

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
TUESDAY, February 19, 1878—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, February 18, 1878.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and section 1 of chapter 779, being 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 304, being an act entitled "An act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 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 Mayor, on Tuesday, February 19, 1878, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Comptroller dated February 18, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 18, 1878.

1121. SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor :

S. R.—You are requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$35,000 "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," authorized by chapter 351, Laws of 1875, and acting on such matters as may be brought before the Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 18th day of February, 1878.

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor;
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller;
WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
President of the Board of Aldermen;
JOHN WHEELER,
President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.

Present—All the members, viz.:

Smith Ely, Jr., the Mayor of the City of New York; John Kelly, the Comptroller of the City of New York; William R. Roberts, the President of the Board of Aldermen; and John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held January 23, 1878, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," and Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 18, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

On the 2d of June, 1875, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks made a requisition on the Comptroller for the issue of \$200,000 "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," the amount authorized to be raised and expended by section 2, chapter 351, Laws of 1875, for the equipment of the building of the Museum of Natural History, erected in the Central Park, under the provisions of section 2, chapter 290, Laws of 1871. On reports made by the Comptroller on April 16 and October 16, 1877, that contracts and agreements amounting to the sum of \$161,833.85 had been entered into by the Department of Public Parks for performing the work so provided for, resolutions were adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, authorizing the Comptroller to issue said stock to the amount of \$165,000.

The contracts made by the Department of Public Parks for this work and filed in this Department amount to \$176,561, and bills without contract have also been incurred to the amount of \$15,818.02, making the total expense for work and materials at this date \$192,379.02.

In order to meet these contracts and bills as they fall due, and such other expenses as may be necessary for the same purpose, it will be necessary to issue the balance of said Consolidated Stock, amounting to the sum of \$35,000, and I herewith submit a resolution for that purpose.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of section 112, of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as authorized by chapter 351, Laws of 1875, to the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, in full of requisition of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, dated June 2, 1875.

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 presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 9, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

The Commissioners having the authority conferred upon them by the provisions of chapter 429, Laws of 1876, to determine the amount of a fair and reasonable compensation for the actual use and occupation of any building or buildings in the City of New York, as armories and drill-rooms for any regiment or other organization of the National Guard of the State of New York, between January 1, 1871, and May 1, 1876, have filed in the Comptroller's office on February 8, 1878, a report and certificate in writing, of their determination upon the following claim, brought before them pursuant to said act, to wit :

For rent of the rear portion of the first floor of the building on the east side of the Bowery, known as Nos. 291 and 293 Bowery, also the rear building on the south side of First street, connecting, known as No. 21 First street, from January 7 to May 1, 1874.

The said Commissioners have determined that for the use and occupation of the said premises by an organization of the National Guard of the State of New York, during such period as has not been paid for, namely, from January 7 to May 1, 1874, the aggregate compensation shall be four hundred dollars (\$400). The claim for rent amounted to \$1,666.66.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of section 112, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and payable at a period not to exceed three years from the date thereof, the amount certified and reported by the Commissioners appointed by and under chapter 429, Laws of 1876, as determined by them, to be paid as compensation for the actual use and occupation of the following premises as an armory and drill-room : Rear portion of the first floor of the building on the east side of the Bowery, known as Nos. 291 and 293, Bowery, also the rear building on the south side of First street, connecting, known as No. 21 First street, from January 7th to May 1st, 1874, four hundred dollars (\$400).

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 presented the following communication :

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 18, 1878.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

Bonds issued by the late town of West Farms for Roads and Bridges, Nos. 8, 9, 10, for \$500 each, held by Wm. D. Lent, and No. 12, for \$500, held by B. Byrne, were due on February 1, 1878, and have been presented for payment.

The Finance Department has refused to recognize this class of bonds, but, on an examination of the question, the Corporation Counsel gave an opinion some time since, that the city is liable for their payment.

As no appropriation for the purpose has been made, it is, therefore, necessary to make a transfer of \$2,000 from some unexpended appropriation in order to provide for their payment, and save the city the expense of useless litigation.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the

appropriation for "Interest on the City Debt," for 1877, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Redemption of the Debt of the annexed territory of Westchester county," for 1878, which is insufficient.

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

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

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 presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, January 28, 1878.

The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That respectful application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer from the unexpended balance of the Police fund of 1876 to the account of Police fund of 1877, of the sum of sixty-six dollars, to enable the Treasurer of Police to pay a judgment recovered by Augustus Miller, a Sergeant of the Police force, against William F. Smith, DeWitt C. Wheeler, Joel P. Erhardt, and Sidney P. Nichols, Commissioners of Police.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty-six cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations, which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz.:

"Cleaning Streets under Police Department," 1875.....	\$1,295 46
"Police Fund," 1876.....	66 00
Total.....	\$1,361 46

—to the following appropriations for 1877, which are insufficient or require the same, viz.:

"Incumbrances in Harbor, Removal of".....	\$1,000 00
"Police Fund".....	66 00
"Advertising".....	119 30
Contingencies—District Attorney's Office.....	176 16
Total.....	\$1,361 46

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 two hundred and eighty-four dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets under Police Department" for 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places" for 1873, the same being insufficient.

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 Chairman presented the following communications :

Gentlemen of the Excise Board :

The Gilbert Library and Prisoners' Aid Society" was duly incorporated during the past year. We shall seek the necessary funds for carrying on the work of the Society from private subscriptions, and from such Boards as your own.

We propose placing a Library of *readable, non-sectarian, elevating* books in each of our prisons and jails; and in aiding the prisoner when released to *obtain honest elevating employment*. By placing these men and women in positions, or ourselves giving them employment as pedlers, etc., we hope to save them from a return to the same or some other prison or jail, and the community from the expense of their support. We would thus save them from crime—and what is only a grade less—pauperism. We will also, in needed and worthy cases, supply the families of the prisoner, during his incarceration.

Our Books of Account are always open to the inspection of your Board, and annual reports of receipts and expenditures will be made. If you desire, the society will appear before you by an authorized representative.

Should you desire your appropriation devoted to any special object, please name it, and we will so use it.

We ask you to aid us by the appropriation of two thousand dollars.

Awaiting your early answer, we are, gentlemen,

The Gilbert Library and Prisoners' Aid Society.
ALFRED NELSON, } Board
R. H. GILBERT, } of
LINDE GILBERT, } Managers.

Temporary business office, No. 58 Broadway, New York.

P. S.—The money to be received from your Board will not be used for purchase of books, but will be wholly applied to the purchase of food and clothing, payment of lodging expenses, and securing employment for discharged prisoners.

NEW YORK, January 29, 1878.

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To the Honorable the Board of Apportionment :

The free system for the inspection of weights and measures having been abolished by the Board of Aldermen, the undersigned Inspector of Weights and Measures, would most respectfully request you to fix a salary for such services, and as the faithful performance of the duties of such Inspector requires an assistant, a reasonable compensation for him also.

The requirements of the office are one Inspector for each Inspection District.

Office room in any of the public buildings.

The services of a horse and wagon for carting heavy weights (2,000 lbs.) for at least one month in each year, and oftener if required, in order to test coal, hay and ice scales; also Weighmaster's beams, stationery, such as bill-books, stating the name and address of each person using scales, weights and measures inspected, said book to be delivered to the Comptroller or such person as you may designate at the end of each month, in case your Honorable Body should intend collecting the fees for such services and which would more than defray the expenses for the maintenance of said office and thereby add to the revenues of the city.

Printed notices, intended for persons using scales, weights and measures not conformable to the standard, commanding such persons to send them to the office of the City Sealer of Weights and Measures to be adjusted and sealed as now provided by law.

By giving this your earliest attention you would greatly oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

THEODORE S. KENT,
Inspector of Weights and Measures, Second District.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—In a communication which we had the honor to lay before you some months since in reference to the institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction of this city, we stated that in our opinion it was necessary to establish a new asylum for the chronic insane, and suggest a purchase of land for this purpose. A special act of the Legislature being required to enable the city to acquire real estate, we now address you again to request that you will at once take steps to secure the passage of such an act.

In order that there may be no doubt as to the necessity of extra accommodation for the criminals, paupers, and insane of this city, or that the best way to provide such extra accommodation is to establish a new insane asylum, we have obtained the following figures, showing both the number of inmates for which the most important buildings on the various islands were intended and the actual number of inmates in each building on January 1, 1878.

CHARITY HOSPITAL.	
Intended capacity.....	966
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	934
PENITENTIARY.	
Cells on Blackwell's Island.....	736
Cells on Randall's Island.....	54
	790
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	1,148
ALMS-HOUSE.	
Standing Beds.....	1,164
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	1,333

WORK-HOUSE.	
Bunks.....	1,120
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	914
LUNATIC ASYLUM.	
Intended capacity.....	986
Inmates.....	1,296
HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL.	
Number of beds for patients.....	400
Work-house help.....	76
Insane men.....	79
Insane women.....	71
	626
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	615
INSANE ASYLUM.	
Main Building—	
Intended capacity.....	434
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	576
Emigration Building, lent for one year—	
Capacity.....	300
Inmates, January 1, 1878.....	200
RANDALL'S ISLAND.	
South Hospital, boys.....	64
North Hospital, girls.....	58
Idiot Asylum.....	92
Hopeless idiots, boys.....	25
Hopeless idiots, girls.....	24
Large idiot boys.....	31
Pavilion for sick idiots.....	14
Branch Charity Hospital, men.....	51
Branch Charity Hospital, women.....	43
Branch Insane Asylum.....	125
Infants' Hospital, mothers.....	100
Infants' Hospital, children.....	228
Work-house prisoners.....	
	855
HART'S ISLAND.	
Insane women.....	88
Work-house prisoners.....	224
Patients.....	296

These figures show that there were, on January 1, 1878, on Blackwell's, Ward's, Randall's and Hart's Islands, fourteen hundred and fifty-five insane women, and nine hundred and eighty insane men, or twenty-four hundred and thirty-five lunatics in all, while the two asylums built for this class of unfortunates were intended to accommodate respectively nine hundred and eighty-six, and four hundred and thirty-four inmates, leaving a surplus of one thousand and fifteen patients to be housed in any way that can be devised. Of these one thousand and fifteen surplus patients, four hundred and fifty-two are crowded into the asylums, injuring the other patients and themselves being injured by the close contact. The rest are distributed as follows: Seventy-one women and seventy-nine men are in the Homoeopathic Hospital on Ward's Island, where two patients occupy each room—two hundred men are in a building on Ward's Island, borrowed from the Bureau of Emigration for one year only, sleeping in dormitories containing each one hundred beds; one hundred and twenty-five are on Randall's Island, and eighty-eight women on Hart's Island.

This distribution means that these insane men and women are kept in buildings not intended for them and usually under the charge of persons who have had little or no experience in dealing with the insane, and the result must be an increase in the number of chronic cases, for many who might recover under more favorable circumstances lose every chance of improvement crowded together as they are. It is to be remembered also that there is year by year a steady increase in the number of insane, and that consequently, the evils will become greater and greater.

Besides the surplus insane there are one hundred and sixty-nine more men in the penitentiary than there are cells, and there is no room at all in the building for the one hundred and eighty-three women prisoners, who sleep over the work-shops in large open dormitories. In the Alms-house also there were on January 1st, one hundred and sixty-nine more inmates than beds.

Were the extra number of insane provided for as we suggest, all the sick who naturally belong on Blackwell's Island, where they would receive adequate medical attendance, could be returned from Randall's and Hart's Islands, and the latter island used as a branch of the Penitentiary. It is peculiarly fitted for a reformatory for young prisoners, being at a distance from the city and affording facilities for classification and for farm work.

There is indeed the most urgent need of classification throughout the whole Department, but no step forward is possible while the excessive number of insane patients keeps so large a proportion of all the buildings overcrowded. The moment this pressure was removed great improvement would be possible.

We therefore again urge you to ask at once for a law authorizing the City of New York to buy land for the purpose of establishing an insane asylum outside the city.

January 14, 1878.

Respectfully,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, } Commissioners of
JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL, } the State Board of Charities.
50 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK, January 31, 1878. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—Referring to the communication to you by the Commissioners of the State Board of Charities of the 14th instant, I beg to call your attention to the fact that an act has already been passed by the Legislature, and is in force, giving the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction in the City of New York full power to acquire title on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, etc., to all or any part of the land on Ward's Island not owned by the city—the price, if not agreed to by the owners, to be determined by arbitration.
(Laws of 1872, chapter 679.)

The upland on Ward's Island, not owned by the city, and not embraced in the land between high and low water mark, consists of lots 7, 8, 22, 23, 61, 62 and 63 on the Ward's Island Map—in all 18 acres, 1 rood and 8 perches strict measure, and will furnish sufficient accommodation for the poor and insane of the city for many years to come.

The private property on Ward's Island has been ruined by the city for the purposes of private use, notwithstanding which it is annually taxed for city purposes.

From time to time, during the last twenty years, negotiations have been had between the city and the private owners for a sale to the city of their interests, but without avail.

The act of 1872 was passed with the concurrence of the Commissioners then in office, as I understand, and in fact, in that year, after the passage of the act, negotiations were again opened, and an arbitration agreement was drawn by me and submitted on behalf of all the property owners to the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, and by that Board formally referred to its counsel.

One or two clauses in the agreement being objected to by counsel, some delay occurred, and the matter was finally dropped.

I may say that I am still authorized on behalf of the private owners to sell the property designated to the city, either under the act referred to, or otherwise, and I think you will agree on consulting the map and the location of the lots, that it would be much more advantageous to the city to purchase them than to look elsewhere.

I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

DWIGHT H. OLMSTEAD.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES,
120 EAST THIRTIETH STREET, January 28, 1878. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller, etc.:

DEAR SIR—Mr. Donnelly, Commissioner of the State Board of Charities, writes me that he has talked with you in regard to a plan for improving the condition of the insane in our city asylums, by the purchase of land for a new insane asylum, and that you are convinced that, in the present financial condition of the city, no such plan ought to be approved.

I cannot agree with this view, because I feel sure that, apart from the obligation which the city is under to care for her insane in a humane manner, such a measure as we propose would result in the truest economy. Under the present system acute attacks of insanity in many patients sent to the insane asylums of our city are increased in duration and severity, owing to want of proper care and accommodation, while other cases which, with better management might have been cured, become chronic. This statement I make on the authority of the published report of Dr. Parsons,

who for nine years was Medical Superintendent of the Asylum on Blackwell's Island. Thus the very attempt to save money one year entails on the city a heavy expense for many years.

I understand that large tracts of land can be bought on Long Island for a very low price per acre, from ten to twenty dollars, so that \$20,000 would buy one thousand acres or more. The land once bought, one or two pavilions could be put up for the use of insane patients from Ward's Island, who then, under competent superintendence, could help to build more of the same kind.

I have sent to-day to the Board of Apportionment a letter signed by Mr. Theodore Roosevelt and myself some two weeks since, asking action is this matter. The letter has been kept back for various reasons, but I think it right to send it now.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL, Commissioner, etc.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The following communications were presented:

OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, January 28, 1878. }

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I have received a copy of a communication addressed to your honorable Board, signed by the Chief Clerk of the Department of Police, by order of that Board, referred to me by your honorable body.

It states that the Mayor recently deemed it his duty to prefer charges of official maladministration and neglect of duty against a majority of the Police Board. That in preparing and presenting their defense they necessarily incurred considerable expense, which, in view of the fact that the charges were dismissed, it is believed should not be borne by the Commissioners personally, and that at a meeting of the Board, on the 15th inst., it was resolved that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide for the payment of the expense incurred by the Police Commissioners, Messrs. Wheeler, Erhardt and Nichols, members of the Board of Police, in defending themselves against said charges, or that the Department be authorized to pay such expenses from the moneys theretofore appropriated to it.

In considering the subject referred to in the communication, I have endeavored to ascertain what the precedents have been. None can be found applicable to precisely the investigation referred to in the communication, because the proceeding is novel. I find, however, a large number of cases in which the Legislature has made appropriations for the purpose of paying the expenses of public officials charged and put upon their defense, where the charges were subsequently dismissed. There are no precedents upon either side, in the case of proceedings before the Mayor, the provision for that investigation having been first introduced into our municipal law by the charter of 1873. Of such appropriations by the Legislature the following may be referred to.

Laws of 1869, volume 2, page 1928. "Appropriation for the counsel of Robert C. Dorn, in full for services, six thousand dollars, for expenses for rooms, procuring witnesses, telegraphing and printing, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and seventy-five cents."

This was the case of the Dorn impeachment.

Laws of 1870, volume 1, page 1095. "Appropriation for Gilbert Robinson, Junior, Edward L. Fursman and Jacob J. Runkle, for their services and expenses as counsel for John Artz, Acting Superintendent of the poor, of Rensselaer County, in the investigation ordered by the Governor, the sum of ten thousand dollars to be equally divided between them, and to be in full for their services and expenses in said investigation."

Same volume, page 1120. "Appropriation for Jonathan S. Buell, for expenses in his defense upon charges preferred against him as Police Commissioner, of the City of Buffalo, in the year 1869, three hundred dollars."

"Appropriation for Lyman K. Bass and Sherman S. Rogers, for services and expenses as counsel for Salmon Shaw and Obadiah J. Green, on the proceedings against them as Police Commissioners for the City of Buffalo, one thousand and fifty-eight dollars."

Laws of 1873, Chapter 760. "Appropriation for Sterling G. Hadley, for services as Attorney and Counselor for Canal Commissioner William W. Wright, and Canal Superintendent John Haggerty, in their defense on charges preferred against them before the Canal Committee of the Assembly of 1872, the sum of two hundred dollars."

Same volume, page 1149. "To Horace G. Prindle, Judge and Surrogate of Chenango county, in full for the payment of counsel fees of Henry R. Mygatt, James W. Glover, and E. H. Prindle, and all other expenses incurred by him in defending himself against the charges preferred against him before the Senate, three thousand two hundred and fifty-nine dollars."

Same volume, page 1150. "Henry Smith, Robert Cochrane, and H. C. Dennison, counsel appearing on the part of the defendant on the trial of George M. Curtis, Justice of the Marine Court, upon the charges preferred against him before the Senate, in full for services and expenses, two thousand dollars."

Laws of 1874, Chapter 323, page 389. "Appropriation for Josiah T. Miller, for services as counsel in the defense of Canal Commissioner W. W. Wright, indicted for malfeasance in office in Seneca county, 1872, the sum of three hundred dollars."

Laws of 1877, page 294, appropriation "to Stephen Moffat, for counsel fees and expenses, necessarily expended in the investigation before the Committee on State Prisons, of the Senate, of charges made against him in the report of the State Prison Commission, three hundred dollars."

From these citations, covering various classes of investigation, and which are cited as illustrations merely, it appears to have been the policy of the State to treat the legitimate expenses of persons who are charged with some alleged misconduct in office, before the proper tribunal, and who, upon making their defense, are found to have acquitted themselves of the charges, as matters proper to be borne by the public, and in 1874, by chapter 323, page 388, of the Laws of that year, it was provided that "Hereafter, in all proceedings before the Governor, for the removal of any county officer, upon charges preferred against him, all the costs and expenses thereof, including those of taking and printing the testimony therein, shall be a county charge upon such county, and shall be audited and allowed by the Board of Supervisors of such county, and be included in the assessment-roll," etc.

It seems to have been considered that, if the charges brought against the person were well founded, so that they resulted in a conviction, before whatever tribunal the investigation was had, that the responsibility and the burden should be borne by the individual, as they doubtless should, for misconduct in office is a personal and individual offense.

But where the result of the inquiry has shown that the official misconduct did not exist, and that he is innocent of the charges brought against him, it would seem to follow that he had done nothing to justify the imposition of personal burdens upon him.

He has been put to the expense solely by virtue of his holding public office, not by reason of any misconduct therein. This the verdict of the tribunal must be supposed to have settled, so far as the particular charge is concerned, and any legitimate expense which he has been put to, without personal responsibility therefor, solely by reason of the holding by him of a public office, it would seem to be for the public to pay.

In incurring the expenditures, he takes the risk of being obliged to discharge them himself, according as the result shall show that the charges made are well-founded or unfounded.

Cases can be imagined where it would be exceedingly unjust and oppressive to compel a public officer, at his individual expense, to defend his official administration. It would often involve a far-reaching inquiry and investigation fraught with great expense and the dread of such an expense might very readily be employed to drive from office a perfectly innocent and honest and valuable public officer.

I do not think that the present appropriations of the Police Department cover any expenditure of this sort, but the general legislative function, possessed by the Board of Apportionment, is adequate to make provision for any legitimate expense of any public officer or department, in this respect exercising substantially the function that is exercised by the Legislature with respect to County and State offices.

If the Board of Apportionment shall, in their discretion, make an appropriation or transfer an appropriation to discharge the legitimate expense of counsel and printing, etc., incurred by the Board in answering the charges preferred by the Mayor, I think they can be paid.

The charges, although in form against each of the Commissioners as a member of the Board, were in law, charges against the Board itself, for upon their face, each of the three Commissioners was called into court to answer for his conduct as a member of the Board, and not for the failure to discharge any duty which by law was imposed upon him individually, other than as a member of the Board he shared in the obligations which the law had imposed upon the Board.

The charges were against the Police Board, and as the result of the investigation must be held to have shown that there was sufficient doubt with regard to their correctness as to justify the verdict passed upon them by his Honor the Mayor, of not being proven, the department must be credited with an acquittal in the view of the law, and I think that it is within the power of the Board of Apportionment to make the necessary appropriations to pay the legitimate expenses to which the Board was subjected.

I am, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, February 16, 1878. }

The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from the appropriation for Street Cleaning for 1877, which is in excess of the amount required

for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriation for Contingent Expenses for 1877, as per letter of January 18, 1878."

Very respectfully,
S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

Whereupon the Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:
Resolved, That the sum of six thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets under Police Department" for 1877, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" for 1877, for which the same is required.

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, and the President of the Board of Aldermen—3.

Negative—The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—1.

The Chairman presented the following communications.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS,
No. 40 BURLING SLIP,
NEW YORK, January 25, 1878.

DEAR SIR—Your favor of yesterday, in reply to our request for information as to any available balances of former appropriations for the removal of incumbrances and obstructions in the harbor, is received, and we are obliged for your prompt attention.

As it appears that under existing circumstances you must apply to the Board of Apportionment for funds for that purpose, we would suggest that you ask for, say \$3,000, as we are about to contract for the removal of a wreck lying on the sand spit in the East river, near Governor's Island, at about \$300 or \$400, and there is probability of other calls within the fiscal year. A vessel has already struck this wreck.

It was the custom under your predecessors in office to have an annual sum in the tax levy for the purpose of removing wrecks, of say \$5,000, and as prompt action in the removal of obstructions to safe navigation is all important, we would suggest the propriety of asking for such an appropriation for the coming year.

The record of the Board in the use of former appropriations will convince you that it will not call for any part of the money without good cause.

Yours, very respectfully,
GEO. W. BLUNT, Secretary.

JOHN KELLY, Esq., Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Police be and they are hereby respectfully requested to re-establish the Sixth Police Precinct and assign to duty therein the requisite Police force, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to provide the means necessary to repair, refit, and refurnish the station-house in Franklin street for the use and occupation of the said Police force by transfer of any available balances of appropriations of former years or otherwise.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 26, 1878.

Approved by the Mayor, February 6, 1878.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,
Clerk Common Council.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST),
NEW YORK, January 30, 1878.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

SIR—On the pay-roll for the Engineers and Draughtsmen for December, 1877, there is an item of \$75.79 chargeable to "surveying, laying out, etc." There is also a bill in this Department for \$72.52 chargeable to the same appropriation. The balance of this appropriation for 1877 is only \$13.58 so there is a deficiency of \$134.73.

To meet this the Department to-day adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of \$134.73 from the appropriation for "surveying, laying out, monumenting, etc., north end of the island, and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards" for 1875, for the purposes of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "surveying, laying out, and monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of this island" for 1877, which is insufficient.

By your having the matter acted on at the next meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment you will much oblige, as the employees on the pay-roll are in want of their pay.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES F. WENMAN,
President Department Public Parks.

NEW YORK, February 9, 1878.

To the Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller, etc.:

DEAR SIR—Allow me to call your attention to the inadequacy of the appropriation by the Board of Apportionment for the expenses of the Children's Fold for the year 1878.

The amount applied for was twelve thousand dollars, of which ten thousand four hundred was based upon an estimate of one hundred children to be supported; and sixteen hundred dollars to cover a deficiency in the payment from the City Treasury for 1877. The accounts for the year having been since made up and the last payment received from the city, the deficiency, as will appear by examining the returns from our Treasurer, is thirteen hundred and sixteen dollars and eighty-two cents. The number of children January 1, 1878, was 81; on December 1, 1877, 80; November 1, October 1, and September 1, each 77.

Owing to the growing destitution which crowds all charitable institutions, the pressure for accommodation is in excess of our room. We have accordingly hired and are fitting up a large house in prospect of being obliged to receive one hundred children. Every care is and will be exercised to exclude all but those in real need.

The act of the Legislature under which we suppose ourselves entitled to apply for this aid is hereto annexed:

Chap. 506—*Laws New York*, 1874, p. 696.

AN ACT, conferring certain powers on "The Children's Fold" of the City of New York. Passed May 20, 1874.

Section 1. The Trustees of the "Children's Fold" and Orphan Asylum, located in the city of New York, are hereby authorized and empowered to adopt into families any orphan, half-orphan or destitute child who may have been in their care and charge for the space of one year, in case said children be under ten years of age, or six months, in case of children over ten years old.

Sec. 2. The Board of Supervisors of the city and county of New York, shall levy and collect by tax in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and every year thereafter at the same time and in the same manner as the contingent charges and expenses of the city and county are levied and collected, and shall pay over to "The Children's Fold" of the City of New York, the sum of two dollars per week for each and every orphan, half-orphan and destitute child received and supported by said institution, the expense of whose support is not paid by private parties.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

The failure to receive the amounts due will seriously embarrass the society in its operations, as there is owing by it on past obligations the whole amount of the deficiency, and moreover the current expenses will require from month to month the per capita sum to which we are entitled, besides contributions from private sources.

I would therefore respectfully ask, on behalf of the trustees, that the needed relief be granted by the payment of last year's deficiency, and that provision may be made, as in your judgment shall seem best, for our present and increasing number of beneficiaries.

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS M. PETERS,
President of the Children's Fold.

NEW YORK, February 18, 1878.

To his Honor SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor of the City of New York:

SIR—A number of citizens, desiring to add to the attractions of our metropolitan city, have conferred with the Department of Public Parks, in regard to the establishment of Zoological and Botanical Gardens, and in accordance with the views of the Department have formed themselves into a body corporate, for the purpose of creating and maintaining such gardens, and have chosen the undersigned an Executive Committee to carry out their wishes.

We, therefore, herewith respectfully submit a copy of our Charter and By-laws and the draft of an act which, passed by the Legislature, will enable the Department to make a contract with the Corporation upon conditions mentioned in the accompanying "memoranda," and thus render certain the immediate establishment of such gardens and their maintenance upon a liberal scale, and without the incurring of any expense or liability whatever by the Department or by the city.

We desire your cordial indorsement of the plan proposed, and that you join the Department and ourselves in a request to the Honorable the Legislature of the State, that the proposed act be passed without delay, and we wish also for a similar indorsement from the Honorable the Common Council of this city.

Respectfully yours,

ADRIAN FRELING,
JAMES M. CONSTABLE,
HUGH ANCHINCLOSS.

AN ACT relating to the establishment of Zoological and Botanical Gardens in the City of New York. The People of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:
Section 1. The Department of Public Parks in the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to allot, set apart, and appropriate that portion of the Central Park between the driveway on the westerly side of said park and the Eighth avenue, and extending from Ninety-sixth street to

One Hundred and Tenth street at Eighth avenue for the establishment therein of Zoological and Botanical Gardens, provided that no existing drive or bridle-path within said area shall be closed to the public.

Section 2. The aforesaid Department is hereby authorized and directed to make and enter into a contract with "The American Zoological and Botanical Garden Company, Limited," incorporated under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the organization and regulation of certain business corporations," passed June 21, 1875, for the establishment of said corporation in said portion of the Central Park for said purposes, and no other whatever, upon such conditions, terms, and regulations, with respect to the management of, admission to, and continuance of said Zoological and Botanical Gardens as shall be contained in said contract.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

MEMORANDA.

1. Capital to be not less than \$200,000, to be disbursed during the first three years.
2. Admission.—Sundays, free; Saturdays, free to the pupils of the public schools when visiting in a body under the care of their teachers; one day, fifty cents; other days, twenty-five cents.
3. Receipts to be applied—1st, to maintenance; 2d, to interest at seven per cent. on stocks and bonds paid for; 3d, the surplus, if any, to be devoted to the purchase of more animals, the improvement of the grounds, or reduction of admission.
4. The city is not to be at any expense either for the construction or maintenance of said gardens, except furnishing policemen to preserve order.
5. The city authorities to have the right to investigate the accounts of the corporation.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented the following communication:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST),
NEW YORK, 30th January, 1878.

Hon. JOHN WHEELER, Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—The Board of Commissioners governing this Department adopted the following resolution at their meeting, held this day, viz.:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-three cents from the appropriation for "Surveying, Laying-out, Monumenting, etc., north end of Island and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," for 1875, for the purposes of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "Surveying, Laying-out, and Monumenting, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of this Island," for 1877, which is insufficient.

Respectfully

WILLIAM IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 28, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—Respectfully referring to the communication of this Board dated December 6, 1877, containing the following:

Resolved, That application be made to the Honorable Board of Apportionment, requesting the transfer of unexpended balance of 1875, amounting to the sum of \$2,925.23 for the purpose of erecting a suitable building for the care of insane temporarily confined in Bellevue Hospital. I am directed by the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction to renew the application as expressed in the foregoing resolution, and that they be informed of the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at an early date.

Very respectfully,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER, Secretary.

BOARD OF REVISION AND CORRECTION OF ASSESSMENTS.

A meeting of the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments was held at the Comptroller's office in the New Court House, on Monday, February 25, 1878, at 4.05 o'clock P. M.

Present—John Kelly, Comptroller; Wm. C. Whitney, Counsel to the Corporation; John K. Hackett, Recorder.

The minutes of the meeting held February 21, 1878, were read and approved.

The assessment lists for improvement of the Eastern Boulevard, comprising regulating, grading, etc., and paving with Telford-macadamized pavement Avenue A, from Fifty-seventh to Eighty-sixth street; regulating, grading, etc., and superstructure of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, from Avenue A to Sixth avenue; and regulating, grading, etc., and superstructure of Seventy-second street, from Avenue A to Fifth avenue, the further hearing of which was postponed at the last meeting, on motion were taken up for consideration.

Mr. Wm. H. Jasper appeared in behalf of the Board of Assessors, and explained the manner of distributing the assessment for benefit upon the property on Seventy-second street, between Avenue A and First avenue.

Mr. H. H. Anderson, attorney for the objectors, spoke in opposition to the laying of the assessments.

Bernard Kelly, residing at No. 527 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, was sworn and examined by Mr. Wakeman as to the expense which would be incurred for the work on One Hundred and Sixteenth street, and the assessments therefor, as stated to him by Commissioner of Public Works Van Nort.

Messrs. Abram Wakeman and John C. Shaw, attorneys, were heard for the objectors.

Mr. Montgomery A. Kellogg was recalled, and explained what portions of the Eastern Boulevard have been improved and completed, referring to the maps of the work to point them out and distinguish the same; also as to the condition of the work at One Hundred and Sixteenth street and Fourth avenue.

Mr. Walter Edwards, Jr., attorney, submitted an affidavit of Mr. James Lenox in the matter of the assessment for regulating, grading, etc., Seventy-second street, from Fifth avenue to Avenue A.

On motion, the several assessment lists were laid over for decision and action of the Board thereon.

At 5.10 o'clock P. M., on motion, the Board adjourned to Tuesday, February 26, 1878, at 4 o'clock P. M.

RICHD. A. STORRS.

Chief Clerk, Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Docks, held 14th February, 1878.

Present—The full Board.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the repairs needed to the several piers and bulkheads owned by the Corporation, and not now subject to lease, or the leases for which expire on or before 1st June, 1878, in order to place the said wharf property in good condition for service during the stated terms for which it is proposed to lease the said premises respectively; and also a report of the dredging necessary in order to obtain a proper depth of water alongside the said piers and bulkheads respectively; and, being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to proceed with the work of making said repairs, without delay, in conformity with said report, with the force of the Department, by day's work; the estimated cost of the work necessary to be done on any one pier or bulkhead, not exceeding the sum of \$630.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, advising the approval of the change in location of Piers, new 19, 20, and 21, North river, as adopted by this Board on 3d December, 1877; and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to alter the maps of the Department as regards the lines for the said piers, and note thereon the approval of the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as made 7th February, 1878.

On motion, Matthew Keefe and John H. Monahan were appointed as laborers.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held 15th February, 1878.

Present—The full Board, and the Comptroller of the City.

Eight proposals were received and opened for repairing piers at Thirtieth, Thirty-fifth, Forty-fifth, and Fifty-seventh streets, North river, as follows, to wit:

No. 1. From Austin Gibbins.....	\$18,000
No. 2. From Holmes Brothers.....	10,274
No. 3. From John F. Broderick.....	14,250
No. 4. From Henry V. Sloat and Richard B. Sloat.....	11,382
No. 5. From Moses Engle.....	8,690

No. 6. From P. Sanford Ross..... 10,300
 No. 7. From Warren Roosevelt..... 9,910
 No. 8. From Stephen A. Jenks and Edward J. Fearon..... 9,643
 And, being read, were,
 On motion, laid on the table for further consideration.
 On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held 20th February, 1878.
 Present—The full Board.
 The minutes of the meetings held 26th and 30th January, and 6th, 7th, and 13th February, 1878, were read and approved.

An application was received from J. S. Peck & Son, for permission to drive piles and repair bulkhead between Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth streets, East river; and, being read,
 On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to J. S. Peck & Son, to drive piles and repair the bulkhead between Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth streets, East river; provided, that the work be done under the direction and supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, advising that Moses Engle is not in arrears or default to the Corporation; and, being read,

On motion, the eight proposals for repairing piers at Thirtieth, Thirty-fifth, Forty-sixth, and Fifty-seventh streets, North river, received and opened on the 15th instant, were

Taken from the table and placed on file; and the following resolutions adopted to wit:

Resolved, That the contract for repairing the piers at Thirtieth, Thirty-fifth, Forty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets, North river, be and is hereby awarded to Moses Engle, of 217 West street, his bid for doing said work being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened on 15th February, 1878.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract and agreement for the above award; and that the officers of the Board be and are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the same.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, laid on the table to await action as stated opposite each, to wit:

From Jesse Hoyt & Company and others—Petition to have South street extended across Coenties slip, East river.

From Counsel to the Corporation—

1. Opinion relative to the right of the Department to restrict the amount of wharf and slip room occupied by canal boats, on East river.

2. Opinion relative to the right of the Department to grant permission to erect bulkhead at southerly side of Seventy-fourth street, East river. Secretary directed to request John Macarthur, the applicant for said permission, to call on the Commissioners.

From Waverley Boat Club—Application to locate boat-house at Seventy-fifth street, North river, instead of Eighty-fifth street. Superintendent of Docks for the district directed to examine and report as to the availability of the premises for such use.

From Union Dredging Company—Proposition to do the dredging required by the Department, for one year, at certain stated terms.

The following reports were received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, to wit:

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 16th February, 1878.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 19th February, 1878.

Health Commissioner Edward G. Janeway, M. D., being present, in relation to the application of the Health Department, for the use of the southerly side of the pier at Twenty-eighth street, East river, action upon which was had by this Board on the 13th instant; and, being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to respectfully request the Counsel to the Corporation to advise, in writing, whether this Department has the power and may exercise the right to appropriate the said wharf property to the uses and purposes of the Health Department for the erection thereof of a Reception Hospital for contagious diseases; and, if so, whether such property can be set aside, free of rent.

Messrs. William H. Webb and Orlando B. Potter, Committee on Political Reform, being present, stated their views in relation to the laws regulating the duties and powers of the Department, and that they advocated retaining three Commissioners at its head instead of one, as frequently proposed.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from Townsend & Weed, advising that they had been retained by Mr. Louis A. Jackson, to treat with the Department in regard to his illegal dismissal on or about 1st February, 1876, and that he claimed restoration to his position and payment of two years' salary; and, being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to state, in reply thereto, that the Board is of the opinion that the claim of Mr. Jackson is not well founded.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, reporting the damage sustained by Pier, new 1, North river, by being run into by the steamer "Atrato," on the 16th instant, consequent upon disarrangement of the steamer's engine-room bells; and, being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the necessary repairs to the said pier in conformity with his estimate therein stated, and report cost in detail of doing the work, that a proper claim may be made against said steamer.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to place William Rainer upon the pay-rolls as Captain of the Dredge, at a salary at the rate of \$100 per month for the time during which the Department may be engaged in dredging at Pier, new, 1, North river, as ordered on the 6th instant.

On motion, Joseph Fagan was appointed as a laborer at the dump at Fifty-seventh street, North river, in place of Michael Fagan, resigned.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held 23d February, 1878.

Present—The full Board:

A requisition was received from the Engineer-in-Chief for 1,000 barrels of "Portland" cement for general issue from Gansevoort street yard; and, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, for the use and purposes of the Department, 1,000 barrels of "Portland" cement, to be fully in accordance with the requirements and specifications of the contract awarded under the proposals publicly opened on 14th March, 1877, at a price not exceeding \$2.65 per barrel; the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That from and after 17th February, 1878, inclusive, an allowance for transportation be made to all captains and engineers of pile-drivers, dock-builders, watchmen, and laborers, when employed on the water-front, north of Sixtieth street; and that the Engineer-in-Chief be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter upon the pay-rolls for such employees, the amount of fares paid by each respectively.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Statement and Return of Moneys Received by ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator in the City of New York, for the Month of February, 1878, rendered to the Comptroller in pursuance of the provisions of Section 3, Part II., Chapter VI., Title VI., Revised Statutes; and Sections 38 and 96 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, and paid into the Treasury of the City.

DATE.	ESTATE OF	INTESTATE ESTATES AND COMMISSIONS.	TOTAL AMOUNT.
February, 1878	Ann Hughes.....	\$9 97	
	Charles Breusing.....	204 72	
	Pietro Locatelli.....	17 50	
	Stanislas Dunin Wonsowicz.....	131 50	
	Susan Roome.....	8 23	
	Thomas Brown.....	9 91	
	Lynas Oliver.....	1 00	
	Charles Smith.....	40	
	Micalla Austa.....	9 11	
	Hugh O'Neil.....	1 30	
	Otto Jackson.....	1 20	
			\$394 84

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 1, 1878.

Monthly statement of warrants drawn against the City Treasury, January 1 to February 28, 1878; also a comparative statement of the City Debt as represented in Stocks and Bonds as of December 31, 1877, and February 28, 1878; together with a statement of and for what purposes stocks have been issued.

Warrants Drawn.

PAYABLE FROM TAXATION.	IN JANUARY.	IN FEBRUARY.
State Taxes.....	\$200,000 00	.....
Salaries, Supplies, and General Expenses of the City Government.....	910,163 18	769,610 41
Interest on the City Debt.....	395,591 37	56,483 88
Public Instruction.....	108,047 63	226,805 07
Judgments.....	244,372 36	39,758 57
Charitable Institutions.....	86,505 83	73,716 74
Election Expenses.....	1,919 66	684 66
Redemption of Debt of Annexed Territory.....	5,000 00	14,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	52,343 68	6,963 90
Total payable from Taxation.....	\$2,004,543 71	\$1,188,023 23
NEW WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS—PAYABLE FROM ISSUE OF BONDS.		
Public Works—Street Openings and Improvements.....	\$40,810 07	\$67,700 65
Croton Water Works.....	81,155 82	19,641 01
City Parks Improvements.....	2,419 96	1,288 30
Docks and Slips.....	36,248 09	39,288 83
New County Court-house.....	43,833 30	3,000 00
Museums of Art and Natural History.....	17,797 98	10,466 82
Judgments—Claims paid under special laws.....	272 98	.....
New York and Brooklyn Bridge.....	.....	100,000 00
Water Meter Fund.....	.....	1,909 63
Additional Free Floating Baths.....	.....	70 00
Total payable from Issue of Bonds.....	\$222,538 20	\$243,365 24
SPECIAL AND TRUST ACCOUNTS.		
Redemption of the City Debt.....	\$1,268,500 00	\$350,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	62,366 74	36,737 70
Total payments, Special and Trust Accounts.....	\$1,330,866 74	\$386,737 70
Total payment in February.....	.....	\$1,818,126 17
Add amount of Warrants drawn in January.....	.....	3,557,948 65
Total payments to date.....	.....	\$5,376,074 82

The City Debt as represented in Stocks and Bonds.

	DECEMBER 31, 1877.	JANUARY 31, 1878.	FEBRUARY 28, 1878.
Funded Debt, payable from Taxation and Sinking Fund.....	\$121,440,133 15	\$121,643,833 15	\$121,729,833 15
Deduct Sinking Fund.....	31,120,315 24	31,171,176 52	31,387,413 89
Net Funded Debt.....	\$90,319,817 91	\$90,472,656 63	\$90,342,419 26
Temporary Debt, payable wholly or in part from assessments.....	\$21,329,500 00	\$21,337,000 00	\$21,297,000 00
Revenue Bonds (Special).....	307,924 39	307,924 39	307,924 39
" 1876.....	400,000 00	400,000 00	400,000 00
" 1877.....	5,343,500 00	4,098,000 00	4,298,000 00
" 1878.....	.....	1,094,300 00	2,411,500 00
Net Bonded Debt.....	\$117,700,242 30	\$117,709,881 02	\$119,056,843 65
Net Bonded Debt, February 28, 1877.....	.....	.....	\$121,647,731 95
Cash in City Treasury.....	.....	.....	992,745 16
Cash in Sinking Funds.....	.....	.....	666,484 31

Stocks and Bonds have been issued for the following purposes:

Public Works—Street Improvements.....	\$7,500 00
Croton Water Works.....	118,000 00
Docks and Slips.....	60,200 00
City Parks Improvements.....	3,000 00
Museums of Art and Natural History.....	58,500 00
N. Y. County Court-house.....	50,000 00
Current Expenses.....	2,411,500 00
Total.....	\$2,708,700 00

[E. & O. E.]

I. S. BARRETT, General Bookkeeper.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
 NEW YORK, February 26, 1878.

The Board of Health met this day.

Reports Received.

From the Sanitary Superintendent: On operations of the Sanitary Bureau; on contagious diseases; on work performed by Disinfecting Corps; on slaughter-houses; on application for permits; weekly report from Riverside Hospital; on defective gas-main in Forty-second street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues; on Hunter's Point nuisances; on street pavements; on applications for renewal of licenses as scavenger.

From the Attorney and Counsel: Weekly report.

From the Deputy Register of Records: Weekly mortality statement; weekly letter on mortality; weekly abstract of marriages, births, and still-births; weekly reports on deaths from diphtheria, scarlatina, membranous croup, and malarial and cerebro-spinal fevers, for week ending February 23, 1878; on attendance of clerks for week ending February 23, 1878; on violation of sanitary code; application of Mary Tienner to change record of death of Nicholas Tresme.

Bills.

Swift & White.....	\$3,333 33	J. B. Taylor.....	\$88 80
C. & F. N. Spon.....	5 95	Wm. Wood & Co.....	7 50

Communications Received.

Application from the Dry Dock Railroad Company—For time in which to comply with order respecting cushions in cars.

From United Consul at Pernambuco, announcing departure of brig "Salarío" from that port without bill of health.

From Brewogil & Cramer—Application for renewal of license.

From Daniel Murphy—For permit to occupy basement 22 Cherry Street.

From Jos. Schadler—For relief from order No. 318 Henry street.

From W. H. Resseguie—For permission to leave the office at 3 o'clock P. M.

Communications Received from other Departments.

From the Police Department—Reports of violations of Sanitary Code.

Permits Granted.

To blast rock at west side Elton avenue between, One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets.

Permit Denied.

To keep fifty chickens at 616 Eighth avenue.

Seizures of Unwholesome Food.

The report upon seizures of unwholesome food at West Washington Market was received.

Reports referred to other Departments for the necessary action.

To Department of Public Works—On street pavement, corner Fifth street and Avenue A; on condition of street pavement, southwest corner Fifty-eighth street and Sixth avenue; on street sewer, Eighty-third street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

To Department of Public Parks—Street pavement, Third avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-sixth streets; bridge over Mill brook, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, between Third and St. Ann's avenues; culvert at street crossing, Courtland avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

To the Board of Education—On sanitary condition of Public School No. 62, 64 and 66 Grand street.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the pay-rolls of this Department for the month of February, 1878, when approved by the Finance Committee, shall be duly signed by the President and Secretary and forwarded to the Comptroller for payment.

Resolved, That Orders 85 and 86, on premises 154 and 156 West Fifty-second street, be and are hereby extended until April 1, 1878.

Resolved, That order on premises 2315 Third avenue, be and is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That upon the report of the Sanitary Superintendent to the effect that he knows of no reason why the licenses of the original scavenger company, the New York Scavenger Co., Charles Froman & Son, John Schreine, and Francis J. Blass, should not be renewed, this Board respectfully recommend to his Honor the Mayor, that licenses as scavengers be granted to the above named parties for one year from February 1, 1878.

Resolved, That the attorney be and is hereby directed to adjourn suits 4206 and 4207, against premises No. 22 Cherry street, until the application for a permit to occupy the same as a human habitation has been reported on by the Sanitary Superintendent.

Sanitary Bureau.

The following is a record of the work performed in the Sanitary Bureau for the week ending February 23, 1878. The total number of inspections made by the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors was 1,549, as follows, viz.:

3 public buildings, 668 tenement-houses, 174 private dwellings, 106 other dwellings, 16 manufactories and workshops, 22 stores and warehouses, 30 stables, 40 slaughter-houses, 1 manure dump, 2 coal yards, 2 public sewers, 3 garbage dumps, 1 dangerous bridge, 14 sunken and vacant lots, 39 yards, courts, and areas, 64 cellars and basements, 216 waste-pipes and drains, 82 privies and water-closets, 7 streets, gutters, and sidewalks, 5 dangerous chimneys, 1 smoky chimney, 4 other nuisances, together with 49 visits of the Sanitary Inspectors to cases of contagious diseases.

The number of reports thereon received from the Inspectors was 494.

During the past week 109 complaints were received from citizens and referred to the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors for investigation and report.

Permits were issued to the consignees of 32 vessels to discharge cargoes, on vouchers from the Health Officer of the Port.

39 permits were granted scavengers to empty, clean, and disinfect privy-sinks.

The Disinfecting Corps have visited 53 premises where contagious diseases were found, and have disinfected and fumigated 50 houses, 50 privy-sinks, together with clothing, bedding, etc.

One case of scarlet fever was removed to hospital by Ambulance Corps.

The following is a comparative statement of cases of contagious diseases reported at this Bureau for the two weeks ending February 23, 1878.

Week Ending	Typhus Fever.	Typhoid Fever.	Scarlet Fever.	Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	Measles.	Diphtheria.	Small-pox.
February 16.....	0	4	85	4	171	84	0
February 23.....	0	7	75	5	130	61	0

During the week ending February 23, 1878, there were issued from this Bureau 524 burial permits for city deaths, 20 for bodies in transitu, and 59 for the interment of still-born infants. There were recorded 524 deaths, 121 marriages, 400 births, 59 still-births, 20 applications for transit permits, and 54 returns from coroners. There were 18 searches of the registers of births, marriages, and deaths, and 1 transcript of marriage record, and 17 of death were issued from this Bureau.

By order of the Board.

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

SANITARY BUREAU—HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
NEW YORK, February 25, 1878.

W. DE F. DAY, M. D., Sanitary Superintendent :

SIR—In accordance with your instructions, I have carefully inspected the dwellings in Forty-second street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, with the view of ascertaining the source of the foul odors of which the occupants complain, and respectfully report: That the dwellings on the block named are constantly, and for a long time past, have been subjected to an influx of gas from a defective gas-main in Forty-second street. The odor of carburated hydrogen escaping from some of the waste-pipes of the buildings was quite perceptible, and left no doubt as to its source. The leakage complained of from the gas-main is of long standing, and has saturated the soil below the street pavement to such an extent that the gas is escaping therefrom into the street sewer, thence by means of the house-sewers into the dwellings. There being three gas-mains in this street owned by separate companies, I was unable to determine positively from which pipe the leakage proceeded. As, however, the nuisance is complained of by different families in the block, and the life and health of many persons is endangered by it, I would respectfully recommend that measures be taken for the abatement of the same, without delay.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS J. NEALIS, Sanitary Engineer.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, February 26, 1878.

W. DE F. DAY, M. D., Sanitary Superintendent and Register :

SIR—During the week ending February 23, 1878, 524 deaths were reported to have occurred in this city. This is a decrease of 9 as compared with the preceding week, and 77 more than were reported during the corresponding week of 1877.

The actual mortality for the week ending February 16 was 488, which is 49.2 below the average for the corresponding weeks of the past five years, and represents an annual death-rate of 23.54 per 1,000 persons living, the population estimated at 1,078,145.

The 9 most prominent causes of death during the past week were the following: phthisis pulmonalis, 90; pneumonia, 62; diseases of the brain and nervous system, 41; bronchitis, 36; scarlatina, 22; diphtheria, 21; membranous croup, 19; and diseases of the heart and Bright's disease, 18 each.

The greatest increase of deaths over the corresponding week of 1877, was as follows: measles, 11; diphtheria, 7; pneumonia, 12; Bright's disease, 5; typhoid fever, 5; and bronchitis, 4. Compared with the preceding week there was a decrease of 5 deaths from scarlatina; 11 from diphtheria; 2 from typhoid fever; 3 from malarial fevers; 1 from puerperal diseases; 4 from diarrhoea; 2 from alcoholism; 7 from cancer; 10 from phthisis pulmonalis; 2 from pneumonia; 4 from diseases of the heart; 3 from aneurism, and 3 from enteritis, gastritis, and peritonitis. Measles increased 5; croup, 6; whooping cough, 5; erysipelas, 3; cerebro-spinal fever, 2; inanition, 1; rheumatism and gout, 2; bronchitis, 11; hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis, 1; diseases of the brain and nervous system, 1; cirrhosis and hepatitis, 5; Bright's disease and nephritis, 1; cyanosis and atelectasis, 4.

The deaths of children under five years of age increased 17, making a percentage of 45.80 to the total mortality, against 41.84 for the preceding week, and the deaths of persons 70 years and over showed an increase of 38.

Of the total number of deaths reported for the week, 70 were in institutions, 287 in tenement-houses, 151 in houses containing three families or less, 7 in hotels and boarding-houses, 5 in rivers, streets, boats, etc.; 6 were on the basement floor, 121 on the first, 149 on the second, 110 on the third, 49 on the fourth, 9 on the fifth, 1 on the sixth; 523 were stated to be residents of New York City and 1 non-resident, 55 were stated to be single, 122 married, 67 widowed, and the condition of 280 was not stated, these were children who had not attained a marriageable age.

The disposition of 530 deaths and still-births, or 90.90 per cent. of the total number reported, was in the following 14 cemeteries: Bayside (Jewish), 16; Calvary (Roman Catholic), 218; City pauper burial-ground (undenominational), 69; Greenwood (undenominational), 53; Lutheran (undenominational), 85; Cypress Hills (undenominational), 18; Evergreen (undenominational), 29; Woodlawn (undenominational), 17; St. Michael's (Protestant Episcopal), 7; Union (Methodist Protestant), 1; Holy Cross (Roman Catholic), 5; Machpelah, L. I. (Jewish), 4; St. Raymond's (Roman Catholic), 4; Washington (undenominational), 4.

The distribution of deaths for the week ending February 16, 1878, was in the following wards, viz.: First, 13; Second, 0; Third, 1; Fourth, 6; Fifth, 5; Sixth, 9; Seventh, 16; Eighth, 12; Ninth, 23; Tenth, 21; Eleventh, 29; Twelfth, 42; Thirteenth, 21; Fourteenth, 17; Fifteenth, 10;

Sixteenth, 28; Seventeenth, 22; Eighteenth, 25; Nineteenth, 82; Twentieth, 32; Twenty-first, 31; Twenty-second, 37; Twenty-third, 3; Twenty-fourth, 4.

The mean temperature for the week ending February 23, 1878, was 33.4 degrees Fahr., the mean reading of the barometer was 29.861, the mean humidity was 83, saturation being 100, the number of miles traveled by the wind was 1225, and the total amount of rain-fall was 2.48 inches depth of water, as reported by D. Draper, Director of the New York Meteorological Observatory, Central Park.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 persons living, of the estimated or enumerated population, according to the most recent weekly returns of Philadelphia, was 20.29; Brooklyn, 18.38; St. Louis, 9.36; Baltimore, 21.09; Boston, 19.76; New Orleans, 22.78; Cleveland, 10.27; Richmond, 16.64; Dayton, 22.48; Erie, 26.47; Lowell, 20.66; Worcester, 20.06; Cambridge, 13.29; Fall River, 20.39; Lynn, 14.22; Springfield, 16.55. Monthly returns—Mobile, 19.80; Hudson County, N. J., 21.82; Wilmington, Del., 15.68. Foreign cities, weekly returns—London, 26.4; Liverpool, 30.2; Birmingham, 27.5; Manchester, 29.2; Glasgow, 29.8; Edinburgh, 28.1; Dundee, 29.3; Dublin, 33; Belfast, 35; Cork, 41; Brussels, 25.4; Antwerp, 21.5; Ghent, 28.4; Buda-Pesth, 44.6; Paris, 26.6; Rome, 27.8; Naples, 35.7; Turin, 31.7; Berlin, 25.9; Munich, 35; Breslau, 24.1; Vienna, 31.7; Trieste, 48.4; Copenhagen, 22.59; Stockholm, 21.2; Christiania (with suburbs), 17.3; Amsterdam, 25.7; Rotterdam, 30.6; The Hague, 26.0; Calcutta, 42.8; Bombay, 40.9; Madras, 86.5; Geneva (with suburbs), 25.8; Basel, 31.4; Bern, 31.7; Warsaw, 32.36; St. Petersburg, 53.26; monthly returns—Montreal, 26.19.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. NAGLE, M. D.

Deputy Register of Records.

Deaths reported during the week ending February 23, 1878.

TOTAL.	PLACE OF DEATH.													RESIDENCE.			CONDITION.					
	Institutions.	Tenement-houses.	Houses containing three families or less.	Hotels and Boarding-houses.	In Rivers, Streets, Boats, etc.	Not stated	FLOORS.							New York City.	Outside New York City.	Not stated. †	Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Not stated. †		
							Basement.	First.	Second.	Third.	Fourth.	Fifth.	Sixth.								Top.	Not stated.
524	70	287	151	7	5	..	6	121	149	110	49	9	1	..	3	523	1	..	55	122	67	280

† Principally children and deaths in institutions.

Births* reported during the week ending February 23, 1878.

TOTAL.	COLOR.		SEX.			NATIVITY OF PARENTS.									NAME OF CHILD.	
	White.	Colored.	Male.	Female.	Not stated.	Foreign.	Native.	Foreign Father only.	Foreign Mother only.	NATIVITY OF FATHER STATED ONLY		NATIVITY OF MOTHER STATED ONLY		Not stated.	Sated.	Not stated.
										Native.	Foreign.	Native.	Foreign.			
400	397	3	219	181	....	252	86	43	15	1	....	....	3	....	301	99

Marriages* reported during the week ending February 23, 1878.

TOTAL.	COLOR.				NATIVITY.						CONDITION.											
	WHITE.		COLORED.		FOREIGN.		NATIVE		BORN AT SEA.		NOT STATED.		FIRST MARRIAGE.		SECOND MARRIAGE.		THIRD MARRIAGE.		FOURTH MARRIAGE.		NOT STATED.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
121	121	121	..	..	61	59	57	61	..	..	3	1	94	96	13	10	2	1	..	..	12	14

* The returns of births, marriages, and still-births are incomplete.

Nativity of those who were Married, and the Parents of the Births and Still-Births, for the week ending February 23, 1878, and those who Died (actual mortality), week ending February 16, 1878.

NATIVITY OF DECEASED.	COUNTRY.	NATIVITY OF PARENTS OF DECEASED.		BIRTHS.		MARRIAGES.		STILL-BIRTHS.	
		Father.	Mother.	Nativity of Father.	Nativity of Mother.	Nativity of Groom.	Nativity of Bride.	Nativity of Father.	Nativity of Mother.
2	Austria	9	10	5	2	1	1	..	1
4	British America	4	7	11	3	..	2	..	..
8	England	17	12	11	7	1	5	..	3
5	France	3	4	10	7	3	1	..	4
55	Germany	128	118	136	119	33	28	19	17
85	Ireland	185	188	87	92	83	14	15	15
1	Italy	4	4	8	5	1	1	2	..
1	Poland	2	1	11	9	2	2	1	..
6	Scotland	9	9	4	1	..	1	..	..
2	Switzerland	2	2	3	3	..	1	..	1
324	United States	107	109	102	129	57	61	12	17
..	Unknown or not stated	16	14	3	1	3	1	4	2
..	West Indies .....	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..
2	Other countries	3	8	21	17	6	3	2	1

Still-Births reported during the week ending February 23, 1878.

TOTAL.	SEX.			COLOR.		NATIVITY OF						PERIOD OF UTERO-GESTATION.										Unknown or not stated.
	Male.	Female.	Not stated.	White.	Not stated.	FATHER.			MOTHER.			MONTH.										
						Native.	Foreign.	Not stated.	Native.	Foreign.	Not stated.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	
59	36	23	..	57	2	12	45	4	17	40	2	..	..	1	..	5	6	11	12	23	1	..

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Mayor's Marshal, No. 7, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Board of Aldermen and Supervisors, No. 9, City Hall, office hours from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Supervisors, No. 8, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.
Comptroller's Office, second floor, rooms 19 and 20.
1. Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the City, first floor, room 6.
2. Bureau for the Collection of Taxes; Brown stone building, City Hall Park.
3. Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents, first floor, room 5.
4. Auditing Bureau, second floor, west end, room 19.
5. Bureau of Licenses, first floor, room 6.
6. Bureau of Markets, first floor, room 6.
7. Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury in the City, and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor, at the Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer, second floor, room 18.
8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, second floor, room 16.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Public Administrator, 115 and 117, Nassau street, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Corporation Attorney, 49 Beekman street, 8½ A. M. to 4½ P. M.
Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor.
Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 2 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN.
Commissioners' Office, second floor.
Superintendent's Office, first floor.
Inspectors' Office, first floor.
Chief Clerk's Office, second floor, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Property Clerk, first floor (rear).
Bureau of Street Cleaning, Avenue C, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth street, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Bureau of Elections, second floor (rear), 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CITY HALL, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Commissioner's Office, No. 19.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Commissioners' Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open, entrance on Eleventh street.
Reception Hospital, Ninety-ninth street and Tenth avenue, always open.
Bellevue Hospital, foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river, always open.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOS. 153, 155 AND 157 MERCER ST., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Commissioners' Office, Chief of Department.
Inspectors of Combustibles, Fire Marshal.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NO. 301 MOTT STREET.
Commissioners' Office, second floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Attorney's Office, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Sanitary Superintendent, always open, third floor.
Register of Records, third floor, for granting burial permits, on all days of the week, except Sunday, from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M., and on Sundays, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Square, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Board of Assessors,

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioners' Office, 117 and 119 Duane street, A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS
Commissioners' Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. On Saturday, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Superintendent's Office, 2 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Commissioners' Office, first floor, 299 Mulberry street, 6 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCK

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 AND 119 DUANE STREET,
NEW YORK, 28th February, 1878.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING A WOODEN CRIB PIER AT FOOT OF FIFTY-FOURTH STREET, EAST RIVER.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING A Wooden Crib Pier at foot of Fifty-fourth street, East river, indorsed as above, and with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same and the date of presentation, and addressed to "The President of the Department of Docks," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., of

TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1878.

at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read. The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be a skilled deck or bridge builder, well prepared for the business, and shall give security for the faithful performance of his contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of one thousand dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the quantities is as follows:

	Feet B. M.	Measured in the work.
1. Yellow pine timber, 12 x 12 in.	18,020	
" " " 10 x 12 in.	1,005	
" " " 6 x 12 in.	720	
" " " 3 x 12 in.	96	
Total.....	19,841	
2. Spruce timber, 4 x 4 in.	152	
" " " 3 in. plank.	255	
" " " 2 in. "	512	
Total.....	919	
3. Wrought-iron screw-bolts, short link chain of ½-in. wire, and cut spikes, about.....	200 pounds.	

- 26 x ¾ in., 22 x ¾ in., 20 x ¾ in., 22 x ¾ in., 18 x ¾ in., 14 x ¾ in., 15 x ¾ in., 12 x ¾ in., 10 x ¾ in., 12 x ¾ in., 10 x ¾ in., and 6 x ¾ in. wrought-iron spike-pointed bolts, about..... 3,500 "
- Boiler plate corner band, about..... 640 "
- 12 spruce piles, about 35 feet long.
- 34 spruce piles, furnished by Department of Docks, to be driven.
- Bottom flooring of spruce poles, about 1,300 square feet.
- Covering for sewer space of spruce poles, about 6½ feet long, about 208 square feet.
- 8 spruce logs for side, 42 feet long, not less than 9 inches at small end.
- About 180 round spruce logs, not less than 8 inches at small end, and running from 10 feet to 46 feet in length as required for the work.
- 5 oak spring poles, about 42 feet long.
- 2 mooring posts, of spruce or white pine.
- 18 oak fenders, about 13 feet long.
- Stone filling for crib and for levelling to top of caps, about 550 cubic yards, in place.
- Earth filling on top of stone filling, about 50 cubic yards.
1. Labor of removing so much of stone embankment and earth filling at end of street as may be required to make room for the pier.
2. Labor of framing and carpentry, including all moving of timber, jointing, planing, bolting, spiking, pile-driving, rip-rapping, and placing stone filling, and labor of every description.

The foregoing are the quantities which have been estimated approximately for the construction of the work. They form, however, no part of the contract, and persons bidding are cautioned that the Department of Docks do not hold themselves responsible that any of them shall strictly obtain in the construction of the work, and bidders are required to examine the plans and the premises, and to judge for themselves of the quantity and other circumstances affecting the cost of the work.

The time allowed for the completion of the work is to the 20th day of April, 1878, and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled, after the said time has expired, Sundays and holidays not to be excepted, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at fifty dollars per day.

Bidders will state in their proposals the price for the whole of the work to be done in conformity with the annexed specifications, by which the bids will be tested. This price is to cover the expenses of furnishing all the necessary materials and labor, and the performance of all the work set forth in the annexed agreement.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate for doing this work, in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Should the lowest bidder or bidders neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal, or if, after acceptance, he or they should refuse or neglect to execute the contract and give the proper security for forty-eight hours after notice that the same is ready for execution, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation; and the contract will be re-advertised and relet, and so on until it is accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their proposals their names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein; and if no other person be so interested, the proposal shall distinctly state the fact; also that the bid is made without any connection with any other person making any estimate for the same work, and that it is in all respects fair, and without collusion or fraud; and also that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof; which proposals must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. *Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.*

Each proposal shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the bid, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, and otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 6 of chapter 574, Laws of 1871, and by section 27 of chapter VIII. of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York, after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

No proposal will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The right to decline all the proposals is reserved, if deemed for the interest of the Corporation.

Bidders are requested, in making their bids, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application at the office of the Department, Room No. 6.

JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
HENRY F. DIMOCK,
JACOB VANDERPOEL,
Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, No. 301 MOTT STREET,
NEW YORK, February 8, 1878.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Health Department of the City of New York, held at its office on the 8th day of February, 1878, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the following sections of the Sanitary Code be and are hereby annulled:

Section 33. That no person shall, in the built-up portion of the City of New York, or adjacent thereto, sell or have for sale any fish in or from any vehicle, or in any street or public place, from which all parts which are not usually cooked for food have not been removed.

Section 62. That no person shall become, or continue, or engage as, or in the business of a butcher, or in any public or private market or stand in the City of New York, without a permit therefor from this Department.

Section 66. That no person engaged in the selling or keeping for sale of any fish, meat, birds, fowl, fruit, or vegetables, shall, without a permit from this Department occupy or encroach upon any portion of any street or sidewalk, or public place in the City of New York.

And Section 168 amended so as to read as follows:

Section 168. That every car used for the transportation of passengers in the City of New York, shall be so constructed as at all times to provide and secure good ventilation.

[L. S.] CHARLES F. CHANDLER, President.

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

JURORS.

NOTICE

IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, June 1, 1877.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE heard here, from 9 to 4 daily, from all persons hitherto liable or recently serving who have become exempt, and all needed information will be given.

Those who have not answered as to their liability, or proved permanent exemption, will receive a "jury enrollment notice," requiring them to appear before me this year. Whether liable or not, such notices must be answered (in person, if possible, and at this office only) under severe penalties. If exempt, the party must bring proof of exemption; if liable, he must also answer in person, giving full and correct name, residence, etc., etc. No attention paid to letters.

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called or pay their fines. No mere excuse will be allowed or interference permitted. The fines, received from those who, for business or other reasons, are unable to serve at the time selected, pay the expenses of this office, and if unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delinquents.

All good citizens will aid the course of justice, and secure reliable and respectable juries, and equalize their duty by serving promptly when summoned, allowing their clerks or subordinates to serve, reporting to me any attempt at bribery or evasion, and suggesting names for enrollment. Persons between sixty and seventy years of age, summer absentees, persons temporarily ill, and United States and District Court jurors are not exempt.

Every man must attend to his own notice. It is a misdemeanor to give any jury paper to another to answer. It is also punishable by fine or imprisonment to give or receive any present or bribe, directly or indirectly, in relation to a jury service, or to withhold any paper or make any false statement, and every case will be fully prosecuted.

THOMAS DUNLAP, Commissioner,
County Court-house (Chambers street entrance)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, February 23, 1878.

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

At Work-house, Blackwell's Island—Mary Thompson; aged 50 years. Committed January 16, 1878. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At New York City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island—Edward Fay; aged 41 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; blue eyes; red hair. Admitted December 15, 1871. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, February 25, 1878.

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

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—David Falk; aged 48 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; light hair; gray eyes. Had on when admitted, black coat, brown pants, blue vest, cloth slippers, white shirt, black felt hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, February 19, 1878.

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

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Louis Offroy; aged 35 years; 5 feet 10 inches high; dark hair; gray eyes. Had on when admitted, blue coat and vest, gray pants, white shirt, gaiters. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Hart's Island Hospital—Elizabeth Schepp; aged 70 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; blue eyes; gray hair. Had on when admitted, gray shawl, lilac dress, white skirt. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, February 21, 1878.

PROPOSALS FOR 2,000 TONS WHITE ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-DOOR POOR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Friday, March 8, 1878, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for 2,000 tons White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality; to be delivered in cargoes alongside such piers on the east and west side of the city, and at such times as the Commissioners may direct. Each ton to consist of 2,240 pounds.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties in the estimated amount of fifty per cent. for its faithful performance, which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for double the amount of surety required. The sufficiency of such security to be approved by the Comptroller.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
ISAAC H. BAILEY,
TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, February 21, 1878.

PROPOSALS FOR 3,000 BARRELS OF FLOUR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Friday, March 8, 1878, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering at the Bake-house, Blackwell's Island, free of all expense to the Department—

3,000 barrels of good extra Wheat Flour, to be equal in quality to samples to be seen at this office (empty barrels to be returned and deducted in proposals from the price of flour), to be delivered in quantities as required, free of all expense to the Department.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties in the estimated amount of fifty per cent. for its faithful performance, which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for double the amount of surety required. The sufficiency of such security to be approved by the Comptroller.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
ISAAC H. BAILEY,
TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, February 21, 1878.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, HAY, Etc.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Friday, March 8, 1878, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, free of all expense to the Department—

5,000 lbs. good sweet Dairy Table Butter; 0 be delivered in quantities as required.
1,000 bbls. good sound Irish Potatoes, to weigh 168 lbs. to the barrel, net; to be delivered at Store-house dock, Blackwell's Island.

100 bbls. Onions.
100 bales Best Timothy Hay; to be delivered in quantities as required.
250 doz. Men's Straw Hats.
100 boxes best quality I. C., 14 x 20 Charcoal Roofing Tin.

6 doz. Wash Boards.
100 Pick Handles.
100 Sledge Handles.
100 Striking Hammer Handles.
100 Hand Hammer Handles.
5 bbls. Raw Linseed Oil.
5 bbls. Boiled Linseed Oil.
3 bbls. Spirits Turpentine.

The quality of the goods furnished must conform in every respect to the samples of the above to be seen at this office.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties in the estimated amount of fifty per cent. for its faithful performance, which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for double the amount of surety required. The sufficiency of such security to be approved by the Comptroller.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
ISAAC H. BAILEY,
TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, February 21, 1878.

PROPOSALS FOR CARTING AND HOIST-2,000 TONS OF WHITE ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-DOOR POOR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Friday, March 8, 1878, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for carting and hoisting and delivering 2,000 tons White Ash Coal (each ton to consist of 2,240 pounds) in such quantities and in such parts of the city as the Commissioners may direct.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties in the estimated amount of fifty per cent. for its faithful performance, which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for double the amount of surety required. The sufficiency of such security to be approved by the Comptroller.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
ISAAC H. BAILEY,
TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street from the northeasterly line of Lawrence street, parallel with One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, to the westerly side of a certain road or avenue in the City of New York, closed by act of the Legislature, chapter 290, section 10, passed April 5, 1871; as said One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street appears upon a map made by the Commissioners of the Central Park and filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on October 23, 1867.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the fourth day of April, 1878.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the fourth day of April, 1878.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follow, to wit: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land situate, lying, and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street with the northeasterly line of Lawrence street, running thence northerly and at right angles to said One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 100 feet; thence easterly and parallel with One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 619 feet and 8 1/2 inches to what was formerly the easterly line of a certain new avenue closed by an act of the Legislature, passed April 5th, 1871 (Laws of 1871, chapter 290); thence in a southerly direction 284 feet and 7 inches to a point; thence westerly and parallel to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 408 feet and 10 inches to the northeasterly line of Lawrence street; thence northwesterly along the northeasterly line of Lawrence street 217 feet and 6 inches, be the same more or less, to the corner formed by the intersection of the northeasterly line of Lawrence street with the southerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; thence easterly along the southerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 493 feet and 3/4 of an inch to the westerly line of said new avenue closed by an act of the Legislature, passed April 5, 1871, as aforesaid; thence northerly along the westerly line of said new avenue, closed as aforesaid, 63 feet and 8 1/2 inches to the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; thence westerly along the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 585 feet and 7 3/4 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Also all those other certain lots, pieces or parcels of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Lawrence street, distant 206 feet and 3 inches from a point formed by the intersection of the northwesterly line of Lawrence street with the easterly side of the Tenth avenue; running thence northeasterly along the southwesterly line of Lawrence street, 185 feet 3 inches to a point; thence westerly and parallel to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, 164 feet and 4 inches to a point; thence northerly and at right angles to said One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, 85 feet and 4 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the twelfth day of April, 1878, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, February 10, 1878.

ELLIOT F. SHEPARD,

NEVIN W. BUTLER,

LOUIS MESIER,

Commissioners.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, February 27, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED FEBRUARY 21 AND ENTERED FEBRUARY 23, 1878.

James Slip Sewer, alterations and extension of.
43d street, flagging north side, from 9th to 10th avenue.
56th street, flagging north side, from 6th to 7th avenue.
58th street, flagging south side, from Broadway to 7th avenue.
58th street, flagging north side, from 8th to 9th avenue.
70th street, flagging north side, from 9th avenue to Boulevard.
120th street, flagging north side, from 1st avenue to Avenue A.
76th street, curb, gutter, and flagging, from 1st to 2d avenue, etc.
118th street, fencing vacant lots, between 1st and 2d avenues.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before April 28, 1878, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

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

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, January 7, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 31, 1877.

96th street, sewer, between 8th and 10th avenues.
44th street, regulating, grading, etc., from 1st to 3d avenue.
3d avenue, regulating and paving, from Westchester avenue to 163d street.

3d avenue, regulating and paving, from 163d street to northern boundary 23d Ward.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before March 8, 1878, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, February 14, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED FEBRUARY 7, 1878; ENTERED FEBRUARY 8, 1878.

Avenue A, paving from 86th to 93d street.
All payments made on the above assessment on or before April 15, 1878, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

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

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, January 17, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 15, 1877.

Fourth avenue crosswalks, south side of Seventy-fifth street.
Fourth avenue crosswalks, south side of Eighty-first street.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before March 18, 1878, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, January 23, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED JANUARY 17, 1878.

131st street, regulating, grading, etc., from 6th to 8th avenue.

Boston avenue (23d Ward), grading, etc., from 3d avenue to 165th street.

124th street, paving, from 3d avenue to Harlem river.

118th street, paving, from 3d avenue to Harlem river.

110th street, paving, from Avenue A to Harlem river.

50th street, fencing north side, between Lexington and 4th avenues.

Eastern Boulevard (Avenue B), regulating, grading, etc., from 79th to 86th street.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before March 25, 1878, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

SALE OF FERRY FRANCHISES.

THE FRANCHISES TO RUN THE FOLLOWING ferries and a lease of the wharf property belonging to the city, if any, set apart for ferry purposes at each of said ferries, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, on Thursday, November 8, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the period of five years from November 1, 1877, except as otherwise stated:

Ferry from Peck Slip, New York City, to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street at Third avenue, Harlem, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river.

Ferry from Fulton Market slip, New York City, to Mott Haven, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river, until May 1, 1879.

Ferry as now established from foot of Roosevelt street, in the City of New York, East river, to South Seventh street, Brooklyn, Eastern District, together with the bulkheads and slips adjacent to and east of the wharf property at foot of Roosevelt street, East river, owned by the Bridge Company, and now occupied for said ferry.

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

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

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

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

The minimum rate for which the ferry franchise or license to operate such ferry shall be used or enjoyed has been appraised and set by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at five per cent. per annum upon the gross receipts or ferriage collected at the New York landing-place for the ferry as now established from the foot of Roosevelt street, New York, to South Seventh street, Brooklyn, and at two and one-half per cent. per annum upon the gross receipts collected for ferriage for the ferries from Peck Slip, New York, to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, Third avenue, Harlem; and from Fulton Market slip, New York, to Mott Haven, such percentage to be paid quarterly-yearly to the Corporation, and a covenant will be contained in each lease requiring the lessees to make and deliver to the Comptroller of the City of New York, quarterly-yearly, a statement in writing, verified by oath or affirmation of the lessee, or of such proper officer of the lessee as may be designated by the Comptroller, of the actual total gross receipts for ferriage received by such lessee during the preceding three months, and also, that the lessee shall keep regular books of account, showing the daily gross receipts of the ferry leased, and allow said Comptroller, or any person designated by him, to examine such books.

The franchise will be put up and knocked down to the person offering to pay the largest percentage.

All moneys received for the conveyance of passengers, animals, vehicles or freight from New York to be collected at the landing place in New York, or, if collected elsewhere, to be included in the receipts upon which such percentage is to be calculated and paid.

No bid less than such percentage on such gross receipts will be entertained.

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

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

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

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

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

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

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller:
JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
HENRY F. DIMOCK,
JACOB VANDERPOEL,
Board of Department of Docks.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 1, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 15, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

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

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 22, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 15, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 13, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 22, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 27, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 13, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 10, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 17, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 31, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 17, 1878.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, February 14, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 31, 1878.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, February 28, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, February 14, 1878.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, March 14, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, February 28, 1878.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

SALE OF FERRY FRANCHISE.

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

THE FRANCHISE TO RUN THE FOLLOWING ferry and a lease of the wharf property belonging to the city, set apart for ferry purposes at said ferry, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, on Thursday, October 25, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the period of five years from November 1, 1877, namely:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The minimum price for which the lease of said wharf property connected with the ferry from Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, Long Island, will be sold, has been fixed by the Board of the Department of Docks at the following sum, namely:

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

The premises connected with the said ferry, to be taken in the condition in which they were in on the 1st day of August, 1877, and all repairs and rebuilding thereof, and dredging at said ferry during the term leased, to be done at the expense and cost of the lessees.

The purchase of the lease will be required, at the time of the sale, and in addition to the auctioneer's fees, to pay to the Department of Docks twenty-five per cent. of the

amount of the annual rent bid for the wharf property, as security for the execution of the lease, and which twenty-five per cent. will be applied to the payment of the rent for such property first accruing under the lease, when executed, or forfeited if the lessee neglects or refuses to execute the lease and bond after being duly notified that the lease is prepared and ready for signature, or, in case the bid be finally rejected, will be returned to the bidder.

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

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

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

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Dated New York, October 20, 1877.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller:
JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
HENRY F. DIMOCK,
JACOB VANDERPOEL,
Board of Department of Docks.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 8, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, October 25, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 15, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

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

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 22, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 15, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 13, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 22, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 27, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 13, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 10, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 17, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 31, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 17, 1878.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, February 14, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 31, 1878.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, February 28, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, February 14, 1878.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, March 14, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, February 28, 1878.

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JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller

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

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, January 12, 1878.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOOKS of Annual Record of the assessed valuation of Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New York for the year 1878, will be open for inspection and revision, on and after Monday, January 14, 1878, and will remain open until the 30th day of April, 1878, inclusive, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate.

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

By order of the Board,

ALBERT