of every street a double cartway."

Broadway is only forty-two feet wide between the curb-stones, so there would be an approach to Fulton Ferry eight feet wider than Broadway.

The seventh section provides that no part of any street shall be taken for turn-outs, stations, side tracks, or depots, except such part as may be fixed and limited by the engineers appointed by the Governor; and also that the company shall pay into the Sinking Fund of the city three per cent. of its net income from both warehouses and railroad.

The eighth section provides that the warehouses and railroad shall at all times be subject to the regulation of the Legislature, and that it shall receive, store, and transport the goods, wares, and merchandise of all parties on equal terms. These two last sections seem to have escaped the Mayor's notice altogether.

The ninth section provides that the company shall give a bond in one hundred thousand dollars, with sureties to be approved by the Governor, that the construction of the road will be commenced and proceeded with within sixty days after the street is widened on the water line to the extent of five hundred yards.

There are other limitations and restrictions in the bill, but, as I have covered all the Mayor's objections, I will not refer to them.

The sixth section authorizes the company to construct ten warehouses on such piers as the Dock Department may lease to them, the Dock Board fixing the amount of rent and the terms and conditions of the lease, the same as with all other parties.

The bill imposes a condition that is imposed on no other wharf owner, which is, that the company must furnish steam power for discharging cargoes, and must protect the goods from theft and injury from the weather.

The following is that part of the bill which the Mayor says authorizes the company to take the city property, and pay for it in its stock: "And the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York are hereby authorized to acquire and sell and convey to said company in fee simple such real estate and property as may be necessary for said company to carry out its objects and purposes, as authorized by this act, and the purchase money for such real estate and property shall be paid into the Sinking Fund of the city and county of New York."

The City must also sell its property for such a sum that the interest on the purchase money, at seven per cent., will amount to as large a sum as the net receipts from rents. In no case can the company acquire any property from the city, except by agreement, and payment thereof in money.

Thus it appears that the Mayor was mistaken in every charge made of material defects in the bill, and I am sure that he has been led into these errors by others who have betrayed his confidence. The Mayor has a very large private estate, and its management must take some portion of his time; but, when there are added the duties of his high office, together with some little attention to the political affairs of the State and nation, it is obvious that he must be under the necessity of trusting others to aid him in a part of his work; and so it must have been in this instance for, it is clearly evident that the Mayor had never read the bill, for, his well known high moral character, his devotion to truth, his strict adherence to rectitude in act and purpose, his hatred of everything in the shape of deception and fraud, forbid any thought of his intentionally or knowingly misleading you by saying that the bill authorized the incorporators to appropriate the whole of the new street; or, as he terms it, monopolize it for the use of their railroad, or to build warehouses on the wharves, taken from the city, in exchange for the stock of the company.

In relation to the other matters which the Mayor says he only knows from information, I will also say, that in most of them he has been deceived.

There has been no promise made of any second mortgage bonds to obtain signatures to petitions, to silence the press, to keep the merchants from opposing the bill, or for any other purpose whatever.

It is true that public opinion is altogether favorable to this bill, but the only way it has been manufactured is by printing and distributing the bill by thousands of copies, together with facts and figures, shewing the loss and diversion of trade from the want of the facilities it provides.

It is also true that the petitions were signed readily, and the names obtained with great facility to such extent that, within a few days, many thousands of business men doing business below Canal street, signed the petitions in favor of the bill.

I believe that it is true that to some few persons who carried the petitions there was paid the sum of two cents and a half for every signer who carried on business on his own account; but how much of this amount was divided with the merchant who signed the petition I am not informed; but I can assure the Mayor that I do not believe that the merchant got any part of it.

It is true that the merchants are wholly unaware of any attempt to injure their interests. They have read the bill, and know that it contains nothing like what the Mayor was led to believe it did contain.

The statement in the message that the Mayor feels that the state of public morals is such as to be exceedingly disheartening, must have been received with regret by all who read it. Still, there is consolation in the fact that to all others the premises do not warrant the Mayor's conclusions. It is evident that "needy adventurers" have not the means, and, if they had, it were not possible that they could, by corrupt means, influence the Legislature to enact a law which transfers, by confiscation to themselves, seventeen miles of city property, which the Mayor thinks cheap at one thousand dollars per foot; and at the same time, and by the same law, obtain absolute control of the commerce of the city, silence the whole press, with a single exception, by the same corrupt means. Nor would the scattering of second mortgage bonds, no matter how promiscuously, hold the entire body of merchants to silence and submission to such acts of spoliation; nor would the payment of two and a half cents to agents for each name induce nearly all the great leading merchants and business men to endorse and approve anything injurious to the commercial interests of this city; nor is it true that any person connected with Industrial Exhibition enterprises is

the director and manager of the Warehouse and Railway Company, on the contrary, this enterprise was originally projected by myself, is now under the management of the incorporators named in the bill, and will so continue to be until the expiration of their terms of office.

In relation to the question of building the road upon arches, it is my opinion that it will never pay.

The cost of construction would be, at least, a thousand dollars per foot more than it would be on iron columns. Seven per cent on this increased cost of the whole road, and three and a half per cent city taxes, in my judgment, would amount to more than the rental of space possible to be utilized. That part of the bill was inserted at the request and approval of the representatives of many active and intelligent merchants.

With great respect I submit these facts on behalf of my associates and myself.

HENRY C. GARDNER.

New York, 28th May, 1874.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Billings—

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to cause a notification to be published, daily for three months, in the City Record, informing all persons having claims against the County of New York, that such claims cannot now be audited by the Board to Supervisors, but must be presented directly to the Department of Finance for payment.

The president pro tem put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman McCafferty—

Whereas, Section 91 of Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, provides as follows: "All contracts to be made, or let for work to be done \* \* \* \* \* shall be made by the appropriate heads of the several departments under such regulations as now exist or shall be established by ordinances of the Common Council. Whenever any work is necessary to be done, to complete or perfect a particular job, \* \* \* \* \* which work and job is to be undertaken or supply furnished for the corporation, and the several parts of the said work or supply shall together involve the expenditure of more than one thousand dollars, the same shall be by contract, under such regulations concerning it as shall be established by ordinance of the Common Council, excepting such works now in progress as are authorized by law or ordinance to be done otherwise than by contract; and unless otherwise ordered by a vote of three-fourths of the members elected to the Common Council; and all contracts shall be entered into by the appropriate heads of departments, and shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be founded on sealed

By Alderman Gilon—

Resolved, That Joshua W. Crosby and Louis Beckhardt be and they are hereby appointed as Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the places, respectively, of William T. Bogert and Adolph Birbam, who were recently appointed but failed to qualify.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Monheimer—

Resolved, That the room in the New County Court House, recently used and occupied by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, be and is hereby assigned for the use and occupation of the Commissioners of Armories and Drill Rooms, and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby instructed to carry into effect the provisions of this resolution.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

By the same—

Whereas, By Section 1 of Chapter 304, Laws of 1874, is vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, "all the rights, property, interests, claims and demands of the County of New York, or Board of Supervisors of the said County of New York," and it is provided by section 3 of said act, that "all the powers and duties that now are, or hereafter may be, conferred or charged upon the Board of Supervisors of said City and County, shall be exercised and performed by the Board of Aldermen of said City, as such," and

Whereas, There can be no question that the ownership, control, power to assign rooms for offices, and general management of all buildings, offices, &c., heretofore, and prior to the passage of the act above mentioned, vested in the Board of Supervisors, have been by said act transferred to, and conferred upon this Board of Aldermen; be it therefore

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered by this Board, the assignment of rooms for the several courts and offices of the County of New York, as it existed prior to the passage of the Law, Chapter 304, Laws of 1874, is hereby declared to be in full force and effect; and the judges of the several courts, and others occupying offices in any public or other building in this City, by direction of the former Board of Supervisors are hereby instructed to disregard any order, and disobey any and every direction in reference to any new assignment or change of such rooms or offices, emanating, or purporting to emanate from any other authority than this Board of Aldermen; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this preamble and resolution to the Judges of the several courts, and all other persons occupying public offices to which they had been assigned by any former Board of Supervisors.

The President pro tem put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution:

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was ordered to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

By the same—

Whereas, Among the rights, property, interests, powers and duties of the Board of Supervisors of this county, transferred by chapter 304, laws of 1874, to this Board of Aldermen, is the custody and control of the building known as the new County Court House, which now, to all intents and purposes, pursuant to the provisions of said law, is one of the public buildings of the corporation known as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, subject to the control of this Board, as the successors of the late Board of Supervisors, as provided in said law, and to the care of the Commissioner of Public Works, as provided in sub-division 5, of section 71, of chapter 335, laws of 1873, (commonly called the charter); be it therefore,

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to assume the care of the said building, and is hereby required to exercise the power vested in him by said chapter 335, laws of 1873, in respect to the care thereof, and that the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby directed to furnish the said Commissioner with a statement or schedule showing the names, duties and compensation of the several persons now employed thereon by authority of the late Board of Supervisors.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—13.

Negative—Alderman Gilon—1.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

By Alderman McCafferty—

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York is hereby directed to report to this Board at its next meeting, what portion of the assessment fund debt now outstanding, and represented as being secured by assessments levied, or to be levied, against property benefited, is represented by assessments against the city at large, and should be added to the funded and permanent debt of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York.

The President pro tem put the question

the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to furnish this Board as soon as practicable a statement of the expenditures of the Department of Public Works on taxation and trust accounts during the years 1871, 1872, and 1873, showing what portion of such expenditures is properly chargeable to the permanent debt of the city; also a statement of appropriations raised by taxation for said department, the amount of revenue from all sources collected by the department, and the amount of assessments levied or to be levied for street improvements.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Flanagan—

Resolved, That five hundred copies of each of the communications from the Comptroller containing a list of contracts entered into with the Corporation of the City of New York during the years 1871 and 1872, and now on file in the office of the Clerk of the Common Council, be printed in document form, under the direction of the Clerk, in order to complete a series of similar documents of former and succeeding years, of which the above communications alone have not been so printed.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

[For which see documents Nos. 6 and 7.]

G. O. 528.

By Aldermen McCafferty—

Resolved, That gas mains be laid and street lamps lighted in Sixty-eighth street, between Lexington and Third avenues, by the Gas Company, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Van Schaick—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Mary F. Schieffelin to construct two bay windows on house No. 50 West Fourteenth street, as shown on the accompanying diagram, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, the permission hereby given to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Cooper—

Resignation of John N. Williams as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

Whereupon he offered the following:

Resolved, That Edward F. Williams be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York, in place of John N. Williams, resigned.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was ordered to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

By the same—

Whereas, Among the rights, property, interests, powers and duties of the Board of Supervisors of this county, transferred by chapter 304, laws of 1874, to this Board of Aldermen, is the custody and control of the building known as the new County Court House, which now, to all intents and purposes, pursuant to the provisions of said law, is one of the public buildings of the corporation known as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, subject to the control of this Board, as the successors of the late Board of Supervisors, as provided in said law, and to the care of the Commissioner of Public Works, as provided in sub-division 5, of section 71, of chapter 335, laws of 1873, (commonly called the charter); be it therefore,

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to assume the care of the said building, and is hereby required to exercise the power vested in him by said chapter 335, laws of 1873, in respect to the care thereof, and that the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby directed to furnish the said Commissioner with a statement or schedule showing the names, duties and compensation of the several persons now employed thereon by authority of the late Board of Supervisors.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—13.

Negative—Alderman Gilon—1.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

By Alderman McCafferty—

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York is hereby directed to report to this Board at its next meeting, what portion of the assessment fund debt now outstanding, and represented as being secured by assessments levied, or to be levied, against property benefited, is represented by assessments against the city at large, and should be added to the funded and permanent debt of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York.

The President pro tem put the question

the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to furnish this Board as soon as practicable a statement of the expenditures of the Department of Public Works on taxation and trust accounts during the years 1871, 1872, and 1873, showing what portion of such expenditures is properly chargeable to the permanent debt of the city; also a statement of appropriations raised by taxation for said department, the amount of revenue from all sources collected by the department, and the amount of assessments levied or to be levied for street improvements.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

[For which see Document No. 9.]

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

CITY HALL,

New York, May 28th, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I transmit herewith a statement in detail of all claims audited and allowed, by

the Department of Finance, on account of the County of New York, for the month of April 1874.

Very respectfully,  
W. F. HAVEMEYER,  
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
COMPTOLLERS OFFICE, May 22, 1874.

Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor:

SIR: I herewith transmit a statement in detail of all claims audited and allowed by this Department on account of the County of New York, for the month of April 1874. Hereafter reports will not be made distinctively of county claims audited, but will be made to comprehend all claims audited on account of expenditures for the government.

Very respectfully,  
AND H. GREEN.  
Comptroller.

Which was received and five hundred copies ordered to be printed in document form on motion of Alderman Morris.

(For which see Document No. 8.)

Also the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
New York, May 18, 1874.

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

GENTLEMEN: I herewith transmit for the information of your Honorable Body a statement in detail of the expenses, an' the receipts of the Bureau of Permits for the three months ending April 30th, 1874.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.  
BUREAU OF PERMITS,  
May 28th, 1874.

To Honorable Wm. F. Havemeyer Mayor:

SIR: I herewith present a statement of the expense in detail, and the receipts of this Bureau for the three months ending April 30th, 1874.

Sigmund Wise, Clerk, \$750.  
William H. Loines, " 300.  
Stansley Antoldi, " 300.  
Philip N. Galton, Inspector, 300.  
Marshall Keator, " 300.  
Abraham Falk, " 300.  
Charles Simpson, " 300

\$2,550.

RECEIPTS

From permits for signs, stands, goods delivery, etc.

February, 1874, \$2,610,  
March, " 677.  
April, " 171,

\$3,458.

SIGMUND WISE.

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Also the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,  
May 28, 1874.

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

GENTLEMEN: In pursuance of Section 24, of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, I herewith transmit a detailed statement of the expenses, and the receipts of the Mayor's office for the three months ending April 30th, 1874.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Statement in detail of the expenses, and the receipts of the Mayor's office for the three months ending April 30th, 1874.

EXPENSES

David S. Wendell, Chief Clerk, \$750 00  
Michael J. Farrell, Asst. " 600 00  
John R. Van Buskirk " 437 50  
Henry R. Conklin, First Marshel, 625 00  
Herman Schroeter, Second " 500 00  
Robert Prati, Ass. Clerk & Int'r, 450 00  
Wm. A. McKinney " 450 00  
Levine S. Tarr, " 300 00  
George C. Randolph " 289 28  
John J. Hallaran, Messenger, 300 00

\$4,701 78

RECEIPTS

Licenses and Fines.  
February, 1874, \$10,976 75  
March, " 1,551 75  
April, " 1,727 75

\$14,254 25.

W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor.

Which was received and ordered printed in the minutes.

Also the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, May 28, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

## REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on north side of Fifty-fourth street, Sixth to Seventh avenues, 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.

JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,  
O. P. C. BILLINGS,  
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 532.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for regulating, &c., One hundred and fifty-seventh street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, respectively

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That One hundred and fifty-seventh street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged four feet wide to the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,  
O. P. C. BILLINGS,  
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 533.

The Committee on Street Pavements of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance to pave Fifty-ninth street, between First avenue and East river, respectively

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That Fifty-ninth street, between First avenue and East 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 therefor be adopted.

JOHN FALCONER,  
JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 534.

The Committee on Street Pavements of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance to pave Forty-fifth street, between First and Second avenues, respectively

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That Forty-fifth street, between First and Second 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 therefor be adopted.

JOHN FALCONER,  
JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 535.

The Committee on Street Pavements of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for paving One hundred and twelfth street, between Fourth avenue and East river, respectively

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That One hundred and twelfth street, between Fourth avenue and East 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 therefor be adopted.

JOHN FALCONER,  
JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 536.

The Committee on Street Pavements of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for paving

Eighty-eighth street, between Avenue A and First avenue, respectfully

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That Eighty-Eighth street, between Avenue A and First 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.

JOHN FALCONER,  
JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
Committee on Street Pavements.

G. O. 537.

The Committee on Street Pavements of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for paving Sixty-first street, from Boulevard to the Ninth avenue, respectively

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That Sixty-first street, from the Boulevard to the Ninth 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.

JOHN FALCONER,  
JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 538.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance to build receiving basin and culvert southwest corner of Hudson and Leroy streets, respectively

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That a receiving basin and culvert be built on the northwest corner of Hudson and Leroy streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
EDWARD GILON,  
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 539.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of placing a free drinking hydrant on southeast corner of Broome and Essex street, respectively

## REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the south-east corner of Broome and Essex streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
EDWARD GILON,  
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 540.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution, directing Commissioner of Public Works to remove telegraph pole in Liberty street, east of Broadway, respectively

## REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the pole should be removed, as it is a serious impediment to public travel. They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution and ordinance.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to remove or cause to be removed, immediately, the telegraph pole now standing on the south side of Liberty street, east of Broadway, as the pole presents a serious obstruction to the free use of the said sidewalk, which is very narrow.

JOSEPH A. MONHEIMER,  
EDWARD GILON,  
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 541.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of building receiving basins and culverts northeast and southeast corners of Thirty-third street and First avenue, respectively

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That receiving-basins and culverts be built on the north-east and south-east corners of Thirty-third street and the First avenue, under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

GEO. KOCH,  
JOHN J. MORRIS,  
EDWARD GILON,  
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 542.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance to build sewer in Sixty-eighth street, from Third to Fourth avenue, respectively

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts be built in Sixty-eighth street, from Third to Fourth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

GEO. KOCH,  
EDWARD GILON,  
JOHN J. MORRIS,  
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 543.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution to lay gas mains, &c., in Seventy-fifth street, between Fifth avenue and East river, respectively

## REPORT:

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

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street lamps lighted, in Seventy-fifth street between Fifth avenue and East River, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

GEO. KOCH,  
EDWARD GILON,  
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 544.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of building sewer in Madison avenue, from One hundred and twenty-fourth to One hundred and twenty-fifth street, respectively

## REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving-basins and culverts, be built in Madison avenue from One hundred and twenty-fourth to One hundred and Twenty-fifth streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

GEO. KOCH,  
EDWARD GILON,  
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 545.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to place street lamps in Second avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Seventy-seventh street, respectively

## REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected, and street lamps lighted in Second avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Seventy-seventh streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

GEO. KOCH,  
EDWARD GILON,  
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 546.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of appointing Elias Bach a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of Max C. Huebner, who failed to qualify, respectfully

## REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed appointment to be proper. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That Elias Bach be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Max C. Huebner, who failed to qualify.

OSWALD OTTENDORFER,  
GEO. KOCH,  
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,  
Committee on Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative — Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices, to whom was referred the annexed resolutions from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to re-appoint William H. McCorkle, Joseph F. Larkin and Bernard S. Levy as Commissioners of Deeds, respectfully

## REPORT:

That the persons named in such resolutions are unquestionably qualified to perform the duties incident to the office, as they have heretofore discharged them in the most satisfactory manner. Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the resolutions, thereby concurring with the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in making such re-appointments.

Resolved, That Joseph F. Larkin be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, his term of office having expired.

Resolved, That William H. McCorkle, be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, his term having expired.

Resolved, That Bernard S. Levy be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds.

OSWALD OTTENDORFER,  
GEO. KOCH,  
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,  
Committee on Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative — Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of re-appointing Isaiah Keyser a Commissioner of Deeds, respectfully

## REPORT:

That they believe the proposed appointment to be a very proper one, and they recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That Isaiah Keyser be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

and for the City and County of New York, in place of Theodore Wright, resigned.

**OSWALD OTTENDORFER,**  
GEO. KOCH,  
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,

Committee on Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of appointing Michael W. Wiley a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of Otto Schaible, whose term of office has expired, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the applicant to be a proper person. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That Michael W. Wiley, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of Otto Schaible whose term of office has expired.

**OSWALD OTTENDORFER,**  
GEO. KOCH,  
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,

Committee on Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Resolution in relation to celebrating the coming Fourth of July.

The President pro tem put the question whether the Board would agree to concur with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

G. O. 546.

Resolution as follows:

Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed and the same lighted in front of the German Reform Dutch Church, situated 242 and 246 West Fortieth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

Resolution to lay gas-mains, &c., in 138th street, from Bloomingdale Road to the Hudson River.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to re-appoint Wm. J. Finigan a Commissioner of Deeds.

The President pro tem put the question whether the Board would agree to concur with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Resignation of Geo. Boucsein as a Commissioner of Deeds, and a resolution to appoint John J. Healy, Jr., in his place.

Resignation accepted and resolution adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The President pro tem put the question whether the Board would agree to concur with the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Resignation of E. C. Boardman as a Commissioner of Deeds, and a resolution to appoint John S. McNulty in his place.

Resignation accepted and resolution adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The President pro tem put the question whether the Board would agree to concur with the action of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Petition and resolution to permit Benjamin Gurney to erect portico, No. 827 Broadway.

The President pro tem put the question whether the Board would agree to concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Resolution to permit Thos. E. Smith to erect a watering-trough corner Canal, Varick and Vestry streets.

The President pro tem put the question whether the Board would agree to concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Offices in favor of appointing sundry persons Commissioners of Deeds, as follows:

Resolved, That the persons whose names are set down in the first column, be and are hereby appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of those set down in the second column whose term of office have expired, viz:

John P. McLaughlin, vice William T. Ames. Henry A. Beatty, vice E. H. Brown. Joseph J. Phillips, vice Charles Otto Boese. Alfred McIntire, vice M. T. Birne. Oscar F. Ryno, vice Denis Burns. John J. Donovan, vice Wm. A. Ballantine. Hiram B. Ferguson, vice Hugh Brady. William Rothschild, vice Matthias Banta. Gerson Goldschmidt, vice John Brandon. Frederick J. Warburton, vice Isaac G. Boyce. Bernard Flanagan, vice James Cowan. Dennis Galvin, vice Wm. A. Crolius. John J. Glennon, vice Wm. E. Conover. Hubert D. Glynn, vice Alvah T. Canfield. James Dunphy, vice Timothy J. Campbell. Sigmund Levenson, vice Bernard Bregan. Alexander Lamont, vice James Donovan. Wm. Henry Washner, vice Charles W. Dayton. John Swanton, vice Patrick Daily. Otto Horwitz, vice G. H. Dohrenwend.

M. Thornton Wallace, vice Sol De Waltears. Nathan Lewis, vice Wm Dealing. Louis N. Levy, vice James Dunphy. Bernard Cregan, vice Thomas Egan.

Joseph J. Josephs, vice Louis Fellows. Samuel Barnett, vice Thomas L. Feitner. Richard Flanagan, vice Bernard Flanagan. Martin McGovern, vice Theodore Feldstein. Christopher Fine, vice Jacob Friedman. Leopold Turk, vice Christopher Fine.

Andrew H. H. Dawson, vice Cornelius Fairley. Arthur D. Weeks, vice John C. Foster. Bernard Kerman, vice Wm. J. Finigan.

D. A. Schierenback, vice Bernard J. Gallagher. Wm. A. Ballantine, vice Dennis Galvin. Henry G. Klugh, vice John Gorman. George W. Morton, vice John H. Gross.

Arthur J. Delaney, vice Henry C. Hope. Thomas J. Miller, vice H. D. Hoyt. James M. Smith, vice Harmon H. Hart. M. M. Friend, vice Joseph Hartman. Malcolm Snowden, vice John N. Hayward.

Daniel M. O'Brien, vice J. Frederick Hatch. Hiram R. Beccanion, vice Philip L. Hoffman. Charles R. Deutsch, vice Eugene M. Jerome. Adam E. Schatz, vice Judson Jarvis.

Philip F. Hoffman, vice Delaney W. Knevals. Willis P. Miner, vice John Kerr. Theodore Feldstein, vice Patrick H. Kearney. Hugo Gorsh, vice Isaac Keyser.

Charles McManus, vice Bernard Kerman. Austin V. Pettit, vice J. C. J. Langbein. Henry A. Munker, vice Edward N. Lafley. Peter Radley, vice Henry J. Lynch.

John H. Cusick, vice Frederick R. Lee. James Dillard, Jr., vice Henry McCloskey. Joseph L. Coutrell, vice Charles J. McDermott.

David L. Beckwith, vice William F. McNamara. John W. Crump, vice James McGinnis. Samuel Kreiser, vice John J. McArdle.

Isaac Schreiber, vice Daniel McCabe. Frederick Reineman, vice P. McAleer. Henry Smith, vice Henry Murphy.

Patrick Collins, vice James Mahon. Daniel McCabe, vice Joseph F. Murphy. John Bush, vice John J. Macklin.

Philip A. Bird, vice George W. Morton. William H. Crolius, vice James A. Monaghan. Charles E. Boland, vice Wm. Montgomery, Jr. Henry L. Robertson, vice A. J. Mathewson.

John C. Wilson, vice John Nugent. John R. Farrington, vice George W. Oakley. Philip Waldheimer, vice James O'Hara.

J. Percival Michelbacher, vice Edward J. O'Brien. Jacob Fleischauer, vice Gonzalo Poey.

John H. Gross, vice Austin V. Pettit. Ferdinand Levy, vice Charles H. Patterson.

Jacob Johann, vice James Reynolds. Lawrence Burke, vice Warren H. Reynolds. John C. Keating, vice James Reilly.

Edward J. Shandley, vice Martin L. Ranney. Patrick McMullin, vice Richard B. Roche.

Michael Sullivan, vice George W. Relyea. Oscar J. Strauss, vice Thomas Reilly.

Nicholas Langdon, vice James W. Rowe. Thomas C. Wales, vice Henry L. Robertson.

William Hayes, vice Joseph Shaw. Wm. E. Burkhead, vice Charles E. Satterlee.

Michael G. Murray, vice John B. Sweat. Harson H. Smith, vice Francis Sheridan.

Walter C. Wooley, vice Thomas E. Smith. John E. Fitzgerald, vice George Schreiber.

James A. Chrystie, vice Daniel P. Smith. Jacob Rosenfield, vice John W. Thorp.

Benjamin F. Carpenter, vice Alonzo Truesdell. George W. Bogert, vice George G. Taylor.

Pascal T. Southern, vice Jacob F. Valentine. James N. Worden, vice Daniel M. Van Cott.

Wm. L. Wiley, vice Thomas C. Vache. James S. Reilly, vice George Wilson.

George W. Relyea, vice Henry T. Wilson. Thomas S. Sullivan, vice James H. Wynne.

William Dealing, vice William L. Wiley. Joseph T. Webster, vice Richard J. Walsh.

George Ashforth, vice James H. Wessels. William Burke, vice John White.

Joseph Fitzgerald, vice John N. Williams. Hiram H. Lowenthal, vice Harris Wines, Jr.

Edward Downy. John Dunn.

The President pro tem put the question whether the Board would agree to concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting the resolution ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTION. RESUMED.

By unanimous consent Alderman Van Schaick offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the temporary use of the unoccupied room adjoining and in the rear of the basement of the brown stone building now occupied by the Commissioners of Accounts be and the same is hereby given to the Receiver of Taxes.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Monheimer called up

G. O. 527,

being a report of the Special Committee appointed to consider a message from his Honor the Mayor, in relation to suspension from office the present Police Commissioners.

Resolved, That in view of the facts and statements enumerated in the foregoing report, it is the imperative duty of his Honor the Mayor to suspend and remove the Police Commissioners, who are responsible for the demoralization existing in their department, in accordance with the provisions of the act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York, and to reconstruct the Board of Police by the nomination of gentlemen as members of that Board, whose character and standing in the community will be a guarantee of their able, faithful and honest management of the important trusts conferred by the laws on the Police Department.

The President pro tem 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—Aldermen Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Lysaght, Monheimer, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—8.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Kehr, Koch, Morris—5.

Alderman Monheimer called up

G. O. 528,

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That the grade of Fifty-seventh street, between the Second and Third avenues, be changed so as to conform to the black lines and figures on the accompanying diagram, and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby directed to give effect to the provisions of this resolution.

The President pro tem 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—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Lysaght called up

G. O. 480.

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Water street, between Catharine and Market streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting 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—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Lysaght called up

G. O. 399.

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That on both sides of Eighty-fourth street, from First avenue to Avenue A, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged 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 therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem 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):

Which was decided in the affirmative. And the President pro tem announced that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the 4th day of June, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,  
Clerk.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 26th day of May, 1874. Present, Messrs. Gardner, Duryee and Disbecker, Commissioners.

Leave of absence was granted to

	Precinct.	days	without pay.
Roundsman Thomas Bradley,	28	1	
Patrolman Sanford B. Houton,	10	5	
William L. Michels,	9	2	
William Gunner,	5	1 1/2	
John M. Howell,	28	11	
Patrik F. Calhoun,	7	16	
James Van Ranst,	10	16	
Michael Sullivan,	6	16	
John H. White,	29	16	
John Shields,	31	25	
Louis Selig,	13	25	
Daniel J. Fagan,	13	25	
Patrick McGinley,	21	25	
Timothy Harrington,	13	2	
Charles Fischer,	44	1	
Sergeant Stephen E. Brown,	8	1	

Leave was granted, under the rule, to

Patrolman Andrew Murray, 1st court to receive \$25 00.

On reading and filing communication from Superintendent Matsell, it was

Resolved, That the chief clerk be authorized to purchase the requisite number (48) of city Directories for the use of the Department.

### Parades Allowed.

Laborers Union Benevolent Society, May 24, funeral.

Israel Lodge, No. 176, I. O. B. B. " 25,

Immaculate Conception, T. A. B. Society, May 25,

Ancient Order Hibernians, No. 2, May 23,

New York Sham, No. 27, " 23,

St. Josephs Society, " 24,

Harlem Mannerchor, " 25. Pic-nic.

Lovely Band, " 25,

Germania Stern, " 25,

Bloomingdale Turn Verein, " 25,

Deutscher Mannerchor, " 25,

Yorkville Sunday School, " 26. Parade.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M. " 25,

Clinton Commandery K. T. " 27,

Maniodes Benevolent Society, " 26, funeral.

Chepura Kadisha Talmuel Thora, " 26,

Verein Bhai Fischer Lef, " 26,

Reports were received from Captains relative to closing the following places and arrest of proprietors, which were ordered on file:

10th Precinct, George Rothamer, policy shop, 47 Clinton street.

27th Precinct, William Deignan, policy shop, 5 1/2 Carlton street.

27th Precinct, Edward Russell, gambling house, 14 New Church street.

2d Precinct, Henry Wood, lottery policy shop, 2 Park Row.

Street lamp reports for the week ending May 24th, were ordered to be transmitted to the Department of Public Works.

Weekly reports of the District Surgeons, transmitted by the Medical Director, were referred to the Committee on Surgeons.

A committee, consisting of the Mayor and the Police Commissioners of the town of Yonkers, appeared before and addressed the Board in reference to transfer of officers and patrolmen from the force of Kingsbridge to the force of the city of New York. Whereupon, on motion of Commissioner Gardner, it was

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be directed to consult with the counsel of the Board in relation thereto.

An application of Patrolman Thomas Corkery, Eighteenth Precinct, for special detail was ordered on file.

On motion of Commissioner Gardner it was

Resolved, That William H. Kennedy be appointed patrolman, and assigned to the Tenth Precinct for duty.

On motion of Commissioner Duryee it was

Resolved, That Charles H. Chaffee be appointed patrolman, and assigned to the Twenty-seventh Precinct for duty.

The report of the Committee on Rules and Discipline that Patrick Fay is over thirty years of age, and therefore does not come under the provisions of sec. 3, chap. 755, laws of 1873, was received and approved.

On motion of Commissioner Duryee it was

Resolved, That Alexander McIlhargey, an applicant for appointment, be directed to appear before the Board for examination.

On motion of Commissioner Disbecker it was

Resolved, That Jacob H. Does, an applicant for appointment, be directed to appear before the Board for examination.

The Committee on Rules and Discipline reported progress on the subject of reappointment to the force.

The following report of Commissioner Disbecker on the subject of Italian vagrant children was adopted, ordered to be entered in the minutes, and the Chief Clerk directed to notify the Italian Consul of the action of the Board, and furnish him a copy of the report:

Commissioner Disbecker presented the following:

I have examined the papers referred to me on the matter of the application of the Consul General of Italy in respect to vagrant Italian children.

There can be no objection, and it may lead to public benefit, that a general order should be issued for the apprehension of all children under the age of sixteen years found in the streets or public places begging, dancing, or playing on musical instruments for gain, and to cause them to be brought to the Central Department.

Every facility should be given to the Consul General of Italy to examine such of these children who are Italians by birth, with a view of leading to the discovery and apprehension of parties guilty of a violation of the 116th chapter of the laws of this year, being "An act in relation to mendicant and vagrant children." But

beyond this, this Board is powerless in the matter; the children arrested must either be discharged or dealt with as vagrants, and handed over to the custody of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

I would recommend no general order as to the disposal of those children apprehended, but leave each case to be dealt with as the circumstances may demand. There is no power given by the laws of this State or of the United States to transport to Italy children found begging or playing on musical instruments in the streets of New York, although they may be of Italian nationality, and this part of the plan proposed by the Consul General of Italy ought not to receive the sanction of the Board of Police.

A general order of the character recommended is herewith submitted:

Resolved, That the Superintendent issue a general order to the force to arrest all children under the age of sixteen years found in the streets or public places begging, dancing, or playing on musical instruments for gain, and cause them to be brought to the Central Department for examination, in accordance with the provisions of the following law:

### CHAP. 116.

An Act in Relation to Mendicant and Vagrant Children. Passed April 3, 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, whether as parent, relative, guardian, employer, or otherwise, having in his care, custody, or control any child under the age of sixteen years, who shall sell, apprentice, give away, let out, or otherwise dispose of any such child to any person, under any name, title, or pretense for the vocation, use, occupation, calling, service, or purpose of singing, playing on musical instruments, rope walking, dancing, begging, or peddling in any public street or highway, or in any mendicant or wandering business whatsoever; and any person who shall take, receive, hire, employ, use, or have in custody any such child for such purposes, or either of them, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof before any court of special sessions, or other competent tribunal, shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or suffer imprisonment in a county jail for a period not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

On motion of Commissioner Gardner, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to notify the Italian Consul when arrests of Italian vagrant children are made.

Commissioner Duryee reported that Levi Johnson, cook of the steamer "Seneca" refuses to work for less than \$50 per month, referred to the Committee on Station Houses.

On motion of Commissioner Disbecker the following ordinance was referred to the Superintendent for promulgation to the force.

An ordinance to compel owners or occupants of houses to provide proper coverings for the opening to vaults under the sidewalks.

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

§ 1. The Commissioners of Police are hereby directed to report to the Commissioner of Public Works, the owners or occupants of any store, dwelling or other building having vaults under the sidewalks in front thereof, with coverings over the openings thereto presenting a smooth surface, and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby directed, immediately after receiving such report, to notify such owners or occupants to remove such coverings, and substitute therefor coverings presenting a rough surface, and affording a secure foothold for pedestrians. Should any such owner or occupant neglect or refuse to comply with the directions contained in such notification for a period of six months, he shall thereby incur a penalty of five dollars for every twenty-four hours in excess of said six months that such neglect or refusal shall continue, and it is hereby made the duty of the said Commissioner of Public Works to cause to be reported every violation of the provisions of this ordinance to the Corporation Attorney for prosecution.

Commissioner Disbecker presented a petition for the appointment of James Le Roy as Doorman, was ordered on file.

Commissioner Duryee presented a communication from George H. Moller in relation to a building for station house purposes at Kingsbridge, belonging to Mr. Godwin, referred to the Committee on Station Houses.

On motion of Commissioner Gardner, it was

Resolved, That the 1st day of June next be designated for the annual parade of the Police force. All voting aye.

On motion of Commissioner Gardner, it was

Resolved, That music for the annual parade of the Police force be engaged at the expense of the Department. All voting aye.

On motion of Commissioner Disbecker, it was

Resolved, That music for the annual parade of the Police force be engaged at the expense of the Department. All voting aye.

Bills referred to Treasurer for payment.

P. Culkin..... \$12 50

E. Flugi..... 9 00

An opinion of the Counsel of the Board relative to property seized in raids on gambling houses, was referred to the President.

Resolved, That property taken on making arrests for gambling or policy dealing, and which are not implements of gambling or policy dealing, may be delivered up to the owners upon the order of the President, when no longer required to be kept as evidence against the party arrested.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Counsel

of the Board for opinion whether, when a patrolman is insane, charge can be preferred and a judgment of dismissal pronounced against him for disability from that cause.

Communication from D. & J. Jardine in relation to the condition of the 6th precinct station houses, and recommending that the east wall be taken down and rebuilt, was referred to the Committee on Station houses to ascertain the cost of the work.

Communication from S. L. M. Barlow recommending Daniel J. Riley for an appointment as Clerk. Was ordered on file.

Commissioner Duryee moved that the salary of A. M. Dickinson, clerk in Telegraph office, be increased.

Commissioner Disbecker moved that the question be referred to the Committee on Rules and Discipline for report. Carried; all voting aye.

Commissioner Duryee moved that the salary of George P. Barrett, clerk, be increased.

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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 time 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 re-organize 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 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:

§ 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, 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