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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
Monday, May 9, 1898, 10.30 o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, May 3, 1898.
In pursuance of the authority contained in section 266, chapter 378, of the Laws of 1897, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and 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 Monday, May 9, 1898, at 10.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

INDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this 3d day of May, 1898.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK,
Mayor;

BIRD S. COLER,
Comptroller;

JOHN WHALEN,
Corporation Counsel;

RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER,
President of the Council;

THOMAS L. FEITNER,
President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present—Robert A. Van Wyck, the Mayor; Bird S. Coler, the Comptroller; John Whalen, the Corporation Counsel; Randolph Guggenheimer, the President of the Council; Thomas L. Feitner, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The reading of the minutes of the meetings held January 27, 28, 31, February 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 28, March 17, April 5, 12, 20, 22, and 28, 1898, was dispensed with.

On motion the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Budget for 1898.

The Comptroller presented the following:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, May 6, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In answer to your resolution of May 2, 1898, requesting me to inform the Board: 1st. Whether an appropriation should be made for the officers, clerks and employees of the Board of Education of The City of New York for any period prior to July 1, 1898.

2d. And if so, what officers, clerks and employees are entitled to such salaries.

3d. And when the duties of such officers, clerks and employees begin.

I would respectfully state as follows:

The present Board of Education of The City of New York came into being as an organized body on the third Monday of February, 1898 (i. e., February 21), and at its meeting on said day appointed Mr. Snyder Superintendent of School Buildings.

Thereafter the President of the Board requested my opinion whether his powers and duties under the Charter commenced on the day of his appointment or were to commence on July 1, 1898.

In answer thereto I gave my opinion that the powers and duties of Mr. Snyder under said appointment did not commence until July 1, 1898, and this opinion will apply to all officers, clerks and employees appointed or to be appointed by the Board of Education under section 1069 of the Charter, and the persons mentioned in your resolution.

Section 11 of the Charter provides that up to July 1, 1898, all school money shall be spent as raised for all school purposes by the various school boards respectively. It shall be the duty of the Board of Education as constituted under this act to make all appointments therein provided for, and to adopt the necessary by-laws at such time and in such manner that the new system for the administration of the public schools of the cities, as provided by this act, shall go into full effect on July 1, 1898.

In other words the plan of the Charter seems to be that the different school boards should come into being on February 1, 1898, and should have until February 21, 1898, to elect members of the Board of Education, and that the Board should organize on the third Monday of February (i. e., February 21) and should have from February 21 to July 1 in which to adopt the necessary by-laws and to make all appointments so that the new system should go into full effect on July 1, 1898. Up to July 1, 1898, the schools are to be managed by the different school boards, and the school money shall be spent as raised for all school purposes by the various school boards respectively.

I find no authority in the Charter to warrant an appropriation by the Board of Estimate for the officers, clerks and employees of the Board of Education for any period prior to July 1, 1898.

Very respectfully,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of sections 10 and 11 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in those sections provided, be and the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows:

FOR EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR 1898.

SCHOOL BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

Salaries of Teachers in Public Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches.....	\$3,520,818 30
Salaries of Janitors in Public Schools.....	251,532 74
Salaries of Teachers and Janitors in Evening Schools.....	119,012 74
Salaries of Officers, Clerks and other Employees.....	52,311 24
Salaries of School Superintendents.....	55,375 16
Compulsory Education.....	27,028 01
Support of the Nautical School.....	26,542 85
Rents and for Erection of Temporary School Premises.....	93,058 40
Fuel.....	121,738 98
Lighting.....	44,032 62
Supplies.....	457,275 98
Libraries.....	12,566 23
Incidental Expenses.....	21,060 57
Incidental Expenses of the Evening Schools.....	1,500 00
General Repairs.....	466,093 32
Furniture and Repairs of.....	47,695 00
Pianos and Repairs of.....	7,000 00
Corporate Schools.....	125,000 00
Lectures.....	42,176 64
Placing Fire-alarm Telegraph Wires in the Subways.....	5,000 00
Transportation.....	5,859 76

\$5,502,679 44

SCHOOL BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Salaries of Teachers in Public Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches.....	\$1,863,263 21
Salaries of Janitors in Public Schools.....	109,950 62
Salaries of Teachers and Janitors in Evening Schools.....	47,229 40
Salaries of Officers, Clerks and Other Employees.....	26,191 41
Salaries of School Superintendents.....	24,378 61
Compulsory Education.....	32,997 90
Rents and for Erection of Temporary School Premises.....	9,626 69
Fuel.....	81,749 25
Lighting.....	8,767 58
Supplies.....	168,743 51
Libraries.....	8,000 00
Incidental Expenses.....	19,203 13
Incidental Expenses of the Evening Schools.....	1,666 00
General Repairs.....	180,551 79
Furniture and Repairs of.....	26,373 00
Pianos and Repairs of.....	3,856 00
Corporate Schools.....	37,000 00

\$2,648,948 10

SCHOOL BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

Salaries of Teachers in Public Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches.....	\$341,462 01
Salaries of Janitors in Public Schools.....	16,884 58
Salaries of Officers, Clerks and Other Employees.....	13,040 00
Salaries of School Superintendents.....	11,916 66
Compulsory Education.....	12,501 33
Rents and for Erection of Temporary School Premises.....	22,139 38
Fuel.....	35,846 75
Lighting.....	4,000 00
Supplies.....	72,750 00
Libraries.....	682 75
Incidental Expenses.....	6,500 00
General Repairs.....	45,720 00
Furniture and Repairs of.....	17,650 00
Pianos and Repairs of.....	2,500 00
Lectures.....	150 00
Transportation.....	2,500 00
Telephones.....	3,500 00
Insurance.....	6,100 00

615,843 46

SCHOOL BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

Salaries of Teachers in Public Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches.....	\$131,926 74
Salaries of Janitors in Public Schools.....	17,162 39
Salaries of Officers, Clerks and other employees.....	9,762 50
Salaries of School Superintendents.....	8,750 00
Compulsory Education.....	8,102 35
Rents and for Erection of Temporary School Premises.....	4,380 00
Fuel.....	10,000 00
Lighting.....	1,500 00
Water.....	500 00
Supplies.....	23,000 00
Libraries.....	369 42
Incidental Expenses.....	1,900 00
General Repairs.....	47,000 00
Furniture and Repairs of.....	25,000 00
Pianos and Repairs of.....	1,000 00
Insurance.....	2,000 00

292,353 40

\$9,059,824 40

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
May 7, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a recent meeting of this Board I was requested to report on the advisability of making appropriations for the hospitals in the Borough of Queens. I submit herewith a communication from the President of the Department of Public Charities, in which he concludes as follows:

"In view of the fact that the Borough of Queens has no public hospital, such as the Kings County Hospital and the various hospitals in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, that are maintained entirely by the City, it seems to me that the necessity of taking proper care of the pauper sick of the Borough of Queens would demand that some appropriation be made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to help these hospitals."

In regard to the St. John's Hospital of Long Island City, I submit a statement furnished by Sister Mary David, Superintendent of this hospital, showing the amounts received during the years 1895, 1896 and 1897 from Long Island City, from the Supervisors of Queens County, and from donations and other sources.

There was included in the budget of Long Island City for 1898 the sum of \$18,000 for this hospital. The manner of payment has been a dollar a day for surgical patients, and seventy cents a day for medical patients. The amount received by this hospital from Long Island City during the year 1897, on this per diem basis, was \$9,930. I recommend that the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for the year 1898.

In regard to the Flushing Hospital, it appears that on November 30, 1897, at a joint meeting of the Board of Town Officers and the Town Board of Audit of Flushing, a resolution was passed appropriating \$5,000 for this hospital, and that of this amount \$3,956.68 was turned into the General Fund of The City of New York, on consolidation.

As all appropriations that have been thus far made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have been made for the full year 1898, I recommend that the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated for Flushing Hospital for the year 1898, to be expended on the same basis as by the St. John's Hospital of Long Island City.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES—COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, April 15, 1898.

CHARLES V. ADEE, Esq., Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway, City.

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of April 8, asking that I "make an investigation in reference to the hospitals in Astoria, Flushing, Long Island City, Jamaica and College Point (if there be any at the last two mentioned places) and report to the Board thereon," I may say that I have had before me representatives of the Astoria Hospital, St. John's Hospital, Long Island City and the Flushing Hospital. I find that all these institutions were supported in part prior to consolidation by town money voted for the purpose. They are all equipped for hospital service, and the history of each institution shows that it has been of service to the public and is still needed by the public. Under the operation of the Charter, the town moneys that were formerly voted to support these hospitals have been taken from them. The result is that each of the hospitals has been thrown upon its private resources which are inadequate for its proper maintenance. There is at present an arrangement existing between these hospitals and the Commissioner of Charities for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, Mr. A. Simis, Jr., whereby he has agreed to pay for the care of patients in said hospitals at the rate of 70 cents per capita per day. The number of patients that

Commissioner Simis has been able to send to these hospitals is so small that the aggregate moneys derived from that source amount to a mere pittance. In view of the fact that the Borough of Queens has no public hospital such as the Kings County Hospital, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the various hospitals in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx that are maintained entirely by the City, it seems to me that the necessity of taking proper care of the pauper sick of the Borough of Queens would demand that some appropriation be made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to help these hospitals. I inclose a letter from Commissioner Simis in reply to a communication addressed to him by me on this subject.

Yours truly,

JOHN W. KELLER, President, Department Public Charities.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows:

ASYLUMS, REFORMATORIES AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, BOROUGH OF QUEENS:

For care of needy patients, at the rate of one dollar per day each for surgical cases and seventy cents per day each for medical cases..... \$10,000 00

FLUSHING HOSPITAL, BOROUGH OF QUEENS:

For care of needy patients, at the rate of one dollar per day each for surgical cases and seventy cents per day each for medical cases..... 5,000 00

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING, No. 280 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, April 14, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners held this day, the following preambles and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The Aqueduct Commissioners, by resolution adopted December 9, 1897, requested the Comptroller of The City of New York to raise the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) upon bonds of The City of New York for the uses and purposes of the Aqueduct Commissioners; and

Whereas, It appearing from a report of the Secretary of this Commission that there remains unsold of the requisition above referred to bonds to the extent of one million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,650,000); now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller of The City of New York be and he is hereby requested to sell bonds of The City of New York to the amount of six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000), on account of the requisition of the Aqueduct Commissioners for two million dollars of bonds on December 9, 1897, to defray the necessary and lawful expenditures of the Aqueduct Commissioners, as provided for in section 32, chapter 490, Laws of 1883 of the State of New York.

Very respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

BOARD OF RAPID TRANSIT RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS,
No. 256 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, April 12, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—I beg to hand you herewith a requisition of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an appropriation of the sum of \$34,115.21.

The statutes under which this requisition is made are recited in the requisition, and you will observe that, by their terms, the moneys with which to meet such requisition are raised by the issue of revenue bonds and not by long term bonds.

Yours respectfully,

LEWIS L. DELAFIELD, Secretary.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Requisition is hereby made upon you pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of chapter 4 of the Laws of 1891, entitled "An Act to provide for rapid transit railways in cities of over one million inhabitants," as amended by section 7 of chapter 752 of the Laws of 1894, by the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners organized under the aforesaid act as amended, for the sum of thirty-four thousand one hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty-one cents (\$34,115.21), which is requisite and necessary to properly enable said Board to do and perform, or to cause to be done and performed, the duties prescribed by the said statute as amended.

Appended hereto is a statement (marked "Schedule A," and authenticated by the signatures of the President and Secretary of this Board) showing the purposes to which it is intended to apply the appropriation for which requisition is now made.

This requisition is made and presented pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the concurrent vote of six members of this Board at a regular meeting thereof duly held on the seventh day of April, 1898.

In Witness Whereof, the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners has caused this requisition to be subscribed by its President and Secretary, and its official seal to be hereto affixed at The City of New York this seventh day of April, 1898.

[SEAL.]

LEWIS L. DELAFIELD, Secretary.

A. E. ORR, President.

SCHEDULE "A."

Purposes to which it is proposed to apply the appropriation for which requisition is now made:

1. Fees of Messrs. Arthur D. Williams, John Sabine Smith, and George W. Young, the Commissioners appointed by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to determine whether the Rapid Transit Railroad ought to be constructed and operated. The compensation of each Commissioner being fixed at \$2,000 by order of said Court.....	\$6,000 00
2. Rent of offices of the Board for six months ending July 1, 1898.....	1,000 00
3. Salary of Secretary of the Board for six months ending June 30, 1898.....	1,250 00
4. Salary of Messenger for same period.....	360 00
5. Telephone rental for same period.....	108 00
6. Printing minutes of the Board for period ending June 30, 1898 (estimated).....	400 00
7. Contingent expenses for the same period, including printing other than printing of minutes, typewriting and stenography and petty expenses of the Board (estimated).....	500 00
8. Fees of Chief-Engineer for the quarter ending March 31, 1898.....	2,500 00
9. Disbursements of Chief-Engineer for the same period.....	3,259 14
10. Fees of Chief-Engineer for quarter ending June 30, 1898.....	2,500 00
11. Disbursements of the Chief-Engineer for the same period (estimated).....	2,800 00
12. Fees of counsel from December 31, 1897, to March 31, 1898.....	5,000 00
13. Fees of counsel from March 31 to June 30, 1898.....	5,000 00
14. Disbursements made and liabilities incurred by Counsel from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 1897.....	1,268 52
15. Disbursements made and liabilities incurred by Counsel from December 31, 1897, to March 31, 1898 (partly estimated).....	1,419 55
16. Estimated disbursements of Counsel from March 31 to June 30, 1898.....	750 00
	<u>\$34,115 21</u>

A. E. ORR, President.

LEWIS L. DELAFIELD, Secretary.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows:

County Detective, Kings County..... \$1,750 00

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

OFFICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
No. 111 FIFTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, April 20, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller, New York City:

DEAR SIR—The additional amount necessary to be appropriated for the proper running of the above office is \$7,450.06.

The monthly pay-roll of the present force amounts to \$1,583.32 per month, with 20 cents to be added to December pay-roll for arrears in \$1,000, salaries, but I am entitled to another typewriter at \$1,000, which position is now vacant, owing to the fact that the former incumbent resigned because she was unable to get her salary without suit. If the appointment be made by the 1st of May, the salary for the balance of the year would amount to \$666.70.

The total sum therefore to be paid out for the remaining nine months of this year is. \$14,916 74
Of the \$10,800 heretofore appropriated we have used \$3,333.32, leaving a balance of 7,466 68

Amount necessary for balance of year..... \$7,450 06

Respectfully,

H. W. GRAY, Special Commissioner.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS,
NEW YORK, April 27, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller of The City of New York:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held this day, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, it appears that a contract for the removal of all dead animals from the highways of the Town of Newtown, Borough of Queens, was executed on the 8th day of May, 1897, for one year from May 1, 1897, to May 1, 1898, for the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800), between the Town of Newtown and Philip Zimmerman, of Newtown; and

Whereas, no appropriation has been made for the execution of said contract from January 1, 1898, to May 1, 1898; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to appropriate the sum of two hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$266.67), to pay for the removal of dead animals from the Town of Newtown, as provided by the contract, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

C. GOLDBERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

A true copy.

This indenture, made and entered into this eighth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, by and between Joseph Bermel, George W. Morton, Frederick J. DeBevoise, George T. Bowman, Gustav Schumacher, August S. Brust and Joseph Meyerrose, or their successors in office, as the Board of Health of the Town of Newtown, Queens County, N. Y., parties of the first part, and Philip Zimmerman, of the Town of Newtown, County of Queens and State of New York, party of the second part.

Whereas, The parties of the first part, constituting the Board of Health of the Town of Newtown, Queens County, N. Y., appointed and awarded the contract to remove all dead animals dying on the highways of the Town of Newtown to Philip Zimmerman, at a meeting of the said Board held on May 1, 1897.

Now therefore this indenture witnesseth, that the parties hereto of the first part and the party hereto of the second part agree as follows:

The party of the second part shall remove and dispose of all dead animals that are in, or that may be in, the highways of the Town of Newtown for one year from the first day of May, 1897.

The parties of the first part hereto agree to pay to the said party of the second part hereto, for the performance of said work for one year from May 1, 1897, the sum of eight hundred (\$800) dollars.

And it is hereby further agreed by and between the parties of the first and second parts hereto, that the party of the second part hereto will remove, or cause to be removed, any and all dead animals within twelve hours after being notified of such dead animal and its or their location by any member of the Board of Health of the Town of Newtown.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

JOSEPH BERMEL, Supervisor. [L. S.]
GEORGE W. MORTON, Town Clerk. [L. S.]
FREDERICK J. DEBEVOISE, Justice of the Peace. [L. S.]
GEO. T. BOWMAN, Justice of the Peace. [L. S.]
GUSTAV SCHUMACHER, Justice of the Peace. [L. S.]
AUGUST C. BRUST, Justice of the Peace. [L. S.]
JOSEPH MEYERROSE. [L. S.]
PHILIP ZIMMERMAN. [L. S.]

In the presence of

CHAS. J. SCHNELLER.
State of New York, County of Queens, ss.:

On this eighth day of May, 1897, before me personally came the above named Joseph Bermel, George W. Morton, Frederick J. DeBevoise, George T. Bowman, Gustav Schumacher, August C. Brust, Joseph Meyerrose and Philip Zimmerman, all to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing contract, and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

CHAS. J. SCHNELLER, Notary Public, Queens Co., N. Y.

State of New York, County of Queens, ss.:

I, John H. Sutphin, Clerk of the County of Queens, and of the Courts of Record for said County, do certify that I have compared the preceding with the original contract as the same was filed in the Town Clerk's office of the Town of Newtown, May 10, 1897, and now on file in the Clerk's office of said County, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof, and the whole of such original.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my hand and affixed the seal of said Court and County, the eighth day of February, 1898.

J. H. SUTPHIN, Clerk.

A true copy.

EUGENE W. SCHEFFER, Acting Chief Clerk.

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain as in that section provided be, and the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

Removal of dead animals from the former Town of Newtown..... \$266 67

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

HEADQUARTERS SECOND NAVAL BATTALION, N. Y., }
BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 22, 1898. }

Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—Heretofore your Board passed a resolution appropriating for the pay of the employees of this Battalion \$16 per day, the amount being specifically allotted to certain employees, according to the amounts fixed by the Military Code.

In the case of the Militia proper the pay of employees is specifically provided. In the case of the Naval Militia, however, it is provided by section 141 of the present Military Code that the Commanding Officer of the organization shall have the right to establish the ratings and compensation of the employees, "provided, however, that the gross compensation of such employees shall not exceed the amount per day authorized" in the case of the Militia proper.

The efficiency of our organization will be much improved and some money will be saved to the City if your Honorable Board will pass a resolution similar to the one you passed in the case of the First Naval Battalion, a copy of which is inclosed herewith.

That is to say, we respectfully request your Honorable Board to authorize us to expend not exceeding \$16 per day, to be expended "at such rates of compensation as may be determined upon by the Commander of the Second Naval Battalion."

Very respectfully,

W. H. STAYTON, Commanding.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the employment by the Commander of the Second Naval Battalion of so many employees as may be provided for out of the appropriation of five thousand eight hundred and forty dollars (\$5,840) heretofore made for that purpose on March 17, 1898, at such rates of compensation as may be determined upon by said Commander of the Second Naval Battalion, provided, however, that such rates of wages shall not exceed in any one case the amounts provided for in the military code.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STREETS,
NEW YORK, May 5, 1898.

To the Board of Education :

The Finance Committee, to which was referred (Journal, page 63) a certified copy of report and resolution adopted by the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, relative to award of contract to T. Mahoney & Sons for erecting building on One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, respectfully reports : That it appears from said report that T. Mahoney & Sons were the lowest bidders on the contract named, their bid being \$285,000, which bid was accepted. The next lowest bidder was P. J. Brennan, at \$303,000. The lowest bidders desire to be released from their contract, alleging a discrepancy in their bid of nearly \$18,000, by reason of a clerical error in making their calculations. The School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx is willing that the contractors be released from their contract, on the ground that "it does not see its way clear to inflict upon any contractors such a penalty as to retain a check of \$7,750 on account of a clerical error." A certified check for \$7,750 was deposited by the contractors as liquidated damages in the event of neglect or inability to execute the contract.

In compliance with the resolution adopted by the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, the Committee submits herewith the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby respectfully requested to return the requisition for the issue of bonds to the amount of two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars (\$285,000) for erecting a new school building, One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on April 27, 1898.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is authorized to return to the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx the requisition for the issue of bonds to the amount of two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars (\$285,000) for erecting a new school building at One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STREETS,
NEW YORK, May 5, 1898.

To the Board of Education :

The Finance Committee respectfully reports that there has been received by the Comptroller, from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a supplementary certificate relative to certain expenses incurred in connection with the school census for 1897.

The following copies of letters are self-explanatory :

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,
March 29, 1898.

Hon. CHARLES BULKLEY HUBBELL, President, Board of Education :

SIR—I transmit herewith for your consideration, and such action as your Board may deem proper, a communication and certificate from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in regard to the payment of additional bills chargeable against the biennial school census appropriation.

Very truly yours,
BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

STATE OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
ALBANY, March 28, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Department of Finance, New York :

DEAR SIR—I inclose a supplementary certificate concerning the claims of Albert N. Angerman, No. 246 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, New York, for services as Enumerator of the School Census of said city in October and November, 1897, and also of the claim of Superintendent John J. N. Symes for incidental expenses connected with the taking of said census. These claims were submitted, audited and referred to you at the same time that all the other claims concerning said census were submitted, and were included in the original certificate covering the expense of the census, amounting to \$38,490.89. The lack of money, from the amount appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to meet the expenses of said census, to pay these claims, is due to the fact that there remained one claim of \$40 of Mr. W. W. Tillinghast, who was absent from the city at the time the first claims were audited and submitted, and the claims of certain Enumerators in the Twenty-fifth and annexed districts, which were readjusted by your consent and permission (see letters of Deputy Comptroller Daly under dates of February 11, 14 and 16); said claims amounting to \$221. These supplementary claims were paid out of the amount appropriated under the original certificate, and therefore the claims of Mr. Albert N. Angerman, amounting to \$79, and Mr. John J. N. Symes, amounting to \$163.50, a total of \$242.50, were unable to be paid. I, therefore, inclose the certificate above mentioned, with the request that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transfer necessary funds for the payment of these claims.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES R. SKINNER, State Superintendent.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
CAPITOL, ALBANY.

I do hereby certify that the biennial school census provided for by chapter 550 of the Laws of 1895 has been taken in The City of New York to my satisfaction, in accordance with the statute and the regulations of this Department, and that the returns thereof have been duly filed.

I further certify that the following expenses were incurred in connection with said census :

For wages of Albert N. Angerman, enumerator..... \$79 00
For incidental expenses of Superintendent John J. N. Symes, as per voucher submitted..... 163 50

Total..... \$242 50

I further certify that these supplementary expenses are, to the best of my knowledge and belief final, and comprise all claims remaining against The City of New York in connection with said census, and I further certify that they are a proper charge against The City of New York, and to be paid by said City upon my certificate, in accordance with the provisions of said chapter 550 of the Laws of 1895.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Department of Public Instruction of the State of New York, at the Capitol, Albany, N. Y., this 28th day of March, 1898.

CHARLES R. SKINNER, State Superintendent.

Under the circumstances, the Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and it is hereby, respectfully requested to transfer the sum of two hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$242.50) from the appropriation of 1897 entitled "Salaries of Teachers in Public Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches," which fund is in excess of its requirements, to the fund for same year entitled "Biennial School Census," which fund is insufficient for the purpose thereof.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on April 27, 1898.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$242.50), be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Board of Education of The City of New York, as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, for the year 1897, entitled "Salaries of Teachers in Public Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to said Board

for said year, entitled "Biennial School Census," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

BOARD OF EDUCATION, No. 146 GRAND STREET,
NEW YORK, May 5, 1898.

To the Board of Education :

The Finance Committee, to which was referred the resolution of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, relative to making provision for the payment of wages of Draughtsmen and Inspectors from the bond account, on and after May 1, 1898, respectfully reports the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to render applicable and make available such balance as may remain unexpended on May 1, 1898, of the amount set aside for the payment of wages of Draughtsmen and Inspectors for the six months ending April 30, 1898, said balance to be utilized in the payment of wages of Draughtsmen and Inspectors employed on new school buildings on and after May 1, 1898.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on April 27, 1898.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following :

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 10, of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be, and the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows :

COMMISSIONERS OF RECORD.

To completing block re-indexing and recopying in County of Kings, under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Record..... \$125,000 00

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

L. W. Briggs appeared before the Board in relation to his claim for \$620 for extra work on school building No. 85 in the Twenty-third Ward, whereupon the Mayor moved that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

OFFICES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
NO. 146 GRAND STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK, May 5, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

At a meeting of the Board of Education held on April 27, 1898, the following resolution, unanimously adopted by the School Board for the Borough of Queens on April 15, was considered and was referred to the Committee on Finance with instructions to include the sum of \$350,000 in the estimate for the purpose of purchasing school sites and the erection of new school-houses in the Borough of Queens :

Whereas, There are about four thousand children in the Borough of Queens who have not at the present time proper school facilities.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars be added to the budget for the purpose of purchasing school sites and the erection of new school-houses in the Borough of Queens, and that the President of this Board be requested to present this resolution to the Board of Education.

Very respectfully,

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

OFFICES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
NO. 146 GRAND STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK, May 5, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

In order to comply with the action of the Board of Education, I respectfully request that your Board consider the estimate now before you as amended, by adding thereto the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of purchasing school sites and the erection of new school-houses in the Borough of Queens.

Very respectfully,

HUGH KELLY, Chairman, Committee on Finance of the Board of Education.

Ordered on file.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Whereas, James Dale is the Deputy Chief in command of the Fire Department of the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, and

Whereas, The salary of said James Dale prior to the consolidation of the various Boroughs of the Greater City of New York was six thousand dollars and has since been reduced to five thousand dollars, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to increase the payment of said Deputy Chief Dale to the compensation of six thousand dollars formerly received by him.

Adopted April 26, 1898.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered on file.

CITY OF NEW YORK—COMMISSION OF NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE,
NOS. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, ROOMS 33, 34, 35,
NEW YORK, April 29, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—The Commissioners of the New East River Bridge respectfully request that your Honorable Board and the Municipal Assembly will authorize and direct the issue of revenue bonds payable out of the taxes of the year 1898, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of salaries and other necessary accruing expenses of the Commission.

Preambles and resolutions of the Commission, making requisition therefor, are herewith inclosed.

Respectfully,

SMITH E. LANE, Commissioner and Secretary.

Whereas, By section 6 of chapter 789 of the Laws of 1895, as amended by chapter 612 of the Laws of 1896, the cost of constructing the New East River Bridge shall be borne in equal shares by the City of New York and by the City of Brooklyn, and in order to meet the same the proper officers of each of said cities are thereby directed to issue, from time to time, upon the requisition of said Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayors of said cities, bonds of their respective cities, in such series and for such periods as they shall respectively determine ;

And whereas, A question has arisen as to the power of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Municipal Assembly under the present circumstances to authorize the Comptroller to issue corporate stock of The City of New York to pay the indebtedness incurred by the former Commissioners prior to January 1, 1898, and which on said day amounted to about two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) ;

And whereas, It is necessary that money should be raised to pay salaries and other necessary accruing expenses of the Commission,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the New East River Bridge hereby request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Municipal Assembly to authorize and direct the issue of Revenue Bonds, payable out of the taxes of 1898, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for the purpose of providing funds with which to pay salaries and other necessary accruing expenses of the Commission.

Adopted April 29, 1898.

Extract from the Minutes.

SMITH E. LANE, Commissioner and Secretary.

Salaries.

Employees—Due May 1, 1898, for the month of April, 1898..... \$3,600 00
Commissioners—Due May 1, 1898, for the months of March and April..... 3,000 00

Total..... \$6,600 00

Names of Engineers, Draughtsmen, etc., Employed on New East River Bridge, together with Salaries.

		RATE OF PAY.	MONTHLY PAY.
L. L. Buck.....	Chief Engineer.....	\$10,000 00	\$833 34
O. F. Nichols.....	Principal Assistant Engineer.....	5,000 00	416 67
H. D. Robinson.....	Chief Draughtsman.....	250 00	250 00
E. Duryea, Jr.....	Resident Engineer, Brooklyn.....	250 00	250 00
F. L. Prayn.....	Assistant Engineer.....	150 00	150 00
L. Krummel.....	Rodman.....	75 00	75 00
E. G. Freeman.....	Resident, Engineer.....	3,000 00	250 00
H. D. Knap.....	Sub-assistant Engineer.....	100 00	100 00
Alex. Johnson.....	".....	125 00	125 00
N. L. Robinson.....	Assistant to Engineering Staff.....	2,000 00	166 66
J. A. Tilly.....	Sub-assistant Engineer.....	90 00	90 00
K. L. Martin.....	Assistant Engineer.....	150 00	150 00
C. G. Williams.....	".....	125 00	125 00
W. R. Bascome.....	".....	125 00	125 00
J. D. Wilkins.....	Draughtsman.....	2,000 00	166 66
Robert Hawley.....	".....	90 00	90 00
	Total.....		\$3,363 33

Names of those Employed in the Office in Borough of Manhattan, together with their Salaries.

Edward Joyce.....	Chief Clerk.....	\$150 00	150 00
J. E. Kavanagh.....	Clerk and Stenographer.....	86 66	86 66
	Total.....		\$3,599 99

Ordered on file.

The following communications were received :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,
OFFICE, NO. 346 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, May 3, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor, President, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York City :

DEAR SIR—The Village of Tottenville, in the Town of Westfield, Borough of Richmond, has been in total darkness since the first of the month. Previous to that time it was lit by kerosene lamps, furnished at \$100 per month under contract.

No provision was made for any lighting in the Borough of Richmond in the budget this year, and I respectfully request that you will appropriate \$800 for lighting the Village of Tottenville, being \$100 per month for the balance of the year 1898.

Respectfully yours, HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC CHARITIES—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS,
NO. 29 ELM PLACE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
NEW YORK CITY, May 6, 1898.

To the Honorable Board Estimate and Apportionment, City of New York, N. Y. :

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully request your Honorable Body to make an appropriation for the maintenance of dependent children which were, prior to January 1, 1898, committed by the

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
MONDAY, May 9, 1898, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, May 9, 1898.

In pursuance of the authority contained in section 266, chapter 378, of the Laws of 1897, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and 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 Monday, May 9, 1898, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this 9th day of May, 1898.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor;
BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller;
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel;
RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER, President of the Council;
THOMAS L. FEITNER, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present—Robert A. Van Wyck, the Mayor; Bird S. Coler, the Comptroller; John Whalen, the Corporation Counsel; Randolph Guggenheimer, the President of the Council; Thomas L. Feitner, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The reading of the minutes of the meetings held January 27, 28 and 31, February 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 15, 18, 26 and 28, March 17, April 5, 12, 20, 22 and 28, May 9, 1898, was dispensed with.

The Comptroller presented the following :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, May 9, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller :

SIR—Your communication dated May 2, 1898, referring to my communication of April 16, 1898, in relation to the question of appropriating money for the purpose of protecting work already performed on the new East River Bridge, is received.

Statement as to Contracts for Construction on the New East River Bridge, as of April 1, 1898.

CONTRACTS.	CONTRACTORS.	DATES OF		ESTIMATED CONTRACT COST.	ESTIMATE OF VALUE OF WORK DONE TO APRIL 1, 1898.	TOTAL PAID ON ESTIMATES TO JANUARY 31, 1898.	RESERVED PER CENTAGE 15 PER CENT.	NET AMOUNT DUE CONTRACTORS, APRIL 1, 1898.
		Letting.	Completion.					
New York Tower Foundation.....	P. H. Flynn.....	Oct. 1896	Jan. 1, 1898	\$383,150 00	\$282,755 00	\$174,186 25	\$42,413 25	\$66,155 50
Brooklyn Tower Foundation.....	C. McLean.....	June, 1897	Oct. 30, "	507,187 00	148,408 00	88,214 27	22,261 20	37,932 53
Brooklyn Anchorage.....	Degnon-McLean Construction Company..	Oct. 1, "	Feb. 1, 1899*	723,578 00	16,500 00	2,475 00	14,025 00
New York Anchorage.....	Shanly & Ryan.....	" 5, "	" 5, "	750,770 00	38,640 00	5,796 00	32,844 00
			Totals	\$2,364,685 00	\$486,303 00	\$262,400 52	\$72,945 45	\$150,957 03

*The anchorages must be completed on these dates, so that cable-making can be begun, and the anchorages must be entirely completed four months after the contractors are directed to resume work. This will mean the performance of about \$60,000 worth of work by the contractors at, say, a year after the dates above given.

Overseers of the Poor in the Borough of Queens to the care of private families, each receiving \$10 per month for a child from the town chargeable with the support thereof. I have arranged with each family to continue the care of these children at \$7.50 per month.

There are 30 of these in 17 families, which at the rate above stated aggregates..... \$2,737 50
Estimated increase 5 children..... 456 25
\$3,193 75

Grand Army Relief.

Amount required under chapter 337, Laws 1898 :

Borough of Kings..... \$10,000 00
Borough of Queens..... 5,000 00

The Department of Charities expended for this purpose in Kings County from November 1, 1896, to October 31, 1897..... \$7,534 74

There was allowed to the Grand Army Posts in Queens County for relief purposes for the year 1897..... \$6,400 00
Deducting the amount allowed to the Posts in the Town of Hempstead..... 1,500 00

\$4,900 00

In view of the increased necessities of the Posts annually, the amounts requested are reasonable, to wit :

Kings County..... \$10,000 00
Queens County..... 5,000 00

Appropriation for Fire Escapes.

I also request that \$11,000 of the amount appropriated for fire escapes for the Kings County Almshouse, to wit, \$12,000, be transferred from said account to the Supply Account. I submit herewith a report of the Building Department and also report to you that this Department has entered into a contract in conformity with the recommendations of said Building Department for the sum of \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SIMIS, JR., Commissioner.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

No. 385 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 5, 1898.

To the Board of Estimates :

Will you kindly let me know when we may expect the apportionment for the Brooklyn Training School and Home for Young Girls; also the amount we are to expect.

Yours truly,

MRS. M. A. MERCELIS, Chairman, Finance Committee.

Ordered on file.

The Comptroller offered the following :

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 10, of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows :

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

For Salaries..... \$30,713 26
For Supplies, Rents, etc..... 10,000 00

\$40,713 26

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Corporation Counsel moved that this Board do now adjourn.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

THOMAS L. FEITNER, Secretary.

You state that the suggestion of an appropriation in the budget was not intended to cover work of constructing the bridge, pursuant to chapter 789 of the Laws of 1895, the purpose of the appropriation would be only for the purpose of protecting such work as has already been performed, pursuant to that act, from deterioration and decay, and if I should decide that an appropriation can be made in the budget for any purpose connected with the East River Bridge, the money thus appropriated would not be used to pay contracts entered into pursuant to the Bridge Act, but would be used as an appropriation account for the payment of entirely new and separate contracts made for the purpose of protecting such work as has already been performed from deterioration and decay, and in order that the situation may be fully understood, you transmitted to me a report made to you in the matter by the engineer in your Department.

I advise you that an appropriation can be made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Municipal Assembly, but only by the issue of special revenue bonds, for the emergency described in your communication of May 2, for the purpose of protecting such work as has already been performed, pursuant to chapter 789 of the Laws of 1895, from deterioration and decay, and for the purpose of protecting the City from loss and damage by reason of the abandonment of contracts entered into prior to January 1, 1898.

I return herewith the report of your Engineer.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CITY OF NEW YORK,
April 15, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller :

SIR—I have examined very carefully the work in progress on the New East River Bridge, with the view of reporting, as near as may be, its exact condition, so as to form an opinion as to what work can be stopped without incurring danger of undue loss through damage coming from such stoppage of work.

There are four contracts now in progress, viz. :

1. For the tower foundations on the New York side.
2. For the tower foundations on the Brooklyn side.
3. For the Brooklyn anchorage.
4. For the New York anchorage.

The following table, furnished by Mr. Buck, the Chief Engineer, gives various items of information necessary in the consideration of this matter :

Paragraph "J" of all the above enumerated contracts is as follows:

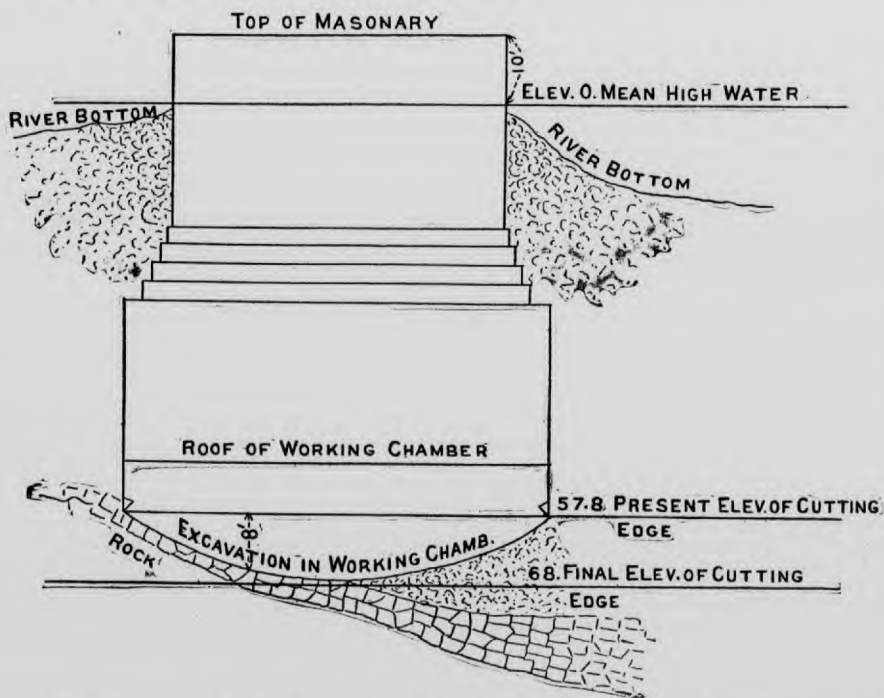
"The said Commissioners reserve the right to suspend the whole or any part of the work herein contracted to be done, if they shall deem it for the interest of said cities so to do, without compensation to the contractor for such suspension other than extending the time for completing the work so much as it may be delayed by such suspension."

The actual condition of the work under these four contracts is as follows:

1st. The New York tower foundations.

The north pier is practically finished, there only remaining a few stones to be placed on the top, which stones are on the ground.

The south pier is within 10.2 feet of its final depth, but now rests partly on rock and partly on earth, as shown on the diagram below. The masonry is built, as the pier stands at present, 10 feet above the high-water line, so that when it sinks to its final position, 10.2 feet lower, the top of the present masonry will be a few inches below high water.



It will be perceived, from an examination of this diagram, that one part of the cutting edge of the caisson is resting on rock and the other part on earth. The work is carried on in the working chamber under a heavy air pressure which holds the outside earth in its place. If this pressure were taken off only a short time would elapse before the earth would give way, leaving that side of the pier without support. The probable result would be disastrous to the pier.

As to this pier, so nearly approaching its final position, I have no hesitation in saying that it should be carried down to that final position, and at the top have an additional course of stone, taking it a foot or more above the high-water line. The working chamber being finished, according to contract, by concrete filling, the pier would be safe for any length of time.

The expense of this work is estimated at \$36,000.

On the Brooklyn side, the accompanying diagram shows that the south pier caisson is now down to elevation 72, and that it is within about 14 feet of its final position. There is not as much masonry as in the south pier on the New York side, but the construction is in an equally delicate state for the stoppage of work. Possibly from the depth of the river bottom, and its nearness to the cutting edge, the danger resulting from the taking off of the pressure in the working chamber would be quicker in its development than in the other case. I would therefore recommend that this work be prosecuted certainly to the point of lowering it to its final position, and finishing the bottom work entirely and carrying up the masonry far enough to render everything safe about the pier.

As to the north pier on the Brooklyn side, an inspection of the diagram shows that the caisson, filled with a certain amount of concrete, has just reached the river bottom and is canted to one side on account of the slope of that bottom on which it rests throughout. The danger threatening this caisson comes from the wash that may be expected from the river current and the unequal settlement on the bed of the river. I cannot but regard it in a precarious position, and think that work on it in the way of excavation should be commenced at as early a day as practicable, and that it should be carried down to its final position, the bottom work finished and the masonry carried up sufficiently to render it perfectly safe. It is estimated that the expense of the work on these two piers would be \$210,000.

The work on these tower foundations which I consider absolutely necessary would therefore be:

On the New York side.....	\$36,000 00
On the Brooklyn side.....	210,000 00
Total.....	\$246,000 00

Although by paragraph "J" of the contracts the Commissioners have the right to suspend the "whole or any part of the work," this part should not be suspended until it is absolutely necessary, from lack of funds, to do so.

Anchorages.

On the New York side the excavation for the anchorage is nearly completed, and about 500 of the 3,000 piles required by the contract are driven. The sides of the excavation are fairly well supported by 12-inch sheet-piling, anchored by iron rods, as shown in the diagram. This support might possibly be sufficient if the work were in active progress, but would not be safe in case of suspension for any considerable space of time. It would have to be strongly reinforced by braces firmly fixed in the ground.

The anchorage on the Brooklyn side, as shown by the diagram herewith, has not been excavated to its full depth. The slopes of the excavation are sufficient to render the work secure in case of suspension for a considerable length of time, except on the north, or South Fifth street side, where the heavy sheet-piling would have to be reinforced by braces.

In Fifth street there is a very large sewer, and this additional bracing would be absolutely to protect this sewer in the event of very heavy storms.

The diagram showing the exact present condition of this anchorage is on the next page of this report.

In the event of a suspension of the work both of these anchorages will require constant watching and care, and must be kept free of water by pumping.

In the ordinary course of work, under the contract, the expense of keeping these anchorages in safe condition would fall on the contractors, but in case of suspension of work for a considerable period it might come under paragraph H as a claim for extra work.

The cost of the extra bracing and the constant care, pumping, etc., is estimated at \$45,000.

The contractors, in the prosecution of their work, have invested large amounts of money for the necessary plant. This amount is estimated, approximately, by the Chief Engineer at \$265,000. If the work proceeded regularly, according to the contracts, this investment would not appear as against the City, being included by the contractors in their estimates in making their bids.

In case of suspension, however, for a considerable length of time, the care of this plant and its deterioration would give strong grounds for very large claims, which would probably be allowed by the courts, notwithstanding the right conferred upon the Commissioners by paragraph J, to "suspend the whole or any part of the work, without compensation to the contractor."

In case of suspension many claims, without doubt, will be made for loss of time, profits, etc., which the City will have to meet when the time comes.

The necessity for the suspension of work existing, by reason of the inability of the City to pay, there can be no doubt that the time has arrived for the exercise of the right reserved in the contracts by paragraph J.

But if by any means a certain amount can be made available, I would recommend its application:

1st. To the payment of the amount now due as shown by the table herewith.....	\$150,957 03
2d. To the finishing of the south pier of the tower on the New York side.....	36,000 00
3d. To the completion, to point of safety, of the two piers of the tower on the Brooklyn side.....	210,000 00

It may be that the amount above given, as now due under the law, must be paid from bonds to be issued. In that case it may be omitted, and provision made only for the remaining items, amounting to \$246,000, absolutely necessary to prevent deterioration, and possibly serious damage, to these important structures.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

Whereupon the Mayor offered the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that if the Municipal Assembly should request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the issue of Special Revenue Bonds, pursuant to subdivision 8 of section 188 of the Greater New York Charter, to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for the purpose of preventing the deterioration or destruction of work already performed on the New East River Bridge, this Board will authorize the issue thereof; and,

Resolved, That the attention of the Municipal Assembly be called to the urgent necessity for providing for this work in this manner, as set forth in a communication of the Corporation Counsel to the Comptroller, dated May 9, 1898.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communication was received:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
No. 682.

By Alderman Elliott—

Whereas, On March 15, 1898, the Board of Aldermen elected William V. Elliott to the position of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Board of Aldermen; and

Whereas, Said William V. Elliott has not as yet started in to discharge his duties, owing to no provision having been made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the payment of his salary; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and they are hereby respectfully requested to set aside the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars to pay the salary of an Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to the Board of Aldermen, the same to be paid from the appropriation for the payment of salaries of the attachés of the Municipal Assembly.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen May 3, 1898, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk of the Common Council.

Whereupon the Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the payment of the salary of an Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to the Board of Aldermen, at the rate of one thousand two hundred dollars per annum, out of the appropriation heretofore made for the year 1898 to the Municipal Assembly and City Clerk.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller moved that this Board do now adjourn.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

THOS. L. FEITNER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
TUESDAY, June 7, 1898, 11 o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, June 3, 1898.

In pursuance of the authority contained in section 266, chapter 378, of the Laws of 1897, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and 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, June 7, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

INDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this 3d day of June, 1898.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor;

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller;

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel;

RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER, President of the Council;

THOS. L. FEITNER, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present—Robert A. Van Wyck, the Mayor; Bird S. Coler, the Comptroller; John Whalen, the Corporation Counsel; Randolph Guggenheimer, the President of the Council; Thomas L. Feitner, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The reading of the minutes of the meetings held January 27, 28 and 31 and February 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 15 18 and 28 and March 17 and April 5, 12, 20, 22 and 28 and May 9, 1898, was dispensed with.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
June 1, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In a communication to the Mayor, dated April 22, 1898, which appears in full in the minutes of this Board, I called attention to the indebtedness of The City of New York in its relation to the constitutional limit of indebtedness. In this communication, after referring to the various classes of indebtedness which might have to be included for this purpose, I stated that if the liabilities of the Fund for Street and Park Openings were to be counted as part of the municipal indebtedness it would appear that The City of New York, as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, had exceeded its constitutional limit of indebtedness by \$24,224,846.79. If, on the other hand, the cost of street opening proceedings were to be excluded, this amount would be reduced to \$4,481,616.49. Subsequent to the publication of this communication the Corporation Counsel in an opinion which is herewith submitted, held that these liabilities, amounting to \$19,743,230.30, were not to be included, and that the expenses of certain proceedings for the acquisition of public parks, amounting to \$2,034,434.19, which were also payable by law from this fund, were likewise to be excluded. This left only an apparent excess for the former City of New York of \$2,447,182.30 over its constitutional limit of indebtedness.

On May 18, 1898, I transmitted to the Corporation Counsel, for his consideration and advice, a communication from the attorneys for certain contractors setting forth arguments, which, if correct, would tend to reduce still further the City's indebtedness within the purview of the Constitution. The opinion of the Corporation Counsel, dated May 24, 1898, which is herewith submitted, while not agreeing with the main contention made by Messrs. Collin & Sheehan, i. e., that the suspension clause in city contracts amounts to a right of abandonment, and that, therefore, no liability can accrue thereunder until money has been actually earned, nevertheless holds that contracts for estimated quantities of certain kinds of work which are to be paid for by units of measurement, such as contracts for excavation, are not to be taken into account in ascertaining the City's debt limit. The reason for taking them out of the class in question, writes the Corporation Counsel, is not that they are future liabilities, but that they are uncertain liabilities.

In view of the fact that most city contracts which include liabilities based on "unbalanced" quantities are of a mixed character, i. e., partly based on uncertain quantities and partly on fixed and definite quantities, it will become necessary for the Corporation Counsel to pass on the character of a very large number of city contracts to determine whether, as a matter of law, the liabilities incurred thereunder should count against the City's power to become indebted. This will necessarily require considerable time. Fortunately for practical purposes, however, the two large contracts specifically mentioned in the letter of the Corporation Counsel—the contracts for the Cornell Dam and the Jerome Park Reservoir—include an unpaid liability of \$7,129,124.04, which alone is more than enough by \$4,681,941.74 to offset the apparent excess of indebtedness of the former City of New York.

It now becomes my duty to call to the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the urgent necessity for providing funds for the continuation of public improvements initiated by The City of New York prior to January 1, 1898, and payable from the proceeds of bonds.

In connection with this matter I submit herewith an opinion from the Corporation Counsel relative to the issuing of bonds to provide for the payment of the expenses of public improvements undertaken prior to January 1, 1898.

At the close of the year 1897 the books of the Finance Department showed that, including Revenue Bonds, there were unissued balances of amounts of bonds authorized to be issued by the several Boards of the City Government having jurisdiction thereof, amounting to \$21,371,606.28.

This amount includes bonds authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the Aqueduct Commissioners and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as well as Special Revenue Bonds.

The Corporation Counsel holds that where Consolidated Stock of the former City of New York was authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of that city

and it is desired to issue Corporate Stock of the present City of New York on account of amounts thereof now remaining unissued, such Corporate Stock should, in view of the provisions of section 169 of the Charter, be reauthorized by resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Municipal Assembly.

The Corporation Counsel states that while he believes that upon a strict construction of the statute, bonds issued merely upon the action of the former Board of Estimate and Apportionment would be held good by the courts, "it is extremely advisable to lean to the side of extreme caution and to take every step which the most conservative view may regard as necessary to the validity of these bonds."

In like manner he states that unissued balances of bonds authorized to be issued by the Aqueduct Commissioners prior to January 1, 1898, should also be reauthorized.

On the other hand, bonds which by law have to be authorized by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as well as all Assessment Bonds and Revenue Bonds, need not be thus reauthorized.

I submit herewith statements showing separately the amount of bonds which were authorized to be issued by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Aqueduct Commission, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the former City of New York prior to December 31, 1897, and now remain unissued. The aggregate thereof is \$21,371,606.28.

I have examined into the facts relating to the authorizing of the issue of these bonds and find that all the provisions of law relating thereto existing prior to January 1, 1898, have been duly complied with.

As stated in my communication to the Corporation Counsel, to which his opinion herewith submitted is a reply, the practice of the former City of New York in regard to the manner of authorizing and issuing bonds was as follows:

Upon a work of public improvement being authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, a resolution was passed authorizing the Comptroller to issue bonds to the amount of the estimated cost of the work.

Such a resolution was considered an appropriation of the necessary funds and was deemed sufficient warrant for the execution of the contract. The bond authorization included not only the estimated cost of the work, but also such incidental expenses as Engineer's and Architect's fees, bills for borings or surveys and expenses of inspection, printing and advertising, etc. The estimates having been as a rule generously made, it has followed that the actual cost of the work, including such incidental expenses, has been found generally to be well within the amount of bond authorizations. It might, therefore, be possible, now that the estimated cost of some of the contracts is better known, to cut down to some extent the amount of certain of these bond authorizations in the resolution reauthorizing them.

On the other hand, a few of the authorizations now appear to be insufficient to provide for the issuing of the requisite amount of bonds. It is necessary, in acting in this matter, for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to determine whether or not it intends to revise the action of its predecessors. This question is submitted for the judgment of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The Comptroller does not recommend such a course, however, for the following reasons:

First—Because the action of the present Board of Estimate and Apportionment does not relate to the authorizing of public improvement as to which it is called upon to exercise any discretion. On the contrary, it is merely required, by reason of a technical provision in the Charter, to readopt the acts of its predecessors by a resolution which the Corporation Counsel states may not be strictly necessary, but is nevertheless desirable as an act of extreme caution, so that no doubt may be cast upon the validity of the bonds by intending purchasers.

Second—Because the estimated cost of completing any work of public improvement must necessarily remain more or less uncertain until its actual acceptance, on account not only of the variable amount of work performed on certain contracts, but also of the unknown amount of the incidental expenses connected therewith, and it is better that the Comptroller should be furnished with ample, even though excessive, authority to provide for paying for expenses lawfully and properly incurred than to be obliged to delay payments when due, while seeking additional authority to issue bonds. This consideration has become the more important in view of the length of time now needed under the provisions of the Charter to secure such authority.

Third—Because the mere authority to issue bonds given to the Comptroller does not require him to issue more than may be actually needed to complete a work of public improvement. On the contrary, the responsibility is still his that the actual issue be lawfully made in amounts consonant with the treasury's requirements, so that there shall be no waste of the public funds and the public credit.

The Comptroller, therefore, offers for the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a resolution to reauthorize the issue of the exact amount of bonds authorized by previous boards prior to January 1, 1898, and unissued, excepting, only, one (1) where such unissued balances are known to be wholly obsolete and unnecessary, and two (2) where the bond authorizations relate to accounts where there existed on December 31, 1897, neither cash balances nor contract liabilities, but only an authority to become indebted, of which advantage had not been taken on that date.

In the event, however, of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment determining that it is best to consider and act upon this matter anew and as a proper subject for the exercise of its discretion, an estimate has been proposed of the several amounts of bonds which in the judgment of the Comptroller should be thus authorized.

In this estimate provision has been made for the payment of inspection and incidental expenses, which appears to be warranted by an opinion of the Corporation Counsel dated May 24, 1898, herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, January 26, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication, bearing date January 8, in relation to the issue of bonds.

You state that you are informed that it was always the practice of the Finance Department of the City of New York, as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, to issue bonds from time to time, only in amounts necessary to meet contract and other liabilities.

Upon a work of public improvement being authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a resolution was passed authorizing the Comptroller to issue bonds to the amount of the estimated cost of the work.

Such a resolution was considered an appropriation of the necessary funds and was deemed sufficient warrant for the execution of the contract. With a view of saving heavy interest charges, however, the actual bond issues were made only as demands for partial payment on such contracts arose or became imminent.

At the close of the year 1897 the books of the Finance Department showed that there were unissued balances of amounts of bonds authorized to be issued by the several Boards of the City Government having jurisdiction thereof, aggregating \$21,228,106.88.

You further state that at some time in the future it will be necessary to issue bonds of the present City of New York to an amount approximately equal to the figure above stated in order to meet payments on contracts, etc., for which the City has been obligated.

And you call my attention to the following provisions of section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897:

"* * * Corporate stock of The City of New York, issued in pursuance of laws already passed or which may be hereafter passed, or in pursuance of the provisions of this act, shall be, unless otherwise provided by this act, issued by the comptroller, only to the extent to which he may be thereunto authorized by resolution of the municipal assembly and the board of estimate and apportionment adopted by vote, as provided for in this act; provided, however, that where-ever by existing provisions of law, or by the provisions of this act, the commissioners of the sinking fund may be specifically authorized to provide for the issue of stocks or bonds, said authorization of the comptroller shall be made by said commissioners instead of the said municipal assembly and said board of estimate and apportionment, and provided, further, that whenever the amount of stocks or bonds required to be issued in pursuance of any law for any one purpose in any year shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the comptroller may issue such bonds when thereunto authorized by the vote of a majority of the board of estimate and apportionment."

You request my advice upon five different points, all of importance.

I will state the question in each case with the answer.

1. Where "Consolidated Stock of The City of New York" was authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the former City of New York and it is desired to issue "Corporate Stock" on account of amounts thereof now remaining unissued, will it be necessary that such "Corporate Stock" should be reauthorized by both the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Municipal Assembly of the present City of New York?

The first impression might very well be that the answer to the question is that where, prior to January 1, 1898, Consolidated Stock of The City of New York, as then constituted was authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of that city, and it is now desired to issue Corporate Stock on account of the amounts thereof now remaining unissued inasmuch as the law had been fully complied with, and all the steps necessary to the legal issue of the Consolidated Stock complied with, that no further action is required to authorize the Comptroller to carry out the resolution of the former Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

I do not doubt that upon a strict construction of the statute, bonds so issued would be held good by the courts, but it seems to me that in a case where there can be any doubt whatever, it is extremely advisable to lean to the side of extreme caution and to take every step which the most conservative view may regard as necessary to the validity of these bonds.

The provisions of section 169 of the Charter, cited in your letter, are very sweeping in their terms. It is provided:

"Corporate stock of The City of New York, issued in pursuance of laws already passed or which may be hereafter passed, or in pursuance of the provisions of this act, shall be, unless otherwise provided by this act, issued by the comptroller only to the extent to which he may be thereunto authorized by resolution of the municipal assembly and the board of estimate and apportionment adopted by vote as provided for in this act."

I think that all bonds except those taken out of the operation of this portion of the section by other provisions of law must be issued in pursuance of a resolution of the Municipal Assembly and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as provided in the portion of the section just quoted, and it will be your duty, therefore, to obtain the necessary resolutions.

Of course, in bringing the matter before these boards it will be advisable to make such a statement of the facts as will show that all the provisions of law existing prior to January 1, 1898, have in the case of these bonds been complied with.

2. What course should be pursued in regard to the proposed issue of Corporate Stock on account of amounts thereof authorized to be issued prior to January 1, 1898, by the Aqueduct Commissioners and remaining unissued on that date?

The answer to the first question carries with it the answer to the second, and the same authority should be obtained in the case of the Aqueduct Bonds as in the case of other Corporate Stock of the City.

3. What course should be pursued in regard to similar proposed issues on account of unissued balances of bonds authorized to be issued by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund prior to January 1, 1898?

I think that the case suggested forms an exception to the rule laid down in answer to your first question, and that the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund prior to January 1 is sufficient authority for the issue of the bonds.

It might be well, however, to avoid any possible question, to have the present Commissioners of the Sinking Fund reauthorize the issues in question.

4. What course should be adopted in regard to similar proposed issues of Revenue Bonds and Assessment Bonds authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment prior to January 1, 1898?

The answer must be to this question that Revenue Bonds and Assessments Bonds are not within the provisions of section 169.

There are other distinct provisions made for the issue of these bonds in the Charter, which provisions are substantially a re-enactment of portions of the prior New York City Consolidation Act, and there is no intent, so far as I can ascertain from an examination of the Charter, to embarrass the action of the Comptroller in regard to the issue of Revenue Bonds and Assessment Bonds by a requirement of the procedure specified in section 169 of the Charter.

5. Under the provisions above quoted, which seems to make it unnecessary to obtain the authority of the Municipal Assembly for the issue of Corporate Stock in cases where such stock is not to be issued in greater amounts than \$100,000 for any one purpose in any one year, what would be the effect if the Comptroller should issue such bonds to the amount of \$100,000 under sole authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and it were then found necessary to issue an additional amount for the same purpose in the same year, i.e., if the additional amount were duly authorized by concurrent action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Municipal Assembly, would the issue of the first \$100,000 thereof be invalidated?

The portion of section 169, to which this question refers, is:

"Whenever the amount of stocks or bonds required to be issued in pursuance of any law for any one purpose in any year shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the comptroller may issue such bonds when thereunto authorized by the vote of a majority of the board of estimate and apportionment."

I do not think that any subsequent action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Municipal Assembly would make the bonds first issued in such case invalid.

Of course, there might be a very extreme case of reckless disregard of duty or fraud on the part of the Comptroller issuing bonds, but the probability of such an occurrence is very remote, and the more supposable case is the one suggested by your question, namely, where the Comptroller, acting under the presumption of good faith which protects public officers in cases which are apparently within the limits of their powers, has issued bonds in an amount less than \$100,000, and it has subsequently appeared that, for reasons not apparent at the time of the first issue, an issue in excess of \$100,000 was necessary.

In such a case, in fact in almost any supposable case, the bonds first issued would be valid.

It will, of course, be the duty of the Comptroller in all cases where he has reasonable grounds for believing that the issue of such bonds within the one year would exceed \$100,000, to obtain the authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Municipal Assembly, as provided in the section; but his error in that regard would have no effect upon the validity of the issue of the bonds.

I think the foregoing answers the questions contained in your communication.

Yours,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, May, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication bearing date April 26 calling my attention to a class of condemnation proceedings concerning which you are in doubt as to whether the estimated amount of the awards should be included as part of the City's indebtedness.

You refer to proceedings instituted under the Street Opening Acts, the awards in which are payable from the Fund for Street and Park Openings.

You recite somewhat at length the circumstances which gave rise to the creation of this fund, which recital is entirely accurate, but need not be reiterated in answering your communication.

You finally ask whether liabilities (1) for street openings and widenings and (2) for parks, chargeable against the Fund for Street and Park Openings should be regarded as indebtedness of The City of New York.

You will remember that you informed me that you preferred issuing your letter to the Mayor, bearing date April 22, without waiting for further information in regard to this and other questions, as, for the reasons stated by you, a prompt publication of that communication was deemed expedient.

In the letter to the Mayor you stated that you assumed that the liabilities as to which you now inquire formed a part of the debt, within the provisions of the Constitution, but you pointed out the difference which would be caused by a decision of the courts of this State excluding from the debt the liabilities in question.

As you had already acted upon the question, it did not seem to me that your letter of the 26th of April needed any answer, especially in view of the fact that the courts will be called upon very soon to pass upon this and other questions.

But as I am informed you still desire an answer to your communication in question, I now return such answer.

I take also this opportunity to again remind you of what I stated plainly in my letter of March 31, in regard to the City debt, that I confined myself closely to the questions asked by you.

Notwithstanding this, such extraordinary deductions and inferences have been drawn from that letter (whose conclusions I desire in no respect to modify) that I again remind you that in all communications upon a subject so important as this, I am only responsible for advice given on the exact point under discussion, and that my answer goes so far and no further than the question asked.

Coming now to the subject under discussion in your communication of April 26, I have to say, that after giving the matter the serious consideration which its great importance demanded, that in the absence of any decision to that effect by the courts of the State (and it is conceded that there is no such decision) in my opinion, the liabilities of the fund in question do not form a part of the liabilities of the City which are within the prohibition of the Constitution.

This holding will make a difference, as appears by your communication of April 22 to the Mayor, of \$19,743,230.30 in your computation of the amount of the debt which is prohibited by the Constitution.

In view of the fact of the probability of an early decision by the Appellate Division, a decision which I will most earnestly seek as promptly as possible, it is not necessary to elaborate this question.

But I may say briefly that I base my opinions upon the sections of the portions of the Charter which refer to this fund, and especially upon the Charter provision which denies to the property-owner a right of action against the City, and which remits him to the method of payment procured under the Charter (Greater New York Charter, section 1007).

There are also involved in this question considerations pointed out in your letter, namely, that the City, in taking property to be paid for out of the fund in question, acts not for the municipal benefit, but as a trustee for the people of the whole State.

In the last of a long line of cases on this subject, regarding the power of a corporation over streets, the Appellate Division said:

"The City of New York is a trustee in but a general sense; that is, a trustee not for its citizens alone, but for the public at large" (The Mayor vs. Fitch, 9 App. Div., 452).

I base my opinion, therefore, upon two grounds:

First—That the liabilities in question cannot be the subject of an action against The City of New York, but are recoverable out of a special fund and in a special manner which distinctly excludes the ordinary remedy by suit.

Second—Upon the nature of the use to which the acquired property is put, namely, for the benefit of the people of the whole State, and not for the benefit of a municipal corporation alone.

I therefore answer your question that, in my opinion, liabilities (1) for street openings and widenings and (2) for parks chargeable against the fund for street and park openings should not be regarded as indebtedness of The City of New York within the constitutional prohibition.

Yours,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, May 24, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication bearing date May 18, transmitting therewith for such consideration and advice as I might deem proper, a communication, dated May 16, from Messrs. Sheehan & Collin, attorneys for certain contractors, in regard to certain matters relating to the City's constitutional limit of indebtedness.

The letter of Messrs. Sheehan & Collin in question is quite lengthy, and the facts set forth are in substance, as follows:

After stating that your estimate of the present indebtedness of the former City of New York on December 31, 1897, was \$181,165,861.40, being \$2,447,182.30 in excess of the constitutional limit, and that upon this basis such limit was reached on December 27, 1897, they say:

"As certain of our clients hold contracts of the former City of New York, awarded during the last four days of December, we desire, in their behalf, to call your attention to further additional circumstances not heretofore submitted to or passed upon by the Corporation Counsel, which, in our judgment, established the fact that the indebtedness of the former City of New York had not reached the constitutional limit on December 31, 1897, or at any time prior thereto."

These gentlemen also cite from your letter to the Mayor the following passage:

"In many of the City's largest contracts, the estimated cost is based upon fixed prices for uncertain quantities of work to be performed, such quantities having been estimated by Department Engineers. This is the case in the two large aqueduct contracts for the Cornell Dam, and the Jerome Park Reservoir, i. e., so much a cubic yard for rock excavation and so much for earth. It is manifest that these engineering estimates constitute the only method by which the City's liability can be determined until the completion of the contracts, and that the actual amount ultimately paid may exceed or fall short of such estimate."

And the letter further proceeds:

"We find that this system of compensation at certain rates per unit of measure for uncertain quantities of work was adopted in contracts for at least \$13,306,689.67 of the above estimated item of 'Contract Liability, \$25,122,357.56,' and that such contracts also contain 'suspension clauses,' varying slightly in language, but all to the same effect in substance, reserving to the City the absolute right to suspend work on such contracts at any time and for indefinite periods, thereby imposing no obligation on the part of the City, except for work actually done prior to the exercise by the City of its option to suspend."

"As the City had more than sufficient available funds to meet its liability for all work done prior to January 1, 1898, on these contracts, the indebtedness estimated thereon must be deemed indebtedness for work thereafter to be done. If, therefore, the City on December 31, 1897, had chosen to exercise its option to suspend work on these contracts, there would be no work thereafter to be done thereunder, until the City should choose to resume the work, and none of the estimated indebtedness would exist until after such resumption."

"Therefore the City was not indebted on December 31, 1897, for any work thereafter to be done on these contracts, and might never become indebted thereon in any way or for any amount whatever. An option is not an obligation. No indebtedness can exist for work not yet done which the contractor merely agrees to perform, if the City shall call for it, and which the City may call for or not at its option. Not until the City has allowed the work to proceed does the City become indebted, and then only for the amount of work actually done up to the time the City chooses to call a halt."

"This reasoning is entirely consistent with the opinion heretofore given by the Corporation Counsel that indebtedness upon contracts maturing in the future and payable at maturity by the issue of long-time bonds is such indebtedness as should be included in computing the amount of City indebtedness which is limited by the Constitution. We are confident that the Corporation Counsel will advise, if you deem it desirable to consult him on this point, that there is no indebtedness of the City on a contract for work which the contractor agrees to perform if the City shall call for it, and which the City may call for or not at its option."

I assume that your communication is meant to direct my attention to the claims made by Messrs. Sheehan & Collin in order that I may pass upon the legal questions involved.

This being the case, I will state my opinion upon the two most important points.

In the first place, I will remind you to avoid any misapprehension of the attitude of this office upon the question of the City's debt.

The main question discussed in my letter to you of March 31 was as to the contract and bond liability of the City.

I there held that liability evidenced by bonds and contract liability stood upon the same footing as regarded the constitutional prohibition then under discussion.

I cited many authorities on this question, and might have cited as many more, to show that this contention was correct.

Had the matter been simply one concerning a private client no lawyer would have deemed it necessary to go into any very lengthy citation of authorities to show that the form of a debt is entirely immaterial upon the question whether or not a debt exists, nor would it have required very much reasoning to show that a person who owes for money borrowed, or who has made for value received promissory notes, payable in the future, is just as much indebted as the person who has signed a bond for the payment of money loaned.

In the light of the unanimity of the decisions of all the Courts which have passed upon this question, I have no doubt of the correctness of my ruling in the letter in question.

Nor have I any doubt upon the further proposition that a sum of money owing and payable in future, is as much a debt as money due presently.

The only exceptions to these rules are cases where the City has some option as to proceeding further with a contract, cases in which it can terminate its contract and cut short further liability.

Starting from these propositions, I will now consider the questions suggested by the letter of Messrs. Sheehan & Collin, who claim that the following two classes of contracts cannot be included in the computation of the City debt for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the constitutional debt limit has been exceeded:

First—Contracts containing a "suspension" clause.

Second—Contracts based on estimates of quantities not only of the amount of work to be done, but of the character and amount of the various classes of work, where the work is to be paid for by some unit of measurement, as for instance, so much per cubic yard of earth, and so much per cubic yard of rock excavation.

First, as to "suspension" contracts:

It is perfectly true that under most contracts the City has the right of suspension, and that it could, when the debt limit was reached, call a halt and wait until more favorable circumstances would allow a resumption of work.

Unfortunately, it has simply a right of suspension and not of abandonment, that is, a right to postpone the incurring of further liability, but not to relieve itself of that liability.

As I have already stated in my prior opinion, the test of the power to contract and to incur liability must be as of the time of the incurring of the liability itself, that is, of the making of the contract, and I am much impressed with the danger, practical as well as legal, of allowing the question of whether the debt limit has been reached to float around in an indefinite way and be dependent upon a variety of circumstances.

I think that such a situation of uncertainty would be very detrimental to the City's credit, for it would be almost impossible for any intending lender of money, upon the City's securities, to ascertain whether or not, at any given time, the City had passed its debt limit.

There are, as far as I know, no decisions of the courts upon this question, which is novel as well as important, but I do not see my way clear to advise you, without the submission of the question to the courts, that the "suspension" feature alone takes contracts out of the class of liabilities to be included in ascertaining the debt limit.

Of course, in the class of contracts which allow a complete abandonment, the ruling might be different, and they would not be among the items to be computed in ascertaining the debt limit.

I do not understand, however, that the question above mentioned covers this latter class of contracts, which are comparatively few in number.

The second question suggested in the letter of Messrs. Sheehan & Collin is one, however, which presents a very different aspect, that is, contracts for estimated quantities of certain kinds of work, which are to be paid for by units of measurement.

The ordinary contract for excavation is one of this character.

It is true that an estimate is made by the Department letting the contract of the cubic amount to be excavated and of the relative proportions of different classes of material as, for instance, earth and rock; but this estimate has, and can have, no certainty.

The two extremes of contract liability may be found in, on the one hand, a contract for doing a complete work for a sum certain, as, for instance, erecting a building, and a contract, such as I have described, for excavation, payable by units of measurement of quantities.

In my opinion, the latter class of contracts is not within those to be taken into account in ascertaining the debt limit.

The reason for taking them out of the class in question is not that they are future liabilities, but that they are uncertain liabilities.

In other words, it is the element of uncertainty and not of futurity, which, in my opinion, justifies you in not counting them as within the constitutional limit.

It cannot be denied that at the time of the making of such contract, some kind of liability arises on the part of the City; whether it be called an obligation or a debt is of very little import-

ance, but what is of great importance is that the amount of the debt can never be known, except as the work progresses.

To avoid any misconception, I will say that I do not mean to hold that the obligation or debt in such a case accrues from time to time as the quantities ascertained.

On the contrary, in this as in all other cases the liability accrues at the time of the making of the contract.

But, while the mere fact of liability exists the amount is so indefinite and uncertain that it cannot be ascertained with any reasonable certainty, except as the work progresses, and as I have said, until the amount can be ascertained, it cannot be included in any computation of the City's debt.

I do not, of course, know whether or not the large amount stated by Messrs. Sheehan & Collin in their letter, as being the amount of such contracts, is correct; in fact, I have reason to believe that it is very much overestimated, because they have included in that amount contracts which are not strictly of the class I have mentioned.

I confine my opinion upon this point to such contracts as really concern what might be termed "unbalanced" quantities; that is to say, contracts in which the compensation is estimated upon units of work, the amount of which can never be known, except as the work progresses.

The two contracts mentioned in your letter to the Mayor in the passage hereinbefore cited, namely, the aqueduct contracts for the Cornell Dam and the Jerome Park Reservoir, are very good examples of contracts which, in my opinion, should be excluded in computing the amount of City debt for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the debt limit has been passed.

A more doubtful class of contracts and which should not, in my opinion, be included in ascertaining the debt limit, are contracts, which, although partly founded upon estimated quantities and units of measurement, yet also are, in part, based upon easily ascertainable quantities, as, for instance, the construction of a bridge.

In this case there might be a difficulty in computing beforehand the excavation and embankment, but none whatever in ascertaining the amount of iron or stonework which is to go into the bridge.

The same ruling would apply to the case of a viaduct, the largest part of the cost of which might be the cost of metal or stone construction.

In such cases as these, where there is doubt, the contract should not be excluded in ascertaining the amount of the debt.

I would suggest that in any class of contracts which give rise to any doubt, you submit me a specimen of them, or state to me the clauses which bear upon this question, and I will be glad to advise you in relation thereto.

Yours,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, May 24, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication, bearing date May 13, referring to certain questions connected with the City's constitutional limit of indebtedness.

You state that there are a number of questions of law still remaining to be asked and answered in regard to this important question concerning which you have now and will have hereafter to solicit my opinion.

You further state that you have noted the statement in my letter received on May 11, of my intention to confine myself closely to the questions asked; but you beg to suggest that in a matter as complicated as this and presenting so many phases, it would be extremely desirable if, in replying to your inquiries, I would shed as much light as possible on the various points involved and assist you with such advice on practical cognate questions as may suggest themselves to my mind in framing my replies. In other words, you say that in view of the impossibility of anticipating in your inquiries all the conceivable phases of this question, you should be glad to receive the general and liberal advice that counsel gives to clients, rather than the highly conservative opinions delivered by courts on issues conventionally framed for their decision.

You further state that reference to page 27 of your printed communication to the Mayor shows that there was on December 31, 1897, a surplus of \$10,625.56 in the Dock Fund over and above the contract liabilities chargeable against that fund. On page 42, however, is a statement showing a liability for lands acquired amounting to \$1,694,920.10, or after deducting the aforesaid surplus a net liability of \$1,675,294.54.

The manner of paying the expenses of the Dock Department is from proceeds of bonds sold, and you desire my opinion as to whether you would now be justified in paying the current expenses of that Department out of the cash balance in the Dock Fund, in view of the estimated amount to be hereafter paid from that fund for lands already acquired in condemnation proceedings.

Another point on which you request my advice is as follows:

Under my opinion of March 31, it would be proper and necessary for the City, regardless of its present condition in relation to the constitutional limit of indebtedness, to issue bonds to provide for the payment of contracts which were valid obligations at the time they were executed, and you ask whether it would be lawful in issuing such bonds to provide, not only for the estimated amount of the contracts, but also for such necessary incidental expenses contemplated by the acts authorizing their issue as engineers' and architects' fees and inspection. Also, whether it be proper for you now to pay from cash balances in funds not sufficient to meet all the contract liabilities charged against them, the wages and salaries of Inspectors and Engineers having charge of the several works on construction.

In conclusion, you state that you note my statement that extraordinary deductions and inferences have been drawn from my letter of March 31, 1897, and you say you presume that I refer to deductions drawn by others. But you request me if I have in any way misinterpreted your letter, or if since the time your communication was made public I have discovered any liabilities improperly included therein, you hope I will promptly advise you thereof so that you may be guided accordingly in your official action.

In answer to this communication I have to say as follows:

I am, of course, familiar with the method of paying expenses of the Dock Department, which is from the proceeds of bonds sold.

In view of the present condition of the fund, as shown by your statement, and also in view of the probable amount of expenses of the Dock Department, you would be most decidedly justified in paying the current expenses of that Department out of the cash now in hand in the Dock Department.

In view of the fact that the payment of compensation for land taken is, according to your statement, very far within the limit of indebtedness provided by the Constitution, it would seem that you would be justified in giving a preference to the current expenses of the Dock Department in making payments from the fund in question, as there is no legal difficulty in raising the money to pay for the lands, etc., taken.

In reply to your second question, I have to say, that it will be lawful in issuing bonds to provide for the payment of contracts which were valid obligations at the time they were executed, to provide, not only for the estimated amount of the contracts, but also for such necessary incidental expenses contemplated by the acts authorizing their issue as engineers' and architects' fees and inspection.

I will say that these expenses are as much a part of the carrying out of the contract as the ordinary items of excavation and embankment.

And, answering a further question, I will say that upon the same theory it is proper for you now to pay from cash balances in funds not sufficient to meet all the contract liabilities charged against them, the wages and salaries of Inspectors and Engineers having charge of the several works of construction.

I assume, in answering this question, that the charges mentioned are necessary expenses for the carrying out of the contracts, under the acts authorizing them.

As I have already stated as a general proposition, the expenses of the engineering and supervision of the performance of the contract work, plans, etc., are just as much a portion of the contract expenses as the items specifically embraced within the contract.

As to my statement that extraordinary deductions and inferences have been drawn from my letter of March 31, 1897, it is only too certain that such is the case.

What I more specially refer to is a theory which has been very widely spread abroad that this office has, in some way or other, reversed its opinion or qualified its opinion in regard to the debt limit question.

Personally, I am frank to say that such statements affect me but little, because every public official dealing with the difficult new conditions now confronting us must expect a certain amount of unintelligent (not to use a stronger word) criticism, and this he must bear with the other responsibilities of his office.

There is a more serious aspect, however. It is, that it will be a very grave matter for the City administration if the public mind becomes filled with the idea that its policy is a changeable and uncertain one.

That is why I spoke of the reports in question, and that is also why I stated that in answering your questions I confine myself in my answers within the exact limits of the questions asked.

I appreciate perfectly that in giving you advice, as from a lawyer to a client, that such advice should not take the exact form of an opinion of a court.

But neither the opinion of a court nor the advice of the head of the Law Department of the City can safely go outside of the exact issue involved, for my experience at the bar has taught me that much of the uncertainty of the law arises from the fact that the courts, in their decisions, do not confine themselves to the exact questions placed before them, but often, in seeking to illustrate their decisions by citing analogies or making distinctions, give rise to misapprehension on the part of the bar and increase litigations.

Of course, if in answering a communication from you, there is any question, other than the one asked, and which though not mentioned, should affect my answer, it will be my duty to call your attention to it and give counsel or warning.

But as a general proposition, I think the safer course is the one I have indicated, of confining myself to the question asked, leaving you to ask such further questions as may naturally present themselves in the administration of your Department on the basis of the opinions given by this office.

Yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The Comptroller offered a preamble and resolution in conformity with his report. Whereupon the President of the Council moved to amend the same by striking out the item, "Consolidated Stock—For Acquiring the Site and for Constructing and Equipping the Building for a New Hall of Records, \$2,100,000," and that the question of the validity of the contract therefor be referred to the Corporation Counsel for examination and report.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The question was then taken upon the preamble and resolution, as amended, viz.:

Whereas, Certain bonds and stock of The City of New York, as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, which were duly authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and by the Aqueduct Commission respectively of said city, remained unissued on the 31st day of December, 1897, as hereinafter set forth; and

Whereas, It will be necessary for amounts of such bonds and stock to be issued, from time to time, to provide for the payment of obligations incurred by The City of New York, as constituted prior to January 1, 1898; and

Whereas, The Comptroller has been advised by the Corporation Counsel in a communication dated January 26, 1898, that it is extremely advisable that all such bonds and stock before being issued should be again authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as now constituted, as provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, when authority therefor has been obtained from the Municipal Assembly, for the amounts and for the purposes for which the following described bonds and stock were duly authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and by the Aqueduct Commission respectively of The City of New York, as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, but which remained unissued on the 31st day of December, 1897, amounting in the aggregate to seventeen million three hundred and thirty-seven thousand and sixteen dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$17,337,016.67), viz.:

AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, AS CONSTITUTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1898.

Consolidated Stock (For Constructing a Bridge between Pelham Bay Park and City Island)—Authorized by chapter 638, Laws 1894, as amended by chapter 507, Laws 1896..... \$215,000 00

Consolidated Stock (School-house Fund No. 2)—
Chapter 252, Laws 1889..... \$258,145 11
Chapter 88, Laws 1895..... 34,761 49
Chapter 728, Laws 1896..... 355,274 50
Chapter 740, Laws 1897..... 1,653,495 86

Consolidated Stock (For the Extension of East River Park and for the Construction of a Sea-wall)—Authorized by chapter 320, Laws 1887; chapter 69, Laws 1895..... 65,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Constructing a Bridge over the Harlem River at Third Avenue)—Authorized by chapter 413, Laws 1892; chapter 716, Laws 1896; chapter 660, Laws 1897..... 250,566 00

Additional Croton Water Stock—Authorized by section 141 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882..... 23,000 00

Additional Water Stock for the Sanitary Protection of the Water Supply—Authorized by chapter 189, Laws 1893; chapter 515, Laws 1893..... 100,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Repaving Streets and Avenues)—Authorized by chapter 35, Laws 1892..... 300,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Repaving Streets and Avenues)—Authorized by chapter 475, Laws 1895..... 900,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Repaving Streets and Avenues)—Authorized by chapter 87, Laws 1897..... 600,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For an Extension of the Building of the Metropolitan Museum of Art)—Authorized by chapter 347, Laws 1895..... 800,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Erection and Equipment of an Addition to the Present Building of the American Museum of Natural History)—Authorized by chapter 175, Laws 1896..... 450,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Constructing a Bridge over Harlem River at First Avenue)—Authorized by chapter 147, Laws 1894..... 1,483,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For New Parks, Parkways and Public Places in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and in Westchester County)—Authorized by chapter 79, Laws 1889..... 37,176 93

Consolidated Stock (For Surveys, etc., for Ninety-sixth Street Viaduct and for Completion of Riverside Park and Drive)—Authorized by chapter 74, Laws 1894..... 1,500 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Construction of a Viaduct Carrying Riverside Drive over West Ninety-sixth Street)—Authorized by chapter 74, Laws 1894; chapter 120, Laws 1895; chapter 504, Laws 1896..... 85,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Construction and Improvement of Parkways)—Authorized by chapter 417, Laws 1892; chapter 609, Laws 1895..... 100,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Construction and Equipment of a Building for the Botanical Museum and Herbarium, etc.)—Authorized by chapter 285, Laws 1891; chapter 103, Laws 1894; chapter 717, Laws 1896..... 375,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Construction and Improvement of St. John's Park, in the Ninth Ward)—Authorized by chapter 320, Laws 1887; chapter 295, Laws 1896..... 50,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Laying Pipes to Extend and Enlarge the Distribution of Water through The City of New York, and in Laying Mains Necessary to Deliver Such Water at Higher Levels and in Greater Quantities)—Authorized by chapter 669, Laws 1896..... 350,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Constructing a Bridge over the Harlem River, from One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street to One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street)—Authorized by chapter 986, Laws 1895..... 1,150,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Extension of Broadway or Kingsbridge Road, from its Present Terminus, in the Twelfth Ward, across the Harlem River at its Junction with Spuyten Duyvil Creek, to the Present Terminus of Broadway, in the Twenty-fourth Ward)—Authorized by chapter 399, Laws 1896; chapter 86, Laws 1897..... 53,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Erection of New Buildings and for Additions to and Extensions, Alterations and Improvement of Existing Buildings under the Control of the Department of Public Charities)—Authorized by chapter 724, Laws 1896..... 231,517 50

Consolidated Stock (For the Erection of New Buildings and for Additions to and Extensions, Alterations and Improvement of Existing Buildings under the Control of the Department of Correction)—Authorized by chapter 626, Laws 1896..... 571,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Constructing a Public Park, in Eleventh Ward, Bounded by Houston, Stanton, Pitt and Sheriff Streets)—Authorized by chapter 293, Laws 1895; chapter 676, Laws 1897..... 160,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Construction of a Steel Beam Structure over the Tracks of the Port Morris Branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad, on Brook Avenue, from the Southerly Side of East One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Street to the Westerly Side of Brook Avenue, near Third Avenue)—Authorized by chapter 616, Laws 1896..... 50,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Payment of the Expenses Incurred by the Board of Health in the Condemnation, etc., of Buildings)—Authorized by chapter 57, Laws 1897..... 7,220 78

Consolidated Stock (Paving Jerome Avenue)—Authorized by chapter 31, Laws 1897..... 75,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Erection and Equipment of Additions to the Present Building of the American Museum of Natural History)—Authorized by chapter 213, Laws 1897..... 400,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Improvement and Completion of Riverside Park and Drive)—Authorized by chapter 666, Laws 1897..... 95,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Replenishing the Fund for Street and Park Openings, Elm Street)—Authorized by chapter 684, Laws 1895..... 2,696,548 50

Consolidated Stock (For the Construction of a Public Bath on Rivington Street, between Goerck and Mangin Streets)—Authorized by chapter 122, Laws 1896..... \$71,700 00

Consolidated Stock (For a Temporary Bridge and Approaches over the Bronx River at or near Westchester Avenue)—Authorized by chapter 24, Laws 1897..... 12,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Constructing a Bridge over the Bronx River at Westchester Avenue)—Authorized by chapter 617, Laws 1896..... 85,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Construction and Improvement of Spuyten Duyvil Parkway and the Streets Connecting the same with Broadway, in the Twenty-fourth Ward)—Authorized by chapter 301, Laws 1897..... 95,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Improvement of Public Parks, Parkways and Drives in The City of New York)—Authorized by chapter 643, Laws 1897..... 115,500 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Construction of a Viaduct or Bridge over the Tracks of the New York and Harlem Railroad, Connecting Melrose Avenue from East One Hundred and Sixty-third Street to the Junction of Webster and Brook Avenues at East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Street)—Authorized by chapter 680, Laws 1897..... 175,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Constructing Bridges over the Tracks of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad at Gerard Avenue, at Walton Avenue and at River Avenue, and over the Tracks of the New York and Putnam Railroad at Fort Independence Street)—Authorized by chapter 645, Laws 1897..... 130,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Construction of a Bridge over the Bronx River at East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Street)—Authorized by chapter 657, Laws 1897..... 20,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Construction of a Bridge over the Tracks of the New York and Harlem Railroad at One Hundred and Fifty-third Street and the Approaches thereto)—Authorized by chapter 650, Laws 1897..... 100,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Construction of a Public Drive and Parkway, with the necessary Viaduct and Bridge, as an Extension of Riverside Drive to the Boulevard Lafayette)—Authorized by chapter 665, Laws 1897..... 900,000 00

Consolidated Stock (For Improving the Park at Rutgers Slip, chapter 320, Laws 1887)..... 3,500 00

Consolidated Stock (For the Improvements necessary to the Buildings on Ward's Island and upon New Buildings and Appurtenances at Central Islip, chapter 537, Laws 1892)..... 3,200 00

\$15,687,016 67

AUTHORIZED BY THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, AS CONSTITUTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1898.

Additional Water Stock—Authorized by chapter 490, Laws 1883..... \$1,650,000 00

RECAPITULATION.

Authorized by Board of Estimate and Apportionment..... 15,687,016 67

Authorized by Aqueduct Commission..... 1,650,000 00

Total..... \$17,337,016 67

Which were adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
June 3, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held January 31, 1898, there was referred to the Comptroller a requisition of the New East River Bridge Commission for the issue of \$4,140,000 bonds.

In a report of Mr. L. L. Buck, Chief Engineer of the Commission, dated January 26, 1898, it appears that of this amount \$2,500,000 is required for contract payments, and the balance, \$1,640,000, for the acquisition of real estate.

The net contract liability of the Commission on May 15, 1898, after deducting the cash balance in the fund, \$14,460.80, was \$2,087,823.66, and bonds to this amount should be authorized to be issued.

The amount of bonds which will have to be issued to provide for the payment of awards for real property in process of condemnation is problematical, and I do not recommend that any provision be made at the present time for authorizing bonds for this purpose.

The following resolution is therefore offered for adoption.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, June 4, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication bearing date June 3, transmitting reports and forms of resolutions which you propose to offer at the next meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment relative to the authorization of bonds to provide for the payment of the following expenses:

1. Awards in school site proceedings where orders of confirmation were entered prior to January 1, 1898.

2. Bills of Thomas Allison, in school site proceedings, taxed October 5, 1897.

3. Bills of costs and awards in rear-tenement condemnation proceedings confirmed or taxed prior to January 1, 1898.

4. Awards payable in proceedings for the sanitary protection of the Croton water-shed, as provided by chapter 189 of the Laws of 1893.

5. Expenses of the New East River Bridge Commission, as provided by chapter 789 of the Laws of 1895.

6. Expenses of the Aqueduct Commission, as provided in chapter 490 of the Laws of 1883.

7. Awards and interest thereon in the First and Second Separate Reports in the Little Italy Park proceedings, as provided by chapter 746 of the Laws of 1894.

8. Awards and interest thereon in the First Separate Report in the Willis Avenue Bridge approach proceeding, confirmed February, 1898, but where title vested May 22, 1897.

You state that at the request of the Mayor you submit these reports and resolutions to me for the purpose of obtaining my opinion whether the proposed resolutions can properly be adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

You further state that under the opinions which I have heretofore transmitted to you relative to the constitutional limit of indebtedness of the city, it does not appear that that limit had been exceeded by the City of New York as constituted prior to January 1, 1898.

You further state that the necessary facts in relation to these proposed issues of bonds are sufficiently shown in the reports relating thereto and herewith transmitted.

In answer to your communication, I will say that I have examined these various resolutions, which you propose to offer at the next meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and also the reports in each case upon which the resolutions are based.

After such examination, and after consideration of the legal situation as regards the various issues of bonds proposed, I have to say that, in my opinion, the proposed resolutions can properly be adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that such action on its part will be legal and valid.

Yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

And offered the following:

Whereas, The Commissioners of the New East River Bridge, by a resolution adopted January 27, 1898, made requisition for the issue of four million one hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$4,140,000) bonds, to be used in the payment for property and contracts and expenses necessary for the construction of the New East River Bridge, as provided by chapter 789 of the Laws of 1895.

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897 to the amount of two million four hundred and eighty-seven thousand eight hundred and twenty-three dollars and sixty-six cents (\$2,487,823.66), to provide for the necessary expenses of said Commission.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
June 1, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith requisitions of the Board of Education, as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, adopted December 29, 1897, requesting the issue of School-house Bonds for the payment of awards, costs, etc., in the following school site proceedings:

Northerly side of One Hundred and Fourth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues.....	\$30,947 60
One Hundred and Sixty-third street, Grant and Morris avenues.....	24,275 50
Northerly side of Ninety-ninth street, and southerly side of One Hundredth street, between Second and Third avenues.....	72,984 85
Southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, between Courtlandt and Melrose avenues.....	6,498 30

The orders confirming the reports and taxing the costs in these proceedings were all entered prior to the first of January, 1898, and I therefore offer for adoption the following resolutions authorizing the issue of bonds to provide for the payment thereof.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STREETS,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1898.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites, to which was referred the following communication:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 29, 1897.

Hon. CHARLES BULKLEY HUBBELL, President, Board of Education:

SIR—I have transmitted to the Comptroller a certified copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands on the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, between Courtlandt and Melrose avenues, in the Twenty-third Ward, as a site for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court bearing date the 21st day of December, 1897, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 28th day of December, 1897, confirming said report.

The amount of the award is \$5,750, and the costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding, other than the fees of the expert witnesses, were taxed at the sum of \$748.30.

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

—respectfully reports: That it appears from the report and order made in said proceeding that the amount of the award and of the costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court, is as follows:

Lands on the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, between Courtlandt and Melrose avenues, in the Twenty-third Ward (No. 604 East One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, on the west side of Public School 62)—	
Award.....	\$5,750 00
Costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses).....	748 30
Total.....	\$6,498 30

Your Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1897, the Comptroller of The City of New York be and he hereby is requested to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, between Courtlandt and Melrose avenues, in the Twenty-third Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, for the payment of the award, costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court, in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and thirty cents (\$6,498.30), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds, when issued, requisition therefor being hereby made.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 29, 1897.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk of the Board of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,
March 16, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education, by resolution adopted December 29, 1897, in pursuance of chapter 740, Laws of 1897, requests the Comptroller to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, between Courtlandt and Melrose avenues, in the Twenty-third Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, for the payment of the award, costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and thirty cents (\$6,498.30), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds, when issued.

The awards having been made by Commissioners of Estimate, duly appointed, and the said awards having been confirmed by the Supreme Court, and the charges having been duly taxed by the Court, no reason exists why the appropriation should not be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approve of the requisition of the Board of Education of The City of New York as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, by resolution adopted December 29, 1897, for six thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and thirty cents (\$6,498.30), to provide for the payment of expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street between Courtlandt and Melrose avenues, in the Twenty-third Ward, as a site for school purposes, being amount for award \$5,750; for costs, charges and expenses, \$748.30; and for the purpose of providing means therefor, be it further

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, to the amount of six thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and thirty cents (\$6,498.30).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STREETS,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1898.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites, to which was referred the following communication:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 29, 1897.

Hon. CHARLES BULKLEY HUBBELL, President of the Board of Education:

SIR—I have transmitted to the Comptroller a certified copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands on the northerly side of One Hundred and Fourth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues, in the Twelfth Ward, as a site for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court bearing date the 28th day of December, 1897, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 29th day of December, 1897, confirming said report.

The aggregate amount of the awards is \$29,700, and the costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding, other than the fees of expert witnesses, were taxed at the sum of \$1,247.60.

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

—respectfully reports: That it appears from the report and order made in said proceeding that the amount of the awards, and of the costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court, is as follows:

Lands on the northerly side of One Hundred and Fourth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues, in the Twelfth Ward (Nos. 157 and 159 West One Hundred and Fourth street, on the east side of Public School No. 54)—

Awards.....	\$29,700 00
Costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses).....	1,247 60
Total.....	\$30,947 60

Your Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1897, the Comptroller of The City of New York be and he hereby is requested to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the northerly side of One Hundred and Fourth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues, in the Twelfth Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890 and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, for the payment of the awards, costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty thousand nine hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty cents (\$30,947.60), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds, when issued, requisition therefor being hereby made.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 29, 1897.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk of the Board of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,
March 18, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education, by resolution adopted December 29, 1897, in pursuance of chapter 740, Laws of 1897, requests the Comptroller, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to issue bonds for the purpose of providing funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the northerly side of One Hundred and Fourth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues, in the Twelfth Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191, Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35, Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, for the payment of the awards, costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty thousand nine hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty cents (\$30,947.60), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds when issued.

The awards having been made by Commissioners duly appointed, and the said awards having been confirmed by the Supreme Court, and the charges having been duly taxed by the Court, no reason exists why the appropriation should not be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approve of the requisition of the Board of Education of The City of New York as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, by resolution adopted December 29, 1897, for thirty thousand nine hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty cents (\$30,947.60), to provide for meeting expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the northerly side of One Hundred and Fourth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues, in the Twelfth Ward, as a site for school purposes, being for awards, \$29,700; for costs, charges and expenses, \$1,247.60; and, for the purposes of providing means therefor, be it further

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, to the amount of thirty thousand nine hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty cents (\$30,947.60).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STREETS,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1898.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites, to which was referred the following communication:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 29, 1897.

Hon. CHARLES BULKLEY HUBBELL, President, Board of Education:

SIR—I have transmitted to the Comptroller a certified copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands on One Hundred and Sixty-third street, Grant and Morris avenues (proposed), in the Twenty-third Ward, as a site for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court bearing date the 23d day of December, 1897, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 28th day of December, 1897, confirming said report.

The aggregate amount of the awards is \$23,550, and the costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding, other than the fees of the expert witnesses, were taxed at the sum of \$725.50.

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

—respectfully reports: That it appears from the report and order made in said proceeding that the amount of the awards and of the costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses) as confirmed by the Court is as follows:

Lands on One Hundred and Sixty-third street, Grant and Morris avenues (proposed), in the Twenty-third Ward (plot north side of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, with a frontage of 111 feet 6 inches on both avenues):	
Awards.....	\$23,550 00
Costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses).....	725 50
Total.....	\$24,275 50

Your Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1897, the Comptroller of The City of New York be and he hereby is requested to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on One Hundred and Sixty-third street, Grant and Morris avenues (proposed), in the Twenty-third Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890 and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, for the payment of the awards, costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-four thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty cents (\$24,275.50), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds, when issued, requisition therefor being hereby made.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 29, 1897.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk of the Board of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,
March 18, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education, by resolution adopted December 29, 1897, in pursuance of chapter 740, Laws of 1897, requests the Comptroller to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on One Hundred and Sixty-third street, Grant and Morris avenues (proposed), under the provisions of chapter 191, Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35, Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890, Laws of 1896, for the payment of the awards, costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-four thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty cents (\$24,275.50), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds when issued.

The awards having been made by Commissioners duly appointed and the said awards having been confirmed by the Supreme Court, and the charges having been duly taxed by the Court, no reason exists why the appropriation should not be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approve of the requisition of the Board of Education of The City of New York as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, by resolution adopted December 29, 1897, for twenty-four thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty cents (\$24,275.50), to provide for meeting expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on One Hundred and Sixty-third street, Grant and Morris avenues (proposed), in the Twenty-third Ward, as a site for school purposes, being amount for awards \$23,550; for costs, charges and expenses, \$725.50; and for the purpose of providing means therefore, be it further

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, to the amount of twenty-four thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty cents (\$24,275.50).

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STREETS,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1898.

To the Board of Education :

The Committee on Sites, to which was referred the following communication :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 29, 1897.

Hon. CHARLES BULKLEY HUBBELL, President, Board of Education :

SIR—I have transmitted to the Comptroller a certified copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands on the northerly side of Ninety-ninth street and the southerly side of One Hundredth street, between Second and Third avenues, in the Twelfth Ward, as a site for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court bearing date the 23d day of December, 1897, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 28th day of December, 1897, confirming said report.

The amount of the award is \$72,000, and the costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding, other than the fees of the expert witnesses, were taxed at the sum of \$984.85.

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

—respectfully reports : That it appears from the report and order made in said proceeding that the amount of the award, and of the costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses) as confirmed by the Court, is as follows :

Lands on the northerly side of Ninety-ninth street and the southerly side of One Hundredth street, between Second and Third avenues, in the Twelfth Ward (site for Public School No. 109, leased building)—	
Award.....	\$72,000 00
Costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses)	984 85
Total.....	\$72,984 85

Your Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1897, the Comptroller of The City of New York be and he hereby is requested to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds, for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the northerly side of Ninety-ninth street and the southerly side of One Hundredth street, between Second and Third avenues, in the Twelfth Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 390 of the Laws of 1896, for the payment of the award, costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court, in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-two thousand nine hundred and eighty-four dollars and eighty-five cents (\$72,984.85), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds, when issued, requisition therefor being hereby made.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 29, 1897.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk of the Board of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,
March 18, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller :

SIR—The Board of Education, by resolution adopted December 29, 1897, requests the Comptroller to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds, for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the northerly side of Ninety-ninth street and the southerly side of One Hundredth street, between Second and Third avenues, in the Twelfth Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890 and chapters 387 and 390 of the Laws of 1896, for the payment of the awards, costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-two thousand nine hundred and eighty-four dollars and eighty-five cents (\$72,984.85), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds, when issued.

The awards having been made by Commissioners duly appointed, and the said awards having been confirmed by the Supreme Court, and the charges having been duly taxed by the Court, no reason exists why the appropriation should not be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approve of the requisition of the Board of Education of The City of New York as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, by resolution adopted December 29, 1897, for seventy-two thousand nine hundred and eighty-four dollars and eighty-five cents (\$72,984.85), to provide for meeting expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the northerly side of Ninety-ninth street and the southerly side of One Hundredth street, between Second and Third avenues, in the Twelfth Ward, as a site for school purposes, being amount for award, \$72,000; for costs, charges and expenses, \$984.85; and for the purposes of providing means therefore, be it further

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, to the amount of seventy-two thousand nine hundred and eighty-four dollars and eighty-five cents (\$72,984.85).

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

BOARD OF EDUCATION—CLERK'S OFFICE,
NO. 146 GRAND STREET,
NEW YORK, January 20, 1898.

To the Board of Education :

The Committee on By-laws and Legislation, to which was referred the charge of the litigation instituted by Mr. Thomas Allison against this Board, for the purpose of procuring a mandamus requiring this Board to make a requisition upon the Comptroller of The City of New York for the payment of two certain bills and claims of the said Thomas Allison, as taxed by Hon. Charles H. Truax, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, each of said bills being for the sum of \$1,500, hereby report :

The application for the writ of mandamus was presented to the Supreme Court, Special Term, and was opposed by the Chairman of this Committee on affidavits made by Mr. Charles Bulkley Hubbell, the President of the Board, and other papers, and the said application was decided adversely to this Board by Hon. Joseph F. Daly, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court.

On the 13th day of January, 1898, an order was entered in the said proceeding directing the issue of a peremptory writ of mandamus. The said writ was accordingly issued and has been served upon the President of the Board. By the said writ this Board is commanded to forthwith make a requisition upon the Comptroller of The City of New York for the payment of each of said bills and claims of Thomas Allison, as taxed as aforesaid by the Hon. Charles H. Truax, one of the Justices of the said Court, on the 5th day of October, 1897, one of said bills being for \$1,500, in a proceeding for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, in said city, and the other of said bills being for \$1,500, in a proceeding for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Third and One Hundred and Fourth streets, between Madison and Fifth avenues, in said city, and in

what manner said command shall be executed to make appear to the Supreme Court, Part I., at the Court-house, in The City of New York, on the 21st day of January, 1898, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

A copy of the said order and writ are annexed to this report.

In pursuance of a resolution of this Board, passed at the stated session held January 12, 1898, an appeal has been duly taken from the order directing the issue of the said writ to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

This committee has caused an application to be made to the Special Term of the Supreme Court for a stay of proceedings upon the said writ of mandamus and for an enlargement of the time for making a return thereto until after the hearing and determination of the appeal aforesaid. The application for a stay has been denied, so that by the terms of the said writ this Board is commanded to make a requisition for the payment of the said bills:

Your Committee, therefore, reports for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated, from the proceeds of bonds, to be issued by the Comptroller, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to chapter 728 of the Laws of 1896, application for the issue of which is hereby made, said sum to be applied in payment of the following-named bills for counsel fees, as taxed by a Justice of the Supreme Court, pursuant to chapter 393 of the Laws of 1896, in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands for school purposes hereinafter mentioned :

I.—Thomas Allison, special counsel in a proceeding for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Third and One Hundred and Fourth streets, between Madison and Fifth avenues	\$1,500 00
II.—Thomas Allison, special counsel in a proceeding for the acquisition of school site in One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues	1,500 00
	<u>\$3,000 00</u>

—requisition for which sum is hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held January 19, 1898.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk of the Board of Education.

At a Special Term, Part I., of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held at the County Court-house in The City of New York, this 13th day of January, 1898.

Present—Hon. Joseph F. Daly, Justice.

The People ex rel. Thomas Allison
against
The Board of Education of The City of New York.

The motion for a mandamus in the above-entitled matter coming on to be heard, and proof having been made of the due service of notice of said motion, and of the affidavit of the relator, and of the schedule thereto attached, upon the Board of Education of The City of New York, and Charles E. Miller having appeared and been heard on behalf of the relator, and the Counsel to the Corporation on having appeared and claimed the exclusive right to appear for and be heard on behalf of the said defendant, and having filed no affidavits upon the motion, and having objected to the defendant being heard or appearing otherwise than by the Counsel to the Corporation, and not opposing the granting of said motion, and E. Ellery Anderson, Esq., a member of said Board, having appeared for said Board and been heard notwithstanding said objection of the Corporation Counsel and like objection by the relator, and having read in opposition to said motion the affidavit of Charles B. Hubbell, Esq., the President of said Board, and having been heard in opposition to the said motion ;

Now, on reading and filing the papers and affidavits aforesaid ; and on motion of Charles E. Miller, of counsel for the relator,

It is ordered, that the said motion be and is hereby granted, and that a peremptory writ of mandamus issue out of and under the seal of this Court, commanding the Board of Education of The City of New York to make requisition upon the Comptroller of The City of New York for the payment of each of the two bills of the said relator, each of which was taxed on the 5th day of October, 1897, by the Honorable Charles H. Truax, one of the Justices of this Court, and each of said bills being for one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), one of the same being for the services of said relator as special counsel in a proceeding in this court for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Third and One Hundred and Fourth streets, between Madison and Fifth avenues, in said city, and the other of said bills being for like services of said relator in like proceedings as to a school site in One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, in said city.

Ent.

J. H. D., J. S. C.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK To THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Whereas, it appears on the relation of Thomas Allison that he was duly designated by the Counsel to the Corporation of The City of New York as counsel to appear for and protect the interests of The City of New York before the Commissioners and in court in two proceedings, each of which was duly instituted and pending in this court, for the acquisition of school sites, one of said proceedings being for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Lenox and Fifth avenues, in said city, and the other for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Third and One Hundred and Fourth streets, between Madison and Fifth avenues, in said city, and that the relator accepted said designation, and in pursuance thereof did appear for and protect the interests of said City in said proceedings before the said Commissioner and in court ; and that thereafter and on the 5th day of October, 1897, the relator's bills for his services as such counsel were severally taxed at one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) in each of said proceedings by the Hon. Charles H. Truax, one of the Justices of this Court, upon five days' notice of such taxation, duly given to the said Counsel to the Corporation ; and that, notwithstanding said taxed bills have been duly presented to the Board of Education of The City of New York, and demand has been duly made upon said Board to make requisition upon the Comptroller of The City of New York for the payment of said bills, the said Board of Education has failed and refused to do so.

Now, therefore, we command you that, immediately upon the receipt of this writ, you do forthwith make a requisition upon the Comptroller of The City of New York for the payment of each of said bills and claims of Thomas Allison as taxed as aforesaid by the Honorable Charles H. Truax, one of the Justices of this Court, on the 5th day of October, 1897, one of said bills being for one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), in a proceeding for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, in said city, and the other of said bills being for one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) in a proceeding for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Third and One Hundred and Fourth streets, between Madison and Fifth avenues, in said city ; and in what manner this our command shall be executed make appear to our Supreme Court at a Special Term thereof, Part I., at the Court-house in The City of New York, on the 21st day of January, 1898, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Witness, the Honorable Joseph F. Daly, Justice of the Supreme Court, at the County Court-house in said city, the 13th day of January, 1898.

[Seal of Court.]

By the Court,

WM. SOHMER, Clerk.

CHARLES E. MILLER, Attorney for relator, No. 32 Nassau street, N. Y. C.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 728 of the Laws of 1896, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approve of the requisition of the Board of Education of The City of New York as constituted prior to January 1, 1898, by resolution adopted January 19, 1898, for three thousand dollars (\$3,000), to provide for the payment of the following-named bills for counsel fees, as taxed by a Justice of the Supreme Court, in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands for school purposes and as follows :

I.—Thomas Allison, special counsel in a proceeding for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Third and One Hundred and Fourth streets, between Madison and Fifth avenues	\$1,500 00
II.—Thomas Allison, special counsel in a proceeding for the acquisition of a school site in One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues	1,500 00
	<u>\$3,000 00</u>

—and for the purpose of providing means therefor be it further

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, to the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING, No. 280 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, May 26, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller :

DEAR SIR—I herewith inclose you a copy of resolutions adopted by the Aqueduct Commissioners at their meeting held yesterday. In explanation of the resolutions the Board authorizes that this letter of explanation be forwarded to you at the same time, you having personally requested the President of the Board to furnish you with an estimate of the amount of money that will be required to conduct this Commission until the 1st of June, 1899.

The following is an estimate of the amount of money required :

Commissioners of Appraisal.....	\$350,000 00
Estimated amount of vouchers, etc., in Finance Department, and to June 1, 1898....	275,000 00
Estimates for contract work, June 1, 1898, to June 1, 1899.....	1,700,000 00
Miscellaneous bills, June 1, 1898, to June 1, 1899.....	45,000 00
Salaries, Commissioners and employees.....	165,000 00
Estimates upon contracts to be let.....	115,000 00
Total.....	\$2,650,000 00

Very respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Whereas, The Aqueduct Commissioners, by resolution adopted December 9, 1897, requested the Comptroller of The City of New York to raise the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) upon bonds of The City of New York for the uses and purposes of the Aqueduct Commissioners; and Whereas, There remains unsold of the requisition above referred to bonds to the extent of one million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,650,000); and

Whereas, The Aqueduct Commissioners, by resolution adopted April 14, 1898, requested the Comptroller to sell bonds to the extent of six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) on account of the requisition above referred to; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller of The City of New York be and he is hereby requested to sell bonds of The City of New York to the extent of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in addition to the amount remaining unsold of the above requisition of the Aqueduct Commissioners of December 9, 1897, i. e., one million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,650,000), to defray the necessary and lawful expenditures of said Commissioners as provided for in section 32, chapter 490, Laws of 1883 of the State of New York, making in all two million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$2,650,000).

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
June 3, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners held May 25, 1898, a resolution was adopted requesting the issue of bonds to the amount of \$2,650,000 to defray the lawful expenses of said Commissioners for the year ending June 1, 1899. This amount includes an unissued balance of \$1,650,000 bonds for which requisition had been made by the Aqueduct Commission prior to January 1, 1898.

An estimate is also submitted showing the purposes for which the proceeds of these bonds are to be applied during said period of twelve months. Of this estimate only \$115,000 represents the amount of contracts to be let, and the figures submitted seem to the Comptroller not too large to provide for the expenses of the Commission for the next year.

In a separate resolution offered for the consideration of this Board, the unissued balance of \$1,650,000, above referred to, has been reauthorized. A resolution is now presented to authorize the issue of the additional \$1,000,000 requested in the resolution of May 25, 1898.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

And offered the following :

Whereas, The Aqueduct Commissioners, by a resolution adopted May 25, 1898, requested that bonds of The City of New York to the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) be sold to defray the necessary and lawful expenditures of said Commissioners, as provided for in chapter 490 of the Laws of 1883, said amount being in addition to the amount remaining unissued on a requisition of the Aqueduct Commissioners dated December 9, 1897, which latter requisition amounted to one million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,650,000);

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897 to the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), to provide for the necessary and lawful expenditures of the Aqueduct Commissioners, as provided by chapter 490 of the Laws of 1883.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
June 3, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—The first and second separate reports in the proceeding to acquire lands for a public park bounded by One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, First avenue and the East river, were confirmed on December 17 and December 30, 1897, respectively.

The amount of the awards in the first report aggregates \$1,306,673, and in the second report, \$394,550. In authorizing the issue of bonds to provide for the payment of these awards provision should also be made for the payment of interest thereon to the amount of \$29,182.36 for the first separate report, and \$7,956.76 for the second separate report.

A resolution to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of \$1,738,362.12 is herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897 to the amount of one million seven hundred and thirty-eight thousand three hundred and sixty-two dollars and twelve cents (\$1,738,362.12), to provide for the payment of awards and interest thereon, in the first and second separate reports of the Commissioners of Estimate in the proceeding to acquire title to lands required for a public park bounded by One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, First avenue and the East river, as provided by chapter 746 of the Laws of 1894.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
June 3, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—The first separate report in the proceeding to acquire title to certain lands required for approaches to the Willis Avenue Bridge was confirmed on February 9, 1898, but under special provision of law the title to this land vested in the City on May 22, 1897.

These awards aggregate in amount \$143,841, to which should be added interest from May 22, 1897, to September 1, 1898, or \$11,003.83, making a total of \$154,844.83.

A resolution is herewith submitted to authorize the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York to provide for the payment of these awards with interest as aforesaid.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897 to the amount of one hundred and fifty-four thousand eight hundred and forty-four dollars and eighty-three cents (\$154,844.83), to provide for the payment of awards, and interest thereon, as made in the first separate report in the proceeding to acquire lands required for approaches to the Willis Avenue Bridge, as provided by chapter 147 of the Laws of 1894 and chapter 664 of the Laws of 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, April 11, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller :

SIR—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the Deputy Comptroller, dated April 5, inclosing for my consideration and advice the demand of William McArthur, judgment creditor, for the immediate payment to him of the sum of \$100, the amount of the judgment in his favor, awarded against the Health Department, docketed March 18, 1898, in the matter of the application of the Health Department against Michelina Maniscalco, William Manice and Charles Remsen, as executor, relative to the condemnation of the rear buildings known as Nos. 59 and 61 James street.

On January 5 last the Deputy Comptroller sent me, for my consideration, a certified copy of an order made at Special Term, Part III., of the Supreme Court, on December 23, 1897, in this same proceeding, which directed payment to be made as set forth in the order.

Under date of February 3, 1898, I wrote you that that order had been properly obtained and that payment should be made, as therein directed.

The only knowledge I have that a judgment has been entered in this proceeding is obtained from your letter of the 5th instant.

I would suggest that the order of December 23, 1897, be complied with, inasmuch as it directed payment to be made.

Very respectfully,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

And offered the following :

Whereas, the Corporation Counsel has certified for payment, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 57 of the Laws of 1897, awards and costs in proceedings brought by the Board of Health for condemnation of buildings pursuant to said act, as follows :

Condemnation of rear buildings at Nos. 59 and 61 James street—

Award Michelina Maniscalco.....	\$900 00
Award William Manice and Charles Remsen.....	1 00
Costs William McArthur, attorney of Michelina Maniscalco.....	100 00
	<u>\$1,001 00</u>

Resolved, That for the purpose of providing means therefor, the Comptroller be authorized, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, to the amount of one thousand and one dollars (\$1,001).

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
June 1, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Public Improvements, at a meeting held March 9, 1898, approved of the request of the Commissioner of Water Supply for the issue of bonds to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to replenish the additional water fund created by chapter 189 of the Laws of 1893 for the sanitary protection of the Croton watershed.

It has been customary for a number of years past to provide for the issue of this amount of bonds, which is the limit specified in that act. The estimated cost of the proceedings undertaken pursuant to this law on the 1st of January, 1898, was \$2,101,324.78; but many of these proceedings will not be completed until the year 1899 and subsequent years. It is believed that with the authority for the issue of \$500,000 of these bonds the Comptroller can provide for the payment of such liabilities of this character as may be certified for payment during the current year.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That, subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), to provide for the payment of expenses authorized to be incurred in connection with the sanitary protection of the Croton watershed, as provided by chapter 189 of the Laws of 1893.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
May 11, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held April 28, 1898, there was referred to the Comptroller the request of the Sheriff of Richmond County, approved by the County Judge, for an appropriation of \$2,190, to provide for the payment of a temporary guard for the protection of Richmond County Jail during the remainder of the current year.

I submit herewith reports made to me by the Auditor, Borough of Richmond, to whom I referred this matter for investigation, from which it appears that the request is reasonable and necessary for the public welfare.

I therefore submit for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
May 5, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your letter of May 2, directing me to report upon application for appropriation for the temporary guard at Richmond County Jail, I beg to report that I have inquired into the matter, and I find that this guard has been deemed necessary for some time.

The County Jail is a very old structure, and located at Richmond, a very small village, quite isolated. In October last, the prisoners confined there (one charged with murder) broke jail and have never been recaptured. Immediately after this escape, the County Judge of the county directed the placing of the temporary guard, and it has ever since been continued. There are now sixty (60) prisoners confined in the jail, and I am informed that there are never less than forty (40), some of them charged with felonies and awaiting trial, and some committed there serving sentence after trial.

In my opinion the number of the guards asked for is necessary, and the amount of compensation reasonable, and the purpose for which it is asked necessary for the public welfare.

Yours very respectfully,

WALTER H. HOLT, Auditor, Borough of Richmond.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,
NEW BRIGHTON, May 7, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller, No. 280 Broadway, New York :

DEAR SIR—Replying to yours of May 6, relative to Temporary Guard at Richmond County Jail, the Sheriff of Richmond County does not receive fees, but receives a salary of \$6,000 a year; the Sheriff has never personally paid for Temporary Guard, and I can find no regulations requiring him to do so; I am informed by the old officials that it has been customary for the County to pay for the Temporary Guard at this jail, and on several occasions the number has been greater than that asked for by the present Sheriff.

I remain, yours, very respectfully,

WALTER H. HOLT, Auditor, Borough of Richmond.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows :

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, RICHMOND COUNTY.

For Temporary Guard.....	<u>\$2,190 00</u>
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—said appropriation being in addition to the amount heretofore made for that purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

OFFICES OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF JURORS, KINGS COUNTY,)
No. 350 FULTON STREET,)
BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 12, 1898.)

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller, New York City :

DEAR SIR—The Appellate Division of the Second Department appointed the following staff for this office on the recommendation of the then Commissioner, Hon. B. J. York, namely :

1 Chief Clerk at.....	\$1,800 00 per year.
2 Clerks at.....	1,200 00 "
2 Process Servers at.....	1,000 00 "

There has been appropriated for the expenses of this office for salaries by the present Board of Estimate the sum of ninety-three hundred dollars.

Upon the basis of the force of the office and salaries fixed by the Appellate Division there will be an additional amount necessary to be appropriated, as follows :

Salaries from May 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899.....	\$7,800 00
Of the \$9,300 heretofore appropriated we have used \$3,501.97, leaving a balance of.....	5,798 03

Amount necessary for balance of year.....	\$2,001 97
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Respectfully,
EDWARD J. DOOLEY, Special Commissioner.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,)
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,)
May 14, 1898.)

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—The Special Commissioner of Jurors in New York County, in a communication dated April 20, 1898, stated that the amount required for the conduct of his office in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for the year 1898 was \$7,450.06, this amount being based upon the pay-rolls of his office as authorized by the Justices of the Appellate Division.

This communication was referred to me by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held May 9, 1898.

The Special Commissioner of Jurors of Kings County also requests an appropriation of \$2,001.97 for the same purpose.

A suit was begun by the employees of the Special Commissioner of Jurors in New York County whose salaries were not provided for by the appropriation of \$11,000 made by this Board on February 2, 1898, and an offer of judgment was made by the Corporation Counsel on the ground that the City had no defense to the action.

Under these circumstances it would seem advisable that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should appropriate the additional amounts required to provide for the pay-rolls of employees authorized by the respective Appellate Divisions. The following resolution is therefore offered for adoption.

Respectfully,
BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows :

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF JURORS, NEW YORK COUNTY.

Salaries of Clerks, Assistants, Messengers and employees.....	\$7,450 06
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SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF JURORS, KINGS COUNTY.

Salaries of Clerks, Assistants, Messengers and employees.....	2,001 97
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—said appropriations being in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated for said purpose by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the year 1898.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

To the Board of Estimate :

GENTLEMEN—Under the charter of the City of Brooklyn, the Board of Estimate of that city were authorized to appropriate, for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, an amount not to exceed four thousand (4,000) dollars, and for the Dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital an amount not to exceed fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars. These respective amounts were duly appropriated by the Board of Estimate of the City of Brooklyn in the year 1897, to be paid in the year 1898, and were placed in the tax budget of that year, and have been collected, or are now in process of collection.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York reappropriated the several amounts fixed by the Board of Estimate of the City of Brooklyn for the different hospitals, dispensaries and like institutions entitled thereto. In reappropriating, however, the amounts fixed for the Methodist Episcopal Hospital and for the Dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, an error was made in that both appropriations were made for the Methodist Episcopal Hospital. It will become necessary in order that the dispensary may receive the amount to which it is entitled that this error be corrected and the proper appropriation made for that institution.

We therefore request that your Honorable Board will at the earliest opportunity make such correction, so that the sum of \$1,500 may be appropriated for the use of the Dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital.

Dated May 16, 1898.

Yours respectfully,

A. ROSS MATHESON,
President of the Dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital.
JOHN FRENCH,
Treasurer of the Dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital.
JNO. BENTLEY,
Secretary of the Dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,)
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,)
May 14, 1898.)

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—On January 13, 1898, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment reappropriated for charitable institutions in the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Brooklyn, the amounts respectively appropriated therefor by the former Boards of Estimate of the Cities of New York and Brooklyn.

There appears an allowance of fifteen hundred dollars to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital Association, pursuant to chapter 996 of the Laws of 1896, and fifteen hundred dollars to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, pursuant to chapter 528 of the Laws of 1897.

I present herewith a report made to me in regard to this matter, from which it appears that the appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars made to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, pursuant to chapter 528 of the Laws of 1897, should have been made to the dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital.

The resolution made by this Board followed exactly the budget of the City of Brooklyn as certified to the Department of Finance, and as printed in the budgets offered for the consideration of this Board. It appears, however, that in copying this certified copy, a mistake was made by leaving out the word "dispensary" which appears in the original communication of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of Brooklyn to the Board of Aldermen of that city.

This clerical error has thus far prevented the dispensary of this hospital from securing the money to which it is entitled under the law, and I therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution correcting this error.

Respectfully,
BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,)
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,)
May 13, 1898.)

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller of The City of New York :

DEAR SIR—In reference to the item of \$1,500 for the "Methodist Episcopal Hospital," as appears in the printed budget of the City of Brooklyn, I respectfully report :

Chapter 528 of the Laws of 1897 authorizes the Board of Estimate, in their discretion, to include in their annual statements and estimates the whole or any part of certain specified sums of money for the respective purposes therein stated, which include "fifteen hundred dollars to be paid to the dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital."

The minutes of the meeting of June 22, 1897, of the Board of Estimate of the City of Brooklyn contain the following paragraph :

"The matter of appropriations for hospitals, etc., was then considered. Each member of the Board favored giving the full amount permitted by law. Upon motion by his Honor the Mayor, he full amount named in chapter 528 of the Laws of 1897 was allowed to each institution."

The copy of the budget of the City of Brooklyn furnished by the Comptroller of the City of Brooklyn and duly certified as correct by A. Lawrence Jensen, Clerk of Accounts, and dated December 31, 1897, contains an item "Methodist Episcopal Hospital, \$1,500."

The exact language of chapter 528 of the Laws of 1897 in regard to this appropriation is as follows :

"Fifteen hundred dollars to be paid to the dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital." In all other appropriations of this character mentioned in said chapter 528 the word "dispensary" follows instead of precedes, as in the language above quoted, and this may be an explanation.

Yours respectfully,

ROBT. H. WEEMS, Chairman Board of Expert Accountants.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That the appropriation made to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), pursuant to the provisions of chapter 528 of the Laws of 1897, be and the same is hereby amended so that the same shall read "Dispensary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital."

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,)
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,)
May 14, 1898.)

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—For many years past the appropriations made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the former City of New York for advertising have not been sufficient to pay for the bills presented during any one year. This has been largely due to the difficulty in making exact estimates, in view of the uncertainty of how many bond sales would take place during any one year—these advertisements always constituting a very large proportion of this class of liability.

It has therefore been customary to make appropriations each year to include deficiencies of previous years. This Board of Estimate and Apportionment recently reappropriated the sum of \$75,000 for advertising, being the amount appropriated in December last by the former Board, but the words "including deficiencies," which appeared in the title of the appropriation made by that Board, were stricken out. The following bills of newspapers for advertising incurred prior to January 1, 1898, are now awaiting payment in the Department of Finance, which cannot be paid owing to this change in the title of the appropriation :

Tribune Association.....	\$876 80	Commercial Advertiser.....	\$489 60
New York Herald.....	787 95	Journal of Commerce.....	56 00
New York Times.....	715 20	The Sun (Evening).....	365 40
Mail and Express Company.....	881 70	The Sun (Morning).....	613 60
New York Staats Zeitung.....	182 10	Arkell Weekly Company.....	325 00
New Yorker Herold.....	45 00	Daily News.....	327 00
New Yorker Zeitung.....	168 00	New York Press.....	277 20
New York Handel Zeitung.....	54 90	Town Topics.....	90 00
Weekly Union.....	15 60	Engineering Record.....	2 00
Evening World.....	106 20	Engineering News.....	3 80
The World.....	76 25	School News Company.....	25 20
Evening Post.....	315 90	Journal, Morning and Evening.....	203 90
Harper's Weekly.....	533 00		
Brooklyn Daily Eagle.....	175 35		
Bond Buyer.....	168 00		
			\$7,880 65

In order to enable the Comptroller to pay these bills, the following resolution is offered amending the title of the appropriation heretofore made so as to include the words "including deficiencies."

This appropriation has no relation whatever to the appropriation heretofore made for corporation advertising in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Respectfully,
BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That the title of the appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), heretofore made for advertising, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read "For Advertising, including Deficiencies."

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,)
NEW BRIGHTON, May 14, 1898.)

Hon. EDGAR J. LEVEY, Assistant Deputy Comptroller, No. 280 Broadway, New York :

DEAR SIR—Relative to appropriation of \$800 for lighting the Village of Tottenville with kerosene lamps, I beg to state that the Trustees of said village entered into a contract with one D. C. Van Pelt, which contract expired the 30th of April last, at \$100 per month, for furnishing 100 lamps and all necessary supplies to sustain the same. Upon inquiry I found that this has been the custom for some time past.

I understand the present appropriation is for a contract to the same contractor from May 1, 1898, to December 30, 1898, at \$100 per month, for 100 lamps, kerosene and all necessary supplies. I am informed by the Deputy Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies of this borough, that there are no electric lights on any of the streets in the Village of Tottenville where these lamps are placed, and that it is absolutely necessary for the safety and welfare of the citizens of said village to have lights in these streets; I also beg to state that the contract price seems to me to be very reasonable.

I remain,

Yours very respectfully,
WALTER H. HOLT, Auditor.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,)
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,)
May 16, 1898.)

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of this Board held May 9, 1898, there was referred to the Comptroller the request of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies for an appropriation of \$800 for the purpose of lighting the Village of Tottenville, Borough of Richmond, with kerosene lamps for the balance of the year, at the rate of \$100 per month.

The Auditor of the Borough of Richmond, to whom I referred this request, states that the Trustees of the Village entered into a contract with one D. C. Van Pelt for furnishing a hundred lamps, and all necessary supplies to sustain the same, at the rate of \$100 per month, which contract expired on April 30 last.

There are no electric lights on any of the streets in the Village of Tottenville where these lamps are placed, and, as stated by the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the village has been in total darkness since the 1st of May.

The Auditor of the Borough of Richmond furthermore states that the contract price seems to be very reasonable, and as the necessity for this expenditure cannot be questioned, I offer for adoption the following resolution.

Respectfully,
BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

And offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

For lighting in the former Village of Tottenville.....	\$800 00
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Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,)
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,)
May 14, 1898.)

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

On March 17, 1898, the Corporation Counsel addressed a communication to this Board which referred in part to the matter of making an appropriation for the salaries of general interpreters of the local inferior courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction in the Borough of Brooklyn.

In this connection the Corporation Counsel writes as follows: "There is no fixed term of the interpreters appointed under the Act of 1875, but they may be removed at any time by the Municipal Assembly as successor to the Common Council of the City of Brooklyn, for cause; and under the power to appoint 'such interpreters as may be necessary' it would seem that the Municipal Assembly would have power to abolish such positions as might be unnecessary. However that may be, it certainly has the power to fix their salaries, not only under chapter 623 of the Laws of 1875, under which they were originally appointed, but under the terms of section 56 of the present charter. It seems to me that this subject of interpreters in Brooklyn is well worthy of a careful inquiry for the purpose of ascertaining how many of those persons are necessary and how often their services are required."

At a recent meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment this matter was again referred to the Comptroller. As to the necessity for employing these interpreters, the Comptroller knows of no way to reach any practical or reasonable conclusion other than by considering the written statements of the Justices of the local inferior courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction in the City of Brooklyn in regard thereto.

The attention of the Board is, therefore, called to the communication already submitted, signed by fifteen Justices, and the letter of Judge Tighe, in which the statement is made that the services of these eleven interpreters are absolutely necessary to the proper conduct of the business of said courts.

It would seem in any event that these interpreters are entitled to their salaries until such time as the Municipal Assembly may take action in regard thereto by abolishing some or all of these positions.

I, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

The Mayor moved that the subject be referred to the President of the Council.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

BOARD OF EDUCATION—No. 146 GRAND STREET, }
NEW YORK, May 17, 1898. }

IN BOARD OF EDUCATION, May 9, 1898.

To the Board of Education:

The Finance Committee, to which was referred the resolution of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, requesting a transfer of \$4,000 to cover a deficiency in the fund for 1897 for Incidental Expenses of the Board of Education, presents for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to transfer the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) from the fund for 1897 entitled "Salaries of Teachers in Grammar, Primary and High Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches," which fund is in excess of its requirements, to the fund for the same year entitled "Incidental Expenses of the Board of Education," which fund is insufficient for the purposes thereof.

Extract from the minutes.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary.

OFFICES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
No. 146 GRAND STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, May 17, 1898. }

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith certified copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held on May 9, 1898, requesting the transfer of \$4,000 from the fund for 1897 entitled "Salaries of Teachers in Grammar, Primary and High Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches," to the fund for the same year entitled "Incidental Expenses of the Board of Education."

Respectfully,

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand (4,000) dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Board of Education, for the year 1897, entitled "Public Instruction—For Salaries of Teachers in Grammar, Primary, and High Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the said Board for 1897, entitled "Public Instruction—For Incidental Expenses of the Board of Education," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
May 27, 1898. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—On November 18, 1897, the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners made a requisition on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the issue of Revenue Bonds to the amount of \$45,218.75 for payment of expenses of the Commission. Of this amount \$14,478.62 was appropriated on November 22, 1897, and \$10,961.64 on February 28, 1898, making a total of \$25,440.26 and leaving a balance of \$19,778.49 of the original requisition unappropriated. The reason for not appropriating this balance was that the items of which it was constituted were mere estimates and very uncertain in amount.

It now appears that an appropriation of \$5,345.45 will suffice to satisfy the purposes of this requisition, the same being composed of the following items:

For printing minutes of the Board for the period ending December 31, 1897.....	\$53 20
For printing, other than the printing of the minutes.....	1,200 00
For disbursements of the Chief Engineer for the two months ending December 31, 1897.....	3,592 25
For contingent expenses.....	500 00

Total..... \$5,345 45

The following resolution is therefore offered for adoption.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of chapter 4 of the Laws of 1891, as amended by section 7 of chapter 752 of the Laws of 1894, the sum of five thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars and forty-five cents (\$5,345.45) be and hereby is provided for the purpose of paying the following items of expense of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners contained in the requisition of said Commissioners dated November 18, 1897, viz.:

For printing minutes of the Board for the period ending December 31, 1897.....	\$53 20
For printing, other than the printing of the minutes.....	1,200 00
For disbursements of the Chief Engineer for the two months ending December 31, 1897.....	3,592 25
For contingent expenses.....	500 00

\$5,345 45

—and that the unexpended balance of any previous appropriation made by this Board upon the requisition of said Commissioners be applied to the same purpose; and

Resolved, That for the purpose of providing for the payment of so much thereof as is in excess of said unexpended balance, the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized and directed to issue and sell Revenue Bonds of The City of New York to an amount not exceeding five thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars and forty-five cents (\$5,345.45), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption thereof to be included in the Budget for 1899.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, }
CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS, }
NEW YORK, May 27, 1898. }

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller of The City of New York:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health of The City of New York, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of one thousand six hundred and nine dollars and twenty-one cents (\$1,609.21) from the appropriation entitled "Salaries, Board of Health and Secretary's Office,

1898," to the appropriation entitled "Contingent Expenses, 1898, Borough of Manhattan," for the purpose of paying the bill of Thomas Byrnes, employed by the Board of Health for special services in connection with the work of this Department.

A true copy.

C. GOLDBERMAN,

Secretary pro tem.

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen hundred and nine dollars and twenty-one cents (\$1,609.21) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Health Department for 1898 entitled "Salaries, Board of Health and Secretary's Office," said appropriation being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for 1898 entitled "Contingent Expenses, Borough of Manhattan," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and seventy-one dollars and seventy-five cents (\$671.75) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Fire Department for additions and alterations to buildings from the proceeds of bonds authorized December 29, 1896, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 76 of the Laws of 1894, as amended, to the appropriation made to the Fire Department for a new building on the north side of Grand avenue, near Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from the proceeds of bonds authorized pursuant to said act by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 27, 1895.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

LAW DEPARTMENT, }
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, May 25, 1898. }

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication bearing date March 21, transmitting a copy of a communication which was referred to you by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at a meeting held on March 17, 1898, in regard to an appropriation requested for the salary of the Special Game and Fish Protector for Kings County.

You request to be advised whether this position has been abolished by the Charter, and if not, whether the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should make an appropriation therefor.

The position of Special Game and Fish Protector has its origin in chapter 408 of the Laws of 1892, as amended by chapter 284 of the Laws of 1896, which is as follows:

"Sec. 30. The board of commissioners may, in its discretion and pleasure, appoint or remove a person recommended by the majority of the supervisors of any county or by any incorporated game club for the protection of fish and game as special protector and forester, and who shall possess the same powers that are enforced upon the state protectors and foresters; such special protectors and foresters shall receive no compensation from the state."

The section just cited when it refers to "Commissioners" refers to the "Commissioners of Fisheries, Game and Forestry."

Mr. Edward L. Labdon seems to have been regularly appointed, and his position is not abolished by the Charter.

It is to be noted, however, that it does not appear to be the policy of the act in question that any particular sum shall be paid as a salary to the Special Protectors appointed under the act.

The evident intent is, that the counties or incorporated game clubs should pay to the Special Protectors such sums as they might deem expedient.

If there is need of the service of a Special Protector in the waters of Kings County the amount of salary fixed by the Brooklyn Board of Estimate for last year at \$1,000 is certainly very moderate.

It would seem, therefore, that the application of Mr. Labdon might be favorably acted upon by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The President of the Council moved that it be filed with the Clerk.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES—SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, }
NEW YORK, May 23, 1898. }

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—Chapter 337 of the Laws of 1898 amending chapter 225 of the Laws of 1896, with reference to the relief of indigent soldiers, sailors and marines through the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, requires that I, as Commissioner of Public Charities for the Borough of Richmond, shall make an estimate of the moneys necessary for my Department to carry into effect the provisions of this act. Therefore I would respectfully submit for the consideration of your Board that the sum of \$1,000 is necessary to meet the requirements of this law for the year 1898. This is the sum that was named in the general estimate of this Department for the year 1898.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES FEENEY.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

NEW YORK, June 2, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller of The City of New York:

MY DEAR SIR—Hon. John H. Elsworth, Clerk of the County of Richmond, has requested me to present to you the inclosed communication addressed to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Mr. Elsworth called at your office twice yesterday, but was unable to see you. He tells me that he brought to your attention the matter of reconsideration of the appropriation for his salary as County Clerk, and that you suggested a further communication upon the subject.

Mr. Elsworth's health is such that it is quite difficult for him to come to the city, but I shall be very glad to call upon you at any time in reference to the matter.

The inclosed communication sets forth the reasons why Mr. Elsworth requests an increase in his salary, which, under all the circumstances now prevailing, is quite inadequate, considering the responsible duties imposed upon the Clerk.

I have the honor to be,

Yours very truly,

L. S. PHILLIPS.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned respectfully requests a reconsideration of his application for an increase in salary heretofore made to your Honorable Board.

For many years the salary of the County Clerk of Richmond County was fixed at the sum of \$4,000 per year. This compensation was understood to be for the services of the County Clerk as Clerk of the Supreme Court for the County of Richmond and of the County Court for said County. The undersigned has requested an increase in this salary to the sum of \$6,500 for the following reasons, among others:

With the growth of the population in the county and the building and extension of the trolley road systems and the establishment of many large industrial enterprises, the business of the courts in Richmond County has more than doubled. Under the authority of chapter 541 of the Laws of 1897, the Justices of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial District and Department have established two additional Special Terms of the Supreme Court in and for Richmond County, to wit, Special Terms to be held on the third Monday of February and the third Monday of September. The first of these new Special Terms was held in the month of February of this year by Mr. Justice Garretson and continued for quite three weeks. In addition to these regular Special Terms, Special Terms for the hearing of motions only have been held in the county and will be hereafter held at the convenience of the Justices of the Supreme Court. The calendars of the regular Trial Terms of the Supreme Court and of the County Court have shown a very large increase in the number of cases. Prior to 1895 these calendars ranged from 30 to 50 cases and the sessions of the court ordinarily lasted not more than one week. During the last eighteen months the calendars of the Supreme Court have largely increased, so that they now number from 130 to 150 cases and the terms have lasted three weeks. During this present year the Governor of the State assigned an extraordinary Trial Term for the trial of criminal cases which lasted quite three weeks. The principal reason for the assignment of this term was that the ordinary terms of the court in the county were inadequate.

It is not unfair to say that the services of the County Clerk, in connection with the increased business of the courts, have more than doubled and his expenses for additional clerk hire have increased proportionately.

For many years the largest source of income in the office of the County Clerk was from fees for searches in connection with the transfer of titles and the making of loans upon real estate, but since the advent of the title companies, such fees have decreased more than one-half.

For these reasons it is earnestly hoped that your Honorable Board will reconsider the resolution fixing the salary of the undersigned, and may grant the increase requested.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN H. ELSWORTH, County Clerk of Richmond County.

Dated June 1, 1898.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES—CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., May 25, 1898.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit copies of correspondence and reports that show the necessity for providing a sum not to exceed \$70,000 for reconstructing the Blissville Bridge over Newtown creek at Greenpoint avenue, in the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

In my requisition of January, 1898, \$20,000 was asked for repairs to this bridge, and \$5,000 was appropriated, \$51.66 of which has been expended. From the investigation made by the Engineers of this Department and of the Department of Finance, it is apparent that the bridge cannot be placed in a condition satisfactory to the United States Government with the repairs that could be made with the sum appropriated.

Plans have been prepared in this office, and I am ready to commence the work of reconstruction as soon as authorized thereto. If the work is commenced before the time limited in the notice of the Secretary of War, I have no doubt the limit of time will be extended for its completion. It is certainly in the interest of the City to have the bridge put in condition as contemplated by this Department, and I therefore respectfully request that your Honorable Board appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars in lieu of the sum of five thousand dollars heretofore appropriated for repairs.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, May 17, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication bearing date May 2, stating that at a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held April 28, 1898, there was referred to the Comptroller a request by counsel for the Actors' Fund of America for a share of the Theatrical License Fund.

My attention is called to the provisions of section 240 of the Charter, which seem to authorize the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to distribute this fund "to whatever benevolent or charitable institutions may seem to said board deserving or proper."

You state that this section appears to be substantially the same as section 210 of the Consolidation Act as amended, under which section the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the former City of New York has acted for a number of years.

My attention is called, however, to section 353 of the Charter, which relates to the Police Pension Fund, which provides, among other things, that among the sources of revenue of this fund are "all moneys derived or received from any licenses or certificates granted or given under section 340 of this act" (subdivision 6).

Reference to section 340 discloses a section which has no bearing on the question, but you state that the suggestion has been made that possibly subdivision 6 of section 353 should have referred to section 346, which relates to the granting of licenses by the Police Board for public exhibitions, and that the reference to section 340 was only a typographical error.

You state that if this were so there would seem to be a radical conflict between section 353 and section 240 of the Charter.

You request to be advised on this state of facts, whether the Board of Estimate and Apportionment still has power to distribute the Theatrical License Fund as heretofore.

I have no doubt that the suggestion made to you is correct, and that the reference in section 353 should be to section 346 and not section 340 of the act.

If this were all to be decided there could be no question but that we would be justified in making the clerical corrections necessary and reading the section as if the correct reference had been incorporated therein.

People ex rel. Fitch vs. Lord, 9 App. Div., 458.

An examination of the statute cited by you shows that, as you state, there is a direct conflict between the provisions of section 240 and section 353, subdivision 6 of the Charter.

This conflict, however, is no greater than that which previously existed in the Consolidation Act between section 210 and section 305, subdivision 6.

Notwithstanding this conflict it has been the practice for a number of years for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make provision for various purposes out of the Theatrical License Fund, and, in my opinion, there is no objection at this time to continuing this practice, and to distributing the Theatrical License Fund as heretofore.

Yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

Ordered on file:

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the amounts following be and are hereby appropriated from the "Excise Taxes," under the provisions of section 210, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882); chapters 112 and 225 of the Laws of 1896; chapters 312 and 378, Laws of 1897, for the support of children in the month of March, 1898, committed to the institutions named, pursuant to law:

NAME.	NUMBER OF CHILDREN.	NUMBER OF DAYS.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
Institution of Mercy.....	804	24,650	\$2 per week.	\$7,040 85
Missionary Sisters, Third Order of St. Francis.....	892	27,246	"	7,784 57
Dominican Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary.....	565	17,031	"	4,838 00
Asylum Sisters of St. Dominic.....	320	9,858	"	2,816 57
St. Joseph's Asylum.....	783	23,680	"	6,765 71
St. Agatha Home for Children.....	278	8,425	"	2,402 14
St. James' Home.....	107	3,178	"	908 00
Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans.....	183	5,572	"	1,592 00
American Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless.....	162	4,671	"	1,334 57
Five Points House of Industry.....	341	10,271	"	2,924 57
Asylum of St. Vincent de Paul.....	111	3,397	"	938 86
St. Michael's Home.....	145	4,312	"	1,216 00
St. Ann's Home.....	368	11,130	"	3,175 00
Association for Befriending Children and Young Girls.....	205	6,052	"	1,729 14
St. Elizabeth's Industrial School.....	26	722	"	206 29
Hebrew Infant Asylum of The City of New York.....	31	969	"	276 86
Total.....				\$45,949 13

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the amounts following be and are hereby appropriated from the "Excise Taxes," under the provisions of section 210, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882); chapters 112 and 225 of the Laws of 1896; chapters 312 and 378, Laws of 1897, for the support of children in the month of December, 1897, committed to the institutions named, pursuant to law:

NAME.	NUMBER OF CHILDREN.	NUMBER OF DAYS.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
Hebrew Infant Asylum of The City of New York.....	31	757	\$2 per week.	\$216 29

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the amounts following be and are hereby appropriated from the "Excise Taxes," under the provisions of section 210, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882); chapters 112 and 225 of the Laws of 1896; chapters 312 and 378, Laws of 1897, for the support of children in the month of January, 1898, committed to the institutions named, pursuant to law:

NAME.	NUMBER OF CHILDREN.	NUMBER OF DAYS.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
Hebrew Infant Asylum of The City of New York.....	27	829	\$2 per week.	\$236 86

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and six dollars and sixteen cents (\$606.16) be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Taxes" to the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," for the support of fifty-eight inmates, in the month of March, 1898, aggregating one thousand four hundred and seventy-five days, at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, pursuant to section 208, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fourteen cents be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Taxes," to "St. Zitas Home for Friendless Women," for the support of thirty-two inmates, in the month of March, 1898, aggregating nine hundred and thirty-five days, at the rate of two dollars per week, pursuant to section 208, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882); chapters 112 and 225, Laws of 1896; chapters 312 and 378, Laws of 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty-seven cents be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Taxes" to "St. Zitas Home for Friendless Women," for the support of forty-two inmates, in the month of February, 1898, aggregating one thousand and thirty-one days, at the rate of two dollars per week, pursuant to section 208, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882); chapters 112 and 225, Laws of 1896; chapters 312 and 378, Laws of 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and seventy-six dollars be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Taxes" to "St. Zitas Home for Friendless Women" for the support of thirty-six inmates, in the month of January, 1898, aggregating nine hundred and sixty-six days, at the rate of two dollars per week, pursuant to section 208, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882); chapters 112 and 225, Laws of 1896; chapters 312 and 378, Laws of 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and seventy dollars be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Taxes" to "St. Zitas Home for Friendless Women," for the support of thirty-three inmates, in the month of December, 1897, aggregating nine hundred and forty-five days, at the rate of two dollars per week, pursuant to section 208, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882); chapters 112 and 225, Laws of 1896; chapters 312 and 378, Laws of 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and sixty-four dollars and eighty-six cents be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Taxes" to "St. Zitas Home for Friendless Women," for the support of forty-two inmates in the month of November, 1897, aggregating nine hundred and twenty-seven days, at the rate of two dollars per week, pursuant to section 208, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882); chapters 112 and 225, Laws of 1896; chapters 312 and 378, Laws of 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows:

Jurors' fees, Kings County.....	\$80,000 00
Jurors' fees, County of Richmond.....	5,000 00

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The President of the Council offered the following:

Resolved, That the appropriation heretofore made to the City Clerk and the Municipal Assembly be and the same is hereby made applicable to the payment of the salary of a Doorkeeper of the Board of Aldermen, at the rate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
June 6, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held April 28, 1898, there was referred to the Comptroller for examination and report a communication from the Commissioner of Correction, requesting that an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be made to provide for the purchase of raw materials to be used in making supplies needed in the various city departments by the inmates of the Kings County Penitentiary. The Commissioner of Correction in this communication states that the earnings of the Kings County Penitentiary, pursuant to sections 98, 105, 106 and 107 of chapter 429 of the Laws of 1896, were,

in the year 1896, about one hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars, and in 1897 about one hundred and seventeen thousand dollars. This source of revenue has been lost to the city since the Charter went into effect, by reason of the fact that comparatively little material for manufacturing was turned over to the new city, and no funds were available for the purchase of new material.

In investigating this matter, the Comptroller has been impressed by the merits of the application, quite apart from the fact that the State Prison Law seems to be mandatory, requiring the employment of inmates of penitentiaries in the manufacture of such supplies. There is one financial detail, however, of some little embarrassment, to which reference should be made. The Charter requires that all moneys received by departments from the sale of materials should be immediately turned into the general fund. This makes it impossible for the Commissioner of Correction to use the money derived from the sale of manufactured articles for the purpose of new supplies of raw material. In view of this fact the amount of money which would have to be appropriated annually by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment would be quite large in amount, since it would have to cover all the supplies required by the Department of Correction for a whole year. On the other hand, the amount derived from the sale of manufactured articles would, from time to time, go into the general fund for the redemption of taxation, thereby more than offsetting an apparent increase in the gross budget. On May 2, 1898, I requested an opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whether the Commissioner of Correction could utilize the proceeds of sale of manufactured articles for the purchase of new raw material, and his opinion, dated May 12, 1898, herewith submitted, is to the effect that this cannot be done, as the Commissioner of Correction is required to make immediate return of moneys received by him.

In view of the fact, however, that compliance with this law seems to promise an actual profit to the City Treasury, and that the amount now requested is only \$25,000, I recommend that this amount be appropriated to enable the Commissioner of Correction to make a beginning in the discharge of the duties imposed upon him by law in this respect.

Respectfully,
BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,
May 28, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—The Commissioner of the Department of Correction, in communication of April 26, 1898, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, asks for an appropriation of \$25,000 "for industries in the Kings County Penitentiary, this amount to be expended for raw materials to be used in the making of supplies needed in the various city departments." He also incloses a communication from the Deputy Commissioner of his Department for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, making the same request.

The Commissioner calls attention to various sections of chapter 429, Laws of 1896, and to the Charter, providing for the manufacture of articles in the reformatories, penitentiaries and prisons, and says "it is impossible for me to comply with the law as therein stated unless an appropriation be granted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purchase of materials to be used in manufacture."

Chapter 429, Laws of 1896, requires the prisoners to be kept at hard labor, and sections 99, 100 and 101 provide for the manufacture of useful products by the first, second and third grades of such prisoners.

Section 700 of the Charter also requires that prisoners shall be employed "in manufacturing such articles as may be required for ordinary use in the institutions under the control of the Commissioner or for the use of any department of The City of New York."

But I have looked in vain for any specific authority in the law for making an appropriation for the purchase of such raw material as is evidently necessary to provide for such labor, unless it be in section 703 of the Charter, which requires that "the commissioner shall, on or before the first day of September in each year, prepare an itemized estimate of the necessary expenses of the department for the ensuing year."

The Commissioner states that "the earnings of the Kings County Penitentiary in 1896 were about \$152,000, and in 1897 about \$117,000, from the sale of manufactured articles."

With such a production as this the amount asked for, for material, is not excessive.

The law being so emphatic in requiring this kind of work, and it being impossible to carry it on without funds for the purchase of raw material, I think the appropriation ought to be made if it can be legally done.

Respectfully,
EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, May 12, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—Your communication dated May 2, 1898, is received.

In it you transmit a communication from the Commissioner of Correction, together with accompanying papers, which were referred to the Comptroller at a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held April 28. Those papers relate to the making of an appropriation for the purpose of supplying material for prisoners in the Kings County Penitentiary, to be made into manufactured articles for sale.

You request to be advised whether the Commissioner of Correction would be required to make immediate return of the moneys received by him for the sales of material manufactured by the prisoners of the Kings County Penitentiary, or whether he could use such money in purchasing new material for conversion by such labor without accounting for the same to the Comptroller.

In my opinion the Commissioner of Correction is required to make immediate return of moneys received by him, and he could not lawfully use such money in purchasing new material for conversion by such labor without accounting for the same to the Comptroller.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the City Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

For purchase of supplies needed in the Kings County Penitentiary, to comply with the provisions of chapter 429 of the Laws of 1896..... \$25,000 00

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

NEW YORK, May 6, 1898.

Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—Referring to chapter 698 of the Laws of 1898, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of expenses to Edward J. H. Tamsen which he incurred in the defense of the prosecution brought against him by indictment, and authorizing the board of estimate and apportionment of The City of New York to audit and allow the amount that may be justly due," I beg to submit herewith a statement of expenses incurred and paid out by me for counsel fees, expenses and disbursements on the trial and in the defense of the indictment by the People of the State of New York against me while Sheriff of the City and County of New York, and which trial resulted in my favor:

Mar. 10, 1898.	Charles F. MacLean, professional services.....	\$1,000 00
Sept., 1895.		
Nov., 1895.	Tracy, Boardman & Platt, professional services.....	3,000 00
Dec., 1895.		
Sept. 14, 1895.	T. C. Eccelsine, professional services.....	250 00
Aug. 16, 1895.	Former Judge Earle, professional services.....	500 00
Sept. 30, 1896.	Edward Grosser, professional services.....	500 00
Nov. 29, 1895.	Charles F. MacLean, for incidental disbursements.....	147 50
Dec. 24, 1895.	Printing and stenography.....	600 00
Sept., 1895.	Pinkerton, detective.....	9 10
	Interest on such payments from date of payment to May 1, 1898.....	900 00
		<u>\$6,906 60</u>

I inclose herewith my affidavit, verified March 12, 1898, which is the same affidavit filed with the Legislature at Albany when the bill was presented, giving a detailed statement of the above items.

I also inclose herewith a certified copy of the law which was enacted by the last Legislature.

Respectfully yours,
EDWARD J. H. TAMSEN.

State of New York, County of New York, ss.:

Edward J. H. Tamsen, being duly sworn, says that in or about the month of July, 1895, two indictments were found against deponent as Sheriff of the County of New York by the People of the State of New York on certain charges therein mentioned. That thereafter the said indictments came on for trial in the City and County of New York, one indictment was dismissed by demurrer and the other was quashed by the Court after a trial by the Court and a jury, at which trial ten

jurors stood for acquittal and two for conviction; that deponent was compelled to employ and did employ special counsel to defend him on the trials aforesaid, and incurred expense therefor to the amount of about \$6,906.60; that the following sums were charged for services rendered deponent on the trial of such indictments, and that they were reasonable in amount and were paid by deponent:

Charles F. MacLean, professional services.....	\$1,000 00
Tracy, Boardman & Platt, professional services.....	3,000 00
T. C. Eccelsine, professional services.....	250 00
Former Judge Earle, professional services.....	500 00
Edward Grosser, professional services.....	500 00
Charles F. MacLean, for incidental disbursements.....	147 50
Printing and stenography.....	600 00
Pinkerton, detective.....	9 10

—that from the date of said payments to the date hereof the interest on said payments amounts to about \$900, making the cost and expense to this deponent on account of said indictments and trials of about \$6,906.60.

Deponent further says that hereto annexed are copies of vouchers on which the above payments were made, and that the originals are in his possession.

EDWARD J. H. TAMSEN.

Sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1898.

CHARLES L. KINGSLEY, Notary Public, New York County.

NEW YORK, September 13, 1896.

EDWARD J. H. TAMSEN to EDWARD GROSSER, Attorney and Counsellor-at-law,
No. 140 East Sixteenth street, New York.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

The People, etc.,
vs.
Edward J. H. Tamsen et al.
Same
vs.
Edward J. H. Tamsen et al.

Consultations, attendance in court, actually engaged on the 1st of August, 12th of August, 3d of September and 19th of September, 1895. Interposition of demurrer to indictments in both cases..... \$500 00

E. J. H. TAMSEN, Esq., to PINKERTON'S NATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, Dr.
For services..... \$9 10

Received payment,
PINKERTON'S NATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY,
by W. J. LEADER, Superintendent, per W. V. J.

NEW YORK, 16 August, 1895. No. 3891.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pay to the order of Charles F. MacLean \$500 (five hundred dollars).

CHAS. F. MACLEAN.

Indorsed:

CHS. F. MACLEAN.
(The above cheque was cashed, and the money handed to Judge Earle by Mr. Graham.)

NEW YORK, 14 Sept., 1895. No. 3914.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pay to the order of Thomas C. Eccelsine, \$100 (one hundred dollars).

CHS. F. MACLEAN.

Indorsed:

THOS. C. ECCELSINE, for deposit.

NEW YORK, 19 Sept., 1895. No. 3920.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pay to the order of Honble. Benjamin F. Tracy, \$1,000 (one thousand dollars).

CHS. F. MACLEAN.

Indorsed:

For deposit only to the credit of Tracy, Boardman & Platt.
Pay to the order of Tracy, Boardman & Platt, B. F. TRACY.
For deposit in the Manhattan Company, to the credit of Continental Trust Company of The City of New York. Manhattan Company, New York, Sep. 20, 1895. Paid.

NEW YORK, September 30, 1895. No. 3928.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pay to the order of Thomas C. E. Eccelsine \$150 (one hundred and fifty dollars).

CHS. F. MACLEAN.

Indorsed:

THOMAS C. ECCELSINE, for deposit. THOS. C. ECCELSINE.

NEW YORK, November 27, 1895. No. 3993.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pay to the order of Benjamin F. Tracy \$1,000 (one thousand dollars).

CHS. F. MACLEAN.

Indorsed:

Pay Tracy, B. & Platt. B. F. TRACY.
For deposit only to the credit of Tracy, Boardman & Platt. For deposit in the Manhattan Company, to the credit of Continental Trust Company of The City of New York. Manhattan Company, New York, November 27, 1895. Paid.

NEW YORK, December 23, 1895. No. 4020.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pay to the order of Benjamin F. Tracy \$1,000 (one thousand dollars).

CHS. F. MACLEAN.

Indorsed:

Pay Tracy, B. & Platt. B. F. TRACY.
For deposit only to the credit of Tracy, Boardman & Platt. For deposit in the Manhattan Company, to the credit of Continental Trust Company of The City of New York. Manhattan Company, New York, December 24, 1895. Paid.

NEW YORK, December 24, 1895. No. 17348.

GERMAN EXCHANGE BANK.

Pay to the order of Chas. F. MacLean, Esq., six hundred dollars.
\$600.

EDWARD J. H. TAMSEN.

Indorsed:

For deposit in the Third National Bank.
CHS. F. MACLEAN.

NEW YORK, November 29, 1895. No. 17275.

GERMAN EXCHANGE BANK.

Pay to the order of Chas. F. MacLean, Esq., one hundred forty-seven dollars and fifty cents.
\$147.50.

EDWARD J. H. TAMSEN.

Indorsed:

For deposit in the Third National Bank.
CHS. F. MACLEAN.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 598 of the Laws of 1898, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby audits and allows to Edward J. H. Tamsen the sum of six thousand nine hundred and six dollars and sixty cents (\$6,906.60) for expenses incurred by him for counsel fees, expenses and disbursements on the trial and in the defense of the indictment by the People of the State of New York against him while Sheriff of the City and County of New York, and, for the purpose of providing means therefor, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue Revenue Bonds of The City of New York, to the amount of six thousand nine hundred and six dollars and sixty cents (\$6,906.60), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum and redeemable from the tax levy of 1899.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following :

AUSTIN B. FLETCHER, COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW,
No. 32 LIBERTY STREET, NEW YORK, June 6, 1898. }

Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—The City of New York is indebted to the New York and Staten Island Electric Company in the sum of \$23,845.91 for arc and incandescent lights furnished the Borough of Richmond for the first quarter of the year 1898.

The above indebtedness was due March 31, 1898, and bills duly certified have been presented to the proper authorities, but no payment has been made and no provision for such payment or for further payments under the company's contracts has been made. Formal demand is hereby made by said company for the moneys already due, and that provision be made in the city budget now being prepared by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the payments due July 1, October 1, 1898, and January 1 and April 1, 1899.

Respectfully yours,
AUSTIN B. FLETCHER.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Mayor moved to reconsider the vote just taken and that the communication be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communications were received :

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 148 EAST TWENTIETH STREET,
NEW YORK, May 25, 1898. }

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

In accordance with the provisions of section 3, chapter 626, Laws of 1896, entitled "An act to make further provision for the proper custody, care and maintenance of criminals and misdemeanants under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of correction of the state of New York," I would respectfully request your Honorable Board to authorize and empower me, with the consent of the contractors for the erection of the New City Prison and their sureties, to alter the plans and specifications in order to build the pipes necessary for the electric work, as set forth in annexed communication of Messrs. Withers & Dickson, architects for the work.

Very respectfully,
FRANCIS J. LANTRY, Commissioner.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF JURORS—KINGS COUNTY,
3 COURT-HOUSE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
May 16, 1898. }

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

GENTLEMEN—There will be required for this Department the following books, stationery, etc., as per schedule attached, for current year, commencing the first of August, 1898, and I would most respectfully ask your Honorable Board to set aside the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) as a contingent account for the year, for the purpose of supplying this Department with all books, stationery, etc., similar to that which is allowed the Commissioner of Jurors of Manhattan and the Bronx.

Yours respectfully,
WILLIAM A. FUREY, Commissioner of Jurors, Kings County.

The Mayor moved that they be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communication was received :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, May 24, 1898. }

CHARLES V. ADEE, Esq., Clerk, Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

DEAR SIR—Your letter dated February 5, 1898, is received. You state that you transmit to me therewith a pay-roll of the Clerk to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which was presented to the Comptroller and transmitted to you ; also that the said Clerk was assigned to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the late Mayors ; that he has never reported for duty, to your knowledge, and that Mr. Feitner suggested that the matter be submitted to me for advice.

The pay-roll transmitted is headed "Pay-roll of Secretary, Board of Estimate, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, for the month of January, 1898."

The name is John K. Neal ; the official designation is Secretary ; the time of service is from January 1 to January 24—twenty-four days ; the rate per annum, \$2,500 ; the amount, \$163.20. It contains the following :

"I herewith certify that the name of John K. Neal appears upon the December pay-roll of the former City of Brooklyn, and that he was included in the plan of transfer made by the Mayors, under the provisions of section 1536 of the Charter. Hubert L. Smith."

The time of service being only twenty-four days, I assume that the incumbent has been removed as the occupant of an unnecessary position, or for some other reason.

Section 1536 provides as follows :

"Said plan and the apportionment and assignment herein provided for shall take effect on the first day of January, 1898, and on and after said date the persons named therein shall be deemed to hold and shall hold the respective positions to which they may be assigned in said plan until removed as herein provided, and their assignment to service shall not be deemed or construed to be a new appointment or reappointment, but shall be deemed to be, and shall be, a continuation of the appointment and employment theretofore held by them."

Until removed as provided in said section, Mr. Neal is entitled to his salary.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

Whereupon the Comptroller offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows :

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Expenses of..... \$161 29

—such appropriation being in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated by this Board for the year 1898.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communication was received :

CITY COURT OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, May 25, 1898. }

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—Your attention is respectfully called to chapter 651, Laws of 1898, passed on April 30, which provides for the increase of the salaries of the four Stenographers of the City Court from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per annum, and application is hereby made for an appropriation of \$1,333.33 to cover same for the balance of the year.

Respectfully yours,
THOMAS F. SMITH, Clerk, City Court.

Whereupon the Comptroller offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows :

THE JUDICIARY.

The City Court of New York—
Salaries of Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Employees, etc..... \$1,333 33

—said appropriation being in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for the expenses of such Court on January 28, 1898, and being intended to provide for the additional salaries of four Stenographers as required by chapter 651 of the Laws of 1898.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communications were received :

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 346 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK, May 21, 1898. }

The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—Application is hereby respectfully made to your Honorable Board for an appropriation to the amount of one hundred and fifty (150) dollars for the payment of rental of the premises situated at the corner of Jackson avenue and Fifth street, formerly Long Island City, from the first of January to the thirty-first of March, 1898, inclusive, viz. : three months, at \$50 per month. This office has no appropriation available for the purpose.

The premises above referred to were formerly occupied by the late "General Improvement Commission of Long Island City," created under chapter 644, Laws of 1893, providing for certain improvements in highways, streets, etc., including construction of sewers in Long Island City.

With a knowledge that a considerable amount of construction work had been contracted for and performed, and with a desire that the Comptroller should have full and complete knowledge of the cost of work contracted for, bond issue, assessments levied and collected, and also that immediate possession should be had of the maps and plans prepared by the Commission, at a cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000, the Board of Public Improvements, at a meeting held on the 12th of January, by resolution (copy inclosed) authorized President Bowley, Borough of Queens, to take possession of the effects of the said "General Improvement Commission."

Arrangements were then begun for the assorting of the maps, plans, contracts, books and records found on said premises, preparatory to removal, and possession was maintained until the 20th of March, when the effects were removed and the premises vacated. The maps, plans, etc., were removed to the Topographical Bureau of this office ; the books, contracts and other records to the Finance Department, on the Comptroller's order.

On the 9th of March a demand for rent of premises above referred to, for the months of January, February and March (\$150), was made by Christopher Hackett, which was referred to the Comptroller.

To-day further demand was made by said Hackett, and I inclose his bill, with certificate of President Bowley, and recommend that the appropriation be made to pay the same.

Respectfully,
MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President.

IN BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, JANUARY 12, 1898.

Resolved, That Frederick Bowley, President of the Borough of Queens, be and he is hereby authorized to take possession of all the surveys, maps, books, records and all other effects of the late General Improvement Commission of the late Long Island City, and keep custody thereof pending further orders of this Board.

Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, May 19, 1898. }

The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

GENTLEMEN—Chapter 337 of the Laws of 1898, amending chapter 225 of the Laws of 1896 with reference to the relief of indigent soldiers, sailors and marines through the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, requires that I, as Commissioner of Public Charities for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, shall make an estimate of the moneys necessary for my Department to carry into effect the provisions of this act. Therefore I would respectfully submit for the consideration of your Board that the sum of \$10,000 is necessary to meet the requirements of this law for the year 1898. This is the sum that was expended in the year 1897, and that was named in the general estimate of this Department for the year 1898.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN W. KELLER, President.

BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
No. 346 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK, May 9, 1898. }

Mr. CHARLES V. ADEE, Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

DEAR SIR—As required by section 134, Laws of 1897, I have the honor to inform you that I have temporarily appointed George P. H. McVay as Compiler of Statistics, with salary at the rate of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and rules and regulations of the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Very respectfully yours,
JOHN T. NAGLE, Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Statistics.

WYNN BROS.,
Nos. 413 TO 421 EAST TWENTY-THIRD STREET,
NEW YORK, May 17, 1898. }

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR—We hand you herewith our bills for coal delivered as per the same, as follows :

January 18, 1896. 100 tons white ash coal, at \$3.74.....	\$374 00
February 1, 1896. 100 tons white ash coal, at \$3.74.....	374 00
February 5, 1896. 100 tons white ash coal, at \$3.74.....	374 00
February 14, 1896. 100 tons white ash coal, at \$3.74.....	374 00
February 21, 1896. 100 tons white ash coal, at \$3.74.....	374 00

—all delivered to the Department of Public Charities on special requisitions and amounting to \$1,870 ; also a copy of our letter of May 11, 1896, addressed to the Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller, etc., in relation to the payment of these bills.

In view of an act having been passed by the Legislature of the State of New York for the relief of William S. Wynn and James C. Wynn, etc., which became a law on April 22, 1898 (a certified copy of said bill being herewith inclosed), we ask your attention to our bill, with the request that they be brought before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the necessary action taken by the Board to provide for the payment of our claim, with interest.

Yours respectfully,
WYNN BROS.

The Mayor moved that they be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS AND OF THE LOCAL BOARD,
LONG ISLAND CITY, May 9, 1898. }

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that at a meeting of the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, held on May 6, instant, resolution was duly adopted, of which the annexed is a full and true copy thereof.

Respectfully yours,
FREDERICK BOWLEY, President of the Borough of Queens.

By Councilman Cassidy—

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York be and it is hereby respectfully requested to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for clerical services and other expenses incident to the carrying out the requirements made upon this the Local Board of the Borough of Queens by chapter 532 of the Laws of 1898, being an act to provide a tax budget and to levy taxes in that portion of The City of New York heretofore known as Long Island City.

OTILIE ORPHANAGE,
FOREST AVENUE, EAST WILLIAMSBURGH, L. I.
No. 51 HARMAN STREET,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 11, 1898. }

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

GENTLEMEN—As Secretary of the Orphan Asylum Society of the Reform Churches of Brooklyn and New York, situate at East Williamsburgh, Queens County, New York City, and incorporated 1892 :

Now, we not having as yet received any of the money of public sources or excise money, I beg to ask you to kindly inform me when and where we shall apply for such support ; also kindly inform me in what form or manner we are to apply for such.

We have now about forty children who are entirely destitute and who are wholly and fully supported by our institution.

We believe we are legally entitled to a portion of aforesaid money or moneys granted for charitable purposes.

Your early reply will be gratefully appreciated by,

Yours most respectfully,
F. ERHARDT, Secretary.

The Mayor moved that they be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

SURROGATE'S OFFICE, KINGS COUNTY,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 11, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of section 230, subdivision 12 of the Greater New York Charter, I respectfully ask that you include in your final estimate the sum of four thousand (4,000) dollars, for the expenses of the Kings County Surrogate's Court and Office, for the year 1898.

I am required by the Code to provide and keep books of record, the expense of providing which is a county charge. There are also needed for the proper conduct of the business of the Surrogate's office, blanks, stationery, postage stamps, etc. These books and supplies have heretofore been furnished by the Board of Supervisors; some of them were obtained by authorization of the Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, under chapter 139 of the Laws of 1897; and others were paid for from the fees collected in this office. Chapter 139 died with 1897. The Comptroller has directed me to turn over all fees without deduction; and the disbursement of county money seems to be in your hands under the section and subdivision above quoted.

I would therefore ask that the sum I have requested be allowed for the purposes mentioned; and I would ask immediate action for the reason that we have had no supplies during the last four months, and the convenience of the public and the proper conduct of the business of the office are in jeopardy.

In my communication of January, 1898, I asked for the sum of one thousand dollars for contingencies, the idea being that the Board of City Record would furnish other stationery and supplies. My demand is larger now for the reason that I have been informed that the Board of City Record is not authorized to furnish what I need, so that in the four thousand dollars are included what I supposed the Board of City Record would furnish, and also the other incidentals represented by the one thousand dollars originally asked for.

Very truly yours,

GEO. B. ABBOTT, Surrogate, Kings County.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, May 16, 1898.

The Honorable John Whalen:

MY DEAR MR. WHALEN—I send herewith the communication of Judge Abbott, Surrogate of Kings, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment asking for a contingent appropriation.

You will probably recall that I talked to you over the telephone the other day about the matter, in the presence of the Surrogate, and you were kind enough to say that you would present the request and do what you could to see that some provision was made.

Judge Abbott was much pleased and feels under many obligations.

Sincerely yours,

ALMET F. JENKS.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT—CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS,
NEW YORK, May 20, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor of The City of New York:

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held May 18, 1898, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, It appears from the reports of the Volunteer Life Saving Corps of New York Inland Waters that during the season of four months of the year 1897 the life savers employed by this Department rescued sixty-eight persons, of whom sixty were males and eight were females, from the North and East rivers; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this Board the Life Saving Service should be continued at the following stations:

Old station, Hell Gate, two men, at \$80 per month, for four months	\$640 00
Old station, Cinder Beds, one man, at \$80 per month, for four months	320 00
Old station, Battery Park, one man, at \$80 per month, for four months	320 00
Old station, Corlears Hook, one man, at \$80 per month, for four months	320 00
Old station, recreation pier, East Third street, one man, at \$80 per month, for four months	320 00
New station, new recreation pier, East Twenty-fourth street, one man, at \$80 per month, for four months	320 00
New station, new recreation pier, Barrow street, one man, at \$80 per month, for four months	320 00
Total	\$2,560 00

—therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred and sixty dollars (\$2,560) to pay the salaries of eight (8) men employed as life-savers by this Department for the period of four months, commencing June 1, 1898.

I trust the above requisition will meet your approval, and that the appropriation will be made at as early a day as possible.

Very respectfully yours,

M. C. MURPHY, President, Board of Health.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May 9, 1898, passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that if the Municipal Assembly should request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the issue of Special Revenue Bonds, pursuant to subdivision 8 of section 188 of the Greater New York Charter, to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for the purpose of preventing the deterioration or destruction of work already performed on the New East River Bridge, this Board will authorize the issue thereof; and

"Resolved, That the attention of the Municipal Assembly be called to the urgent necessity for providing for this work in this manner as set forth in a communication of the Corporation Counsel to the Comptroller, dated May 9, 1898."

And Whereas, It appears from the report of the Engineer of the Finance Department, made to the Comptroller and referred to in the said communication of the Corporation Counsel to the Comptroller, dated May 9, 1898, that such an appropriation is necessary for the emergency described in the communication of the Comptroller to the Corporation Counsel, dated May 2, 1898, and for the purpose of protecting such work as has already been performed, pursuant to chapter 789 of the Laws of 1895, from deterioration and decay, and for the purpose of protecting The City of New York from loss and damage by reason of the cessation of work under the contracts entered into by the New East River Bridge Commissioners prior to January 1, 1898; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and they are hereby requested to authorize the issue of Special Revenue Bonds, pursuant to subdivision 8 of section 188 of the Greater New York Charter, to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for the purpose of preventing the deterioration or destruction of the work already performed on the New East River Bridge, pursuant to chapter 789 of the Laws of 1895, and for the purpose of protecting The City of New York from the loss and damage which may be sustained by reason of the cessation of work under the contracts entered into by the New East River Bridge Commissioners prior to January 1, 1898.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen May 10, 1898, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Adopted by the Council May 10, 1898, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Approved by the Mayor, May 31, 1898.

Ordered on file.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 148 EAST TWENTIETH STREET,
NEW YORK, May 31, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

In order to pay certain claims as authorized by the Legislature in chapter 392, Laws of 1898, I respectfully ask for the following transfers:

From the unexpended balance of appropriation for Donation to Discharged Prisoners, 1897	\$1,234 83
From unexpended balance of appropriation for Supplies, 1897	1,565 17
Total	\$2,800 00

This transfer is required in order to pay the following claims, as allowed by the Legislature, together with accrued interest on same:

Withers & Dickson	\$40 95	Repauno Chemical Company	\$51 75
J. A. Rennie	\$19 00	Wm. P. Youngs & Bros.	69 51
George B. Brown	299 00	E. G. Shepard	64 75
William Farrell	130 00	Osborne & Burke	65 00
John Boyle & Co.	4 50	Baker Artesian Well Company	992 00
C. M. Childs & Co.	13 00		
Henry Gade	2 78		
Ogden & Wallace	36 68		
			\$2,589 02

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS J. LANTRY, Commissioner.

NEW YORK, May 31, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

HONORABLE SIR—We, the Inspectors and Sealers of Weights and Measures for the First and Second Districts of The City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, kindly ask your aid in seeking to obtain our salaries for the months of January, February, March, April and May, 1898.

Trusting that this may meet your kindest consideration, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

JOHN C. H. SMITH, Inspector, First District.

JOSEPH F. COOK, Sealer, First District.

PETER RYAN, Inspector, Second District.

HENRY BLOOM, Sealer, Second District.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, County Clerk of the County of Richmond, hereby respectfully requests your Honorable Board to make an appropriation, pursuant to the provisions of the Greater New York Charter, for the expenses of the office of County Clerk of Richmond County for the year 1898, as hereinafter specified.

The delay in seeking this appropriation has arisen because of doubts which arose as to the proper method of furnishing the supplies required by my office, which doubts were based upon apparently contradictory provisions of the Charter.

I made application early in the year to the Supervisor of the City Record to furnish these supplies, and my communication, with others of like character, was referred by him to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to the duty of the Board of City Record in the premises. By a communication of the Corporation Counsel to the Supervisor of the City Record, dated May 24, 1898, the question is set at rest and the Supervisor is advised that it is the duty of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make appropriation for the supplies of stationery, printed matter and blank books to the county officials of the counties embraced within The City of New York, and that under section 10 of the Charter your Honorable Board is supplied with the necessary authority to make the appropriation now sought by me.

As some of the record books and stationery is required for immediate use, your Honorable Board is respectfully requested to grant the appropriation at the earliest possible date.

The following is an estimate of the charges and expenses for the year 1898 incurred or which may be incurred by me, pursuant to law, for the supply of record books and stationery for the use of the Supreme and County Courts and for publishing notices of the drawing of juries and for the preservation of the records in the office of the County Clerk of Richmond County, to wit:

For two Supreme Court rule books	\$40 00
For two chattel mortgage dockets	10 00
For two libers record of judgments	20 00
For ten libers for recording deeds	100 00
For ten libers for recording mortgages	100 00
For one liber for miscellaneous records	10 00
For one liber for certificates of incorporations	12 00
For one jury list book	8 00
For naturalization blanks	29 00
For one book declaration of intention	12 00
For printing and stationery for Supreme and County Courts (including printing of calendars)	75 00
For three hundred filing boxes	150 00
For two court voucher books	20 00
For publishing notices pursuant to law of the drawing of jurors	50 00
Total	\$636 00

Your Honorable Board is therefore requested to appropriate the sum of six hundred and thirty-six (636) dollars for the charges and expenses aforesaid.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN H. ELSWORTH, County Clerk of Richmond County.

Dated JUNE 1, 1898.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, June 3, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I have received a communication from your Secretary, dated May 11, 1898.

He states that at a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held May 9, 1898, Mr. L. W. Briggs appeared before the Board in relation to a claim against the City for extra work done upon school building No. 85, in the Twenty-third Ward, and that on motion of the Mayor the subject was referred to me, and transmitting copies of the act and other papers relative thereto.

As provided in section 2 of the act, chapter of the Laws of 1898, entitled "An act to authorize the board of estimate and apportionment of The City of New York to hear, examine and audit the claim of Louis W. Briggs for work, labor and service performed and materials furnished for work done on grammar school number eighty-five in The City of New York," the claimant has presented evidence and proof of the value of the services performed and material furnished, which evidence and proof is hereto annexed.

From such evidence and proof it appears that the sum of \$620 would be a just and reasonable sum for the Board to allow as compensation for the work, labor and services performed and materials furnished by said Briggs.

I therefore recommend that the Board award and allow the sum of \$620 as and for a just and reasonable compensation for the work, labor and services performed and materials furnished for work done by said Briggs on Grammar School No. 85 in the Twenty-third Ward of The City of New York.

I return herewith the copy of the said act and the other papers relative thereto transmitted to me.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The Mayor moved that they be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments offered the following:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 887 of the Greater New York Charter, authority be and is hereby given to the Board of Taxes and Assessments to increase the number of Deputy Tax Commissioners, in their discretion, not exceeding the number of sixty.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Mayor presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING—CITY OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, June 7, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor, Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—Referring to the communication from the Comptroller, printed in pamphlet form, under date of April 22, 1898, and addressed to you, as Mayor, in relation to the financial condition of The City of New York on January 1, 1898, and particularly to Statement III., as found on page 27 of the pamphlet, which shows that there was in hand on the 31st day of December, 1897, a cash surplus of \$36,549.51 from the proceeds of bonds duly authorized and issued under chapter 368, Laws of 1894, to provide funds for the purchase of new stock for this Department prior to January 1, 1898, I beg to say that the Comptroller informs me that he knows of no reason why this sum of \$36,549.51 should not be made available for the purposes of this Department for the year 1898, "provided, first, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes the use of this cash balance, and secondly, that there are no outstanding obligations incurred by your (this) Department, chargeable against this fund, other than contracts of which the Department of Finance has a record, and which alone were taken into account in casting the balance to which you (I) refer."

With regard to the second provision, I beg to say that there are no obligations incurred by this Department, chargeable against this fund, other than those which have been duly reported to the Comptroller. The following amounts, however, are for expenses incurred for new stock in

1897, although the bills therefor were not transmitted to the Comptroller for payment until the respective dates in 1898, as given, and they are aside from contracts proper, the amounts of which were and are known to the Comptroller, which were evidently provided for by him by the reservation of the amount of \$34,677.48, given in the same Statement III., on page 27 in the pamphlet, under the caption of "Balance Due on Contracts":

NAME.	MATERIAL.	DATE TRANSMITTED.	AMOUNT.
E. S. Halstead & Co.	Burlap bags	Jan. 14, 1898	\$300 00
L. Lionheart	Canvas cart covers	Feb. 16, "	552 00
S. Hemmenway & Son	Canvas cart covers, etc.	" 16, "	647 50
L. Lionheart	Canvas horse covers, etc.	Mar. 18, "	522 00
Making a total of			\$2,021 50

These amounts not being known to the Comptroller on December 31, 1897, up to which date his balance was cast, because not included in any contracts, would, according to the Comptroller's letter of June 3, above referred to, be paid out of the above-mentioned surplus of \$36,549.51, thus leaving a balance of \$34,528.01. I therefore respectfully request your Board to authorize the transfer of the last-mentioned amount, \$34,528.01, to the account of "Final Disposition of this Department for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx for the year 1898," for the reason that the balance in this latter account, as it now stands, is insufficient for the business of the year.

I also beg to call your attention to the fact that, on September 16, 1897, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the old City of New York authorized the issue of bonds to the extent of \$22,000 for the erection of a refuse disposal plant at East Forty-eighth street, this borough. After due advertisement, a bid of \$21,900 was received for this work, which bid was duly accepted by my predecessor and forwarded to the Comptroller of the old City of New York. I now have to request that your Board authorize the Comptroller to issue bonds to the extent of \$21,900 to cover the amount of this bid.

On October 14, 1897, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the old City of New York authorized the issue of bonds to the extent of \$7,500 for the erection of a conveyor at West One Hundred and Thirty-first street, this borough. After due advertisement, a bid of \$7,000 was received and accepted by my predecessor for this work, and forwarded to the Comptroller of the old City of New York. I now have to request your Board to authorize the Comptroller to issue bonds to the extent of \$7,000 to cover the amount of this bid.

On November 29, 1897, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the old City of New York authorized the issue of bonds to the extent of \$1,800 for the purpose of erecting a new dump at Pier 43, East river. No advertisement of this work was ever published, but it is most important that the work be done immediately. I am in receipt of a letter from the Department of Docks, dated June 3, 1898, to the effect that the pier now in use "in its present condition is dangerous to life." This letter practically places the responsibility of this dangerous condition upon me, and I respectfully request your special attention to this matter. I find that the new dump will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,300, and, for the purpose of its erection, I now have to request that your Board authorize the Comptroller to issue bonds to the extent of \$2,300.

On February 1, 1898, your Board authorized the transfer of \$100,000 from account of "Sweeping" appropriation of this Department for the year 1898, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, to the account of "Snow and Ice." On April 5, 1898, your Board authorized the transfer from the same account to the account of "Snow and Ice" of \$50,000, making a total of \$150,000 thus transferred. Of this amount I expended for the removal of snow and ice \$103,153.22. I now have to request that your Board authorize the Comptroller to raise by the issue of bonds the amount of \$103,153.22 for the purpose of its restoration to the appropriation through "Sweeping" account.

On April 5, 1898, your Board authorized the transfer from the account of "Sweeping" of this Department, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, of \$30,000 to the "Appropriation" account of "New Stock." Of this amount I have expended \$10,847.50. I now have to request that your Board authorize the Comptroller to issue bonds to the amount of \$10,847.50, for the purpose of its restoration to the appropriation through "Sweeping" account.

We have at the present time one of our self-dumping boats, the first made, lying at the dock at Seventeenth street, and has been lying there for months, awaiting some changes and repairs in her machinery, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000. We are paying at the present time \$10 per day royalty on two boats that we are running, and this boat that there is no royalty to be paid on is lying there useless for the want of this additional machinery and repairs. I would therefore respectfully ask your Board to raise this amount of \$6,000 by authorizing the Comptroller to issue bonds to that amount, for the purpose of making these necessary repairs and changes.

I would also ask that the Board authorize me to erect a dumping plant at Riker's Island for the handling of the material to be dumped there. From all the information that I can gain upon a careful investigation of the matter I consider that it would pay the City to do the work in that manner. I would therefore ask your Board to appropriate the necessary amount, which is estimated at about \$40,000.

I also desire to call the attention of your Board to a matter that I will be compelled to bring to your attention later on, in reference to the additional expense forced upon this Department by the war, and the closing of the harbor at night. The increase in expense of towing and handling scows since the port has been closed will amount to about \$3,500 per month additional, and the Department has in the neighborhood of thirty employees now in the service of the United States Government, who are drawing their salaries, as per a resolution of your Honorable Board.

I find upon investigation that my predecessor made no requisition in his estimate for this year for an amount to cover the royalties on the automatic steam dumpers, which I estimate will cost for the year in the neighborhood of \$6,000.

All the foregoing are, in my opinion, absolutely necessary for the proper performance of the business of this Department in the most economical manner possible, and I earnestly request your early attention thereto.

Respectfully,
JAMES MCCARTNEY, Commissioner.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Mayor brought up the subject of an appropriation for salary of a Clerk to the Coroners, Borough of Richmond, and moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Mayor presented the following:

JUNE 3, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor of The City of New York:

MY DEAR SIR—I have looked over very carefully the portraits in the possession of the City, and find many of them in very bad order. After inquiry among the artists and others who understand the subject, I have found in Mr. Henry A. Ferguson a very capable man to put these pictures in proper order. He is now at work on those in the possession of the Lenox Library. Mr. Ferguson's charge will be, on an average, \$15 a portrait, except in the cases of three, which will require considerably more repair, at a cost of \$35 each. I should say that there are probably from forty to fifty pictures needing attention. As they are deteriorating very rapidly for want of this attention, I should be very glad if, in the interests of the City, the necessary appropriation could be made for their preservation. This attention should leave them in good condition for from three to five years.

Very truly yours,

C. T. BARNEY, President, Municipal Art Commission.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows:

ART COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

For renovating and restoring oil paintings owned by the City..... \$1,000 00

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Corporation Counsel moved that when this Board adjourns, it do so to meet on Tuesday, June 14, 1898, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments moved that this Board do now adjourn.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

THOS. L. FEITNER, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 346 Broadway, on Wednesday, June 29, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names:

The Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of Manhattan, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the President of the Borough of Queens and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of June 22, 1898, were read and approved.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, June 29, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication in reference to the claim of George Cromwell, Esq., to a seat in the Board of Public Improvements.

You send me various papers which are connected with the legal proceedings in reference to the Richmond Borough contest, and you state that inasmuch as the law specifically requires the certificate of the old Police Commissioners, a doubt exists as to the completeness of the proof furnished by Mr. Cromwell.

I am, therefore, requested to inform the Board whether the papers inclosed constitute sufficient proof of Mr. Cromwell's election, and whether their receipt makes it obligatory upon your Board to give Mr. Cromwell the seat and privileges provided for in the Charter to be accorded to the President of the Borough of Richmond.

Owing to various circumstances it would be very difficult to get together a quorum of the old Police Board for the purpose of obtaining the certificate in question, and, as in the light of the decisions of the Courts there is no doubt of the validity of the claim of Mr. Cromwell to his seat, I advise you that you would be justified, and, indeed, that it is your duty to give to Mr. Cromwell the seat and privileges provided for in the Charter to be accorded to the President of the Borough of Richmond.

Yours,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The motion to add Mr. Cromwell's name to the roll of Borough Presidents, which had been laid over for one week at the meeting of June 22, was then taken up, and the motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways and Bridges, President Borough of Manhattan, President Borough of Brooklyn, President Borough of The Bronx, President Borough of Queens, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of June 22 to inquire into the matter of the proposed change of grade of Van Corlear place, etc., not being prepared to make a final report, reported progress, and the matter was adjourned for one week.

In the matter of the proposed change of grade of Edgecombe road, between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets, Borough of Manhattan, the report of the Secretary was read, stating that the matter had been advertised for hearing on June 29 according to law. No one appearing in opposition to the proposed change, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It appears from the report of the Secretary to this Board that he has caused the resolutions adopted by this Board on the 15th day of June, 1898, proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Edgecombe road, between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board at No. 346 Broadway, on the 29th day of June, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed change of grade would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grade would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 29th day of June, 1898; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice, a copy of which is thereto annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 29th day of June, 1898; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed change of grade who have appeared, and such proposed change of grade was duly considered by this Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Edgecombe road, between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the grade of the aforesaid street, as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and the centre line of Edgecombe road, elevation 109.97 feet; thence northerly and along the centre line of Edgecombe road, distance 386.34 feet, elevation 127 feet; thence still along said centre line, distance 675.56 feet to the centre line of One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, elevation 137.50 feet. All elevations above city datum line.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of the above-named street, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways and Bridges, President Borough of Manhattan, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
June 13, 1898.

Col. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—In reply to the action taken on May 3, last, by the Board of Public Improvements, referring to me, for report, resolution of the Local Board of the Seventh District of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending the legal opening of Provost street, from Greenpoint avenue to Paidge street, I have to report as follows:

Provost street, from Greenpoint avenue to Huron street, must be legally opened in order to extend the main outlet sewer of Sewerage District O, which is built at the present time as far as the intersection of Humboldt street and Norman avenue. The Sewerage District O, which was established in 1896, shows the main outlet sewer from the above constructed section through Norman avenue to Jewell street, thence to Greenpoint avenue, thence through Provost street, from Greenpoint avenue to Huron street, and thence through Huron street to the East river, which route seems to be the most feasible.

I have examined the ground in the neighborhood of Greenpoint avenue, Humboldt street and Jewell street, and found that one (1) large sewer empties at Norman avenue, and another one (1) at Meserole avenue, into a sluggish stream, which finally connects with Newtown Creek, creating thereby a nuisance, which was complained of by the Board of Health some time ago. There is no doubt that the conditions which prevail in that neighborhood should not be tolerated any more, and that the sewers which empty into these streams and flats should be constructed immediately, for which purpose the opening of Provost street is hereby recommended.

I return herein the papers in the matter, and transmit a blue print on which the proposed sewer is shown by red lines, and the location of the flats or marshes by black lines. The loca-

tions where the sewers empty on the flats or marshes, which are at the present time being rapidly filled in, are shown by letters "A" and "B."

Respectfully,
LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

And the following resolution was thereupon adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Provost street, from Greenpoint avenue to Paidge street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Provost street, from Greenpoint avenue to Paidge street.

Resolved, That the Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Provost street, from Greenpoint avenue to Paidge street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Provost street, from Greenpoint avenue to Paidge street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning and Bridges, President Borough of Brooklyn, President of the Board.
Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
June 27, 1898.

Col. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements of the 15th instant, referring to me for report resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, recommending that proceedings be initiated for the opening of Twelfth avenue, between Sixtieth and Sixty-fifth streets, in that borough, I have to state as follows:

Twelfth avenue is partially improved from Thirty-sixth to Sixtieth street, from Sixty-sixth to Sixty-eighth street, from Seventy-second to Seventy-fifth street and from Eighty-first to Eighty-sixth street, and there are, therefore, three intervals, between Sixtieth and Sixty-sixth streets, between Sixty-eighth and Seventy-second streets, and between Seventy-fifth and Eighty-first streets that are not improved.

There is no record in the Department of Highways and of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, that Twelfth avenue, from Sixtieth to Sixty-fifth street, was ever legally opened, and I do not know of any legal objection against granting the petition.

I recommend, therefore, that proceedings be initiated for the opening of Twelfth avenue, from Sixtieth to Sixty-fifth street, as recommended by the petitioners.

There are no buildings affected by the opening.

Respectfully,
LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Twelfth avenue, from Sixtieth street to Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Twelfth avenue, from Sixtieth street to Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Twelfth avenue, from Sixtieth street to Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Twelfth avenue, from Sixtieth street to Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning and Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, President of the Board.
Negative—None.

The following communication was read:

LAW DEPARTMENT—BUREAU OF STREET OPENINGS,
NOS. 90 AND 92 WEST BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK, June 27, 1898.

IN THE MATTER OF ACQUIRING TITLE TO PUBLIC PLACE AT ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—We have carefully considered the area of property benefited by the improvement in the above-entitled proceeding, and have concluded that the only property deriving any benefit whatever is the property within 100 feet of the improvement. We have estimated the value of the benefit to the property included within that area and, in our opinion, it amounts to \$23,664.88. By your resolution adopted on the sixth day of July, 1894, we were directed to assess the entire cost and expense of this proceeding on the property by us deemed to be benefited by this improvement, except to the possible extent of one-third of the cost of the buildings, which amounts to about \$3,500. As the entire cost and expenses of this proceeding, including entire damage to buildings taken, will amount to \$47,151.50, we are of the opinion that to require the property-owners within that area of assessment to pay so large a sum when, in our opinion, they are benefited only to the extent of \$23,664.88, would be unjust and inequitable and almost confiscation. The area of assessment is much smaller than that originally outlined by us in our tentative report; but after a very careful consideration of the matter, we have come to the conclusion that no other property whatever is benefited to the least extent by the opening of this public square and place. In our opinion and from our view, this improvement is not comparable to the opening or widening of a street. Mott avenue and Park avenue, which were practically widened for a short distance in order to create these public squares and places, are sufficient in width, in our opinion, to accommodate the traffic which now passes through these streets, and this improvement was not necessary for the purpose of accommodating such traffic. As a convenience, however, for cabs and carriages and other vehicles that usually congregate near a railway station the opening of these triangular pieces of ground which compose the contemplated public square and place is very beneficial; so that, in our opinion, the main benefit from this improvement will be received by the railroad company whose station is immediately opposite this public square and place; while the abutting owners will receive some benefit by reason of the additional space immediately in front of their premises giving them more light and air. As there will be a deficiency in this proceeding of about \$23,486.62, we respectfully request your Board to assume the deficiency, and authorize us to present our report containing such deficiency to the Court for confirmation.

FORDHAM MORRIS, }
WILLIAM ARROWSMITH, } Commissioners of
WILLIAM GROSSMAN, } Estimate and Assess-
ment.

And the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the request of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, appointed for the opening of the public place at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, that The City of New York assume the payment of a said deficiency in the assessment for the expenses of such opening, amounting to the sum of about twenty-three thousand four hun-

dred and eighty-six dollars and sixty-two cents, will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held on Wednesday, the 15th July next, at 2 o'clock P.M.; and the Secretary of this Board is hereby directed to request the said Commissioners to be present at such meeting.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the said request of the said Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, be transmitted to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel and the Comptroller.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
LONG ISLAND CITY, June 29, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed is a correct and full copy of communication by John Dayton & Co., dated June 23, 1898, and addressed to the Local Board, for permission to construct private sewer, and that the action of the Local Board as subjoined thereto was had at its meeting on the 24th instant, and transmit herewith plan and profile of lands and sewerage system submitted by the petitioners.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.
JUNE 23, 1898.

Local Board of Public Improvements, Borough Hall, Long Island City, New York:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned respectfully show to your Honorable Board that they are the owners of the property in Flushing, Third Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, and known on a section map filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens as Browne Park.

That they are desirous of improving same by the construction of a private sewer to connect with the present city sewer at Amity and Murray streets, as shown on the maps and profile as hereunto annexed and made a part of this petition, and respectfully ask your Honorable Body to grant them permission to build said sewer subject to the further consent of the General Board of Public Improvements and the Sewer Department of The City of New York.

Very respectfully,
JOHN DAYTON & CO.

Whereas, John S. Dayton & Co. have, as owners of a considerable section of lands in Browne Park, Flushing, now Third Ward, Borough of Queens, submitted to this Board a map thereof, which also shows a system of sewerage which they desire to construct for said premises; and

Whereas, Said owners have requested the approval of this Board of such proposed sewerage as preliminary to application to be made to Board of Public Improvements for its favorable action in connection therewith; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the approval thereof by this Board be and the same is hereby granted, and that the subject be recommended to the Board of Public Improvements for its prompt and desired for action.

The petition of Ernest J. Kaltenbach for permission to connect his factory at Irving avenue and Cooper street, Borough of Queens, with the system of the Citizen's Water Supply Company of Newtown, which was laid over for one week at the meeting of June 22, was taken up and the application was granted.

A report was received from the Commissioner of Highways in regard to grading, etc., Fifty-first street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, and was referred back to him for the purpose of ascertaining the cost of the work.

The following communication was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

NEW YORK, June 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I respectfully request that you ask the Board over which you have the honor to preside, that it recommend that Broome street, between Clark and Hudson streets, be paved with asphalt pavement.

This street contains two blocks on the easterly end of which the City is about to build a large school, running on Broome street about one hundred and fifty feet. The balance of the street needs asphalt probably more than any other street in The City of New York. The houses are all occupied by one family; being no sub-cellar, the rumbling of trucks, carriages and other vehicles makes a most dreadful noise, and in two instances that have come to my knowledge some of our best citizens of the neighborhood have been compelled to move, simply because their nerves could not stand the continual strain of these wagons, trucks and other vehicles. I should feel very much obliged if you would take steps to lay the matter before the Board in such way that it will meet with approval.

Yours very truly,
M. C. MURPHY, No. 582 Broome street.

The following communication was read and referred to the President of the Borough of Manhattan:

DAVID STEWART, BROKER IN REAL ESTATE, NO. 203 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, June 28, 1898.

Mr. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—I am the owner of a plot of 7 lots on south side of One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, 100 feet west of Amsterdam avenue. It seems that when this street was graded it was graded from the easterly line of Audubon avenue to the westerly line of Amsterdam avenue, and from the westerly line of Audubon avenue to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue, leaving out the bed of Audubon avenue, which is at present in its rough state, with rock from 10 to 12 feet high, blocking the street so that you cannot drive from Amsterdam avenue to Eleventh avenue.

As the proceedings for the legal opening of Audubon avenue are now under way, but a resolution has not been passed to grade it, I think that it is no more than justice to the property-owners that Audubon avenue should be graded before the assessment for grading One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street east of Audubon avenue is levied on the property, as the street at present is of no use to the abutting owners until they can drive through from Amsterdam avenue.

Will you kindly inform me as to what you can do for us in this matter, and if it is necessary for me to procure a petition signed by the property-owners, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,
DAVID STEWART.

The following communication from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
June 24, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—In consequence of the enlisting in the Army and Navy of the United States, of Messrs. John Martin and Noah Cummings, Assistant Engineers, and of George W. Waesche, Transman, the existing vacancies in the Topographical Bureau must be filled by assistants who are familiar with the work in said bureau, and I recommend that Charles H. Vanderbilt and J. J. Kletchka, Computers, who were formerly in the Topographical Bureau and were transferred to the Corporation Counsel (Bureau of Street Openings) be re-transferred to the Topographical Bureau.

It has further been found expedient to recommend that H. Cruiger, Draughtsman, who was transferred to the Bureau of Street Openings and employed on the preparation of damage and benefit maps for the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, be re-transferred to the Topographical Bureau, and that A. Bolce and H. Mihm, Draughtsmen, who, for several months, worked on the Grand Boulevard and Concourse maps, be temporarily transferred from the Topographical Bureau to the Corporation Counsel's office and their time charged to the expense for acquiring title to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

Respectfully,
LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Approved: MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President of Board of Public Improvements.

Approved: JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

And the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Vacancies in the Topographical Bureau of this Department have been caused by the enlistment in the Army and Navy of the United States of the following-named employees, viz.: John Martin and Noah Cummings, Assistant Engineers, and George W. Waesche, Transman; and as it is necessary to fill these positions with assistants who are familiar with the work in said bureau, now be it

Resolved, That this Board does hereby sanction the transfer of the following-named employees, as indicated, to take effect from July 1, 1898: Charles H. Vanderbilt and J. J. Kletchka, Computers, and H. Cruiger, Draughtsman, from the Corporation Counsel's office (Bureau of Street Openings) to the Topographical Bureau, Board of Public Improvements; and A. Bolce and H. Mihm, Draughtsmen, from the Topographical Bureau, Board of Public Improvements, to the

Corporation Counsel's office temporarily and their time charged to the expense for acquiring title to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, the same having been approved by the President of the Board of Public Improvements and the Corporation Counsel, the heads of their respective departments.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read for the information of the Board, and filed:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, June 27, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of June 13, 1898, stating that the Municipal Assembly has taken no action, excepting to refer the same to the Law Committee, on the proposed ordinances submitted to it by your board regulating the giving of bonds and the granting of plumber's licenses, and requesting to be advised, in view of the fact that above fifteen hundred or two thousand plumbers are prevented from obtaining licenses for making water and sewer connections, what action should be taken by your board.

Under section 86 of the Consolidation Act of 1882, the Common Council possessed authority to legislate relative to the opening of street surfaces, the building and repairing of sewers and in relation to their use (subdivisions 5, 19). This was simply a re-affirmation of a previously granted jurisdiction. In pursuance of such power, ordinances were passed which require that connections shall be made with sewers only by permission of the Commissioner of Public Works and in such manner as he shall prescribe. They also provide that all openings into such sewers for the purpose of making connections therewith from any building, etc., shall be made only by persons to be licensed by the Commissioner of Public Works in writing for such purpose, and each of such persons is required to execute a bond to the Comptroller in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), with one or more sureties, to be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works, conditioned for the faithful observance of the requirements of the Commissioner and the laws and ordinances relative to such work. (Revised Ordinances of 1897, Article XVIII, sections 301-317.)

These ordinances, not being inconsistent with any charter provisions on the subject, are continued in full force and effect, subject, however, to modification, amendment or repeal by the Municipal Assembly.

The powers formerly possessed by the Commissioner of Public Works have been divided so that now all of them do not reside in any single board or commissioner.

Section 566 of the Charter provides that all the powers and duties heretofore conferred upon any of the officers of The City of New York, which in any way relate to the public sewers and drainage of said City and to the construction, repair and cleaning of sewers and underground drains and of the licensing of cisterns and cesspools therein, and to all matters in any wise concerning the construction and care of the sewer system and drainage thereof, are, as matter of administration, devolved upon the Commissioner of Sewers.

This language, in my opinion, is sufficiently comprehensive to vest the Commissioner of Sewers with the powers formerly possessed by the Commissioner of Public Works, in regard to the granting of plumber's licenses, and I would suggest that as a measure of policy and for public convenience the Commissioner of Sewers grant such licenses until the Municipal Assembly shall either enact or reject the ordinances governing the subject submitted to it.

I would also suggest that your board call the attention of the Municipal Assembly to the urgent necessity of speedily making some disposition of these ordinances.

A careful reading of the Charter inclines me to the view that your board possesses no power in regard to the granting of plumber's licenses unless authorized by ordinance of the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The Board approved the following transfers:

Patrick Russell, Toolman, from the Department of Highways to the Department of Water Supply.

James A. Swallow, Inspector, from the Department of Bridges, Borough of Manhattan, to the Department of Highways, Borough of The Bronx.

William H. Field, Clerk, from the Department of Bridges to the Department of Sewers.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 24, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—Mr. John T. Furman has completed the work under his contract for grading and macadamizing Pennsylvania avenue, Village of Clifton, Borough of Richmond.

The contract time was 60 days; the time occupied in completing the work was 117.2 days, leaving 57.2 days' overtime chargeable to the contractor.

It appears that this overtime was caused by delay in obtaining payments from the City and by unforeseen difficulty in securing stone necessary for the prosecution of the work.

In the opinion of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Highways, Borough of Richmond, the contractor is justly entitled to the cancellation of 30 days of the overtime which has accrued under his contract.

I therefore request the Board of Public Improvements to release the contractor from the penalty for 30 days of said overtime, leaving 37.2 days' overtime to be charged against him in the final returns of the work.

Very respectfully,
WM. SHANNON,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to cancel thirty days of the overtime chargeable against the contract of Mr. John T. Furman for grading and macadamizing Pennsylvania avenue, Village of Clifton, Borough of Richmond.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning and Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

Negative—None. President excused from voting.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With a letter, dated May 19, from your Secretary, I received a copy of a communication from Dr. Ernst Richard, Secretary of the Heine Monument Committee, with a copy of a resolution adopted by the Local Boards of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Districts, Borough of The Bronx, recommending to the Art Commission its consideration of the acceptance of the monument known as the "Heine Fountain."

You transmitted these papers to me for the purpose of having an estimate made of the cost of preparing the ground to receive the monumental fountain.

I have thoroughly examined into the matter, and find that a suitable site for the fountain is available at East One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Mott avenue. The estimated cost of preparing the ground and foundation is \$5,000, including the cost of the necessary excavation construction of drains, walks, railings, etc.

The fountain is greatly desired by the citizens of The Bronx, and I would ask the Board of Public Improvements to transmit to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for adoption a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$5,000 for the work specified in the accompanying detailed estimate.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

Whereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The citizens of the Borough of The Bronx did apply to the Heine Monument Committee to have the Lorelei Fountain placed in that Borough at One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Mott avenue, which application was approved by the Local Board of said Borough; and,

Whereas, The Lorelei Fountain has been considered worthy of acceptance by the City authorities, having been approved by the Mayor, Municipal Assembly and Municipal Art Commission; and,

Whereas, The Heine Monument Committee are now at a continuous expense for storage and insurance on said fountain, and have agreed to erect same at One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Mott avenue at their own expense, provided the City would prepare the site above stated by regulating, grading, etc., the same and building the foundation; and,

Whereas, The report of the Commissioner of Highways shows that the preliminary estimate of the expense of said work will be about five thousand dollars, and that he has no appropriation available for that purpose; now, be it

Resolved, That this Board recommend to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the necessity of appropriating the sum of five thousand dollars for the preparing of a site, foundation, etc., for the Lorelei Fountain at One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Mott avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, the work to be done and money expended under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and placed on file:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 29, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated June 9, from your Secretary, I received a copy of a resolution submitted by the President of the Borough of The Bronx, providing that the Grand Boulevard and Concourse should be made passable to ordinary travel and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should be requested to appropriate \$250,000 for this purpose.

You referred this matter to me and to the President of the Borough of The Bronx in order that we might ascertain if the necessary appropriation could be secured from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Before approaching the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the subject, I deemed it advisable to get an approximate estimate of the cost of the proposed improvement. I therefore asked the Deputy Commissioner of Highways for the Borough of The Bronx to prepare and forward to me a report and estimate of cost, and he informed me yesterday that it will take a considerable time to prepare an estimate of the expense of the work, but that he would forward his report and estimate to me as soon as possible. I will then confer with the President of the Borough of The Bronx, with the object of ascertaining from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment if the amount necessary to improve the Grand Boulevard and Concourse can be obtained. After this action, our joint report to the Board of Public Improvements in the matter will follow in due course.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read, and the matter was laid over for one week:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With a letter, dated May 20, from your Secretary, I received for investigation and report, a communication from the West End Board of Trade of the Borough of Brooklyn, requesting that steps be taken to continue until completion the work provided for by the measure known as the "Eighth Ward Improvement Bill."

I have had an investigation made, and find that it is necessary to immediately authorize the paving of Forty-fourth street, between Second and Third avenues; of Forty-sixth street, between Second and Third avenues; of Forty-seventh street, between Second and Third avenues; and of Fifty-seventh street, between Second and Third avenues, with trap rock pavement. Each of these streets being the same width, and the length thereof to be paved being alike (between Second and Third avenues), the area of pavement, the square feet of bluestone bridging and the lineal feet of curb to be laid are the same in each case, viz.:

2,480 square yards of pavement.
230 square feet of bluestone bridging.
1,460 lineal feet of curb.

—at a total estimated cost of \$4,524.50 for each street, or an aggregate of about \$18,000 for the four streets between the avenues named.

I would ask the Board of Public Improvements to authorize the Department of Highways to call for proposals and to enter into contracts for these improvements, in accordance with chapter 365 of the Laws of 1889, in order that they may be undertaken as soon as possible in response to the urgent request of the West End Board of Trade of the Borough of Brooklyn.

There being available for expenditure under the "Eighth Ward Improvement Bill" apparently about \$35,000, there would remain a balance of about \$17,000 after paying for the improvement herein recommended, which balance, in the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner of Highways for the Borough of Brooklyn, ought to be expended in macadamizing Seventh avenue from Thirty-ninth street to the old City Line at or near Sixtieth street. I concur in his view, and recommend that authority be given the Department of Highways to enter into a contract for macadamizing said avenue between the points named, or so much thereof and to such a width as the balance available will permit.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communications from the Commissioner of Highways were referred to the President of the Borough of The Bronx:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 21, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With a letter, dated March 25, from your Secretary, I received, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that the roadway of Fulton avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-third street and East One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, be paved with granite block pavement, and that crosswalks be laid where necessary.

The Deputy Commissioner of Highways for the Borough of The Bronx reports to me that in his opinion asphalt pavement ought to be substituted for granite, on account of Grammar School No. 63 being located in that block. He also recommends that the regulating, grading and paving work should be included in one contract.

I, therefore, suggest that the matter be remitted to the Local Board, in order that they may amend their resolution accordingly, if they deem it proper to do so.

The estimated cost of a granite block pavement on Fulton avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets is \$4,500, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$199,600.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 21, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With a letter, dated March 25, from your Secretary, I received, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that Fulton avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof.

The estimated cost of this work is \$6,000, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$199,600.

The Deputy Commissioner of Highways for the Borough of The Bronx recommends that the entire avenue, from the Twenty-third Ward line to East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, be regulated and graded, instead of only the block between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets.

I concur in the Deputy's recommendation, and suggest that the matter be remitted to the Local Board, in order that it may amend its resolution to cover the entire length of the avenue.

The regulating, grading and paving, being all assessment work, should be included in one resolution and performed under one contract.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was laid over, there being no appropriation:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 20, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—From a report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that it is necessary to lay a water-main in Broadway in the late Village of Tottenville, Borough of Richmond, from Fisher avenue northerly, for the purpose of furnishing water to nine (9) houses and a factory. The length of water-main to be laid is 600 feet, and the estimated cost is \$700.

I respectfully request the authority of your Board for this work and herewith submit draft of resolution and ordinance for adoption by your Board and the Municipal Assembly, authorizing the same.

Very respectfully,
WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read, and laid over:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 14, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I duly received the letter of 3d instant, from the Secretary of your Board, inclosing and referring to me for investigation and report, a copy of a communication from the

attorney for the Jamaica Water Supply Company, requesting permission to open certain streets in the Borough of Queens, to carry out two contracts dated December 30, 1897, with the Town Board of the Town of Jamaica—one for placing and supplying 100 fire hydrants in the Hollis Water Supply District, and the other for placing and supplying 45 hydrants in the Queens Water Supply District.

The Chief Engineer reports that the Jamaica Water Supply Company has an adequate supply of water, of good quality, to extend its services as provided in these contracts; that the streets in both water districts are graded and partially macadamized; that the Queens Water Supply District is well built up and needs 45 hydrants for fire protection; but that the Hollis Water Supply District would have sufficient protection by placing 50 hydrants, as it is only partially and in many places sparsely built up.

I would call the attention of the Board to the fact that no appropriation has yet been made to pay for hydrant service by private water companies; that the two contracts mentioned may not have been adjudicated or passed upon by the Corporation Counsel, and that under section 472 of the City Charter the authority and duty devolves on your Board of making regulations and establishing rates and charges for the supply of water by private companies for public hydrants and to private consumers in houses, etc.

In my opinion the Board should not grant permission for extensions of water service by private companies until these regulations, rates and charges are established.

Very respectfully,

WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read, and the matter laid over:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 23, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the letter of the 17th instant, from the Secretary of your Board, transmitting, for investigation and report, a copy of a communication from the Queens County Water Company, requesting permission to extend its water-mains through Bayswater avenue and Waterview place, in the Fifth Ward of the Borough of Queens, with a diagram showing the proposed extension of water-mains.

From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that there are no new houses requiring water supply on the lines of the proposed mains, and that if the mains were laid it would be necessary to place fire-hydrants thereon for purposes of fire protection and for the necessary means to insure circulation of the water and its purification in cases of accumulation of sediment.

The laying of the mains would, therefore, create a liability against the City for maintenance of fire-hydrants, without public or private necessity therefor, and I concur in the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that action on the application be deferred until all questions as to payments by the City for the use of public hydrants and of charges for water supplied to private consumers by private water companies are definitely settled.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, June 24, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the letter of 17th inst., from the Secretary of your Board, inclosing for investigation and report a copy of a communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, recommending that water-mains be laid in Crotona avenue, between Boston road and Crotona Park, South, Borough of The Bronx.

The Chief Engineer of this Department reports that Crotona avenue is graded and sewered, and that there are six houses in course of construction there, which require water supply.

The water-mains are, therefore, necessary, the distance being 600 feet, and the estimated cost \$750.

I herewith submit drafts of resolutions for adoption by your Board and by the Municipal Assembly, authorizing the laying of the mains.

Very respectfully,

WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was thereupon adopted:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 416 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes and approves the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply for the furnishing and laying of water-mains in Crotona avenue, between Boston road and Crotona Park, South, Borough of The Bronx, at an estimated cost of \$750, to be paid from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx" for 1898.

And the Board hereby presents to the Municipal Assembly and recommends the adoption of the following ordinance:

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That water-mains be laid in Crotona avenue, between Boston road and Crotona Park, South, in the Borough of The Bronx, the work to be done under the direction of the commissioner of water supply, and in pursuance of section 413, chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning and Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President of the Borough of The Bronx, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Bridges was read and laid over for one week:

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES—CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, STEWART BUILDING, MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., June 28, 1898.

Hon. JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges, New York City:

SIR—I have examined the plans and specifications for the Third Avenue Bridge now about to be completed by the contractor, Isaac B. Hopper.

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the lamps provided in the specifications called for by this contract were inadequate in their character, and not at all suited, in my judgment, to the bridge under construction.

I would respectfully recommend that the lamps called for be replaced by others, modern in their style, construction and character.

I have made inquiry in regard to the cost, and have proportioned the difference of expense, and believe that this change can be made for a sum not in excess of \$4,000.

Very truly yours,

SAML. R. PROBASCO, Chief Engineer.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was read:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,
OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, June 23, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with provisions of section 413 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, I herewith submit a resolution authorizing and approving that this Department advertise for proposals and make a contract for furnishing the necessary material and performing the labor in placing two elevators in the brownstone building, City Hall Park, Borough of Manhattan; and request that you transmit to the Municipal Assembly the same with your recommendation that it pass the necessary ordinance, or resolution, authorizing the same.

Approximate cost \$6,000.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, Under pursuance of section 413 of the new Charter, that the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies is hereby authorized to advertise for bids, and enter into a contract, for furnishing the necessary material, and performing the labor in placing two elevators in the brownstone building, City Hall Park, Borough of Manhattan; and the same is recommended for passage to the Municipal Assembly. (Approximate cost six thousand dollars.)

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning and Public Buildings, President Borough of Manhattan, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communications from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies were read and filed:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,
OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, June 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—In answer to the communication from your office of June 9, 1898, referring to this Department, for investigation and report, copy of a letter from the President of the Borough of The Bronx relative to laying gas-mains along Crotona avenue, between Boston road and Crotona Park, South.

The matter has been investigated, and this Department has to report that, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Local Improvements of the Twenty-first District, instructions have this day been given to the Central Union Gas Company to lay gas-mains in the said street.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,
OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, June 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—In answer to the communication from your office of June 9, 1898, referring to this Department, for investigation and report, copy of a letter from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, relative to laying gas-mains along Longfellow street.

The matter has been investigated, and this Department has to report that, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Local Improvements of the Twenty-first District, instructions have this day been given to the Central Union Gas Company to lay gas-mains in the said street.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,
OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, June 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, New York City:

DEAR SIR—In answer to the communication from your office of June 9, 1898, referring to this Department, for investigation and report, copy of a letter from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, relative to laying gas-mains in White Plains avenue and in St. Owen's place, Wakefield.

The matter has been investigated, and this Department has to report that, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Local Improvements of the Twenty-second District, instructions have this day been given to the Northern Union Gas Company to lay gas-mains in the said streets.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, June 24, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting June 23 last, viz.:

Resolved, That on petition of Theodore E. Macy and others, duly advertised, and submitted this the 23d day of June, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that Macy place, from Prospect avenue to Hewitt place, be legally opened, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the Board of Aldermen were referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(No. 914.)

AN ORDINANCE to pave Westchester avenue, from Prospect avenue to the Southern Boulevard, with granite-block pavement.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of Westchester avenue, from Prospect avenue to the Southern Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx, be paved with granite-block pavement on concrete foundation, that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting or terminating street or avenue where not already done, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(No. 965.)

AN ORDINANCE to repave DeKalb avenue, from Bedford avenue to Broadway, Borough of Brooklyn, with asphalt.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of DeKalb avenue, from Bedford avenue to Broadway, Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with asphalt pavement upon the present pavement, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(No. 841.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for repaving Hancock street, from Howard avenue to Broadway, Borough of Brooklyn, with asphalt.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of Hancock street, from Howard avenue to Broadway, Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with asphalt upon the present pavement; that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting or terminating street and avenue where necessary, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(No. 846.)

Resolved, That the curb on the south side of Scholes street, beginning at the southeast corner Scholes street and Graham avenue, and running thence one hundred and seventy-five feet east along Scholes street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be reset, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(No. 853.)

AN ORDINANCE to repave North Sixth street, from Bedford avenue to Driggs avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, with asphalt.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of North Sixth street, from Bedford avenue to Driggs avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, be paved with asphalt upon the present foundation; that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting or terminating street or avenue, where not already done, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(No. 863.)

Resolved, That the curb on the west side of Humboldt street, between Frost street and Richardson street, Borough of Brooklyn, be reset, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
(No. 885.)

AN ORDINANCE to repave Fiftieth street, from Beekman place to Lexington avenue, Borough of Manhattan, with asphalt.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of Fiftieth street, from Beekman place to Lexington avenue, Borough of Manhattan, be paved with asphalt upon the present foundation; that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting street or avenue, where not already done, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
(No. 895.)

AN ORDINANCE to repave Belmont avenue, from Pennsylvania avenue to the city line, Borough of Brooklyn, with asphalt.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of Belmont avenue, from Pennsylvania avenue to the city line, in the borough of Brooklyn, be paved with asphalt upon the present foundation; that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting or terminating street or avenue, where not already done, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
(No. 930.)

AN ORDINANCE to repave Oxford street, from Flushing avenue to Myrtle avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, with asphalt.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of Oxford street, from Flushing avenue to Myrtle avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be paved with asphalt upon the present foundation; that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting or terminating street or avenue, where not already done, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
(No. 877.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the repaving of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, from Lexington avenue to Fifth avenue, Borough of Manhattan, with asphalt.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, from Lexington avenue to Fifth avenue, Borough of Manhattan, be repaved with asphalt upon the present pavement; that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting or terminating street and avenue where necessary, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

The following communications from the Board of Aldermen were referred to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
(No. 936.)

Resolved, That four additional lamp-posts be erected, street-lamps placed thereon and lighted, in front of Washington Heights Baptist Church, at the southeast corner of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and Convent avenue, Borough of Manhattan, two to be placed in front of the side entrance on One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, and the other two to be placed on Convent avenue side of said church, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

AN ORDINANCE to light certain streets in the Twenty-third Ward, Borough of The Bronx.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps placed thereon and lighted, in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from the Mott Haven Canal to Park or Railroad avenue, East, and in Railroad avenue, East, from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street to Mott avenue, all in the Borough of The Bronx, the work to be done under the direction of the commissioner of public buildings, lighting and supplies.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

The following communication was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply:

FT. WASHINGTON, June 28, 1898.

To the Board of Public Improvements:

The undersigned owner of land on Fort Washington avenue makes application for a temporary supply of water, there being no main on said avenue, and the plans of the Department not likely to be carried into effect at any very early day for laying one.

The avenue is now so much a resort for pleasure driving, there is urgent need of sprinkling.

For the purpose of supplying a hydrant for sprinkling use in said avenue, consent will be given by owners of land shown in map hereto attached for laying a pipe connection through said land from Kingsbridge road to Ft. Washington avenue. A two-inch iron-pipe will supply water to fill a sprinkling tank in fifteen minutes. The cost of making such a connection should not much exceed \$250.

I. A. MEYER.

Adjourned.

Attest:

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Finance Department for the week ending March 12, 1898.

Deposited in the City Treasury.

To the Credit of the City Treasury.....	\$589,357 57
" " Sinking Funds.....	122,860 33
Total.....	\$712,217 90

Warrants Registered for Payment.

Appropriation Accounts, "A".....	\$551,433 33
Bond (Special and Trust) Accounts, "B".....	433,582 27
Additional Water Fund Accounts, "C".....	17,426 71
Total.....	\$1,002,442 31

Suits, Orders of Court, Judgments, etc.

COURT.	NAME OF PLAINTIFF.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF SUIT.	ATTORNEY.
Supreme..	Transcripts of judgment, as follows:			
	Tillie Bolte, assignee.	\$58 50		Foster & Foster.
	John Polhemus Printing Company.....	90 48		"
	Emile A. Tissot.....	96 07		"
	James Ingram.....	148 60		"
	Cooper Hose Jacket Company.....	184 75		"
	Charles W. Hallett.....	202 50		"
	Astoria Homestead Company.....	288 60		"
	D. S. Jones & Co.....	379 66		"
	American Book Co.....	481 89		"
	Abram J. Cohen.....	720 46		"

COURT.	NAME OF PLAINTIFF.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF SUIT.	ATTORNEY.
Supreme..	Long Island Star Publishing Company..	\$800 06	Transcript of judgment, as follows:	
	Edward Felbel.....	1,049 52		Foster & Foster.
	George Elbert.....	1,295 65		"
	Henry C. Johnson, Jr.	2,350 99		"
	Charles H. Steinway et al.....	65,042 16		"
	Michael O'Connor.....	131 32		J. J. Fitzgerald.
	James E. Kelly.....	165 00		J. J. K. O'Kennedy.
	George F. Flack.....	996 36		G. F. Flack.
	Peter P. McLoughlin.	146 80		J. J. McLoughlin.
	John J. Farrell.....	247 36		G. Hahn.
	John J. Allen.....	144 00		L. E. Salmon.
	Paul Alexander, assignee.....	637 95		"
	John Ardiffe, assignee.	655 09		"
"	Joseph Monroe Lieberman.....	150 00	Summons and Complaint. For payment for services as Commissioner to examine into the sanity of James F. Cowan.....	L. McLoughlin.
"	John H. Eden.....	375 00	Summons and complaint. For payment for rent of premises No. 2456 Valentine avenue, used as a Reception Hospital, for quarter ending March 1, 1898.....	A. O. Salter.
"	Mary A. Fitzgerald..	3,142 34	Notice of motion on March 17, 1898. For order directing payment to Mary A. Fitzgerald of amount of awards for Parcels Nos. 39 and 40, in matter of opening Brook avenue.....	Coudert Bros.
"	In the matter of acquiring lands in Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets for school site.....		(Notice of motion on March 25 to confirm report of Commissioners.....)	J. Whalen, Corporation Counsel.
"	Nassau Electric Railroad Company.....	116 80	Copies of judgment, as follows:	H. Yonge.
"	Brooklyn City Railroad Company and Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company	127 90		"
"	Gustave Fleck vs. Pauline Semon and another of The City of New York.....		(Summons and complaint. For possession of Stands Nos. 45 and 47 Loew avenue, West Washington Market.....)	Goldfogle, Cohn & Lind.
"	Jennie J. Mandeville, guardian, vs. Jane E. Campbell et al., The City of New York et al.....		(Summons and complaint. To foreclose a certain purchase money mortgage.....)	Blandy, Mooney & Shipman.
"	Maria W. Dittmar..		Notice of motion, March 17, directing payment to plaintiff of funds deposited in Knickerbocker Trust Company, in matter of Jerome Park Reservoir.....	J. Kearney.
"			Certified copies orders directing payment of awards for Parcels Nos. 86, 96 and 95 in matter of Grand Boulevard and Concourse, as follows:	T. H. Baldwin.
"	Thomas T. Martin..	12,275 92		"
"	Rose Harris.....	6,478 11	Copy order directing payment into Court of amount of award for damage No. 420, in matter of Grand Boulevard and Concourse, and appointing Arthur Berry, referee.	J. Hunter, Jr.
"	George H. Jones.....	1,600 52		"
"	The People vs. Domenico Cesaro..	519 10	(Certified copy order directing payment to Ambrose H. Purdy of said amount for counsel fees and incidental expenses.....)	E. L. Fursman.
"	The People vs. Anna Braun.....	749 40	(Certified copy order directing payment to James G. Tighe, for counsel fees.....)	J. G. Tighe.
"			Notices of motions on May 23 to confirm reports of the Commissioners in matter of the following openings:	J. Whalen, Corporation Counsel.
"	Elliott place, from Jerome avenue to the Concourse			J. Whalen, Corporation Counsel.
"	Villa place, from Southern Boulevard to Van Courtlandt avenue.....			J. Whalen, Corporation Counsel.
"	College avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-third street to East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street.....			J. Whalen, Corporation Counsel.
"	In matter of acquiring lands for bridge over Harlem river at First avenue.....		(Notice of motion, April 18, to confirm second partial report of the Commissioners.....)	J. Whalen, Corporation Counsel.
"	The People ex rel. Linus A. Gould.		(Peremptory writ of mandamus, directing cancellation of taxes against certain premises in One Hundred and Third street.....)	L. A. Gould.
County, Queens.	Catharine Finan.....		(Copy of certified copy of order directing delivery of certain property to the Sheriff of Queens County.....)	G. D. Mahon.
City.....	Patrick Cribben, judgment creditor, vs. Patrick Costello, judgment debtor.....		(Copy order to show cause on September 17 why an order should not issue directing payment to the Sheriff of moneys due judgment debtor.....)	W. B. Donihu.
Supreme..	Michael Maher vs. Mathew J. Conley et al., City of New York and Margaret Maloney.....		(Notice of motion on March 22 for order cancelling notice of pendency of action in said matter.....)	Phillips & Avery.

Claims Filed.

DATE.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
Mar. 7 1898	Thomas F. Jones, assignee.....	\$42 12	For refund of portion of excise license fees under chapter 112, Laws of 1896.....	L. E. Salmon.
" 7	Joseph Hill.....	160 00	For payment for goods delivered and for services performed for Long Island City.	Foster & Foster.
" 7	W. A. Bingham & Co.	2,000 00	For payment for damages to premises No. 2-8 West Broadway, by overflow of water from pipes in Public School adjoining....	A. F. Hagar.
" 7	New York Institution for Instruction of Deaf and Dumb.....	12,000 91	For tuition, support and clothing of pupils from September 1, 1896, to August 31, 1897, admitted from Kings County.....	E. L. Fancher.
" 7	John H. Eden.....	375 00	For payment of rent of premises No. 2456 Valentine avenue, leased by Department of Charities, for quarter ending December 1, 1897.....	A. O. Salter.
" 7	J. Archibald Murray.	1,811 62	For payment for waste to premises Nos. 259 and 261, West One Hundred and Twenty-third street, from January 4, 1893, to July 1, 1897.....	"
" 7	Frederick Dassori....	30,000 00	For payment for destruction to property by Board of Health, in matter of Rear Tenement Proceedings.....	"
" 7	Long Island City Savings Bank....	1,072 50	For payment of interest on bonds due March 1, 1898.....	"
" 7	Thomas P. Burke, assignee.....	13,619 60	For payment of amount of warrants, etc., issued by Long Island City, and for claims against various Departments of Long Island City for services rendered.....	T. P. Burke.
" 8			For payment for services rendered as Inspectors of Election, Poll Clerks, etc., in Long Island City, as follows:	"
	James Adams.....	10 00	Ballot Clerk.....	D. Noble.
	Walter Gross.....	10 00	"	"
	Edward F. New.....	10 00	"	"
	Edward Shute.....	10 00	"	"

DATE.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.	DATE.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
1898. Mar. 8	James Wilkinson.....	\$20 00	For payment for services rendered as Inspectors of Election, Poll Clerks, etc., in Long Island City, as follows:	D. Noble.	1898. Mar. 11	James Fee.....	\$138 00	For payment for services of Census Enumerators, as follows:	D. Noble.
	M. J. Bergstrasser.....	10 00	Ballot Clerk.....	"		Walter E. Anderson.....	141 00	For payment for services rendered by various claimants in various departments of Long Island City.....	T. P. Burke.
	Albert Hommarth.....	10 00	Poll Clerk.....	"		Peter E. Demarest, assignee.....	28,660 49	For payment of salaries of members of Long Island City Fire Department, as follows:	"
	John Toner.....	10 00	"	"		Thomas F. Hopkins.....	399 96	"	"
	Frank Fleckenstein.....	10 00	"	"		Patrick J. Hughes.....	133 32	"	"
	Joseph Schwab.....	10 00	"	"		Francis J. Rooney.....	399 96	"	"
	Thomas Ford.....	10 00	"	"		Michael J. Nagle.....	429 66	"	"
	Louis Fleischhauer.....	10 00	"	"		Thomas F. Murphy.....	65 66	"	"
	James Rider, Jr.....	10 00	"	"		James Barry.....	15 33	"	"
	Andrew Schneider.....	10 00	"	"		Joseph Boylenn.....	10 95	"	"
	Adolph Traub.....	10 00	"	"		Henry Moeser.....	21 22	"	"
	Joseph Phinegar.....	10 00	"	"		William Gillis.....	75 70	"	"
	A. F. Wright.....	10 00	"	"		John E. Fry.....	133 32	"	"
	John New.....	10 00	"	"		Patrick McLarney.....	55 47	"	"
	Jacob Linderman.....	10 00	"	"		James Walsh, Jr.....	159 88	"	"
	Daniel Hart.....	10 00	"	"		Michael Emmet.....	199 98	"	"
	Wesley Burrell.....	10 00	"	"		Robert McPhail.....	315 25	"	"
	Martin Smith.....	10 00	"	"		John Slattery.....	288 00	"	"
	Fred P. Koester.....	10 00	"	"		Mortimer F. Gleason.....	66 66	"	"
	George A. Daw.....	10 00	"	"		John E. Fry.....	119 22	"	"
	William Mack.....	10 00	"	"		James Flynn.....	26 22	"	"
	August Kucke.....	10 00	"	"		Edward M. Tyrrell, assignee.....	300 95	For payment of warrants issued by Long Island City Department to assignors.....	"
	Benjamin Graser.....	10 00	Inspector of Election.....	"				For payment of salaries and services rendered, Long Island City Departments, as follows:	"
	Edward Lawler.....	40 00	"	"		John W. Moore.....	797 96	Commissioner of Public Works.....	"
	E. H. Bostwick.....	40 00	"	"		William J. McKinney.....	340 00	Veterinary Surgeon.....	"
	Levi W. New.....	40 00	"	"		Michael Cannon, assignee.....	7 50	Carting water pipes.....	"
	William J. Kenny.....	40 00	"	"		Daniel Murphy, Jr., assignee.....	300 00	Repairing various streets.....	"
	Samuel J. Mitchell.....	40 00	"	"		Patrick Delahanty.....	208 30	Police Commissioner.....	"
	F. P. Schoonmaker.....	40 00	"	"		Patrick Leahy.....	25 00	Steam-heating specifications, public schools.	"
	John C. Schoonmaker.....	40 00	"	"		Morris Bosky.....	35 50	Repairing glass, etc.....	"
	James Nelson.....	40 00	"	"		William Ragner.....	80 00	Janitor, Justices' Court.....	"
	Michael J. Flynn.....	40 00	"	"		James McGill, assignee.....	75 00	Patrolman.....	"
	Thomas Coffey.....	40 00	"	"		Leonard T. Rogers.....	144 00	School Census Enumerator.....	"
	Charles W. Frobe.....	40 00	"	"		Henry F. Buschman.....	737 04	Sergeant and Captain of Police.....	"
	Richard J. Turner.....	40 00	"	"		John Carroll.....	1,016 85	Sergeant of Police.....	"
	Christopher J. Dorsey.....	40 00	"	"		James J. Maher.....	518 13	Patrolman.....	"
	James L. Robertson.....	40 00	"	"		Richard Walsh.....	500 00	"	"
	George Dorn.....	40 00	"	"		Charles Cameron.....	500 00	"	"
	Constantine Ottman.....	40 00	"	"		Daniel Bonjour.....	500 00	"	"
	Joseph E. Simon.....	40 00	"	"		Frederick Bliss.....	450 00	"	"
	William Findlay.....	40 00	"	"		Patrick Sullivan.....	450 00	"	"
	Thomas J. Haggerty.....	40 00	"	"		Patrick Ward.....	529 12	"	"
	A. L. Fisher.....	40 00	"	"		Patrick J. Downey.....	488 88	Patrolman and Sergeant.....	"
	Herman Lange.....	40 00	"	"		William S. Burke.....	450 00	Patrolman.....	"
	William E. Matthews.....	40 00	"	"		Thomas Conroy.....	529 12	Patrolman and Sergeant.....	"
	William McNeil.....	40 00	"	"		Anthony F. Woods.....	562 77	"	"
	Thomas Reilly.....	40 00	"	"		Frederick Rauch.....	450 00	Patrolman.....	"
	Louis A. Webber.....	40 00	"	"		James H. Higgins.....	500 00	"	"
	Jacob Steil.....	40 00	"	"		John Orpheus.....	525 00	"	"
	William Holt.....	40 00	"	"		Thomas E. Balbert.....	450 00	"	"
	John N. Klein.....	40 00	"	"		Owen Rudden.....	525 00	"	"
	William R. Parker.....	40 00	"	"		John Bergen.....	518 13	"	"
	William A. Krahe.....	40 00	"	"		Amos B. Gustin.....	450 00	"	"
	Benjamin F. Brace.....	40 00	"	"		John Flaherty.....	525 00	"	"
	Fred. Young.....	40 00	"	"		Henry A. Miller.....	450 00	"	"
	John Eder.....	40 00	"	"		Clara Beckwith, ad ministratrix.....	525 00	"	"
	George Krahe.....	40 00	"	"		Joseph Oliva.....	525 00	"	"
	Theodore Kiefhaber.....	40 00	"	"		Joseph Oliva, assignee.....	450 00	"	"
	Louis Schwarz.....	40 00	"	"		Peter C. Farrell.....	529 12	Patrolman and Sergeant.....	"
	Michael Foley.....	40 00	"	"		Rosanna Moran.....	83 32	Janitress.....	"
	Ford C. Woodward.....	40 00	"	"		Timothy J. White.....	1,104 63	Sergeant and Captain.....	"
	F. N. Matthews.....	40 00	"	"		Owen Woods.....	190 48	Patrolman and Sergeant.....	"
	Otto Schrader.....	40 00	"	"		Thomas Joyce.....	68 88	Patrolman.....	"
	William Cosgrove.....	40 00	"	"		Joseph M. Garvey.....	73 32	"	"
	John F. Hicks.....	50 00	Inspector of Election, Chairman.....	"		George W. Richardson.....	73 32	"	"
	George J. Turner.....	50 00	"	"		John J. Fitzpatrick.....	75 54	"	"
	James Monaghan.....	50 00	"	"		Thomas Murtagh.....	75 54	"	"
	Edward H. Kelly.....	50 00	"	"		John Egan.....	75 54	"	"
	P. J. Harrigan.....	50 00	"	"		James Corr.....	75 54	"	"
	Joseph Kalb.....	50 00	"	"		John C. O'Donnell.....	75 54	"	"
	Sol. Kugelmann, assignee.....	50 00	"	"		Rudolph Rosenberg.....	75 54	"	"
	Joseph Bennett.....	50 00	"	"		William J. Gleason.....	75 54	"	"
	Clarence Tucker.....	50 00	"	"		Robert McCracken.....	75 54	"	"
	Guido L. Davis.....	50 00	"	"		Lawrence J. May.....	75 54	"	"
	James M. Smyth.....	50 00	"	"		James Brady.....	75 54	"	"
	Henry C. Schnell.....	50 00	"	"		Matthew Hurlin.....	75 54	"	"
	Henry Funk.....	50 00	"	"		John P. Hunt.....	75 54	"	"
	Frank J. Schaub.....	50 00	"	"		John J. Kelly.....	75 54	"	"
	George Fuchs.....	50 00	"	"		Martin Murphy.....	75 54	"	"
	William J. Rooney.....	10 00	Poll Clerk.....	"		John E. Moran.....	75 54	"	"
	Julius Nolkemper.....	10 00	"	"		Peter J. Uhllein.....	75 54	"	"
	Alexander Warkentin.....	10 00	"	"		John J. Shea.....	450 00	"	"
	William Loeffler.....	10 00	"	"		Peter J. Hunt.....	518 13	"	"
	James H. Matthews.....	10 00	"	"		Joseph Kane.....	525 00	"	"
	Frank Rice.....	10 00	"	"		John J. Nolan.....	300 00	"	"
	Edwin A. Wooley.....	10 00	"	"		John M. Pora.....	450 00	"	"
	John Allen, Jr.....	10 00	"	"		John Coonan.....	450 00	"	"
	Jacob Young.....	10 00	"	"		Frank Freilingsdorfer.....	450 00	"	"
	Jacob Kranz.....	10 00	"	"		Patrick Doherty.....	500 00	"	"
	William Ambros.....	10 00	"	"		John A. Baumann.....	500 00	"	"
	August C. Miska.....	10 00	"	"		Julius Schroeder.....	525 00	"	"
	Anton Kirwan.....	10 00	"	"		Wm. Weissenstein.....	525 00	"	"
	John S. Noble.....	50 00	For payment for rent for December, 1897, for premises northwest side of Reade street, south of Freeman avenue.....	"		Thomas F. Ryan.....	518 13	"	"
			For payment for medicines furnished to poor of Long Island City.....	"		Stephen Sullivan.....	500 00	"	"
			For payment for services in transcribing stenographic notes of testimony taken in Coroners' Court, for use in District Attorney's Office.....	Friend, House & Grossman.		Thomas Larkin.....	518 13	"	"
			For payment for services as Civil Engineer for Long Island City.....	Foster & Foster.		James O'Connor.....	518 13	"	"
			For payment for services as Civil Engineer for Long Island City.....	"		Edward Burden.....	500 00	"	"
			For payment of award for Parcel No. 2, in matter of opening Kelly street.....	Hawke & Flannery.		Bernard Keegan.....	500 00	"	"
			For damages for personal injuries.....	A. Kling.		Walter J. Roach.....	595 00	"	"
			For refund of assessments in matter of Twelfth avenue opening.....	T. H. Baldwin.		John Cassidy.....	450 00	"	"
			For payment of Warrant No. 26804, Long Island City.....	L. E. Salmon.		James McGill.....	518 13	"	"
			For payment for professional services as Civil Engineer to examine certain buildings and report thereon.....	J. A. Welch.		William Parks, Sr.....	500 00	"	"
			For payment of warrants issued by Board of Education of Long Island City, as follows:	"		Thomas G. Coogan.....	450 00	"	"
			Peter King, assignee.....	L. E. Salmon.		Christopher White.....	500 00	"	"
			Ralph Levy, assignee.....	"		Hugh Gallagher.....	518 13	"	"
			Edward Coan, assignee.....	"		William J. Carlin.....	525 00	"	"
			F. A. Archambault, assignee.....	"		George Fitzgerald.....	529 12	Patrolman and Sergeant.....	"
			Edward Franks.....	"		Ambrose Clancy.....	525 00	Patrolman.....	"
			Jacob Harris.....	"		Martin Rehm.....	245 00	Supervisor of Census Enumerators.....	"
			William G. Mitchell.....	"		James Kennedy.....	416 66	Rent of building used for City Hall.....	"
			Theo. K. Tuthill.....	"		Owen Woods.....	289 33	General Improvement Commissioner.....	"
			For damages for personal injuries.....	W. D. Tyndall.		John Slattery.....	12 50	Police Commissioner.....	"
			For payment of salary as Coroner, for months of January and February.....	C. Haldane.		Patrick J. Clancy, assignee.....	68 13	Patrolman.....	"
			For payment of salary due as Fireman, Long Island City Department.....	D. Noble.		John Neesham.....	172 03	General Improvement Commissioner.....	"
			For payment of warrant issued to William H. Delehanty on Treasurer of Long Island City.....	G. Hahn.		Charles McNamara.....	183 33	Assessor.....	"
			For payment of judgments obtained against Long Island City, as follows:	L. E. Salmon.		Patrick J. Clancy.....	770 00	Groceries furnished poor.....	"
			Charles Cahn, assignee.....	"		Andrew Murray.....	83 33	Assessor.....	"
			"	"		John Neesham.....	266 60	Canvasser.....	"
			"	"		Patrick Slattery.....	107 00	Repairing, repaving, etc.....	"
			"	"		James P. Rapelye.....	500 00	General Improvement Commissioner.....	"
			"	"		Peter Bagley.....	26 88	Police Commissioner.....	"
			"	"		Mary V. Murphy.....	183 20	Stenographer.....	"
			"	"		Elizabeth Roche.....	15,000 00	For damages for personal injuries.....	Story & Stratton.
			"	"		Racheio Bellotta.....	1,368 00	For payment of change of grade, damage award, Maple avenue and Jerome street	"
			"	"				For payment of award for Parcel No. 2, in matter of lands taken in One Hundred and Sixty-third street for school site.....	T. H. Baldwin.
			"	"				For refund of assessment for opening Twelfth avenue.....	"
			"	"				For payment of warrants issued by Long Island City, as follows:	"
			"	"				John Tallon, Jr., and another.....	L. E. Salmon.
			"	"				John Tallon, Jr., and another.....	"
			"	"				Felix E. Tallon.....	"
			"	"				Bart E. Bretherton, assignee.....	"
			"	"				Charles Q. Hoyt, assignee.....	"
			"	"				Willis G. Pierson, assignee.....	"
			"	"				Henry V. Rowe.....	"
			"	"				For payment for services in tabulating biennial school census.....	E. M. Bassett.

CONTRACTS EXECUTED SINCE JANUARY 1, 1898, AND REGISTERED DURING THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 1898.

No.	DATE OF CONTRACT.	DEPARTMENT.	BOROUGH.	NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	NAMES OF SURETIES.	AMOUNT OF BOND.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	COST.
60	Feb. 17, 1898	Sewers	The Bronx	A. A. Briggs	Alois A. Berman John C. Heintz	\$7,000 00	Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, from the existing sewer in Webster avenue to Washington avenue, with branches in Park avenue, between East One Hundred and Eightieth street and East One Hundred and Eighty-third street, and in East One Hundred and Eighty-first street, between Park avenue and Washington avenue. Estimate	\$13,972 00
61	March 2, "	Highways	"	Spencer & Mahr	The City Trust Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Philadelphia The American Bonding and Trust Company of Baltimore City	6,000 00	For regulating, grading, setting curb-stones, flagging the sidewalks, laying crosswalks, building approaches and placing fences in One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, from Jerome avenue to Boscobel avenue. Estimate	6,813 50
62	Feb. 28, "	"	"	John Melody	Dennis W. Moran The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company	5,000 00	For regulating, grading, setting curb-stones, flagging the sidewalks, laying crosswalks, building approaches and placing fences in One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from Walton avenue to Sheridan avenue. Estimate	8,582 20
63	" 25, "	Sewers	"	Alexander S. Traub	The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company	1,100 00	For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Ninetieth street (St. James street), between Aqueduct avenue and the Old Croton Aqueduct. Estimate	2,446 46
64	" 25, "	"	"	Cunningham & Kearns	The City Trust Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Philadelphia The American Bonding and Trust Company of Baltimore City	3,300 00	For constructing sewer and appurtenances in Spencer place, between East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street and East One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and in East One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, from Spencer place to a point 65 feet east of Mott avenue. Estimate	8,241 00

REDUCTION AND REMISSION OF TAXES.

Certificate of the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments for the Reduction of Taxes for 1897 on Brooklyn Real Estate, as follows:

WARD.	BLOCK NO.	WARD MAP NO.	ASSESSED VALUATION.	CORRECTED VALUATION.	TAX REMITTED.
Twenty-sixth	595	14	\$1,200 00	\$500 00	\$18 68

Remission of Personal Taxes.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	ASSESSED VALUATION.	CORRECTED VALUATION.	TAX REMITTED.
Harry Wiltshire	537 South Third street	\$2,000 00	\$57 22

Opening of Proposals.

The Comptroller, by representation, attended the opening of bids at the following Departments, namely:

March 9. Furnishing anthracite coal for Fire Department.
March 11. Furnishing cloth, belts, buttons, etc., furnishing 4,300 tons anthracite coal, furnishing 800 tons anthracite coal, for Police Department.

Approval of Sureties.

The Comptroller approved of the adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties on the following proposals:

March 7. Furnishing lumber for Department of Parks.
East River Mill and Lumber Company, foot of East Ninety-second street, Principal.
G. H. Toop, No. 124 East Ninety-first street, } Sureties.
P. McGuinness, No. 1048 Park avenue, }
March 9. Regulating, etc., Mott avenue, Department of Highways.
J. Melody, No. 685 East One Hundred and Forty-second street, Principal.
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, No. 140 Broadway, } Sureties.
Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, No. 35 Wall street, }
March 9. Reception Building, Department of Docks.
A. Smith, No. 39 Cortlandt street, Principal.
Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, No. 35 Wall street, } Sureties.
The City Trust Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Philadelphia, }
No. 160 Broadway, }

March 9. Furnishing sand and gravel for Department of Parks.

D. C. Bouker, Jr., No. 434 Third street, Brooklyn, Principal.
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, No. 140 Broadway, } Sureties.
American Surety Company, No. 100 Broadway, }

March 9. Furnishing straw for Department of Charities.

T. P. Huffman & Co., No. 650 West Thirty-fourth street, Principal.
American Bonding and Trust Company of Baltimore City, No. 220 Broadway, } Sureties.
The City Trust Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Philadelphia, }
No. 160 Broadway, }

March 9. Furnishing poultry for Department of Charities.

Conron Bros. & Co., No. 11 Bloomfield street, Principal.
John Glass, No. 426 East Twenty-third street, } Sureties.
Samuel Fleck, No. 348 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, }

March 9. Furnishing supplies for Department of Correction.

Manhattan Supply Company, No. 160 Duane street, Principal.
American Surety Company, No. 100 Broadway, } Sureties.
J. S. Barron, No. 329 East Twenty-second street, }

March 9. Regulating, etc., One Hundred and Sixty-third street, Cheever place, Sheridan avenue, Robbins avenue.

W. J. Rodgers, No. 536 West One Hundred and Fifty-second street, Principal.
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, No. 140 Broadway, } Sureties.
American Surety Company, No. 100 Broadway, }

March 9. Furnishing supplies for Department of Charities.

Cavanagh Bros. & Knapp, No. 358 Greenwich street, Principal.
American Surety Company, No. 100 Broadway, } Sureties.
A. G. Tunstall, }

March 9. Furnishing mould for Department of Parks.

E. J. Shafer, No. 1175 Forest avenue, Principal.
J. D. Crimmins, No. 40 East Sixty-eighth street, } Sureties.
J. Hy. Haggerty, No. 137 East Seventy-first street, }

March 11. Constructing sewer in Dongan street and Trinity avenue.

J. G. Haiduvon, No. 695 East One Hundred and Thirty-first street, Principal.
American Bonding and Trust Company of Baltimore City, No. 220 Broadway, } Sureties.
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, No. 140 Broadway, }

March 11. Regulating, etc., Southern Boulevard, Department of Highways.

T. J. McLoughlin, No. 363 Brook avenue, Principal.
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, No. 140 Broadway, } Sureties.
Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, No. 35 Wall street, }

M. T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

BOARDS OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

Minutes of the Twenty-second Meeting of the Local Board of the Twenty-first District of the Borough of The Bronx.

Pursuant to call by President Haffen, the members of the Local Board, Twenty-first District, met at 2 P. M., June 30, 1898, at the office of the President of the Borough of The Bronx, Municipal Building, Crotona Park.

Present—President Haffen, Councilman Hottenroth, Councilman Murray, Alderman McGrath and Alderman Geiger.

Minutes of meeting held June 23 last read and adopted.

HEARINGS.

Kingsbridge Road, Regulating, Grading, etc., from Sedgwick Avenue to Exterior Street; Exterior Street, from Broadway to East One Hundred and Ninety-second Street; East One Hundred and Ninety-second Street, from Bailey Avenue to Harlem River.

Petition of Fordham Morris, executor and trustee under the last will and testament of Nathaniel P. Bailey, deceased, was read. It stated that the trustees of the estate were about to cede to the city the land in Exterior street, from Broadway to East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, and East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, from Bailey avenue to Harlem river.

On motion of Councilman Hottenroth, it was

Resolved, That this Board hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that Kingsbridge road, from Sedgwick avenue to Exterior street; Exterior street, from Broadway to East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, and East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, from Bailey avenue to the Harlem river, be regulated, graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, and crosswalks laid where necessary after the city has secured title.

Adopted.

East One Hundred and Eighty-third Street, macadamizing, between Third Avenue and Vanderbilt Avenue, East.

Petition of Caroline F. Baack, and others, was read, and, on motion of Alderman Geiger, it was

Resolved, That this Board hereby recommends to the Commissioner of Highways that the work be done.

Adopted.

East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, Change of Line, West of Third Avenue.

Petition of Alonzo Carr, which was laid over at the last meeting, was taken up. Alderman McGrath, who was appointed a committee to confer with Mr. J. L. Mott in reference to this matter, reported that Mr. Mott would do nothing in the premises until the building on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Third avenue was removed, and that he appeared disinclined to acquiesce in the removal of the small strip, about seven feet square, in all. Council-

man Murray stated that he thought that the removal of the building in question was the duty of the contractor for regulating and grading East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and, on Councilman Murray's motion, the matter was laid over for further consideration.

Elevated Railroad Column at Third Avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Street.

The Manhattan Railway Company was represented by Mr. E. A. Tuttle.

The Union Railway Company was not represented.

In reference to the agreement spoken of at the last meeting of the Board, supposed to have been made between the two companies in relation to the suspension of overhead trolley wires, Mr. Tuttle said he found that such an agreement was made between his company and the Harlem, Morrisania and Fordham Railway Company, predecessors of the Union Railway Company. He explained that it was in the nature of a license without compensation, and revocable at will. It made provision, he said, for carrying the wires further westward at this point and to conform to the old horse-car tracks.

After brief discussion, the matter was laid over, and the Secretary was directed to send another notice to the Union Railway Company.

East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, Widening, from the Harlem River to a Point 493.22 Feet West of the Westerly Side of Alexander Avenue.

By Councilman Hottenroth—

Whereas, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment were duly appointed to take the necessary proceedings in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York (now The City of New York), to acquire title, wherever the same was not heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of widening East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from the Harlem river to a point 493.22 feet west of the westerly side of Alexander avenue; and

Whereas, The Local Boards of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Districts, Borough of the Bronx, have been informed that it is proposed to levy the entire assessment in this proceeding upon the abutting property on East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and within also a comparatively small area of the adjoining locality; and

Whereas, We are of the opinion that the assessment as proposed to be levied will work a deep injustice to the property-owners who have already paid, in one form or another, several assessments in street opening proceedings; and

Whereas, It is our opinion also that the widening of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street between the limits mentioned is one of general benefit to The City of New York and not of particular benefit to the immediate neighborhood of the Borough of The Bronx;

Resolved, That we hereby respectfully recommend to the Board of Public Improvements the rescinding of the resolution of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, that the entire cost and expense of this proceeding shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby, and it is hereby respectfully recommended also that the Board of Public Improvements resolve, in lieu of the resolution of the said Board of Street Opening and Improvements, that one-half portion of the cost and expense of the said proceeding shall be borne and paid by The City of New York.

East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street Public Place.

By Councilman Hottenroth—

Whereas, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment were duly appointed to take the necessary proceedings in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York (now The City of New York) to acquire title, wherever the same was not heretofore acquired, for the

Frew, A., Sons' Co., cleaning, etc., crematory.....	\$7 50
Fox, Richard T., disbursements.....	3 35
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Havens' Estate, S. N., brick, clay, etc.....	13 25
Quinlan, Thomas F., coal.....	49 17
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	\$114 82

Borough of Queens.

BILLS

transmitted to Comptroller, as follows:
Schedule No. 9—Sundries—

Bornemann, Hermann, collecting, etc., ashes.....	\$70 00
Dorsey, John J., cleaning streets, etc.....	160 00
Everitt, William E., removing ashes, etc.....	475 00
Lusk, Louis P., collecting, etc., ashes.....	250 00
Larsen, Magnus, cleaning streets, etc.....	322 46
Mulhall, James, collecting, etc., ashes.....	80 00
Phipps, Thomas E., photographic work.....	75 00
Stevenson, L. T., cleaning streets, etc.....	34 11
Scully, Christopher, removing ashes, etc.....	140 00
Schutt, William H., disbursements.....	5 28
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	\$1,611 85

JAMES MCCARTNEY, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, No. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK CITY, June 28, 1898.

OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR THE
WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 1898.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

Plans filed for new buildings, main office (estimated cost, \$1,425,700).....	19
Plans filed for new buildings, branch office (estimated cost, \$627,250).....	23
Plans filed for alterations, main office (estimated cost, \$122,590).....	61
Plans filed for alterations, branch office (estimated cost, \$4,395).....	6
Buildings reported as unsafe.....	63
Buildings reported for additional means of escape.....	5
Other violations of law reported.....	116
Unsafe building notices issued.....	207
Fire-escape notices issued.....	12
Violation notices issued.....	243
Violation cases forwarded for prosecution.....	59
Iron and steel inspections made.....	4,974
Complaints lodged with the Department.....	91

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Permits issued for new buildings (estimated cost, \$383,147).....	80
Brick (estimated cost, \$200,700).....	32
Frame (estimated cost, \$122,447).....	48
Permits issued for alterations (estimated cost, \$37,824).....	48
Buildings reported as unsafe.....	3
Buildings reported for additional means of escape.....	2
Other violations of law reported.....	59
Fire-escape notices issued.....	2
Violation notices issued.....	21
Violation cases forwarded for prosecution.....	22
Iron and steel inspections made.....	947
Factories and storehouses examined.....	7
Passenger elevators examined.....	28
Letters issued in reference to special violation reports.....	67
Complaints lodged with the Department.....	9

BOROUGH OF QUEENS AND RICHMOND.

Plans filed for new buildings (estimated cost, \$444,175).....	25
Plans filed for alterations (estimated cost, \$9,555).....	45

A. J. JOHNSON, Secretary.

T. J. BRADY, President of the Board of Buildings.

CHANGE OF GRADE DAMAGE COMMISSION.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, April 6, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.
Present—Daniel Lord (Chairman) and William E. Stillings, Commissioners.
Of Counsel—Robert C. Beatty, Esq., representing the Corporation Counsel; Messrs. Porter and Kilvert, representing numerous claimants.
The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with.
Owing to the absence of the witness Poerschke the Commission was compelled to adjourn until Monday, April 11, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, MONDAY, April 11, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.
Present—Daniel Lord (Chairman), James M. Varnum and William E. Stillings, Commissioners.
Of Counsel—Robert C. Beatty, Esq., representing the Corporation Counsel; Messrs. Porter and Kilvert and W. Stebbins Smith, Esq., representing numerous claimants.
The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with.
In the case of the People ex rel. Coler against Daniel Lord and others, Commissioners, etc., in re Claim No. 791, Catherine E. Rapp, the return to the writ of certiorari taken out was signed by the Commissioners.
The following discussion then took place:

Mr. Beatty—In view of the fact that the question of the constitutional limit of the indebtedness of the City is now under consideration in the Law Department and in the Finance Department—and it seems clear that the conclusion reached will be that the present indebtedness of The City of New York exceeds the limits fixed by the State Constitution—I suggest, for the consideration of the Commission, the effect of this condition of affairs upon the obligations created by the filing of certificates of award in the Finance Department. Section 6 of chapter 567 of the Laws of 1894 makes the certificate of award an obligation upon the City when filed in the Finance Department. In view of the fact that the Constitution has prohibited the City from incurring any obligation above a certain amount, which amount has apparently been exceeded already, it seems to me that any certificate now filed with the Comptroller would be void. The question would then arise whether such certificate would be validated by the debt limit of the City being raised at some subsequent time and the City re-empowered thereby to contract obligations. A certificate

which created an obligation under the act, if once held to be void, could not, I think, be validated by any subsequent condition of affairs. The act does not provide for the filing of any second certificate under any circumstances whatever. My conclusion would, therefore, be that a certificate now filed in the Finance Department would be void and that an award made could not be paid if such certificate were now filed.

Commissioner Varnum—Do I understand that you are speaking by authority of the Corporation Counsel?

Mr. Beatty—No; I am not speaking under instructions.

The Chairman—But as the representative of the City?

Mr. Beatty—But as a suggestion of counsel in reference to the condition of affairs; expressing my own views as counsel.

Commissioner Stillings—I think we should go on and take testimony for the present, and whether we shall make any award may be left open for future decision. We are not bound by Mr. Beatty's suggestion.

The Chairman—It simply appeals to our discretion.

Commissioner Stillings—Yes; and in the interest not only of the City but more in the interest of the claimant.

The Chairman—I think the opinion of the Commission is that we will proceed to take testimony, and the question of making awards will rest in the sound discretion of the Commission as to when and in what amount the award shall be made. That is the view I have taken of this matter and I think the other Commissioners agree with me.

Mr. Porter—Your award is nothing but a judgment. A judgment of the Supreme Court cannot be invalidated in such way. You are judicial officers. Your decisions, although called awards, are nothing more nor less than judgments; and I do not think they would be affected by this state of affairs.

Mr. Beatty—I think, under the terms of the Act, it is very clear that a decision, although handed down, is in no way to be considered as incurring an obligation on the part of the City. The Act says that the obligation shall arise when the certificates of award are filed.

The Commissioners then proceeded with the trial of the following claims:

No. 626 (James M. Soutter), and No. 628 (Mrs. Mary Schmidt).

The Commission then adjourned to Wednesday, April 13, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, April 13, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Daniel Lord (Chairman) and William E. Stillings, Commissioners.

Of Counsel—Robert C. Beatty, Esq., representing the Corporation Counsel; Messrs. Porter & Kilvert, S. B. Brownell, Esq., and W. Stebbins Smith, Esq., each representing numerous claimants.

The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The witness Poerschke not appearing the Commission adjourned to Friday, April 15, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, FRIDAY, April 15, 1898, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Daniel Lord (Chairman), James M. Varnum and William E. Stillings, Commissioners.

The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The witness Poerschke not appearing, the Commission adjourned to Monday, April 18, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, MONDAY, April 18, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Daniel Lord (Chairman), James M. Varnum and William E. Stillings, Commissioners.

The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The witness Poerschke not appearing the Commission adjourned to Wednesday April 20, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, April 20, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Daniel Lord (Chairman) and James M. Varnum, Commissioners.

Of Counsel—Robert C. Beatty, Esq., representing the Corporation Counsel; Messrs. Porter & Kilvert representing numerous claimants.

The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The witness Poerschke again failed to appear for cross-examination by the Corporation Counsel, whereupon Mr. Beatty moved to strike all his testimony from the record. The Commission held the matter in abeyance and gave the witness another opportunity to be present on next Monday, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission then, in executive session, examined, discussed and considered the depositions, testimony, photographs and other evidence in certain claims heretofore submitted.

The Commission then adjourned to Monday, April 25, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, MONDAY, April 25, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James M. Varnum (Chairman pro tem.) and William E. Stillings, Commissioners.

Of Counsel—Robert C. Beatty, Esq., representing the Corporation Counsel; Messrs. Porter & Kilvert, representing numerous claimants.

The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Commissioners then proceeded with the trial of Claim No. 625 (Peter Klemann).

The Commission then adjourned to Friday, May 6, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,

ZBROSKI MANSION, CLAREMONT PARK,

July 1, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 1546, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby notify you, for publication in the CITY RECORD, that, by order of the Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx, Theodore T. Ganun has been promoted from the position of Carpenter to that of Foreman, at a compensation of \$100 per month, to take effect this day:

Respectfully yours,

MAX K. KAHN,

Private Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,

CITY OF NEW YORK,

THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,

July 1, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—I beg to report that the Park Commissioner for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond has, to-day, taken the following action in connection with employees of this Department:

Appointed.

Edward Gallagher, Laborer, No. 68 West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street.

Thomas Sweeney, Laborer, No. 449 West Fifty-second street.

Francis O'Brien, No. 209 East Twentieth street, Mower.

Frank Cheevers, Laborer, No. 968 First

avenue.

Patrick F. Goff, Toolman, No. 311 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street.

Patrick J. Dineen, Foreman, No. 424 West Thirty-second street.

James Cleary, Mower, No. 268 West One Hundred and Twenty-third street.

Reinstated.

John Sherwin, No. 1157 Third avenue, Laborer. Discharged June 25, 1898.

John J. Smith, No. 420 East Sixty-sixth street, Laborer. Discharged June 25, 1898.

Bernard Connolly, No. 568 Columbus avenue, Laborer. Discharged June 25, 1898.

Samuel P. Gray, No. 579 Third avenue, Laborer. Discharged June 18, 1898.

Jos. Fitzgerald, No. 535 East Eighty-seventh street, Stableman. Discharged June 18, 1898.

James Nugent, No. 225 East Eighty-third street, Stableman. Discharged June 25, 1898.

Discharged.

Daniel Reynolds, Laborer, No. 423 West Fifty-second street.

Respectfully,

ROBT. S. SUTLIFFE,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,

CITY OF NEW YORK,

THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,

July 1, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—Commissioner Clausen, for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, has this day taken

the following action in connection with employees of the Department:

Pay Fixed.

John O'Brien, Laborer, at \$2 per day.
Michael Cavanagh, Laborer, at \$60 per month.

Respectfully,

ROBT. S. SUTLIFFE,
Acting Assistant Secretary, Park Board.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,
CLERK'S OFFICE,
July 1, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

DEAR SIR—I beg to notify you that the Judges of the Court of General Sessions have made the following temporary appointment under the provisions of Civil Service Regulation 34, pending the preparation of an eligible list, such appointment to take effect on the 1st day of July, 1898, viz.:

Louis F. Gaffney, to be Court Attendant.

Respectfully,

JOHN F. CARROLL,
Clerk of Court.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.,
June 27, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—I have this day appointed Patrick Flanagan, of No. 314 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, as Fireman on the Third Avenue Bridge, over Harlem river, in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, and fixed his compensation at the rate of seventy dollars (\$70) per month, to date from July 25, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA,
Commissioner of Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.,
June 30, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—I have this day appointed Edward F. Cadley, of No. 112 St. Felix street, Brooklyn, as Cashier in the Main Office of the Department of Bridges in the Borough of Manhattan, and fixed his compensation at the rate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum, to date from July 1, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA,
Commissioner of Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.,
June 30, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—You are hereby respectfully informed that Michael McKeever, of No. 121 Marion street, Manhattan, a Laborer on the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, has been promoted to Foreman of Laborers, and detailed to service on the Third Avenue Bridge, crossing Harlem river, in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, at a compensation of \$2.50 per day, to date from July 25, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA,
Commissioner of Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.,
June 30, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—You are hereby respectfully informed that Thomas A. Doyle, of No. 434 West Twenty-fifth street, a Laborer on the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, has been detailed for service on the Third Avenue Bridge, crossing the Harlem river, in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, as Laborer, at a compensation of \$2 per day, to date from July 25, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA,
Commissioner of Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.,
June 30, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—You are hereby respectfully informed that John Matthews, of No. 60 East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, Manhattan, an Engineer on the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, has been detailed for service as Fireman on the Third Avenue Bridge, crossing the Harlem river, at a compensation of \$70 per month, to date from July 25, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA,
Commissioner of Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.,
July 1, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—Theodore Clancy, No. 282 Greenpoint avenue, Borough of Queens, has this day been appointed Toolman on the Blissville Bridge, over Newtown creek, in the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, at a compensation of \$730 per annum, to date from July 1, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA,
Commissioner of Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.,
July 1, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—Please change the address mailed you yesterday of William J. Hurley, from No. 303 East One Hundred and Twenty-second street to No. 339 East Twenty-ninth street, and of James King, from No. 25 Mangin street to No. 15 Tompkins street.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA,
Commissioner of Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.,
July 2, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—You are respectfully informed that Cornelius Twigg, Jr., Engineer on the Central Bridge, has been transferred to the Third Avenue Bridge, over the Harlem river, as Engineer in-Charge, to date from July 25, 1898, at his present salary, his compensation from August 1, 1898, to be \$1,140 per annum.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA,
Commissioner of Bridges.

BOARD OF CITY RECORD.

On July 1, 1898, the Board of City Record took the following action in reference to the employees in the Bureau of the City Record:

Appointed.

Alexander J. Cameron, Bookbinder, at the rate of compensation of \$3.50 per diem, appointment to date on and from April 5, 1898.

Harriet Mary Metcalfe, Copyist, for one month, at the rate of compensation of \$12.50 per week, appointment to date on and from July 1, 1898.

Reinstated.

Peter Leatham, Bookbinder, at the rate of compensation of \$3.50 per diem, said reinstatement to date on and from July 1, 1898.

SOLON BERRICK,
Deputy Supervisor.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING which the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which the Courts regularly open and adjourn, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held; together with the heads of Departments and Courts:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

ALFRED M. DOWNES, Private Secretary.

Bureau of Licenses.

No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DAVID J. ROCH, Chief.

GEORGE W. BROWN, Jr., Deputy.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.

Room 209, Stewart Building, 5th floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN J. RYAN, MAURICE J. POWER, WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK, JOHN P. WINDOLPH and THE MAYOR, and COMPTROLLER, Commissioners; HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary, A. FTELEY, Chief Engineer.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Rooms 114 and 115, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN C. HERTLE and EDWARD OWEN.

BOARD OF ARMORY COMMISSIONERS.

THE MAYOR, Chairman; PRESIDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, Secretary.
Address: THOMAS L. FEITNER, Stewart Building.
Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

THE COUNCIL.

RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER, President of the Council
P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.
Clerk's office open from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 10 A. M. to 12 M.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

THOMAS F. WOODS, President.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

BOROUGH PRESIDENTS.

Borough of Manhattan.

Office of the President of the Borough of Manhattan,
Nos. 10, 11 and 12, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, President.

IRA EDGAR RIDER, Secretary.

Borough of the Bronx.

Office of the President of the Borough of the Bronx,
corner Third Avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

LOUIS F. HAFEN, President.

President's Office, No. 1 Borough Hall; 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

EDWARD M. GROUT, President.

Borough of Queens.

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.
Office, Long Island City; 9 A. M. until 4 P. M.; Saturday, from 9 A. M. until 12 M.

Borough of Richmond.

GEORGE CROMWELL, President.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

No. 119 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

WILLIAM M. MOES, Public Administrator.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

No. 346 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

Department of Highways.

No. 132 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES P. KRATING, Commissioner of Highways.

WILLIAM N. SHANNON, Deputy for Manhattan.

THOMAS R. FARKELL, Deputy for Brooklyn.

JAMES H. MALONEY, Deputy for Bronx.

JOHN P. MADDEN, Deputy for Queens.

HENRY P. MORRISON, Deputy and Chief Engineer for Richmond. Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Sewers.

Nos. 265 and 267 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy for Manhattan.

THOMAS J. BYRNES, Deputy for Bronx.

WILLIAM BRENNAN, Deputy for Brooklyn.

MATTHEW J. GOLDNER, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Queens.

HENRY P. MORRISON, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of Richmond. Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Bridges.

Room 177, Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner.

SAMUEL H. YORCK, Deputy.

THOMAS R. PROBASCO, Chief Engineer.

MATTHEW H. MOORE, Deputy for Bronx.

HARRY BEAM, Deputy for Brooklyn.

JOHN E. BACKUS, Deputy for Queens.

Department of Water Supply.

No. 150 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

JAMES H. HASLIN, Deputy Commissioner.

GEORGE W. BRIDGALL, Chief Engineer.

W. G. BYRNE, Water Register.

JAMES MOFFETT, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Brooklyn, Municipal Building.

JOSEPH FICH, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Queens, Old City Hall, Long Island City.

THOMAS J. MULLIGAN, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of The Bronx, Crotona Park Building.

HENRY P. MORRISON, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Richmond. Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Street Cleaning.

9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES MCCARTNEY, Commissioner, No. 346 Broadway, Manhattan.

F. M. GIBSON, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Manhattan, No. 346 Broadway.

PATRICK H. QUINN, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Brooklyn, Room 37 Municipal Building.

JOSEPH LIEBERTZ, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of The Bronx, No. 615 East One Hundred and Fifty-second street.

JOHN P. MADDEN, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Queens, Municipal Building, Long Island City.

Department of Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

No. 346 Broadway, Room 1142, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

HENRY S. KEARNEY, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

PETER J. DOOLING, Deputy Commissioner for Manhattan.

WILLIAM WALTON, Deputy Commissioner for Brooklyn.

HENRY SUTPHIN, Deputy Commissioner for Queens.

EDWARD I. MILLER, Deputy Commissioner for Richmond.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Comptroller's Office.

Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

MICHAEL T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

EDGAR J. LEVEY, Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

EDWARD GLON, Collector of Assessments and Arrears.

DAVID O'BRIEN, Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets, Borough of Manhattan.

DAVID E. AUSTEN, Receiver of Taxes.

JOHN J. McDONOUGH, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Manhattan.

JAMES B. BOUCK, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Brooklyn.

JOHN F. GOULDSBURY, First Auditor of Accounts, Borough of Manhattan.

WILLIAM MCKINNY, First Auditor of Accounts, Borough of Brooklyn.

MICHAEL O'KEEFE, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Brooklyn.

WALTER H. HOLT, Auditor, Borough of Richmond.

JOHN J. BETHRESTON, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Richmond.

GEORGE BRAND, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Richmond.

EDWARD J. CONNELL, Auditor, Borough of The Bronx.

FREDERICK W. BLECKWENN, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Queens.

FRANCIS R. CLARK, Auditor, Borough of Queens.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

Nos. 25 and 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

PATRICK KEENAN, City Chamberlain.

Office of the City Paymaster.

No. 33 Reade street, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN H. TIMMERMAN, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of Corporation Counsel.

Staats-Zeitung Building, 3d and 4th floors, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

THEODORE CONNOLLY, W. W. LADD, Jr., CHARLES BLANDY, Assistants.

ALMET F. JENKS, Assistant Corporation Counsel for Brooklyn.

Bureau for Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes

Stewart Building, Broadway and Chambers street 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties.

Nos. 119 and 121 Nassau street.

ADRIAN T. KIERNAN, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Bureau of Street Openings.

Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway.

JOHN P. DUNN, Assistant to Corporation Counsel.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BERNARD J. YORK, President of the Board; JOHN B. SEXTON, JACOB HESS, HENRY E. ABELL, Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

Central Office.

No. 66 Third Avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN W. KELLER, President of the Board; Commissioner for Manhattan and Bronx.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN, Deputy Commissioner.

ADOLPH SIMIS, Jr., Commissioner for Brooklyn and Queens.

ARTHUR A. QUINN, Deputy Commissioner.

JAMES FRENEY, Commissioner for Richmond.

Plans and Specifications, Contracts, Proposals and Estimates for Work and Materials for Building, Re-

pairs and Supplies, Bills and Accounts, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 12 M.

Out-door Poor Department. Office hours, 8.30 A. M. to 4.30 P. M.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Office hours for all, except where otherwise noted, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.

Headquarters.

Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street.

JOHN J. SCANNELL, Fire Commissioner.

JAMES H. TULL

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS J. DUNN, Sheriff; HENRY P. MULVANY, Under Sheriff.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ISAAC FROMME, Register; JOHN VON GLAHN, Deputy Register.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Room 127, Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN PURCELL, Commissioner.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF JURORS

No. 111 Fifth avenue.
H. W. GRAY, Commissioner.

N. Y. COUNTY JAIL.

No. 70 Ludlow street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
PATRICK H. PICKETT, Warden.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM SOMMER, County Clerk.
GEORGE H. FAHRBACH, Deputy.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE.

And Bureau of Printing, Stationery and Blank Books.
No. 2 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., except Saturdays, on which days 9 A. M. to 12 M.
WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Supervisor; SOLON BERRICK, Deputy Supervisor; THOMAS C. COWELL, Deputy Supervisor and Accountant.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

New Criminal Court Building, Centre Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ASA BIRD GARDINER, District Attorney; WILLIAM J. McKENNA, Chief Clerk.

NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Commissioners' Office, Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street, New York, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
LEWIS NIXON, President; JAMES W. BOYLE, Vice-President; SMITH E. LANE, Secretary; JULIAN D. FAIRCHILD, Treasurer; JOHN W. WEBER, THOMAS S. MOORE and THE MAYOR, Commissioners.
Chief Engineer's Office, No. 84 Broadway, Brooklyn, E. D., 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

CHANGE OF GRADE DAMAGE COMMISSION, TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

Room 58, Schermerhorn Building, No. 96 Broadway. Meetings, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 3 P. M.
DANIEL LORD, Chairman; JAMES M. VARNUM, WILLIAM E. STILLINGS, Commissioners.
LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

CORONERS.

Borough of Manhattan.
Office, New Criminal Court Building. Open at all times of day and night.
EDWARD T. FITZPATRICK, JACOB E. BAUSCH, EDWARD W. HART, ANTONIO ZUCCA.

Borough of the Bronx.
ANTHONY McOWEN, THOMAS M. LYNCH.

Borough of Brooklyn.
ANTHONY J. BURGER, GEORGE W. DELAP.

Borough of Queens.
PHILIP T. CRONIN, DR. SAMUEL S. GUY, JR., LEONARD ROUFF, JR., JAMAICA, L. I.

Borough of Richmond.
JOHN SEEVER, GEORGE C. TRANTER.

SURROGATES' COURT.

New County Court-house, Court opens at 10.30 A. M. adjourns 4 P. M.
FRANK T. FITZGERALD and JOHN H. V. ARNOLD, Surrogates; WILLIAM V. LEARY, Chief Clerk.

EXAMINING BOARD OF PLUMBERS.

Rooms 14, 15 and 16 Nos. 140 to 151 Church street. President, GEORGE B. BROWN; Secretary, JAMES E. MCGOVERN; Treasurer, JOHN RESEHAN; HOSACE LOOMIS, P. J. ANDREWS, ex officio.
Meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 P. M.

SUPREME COURT.

County Court-house, 10.30 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Special Term, Part I., Room No. 12.
Special Term, Part II., Room No. 15.
Special Term, Part III., Room No. 19.
Special Term, Part IV., Room No. 11.
Special Term, Part V., Room No. 23.
Special Term, Part VI., Room No. 27.
Special Term, Part VII., Room No. 25.
Special Term, Part VIII., Room No. 34.
Trial Term, Part II., Room No. 16.
Trial Term, Part III., Room No. 17.
Trial Term, Part IV., Room No. 18.
Trial Term, Part V., Room No. 32.
Trial Term, Part VI., Room No. 31.
Trial Term, Part VII., Room No. 30.
Trial Term, Part VIII., Room No. 24.
Trial Term, Part IX., Room No. 22.
Trial Term, Part X., Room No. 23.
Trial Term, Part XI., Room No. 24.
Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 26.
Justices—ABRAHAM K. LAWRENCE, CHARLES H. TRUX, CHARLES F. MACLEAN, FREDERICK SMYTH, JOSEPH F. DALY, MILES BEACH, ROGER A. PRYOR, LEONARD A. GEIGERICH, HENRY W. BOOKSTAVEN, HENRY BISCHOFF, JR., JOHN J. FRIEDMAN, WILLIAM N. COHEN, P. HENRY DUGRO, DAVID MCADAM, HENRY R. BECKMAN, HENRY A. GILDESLER, FRANCIS M. SCOTT, WILLIAM SOMMER, Clerk.

CITY COURT.

Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.
General Term.
Trial Term, Part I.
Part II.
Part III.
Part IV.
Special Term Chambers will be held 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Clerk's Office, brown-stone building, No. 32 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES M. FITZSIMONS, Chief Justice; JOHN H. MCCARTHY, LEWIS J. CONLAN, EDWARD F. O'DWYER, JOHN P. SCHUCHMAN and W. M. K. OLCOTT, Justices; THOMAS F. SMITH, Clerk.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Building for Criminal Courts, Centre street, between Franklin and White streets, Borough of Manhattan. Court opens at 10 A. M.
Justices, First Division—ELIZUR B. HINSDALE, WILLIAM TRAYERS JEROME, EPHRAIM A. JACOB, JOHN HAYES, WILLIAM C. HOLBROOK, WILLIAM M. FULLER, Clerk; J. SEPH H. JONES, Deputy Clerk.
Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Second Division—Trial days—Borough Hall, Brooklyn, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 10 o'clock; Town Hall, Jamaica, Borough of Queens, Tuesdays, at 10 o'clock; Town Hall, New Brighton, Borough of Richmond, Thursdays, at 10 o'clock.
Justices, JOHN COURTNEY, HOWARD J. FORKER, JOHN L. DEVANNY, JOHN FLEMING, THOMAS W.

FITZGERALD, JOSEPH L. KERRIGAN, Clerk; CHARLES F. WOLZ, Deputy Clerk.
Clerk's office, Borough Hall, Borough of Brooklyn open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held in the building for Criminal Courts, Centre, Elm, White and Franklin streets. Court opens at 11 o'clock.
RUFUS B. COWING, City Judge; JAMES FITZGERALD, Judge of the Court of General Sessions; JOHN W. GOFF, Recorder; JOSEPH E. NEWBURGER and MARTIN T. McMAHON, Judges of the Court of General Sessions. JOHN F. CARROLL, Clerk.
Clerk's office open from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Supreme Court, Part I., Criminal Trial Term.

Held in the building for Criminal Courts. Court opens at 10.30 A. M.
JOHN F. CARROLL, Clerk. Hours from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

APPELLATE DIVISION, SUPREME COURT.

Court-house, No. 111 Fifth avenue, corner Eighteenth street. Court opens at 1 P. M.
CHARLES H. VAN BRUNT, Presiding Justice; GEORGE C. BARRETT, CHESTER B. McLAUGHLIN, EDWARD PATTERSON, MORGAN J. O'BRIEN, GEORGE L. INGRAM, WILLIAM REMSEY, Justices. ALFRED WAGSTAFF, Clerk. WM. LAMB, JR., Deputy Clerk.

CRIMINAL DIVISION, SUPREME COURT.

New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Court opens at 10.30 o'clock A. M.
JOHN F. CARROLL, Clerk. Hours from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

MUNICIPAL COURTS.

Borough of Manhattan.
First District—Third, Fifth and Eighth Wards, and all that part of the First Ward lying west of Broadway and Whitehall street, including Governor's Island, Bedloe's Island, Ellis Island and the Oyster Islands. Court-room, No. 32 Chambers street (Brown Stone Building).
WAUHOPE LYNN, Justice. FRANK L. BACON, Clerk.
Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Second District—Second, Fourth, Sixth and Fourteenth Wards, and all that portion of the First Ward lying south and east of Broadway and Whitehall street. Court-room, corner of Grand and Centre streets.
HERMANN BOLTE, Justice. FRANCIS MANGIN, Clerk.
Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Third District—Ninth and Fifteenth Wards. Court-room, southwest corner Sixth avenue and West Tenth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. F. MOORE, Justice. DANIEL WILLIAMS, Clerk.

Fourth District—Tenth and Seventeenth Wards. Court-room, No. 30 First street, corner Second avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily, and remains open to close of business.
GEORGE F. ROESCH, Justice. JOHN E. LYNCH, Clerk.

Fifth District—Seventh, Eleventh and Thirteenth Wards. Court-room, No. 154 Clinton street.
HENRY M. GOLDFOGLE, Justice. JEREMIAH HAYES, Clerk.

Sixth District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards. Court-room, northwest corner Twenty-third street and Second avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily, and continues open to close of business.
DANIEL F. MARTIN, Justice. ABRAM BERNARD, Clerk.

Seventh District—Nineteenth Ward. Court-room, No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays), and continues open to close of business.
JOHN B. McKEAN, Justice. PATRICK McDAVITT, Clerk.

Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards. Court-room, northwest corner of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue. Court opens at 9 A. M. and continues open to close of business.

Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. each Court day.
Trial days, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Return days, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
JOSEPH H. STINER, Justice. THOMAS COSTIGAN, Clerk.

Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, except that portion thereof which lies west of the centre line of Lenox or Sixth avenue, and of the Harlem river north of the terminus of Lenox avenue. Court-room, No. 170 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeast corner of Sylvan place. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays), and continues open to close of business.
JOSEPH P. FALLON, Justice. WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, Clerk.

Tenth District—Twenty-second Ward and all that portion of the Twelfth Ward which is bounded on the north by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the south by the centre line of Eighty-sixth street, on the east by the centre line of Sixth avenue, and on the west by the North river. Court-room, No. 318 West Fifty-fourth street. Court opens daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES A. O'GORMAN, Justice. JAMES J. GALLIGAN, Clerk.

Eleventh District—That portion of the Twelfth Ward which lies north of the centre line of West One Hundred and Tenth street and west of the centre line of Lenox or Sixth avenue, and of the Harlem river north of the terminus of Lenox or Sixth avenue. Court-room, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Columbus avenue. Court opens daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
FRANCIS J. WORCESTER, Justice. ADOLPH N. DUMAHUT, Clerk.

Borough of the Bronx.

First District—All that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward which was lately annexed to the City and County of New York by chapter 1034 of the Laws of 1895, comprising all of the late Town of Westchester and part of the Towns of Eastchester and Pelham, including the Villages of Wakefield and Williamsbridge. Court-room, Town Hall, Main street, Westchester Village. Court opens daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM W. PENFIELD, Justice. JOHN N. STEWART, Clerk.

Second District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Court-room corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court opens at 9 A. M.
JOHN M. TIERNEY, Justice.

Borough of Brooklyn.

First District—Comprising First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Tenth and Twelfth Wards of the Borough of Brooklyn.
JACOB NEU, Justice. EDWARD MORAN, Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Second District—Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Eleventh, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third Wards. Court-room located at No. 794 Broadway, Brooklyn.
GERARD B. VAN WART, Justice. WILLIAM H. ALLEN, Chief Clerk.

Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Third District—Includes the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards. Court-house, Nos. 6 and 8 Lee avenue, Brooklyn.
WILLIAM SCHNITZFARN, Justice. CHARLES A. CONRADY, Clerk.

Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. Court opens at 10 o'clock.

Fourth District—Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Wards. Court-room, No. 14 Howard avenue.
ADOLPH H. GOETTING, Justice. HERMAN GOHLING-HORST, Clerk; JAMES P. SINNOTT, Assistant Clerk.
Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Fifth District—Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second Wards. Court-room on West Eighth street, near Surf avenue, Coney Island (located temporarily).
CORNELIUS FERGUSON, Justice. JEREMIAH J. O'LEARY, Clerk.
Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Borough of Queens.

First District—First Ward (all of Long Island City, formerly composing five Wards). Court-room, Queens County Court-house (located temporarily).
THOMAS C. KADIE, Justice. THOMAS F. KENNEDY, Clerk.

Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. each week day. Court held each day, except Saturday.
Second District—Second and Third Wards, which includes the territory of the late Towns of Newtown and Flushing. Court-room in Court-house of late Town of Newtown, corner of Broadway and Court street, Elmhurst, New York. P. O. address, Elmhurst, New York.
WILLIAM T. MONTEVERDE, Justice. HENRY WALTER, Jr., Clerk.

Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Third District—JAMES F. McLOUGHLIN.

Borough of Richmond.

First District—First and Third Wards (Towns of Castleton and Northfield). Court-room, former Village Hall, Lafayette avenue and Second street, New Brighton.

JOHN J. KENNEY, Justice; FRANCIS F. LEMAN, Clerk.
Court office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court held each day, except Saturday, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Second District—Second, Fourth and Fifth Wards (Towns of Middletown, Southfield and Westfield). Court-room, former Edgewater Village Hall, Stapleton Park, Stapleton.

ALBERT REYNAUD, Justice; PETER TIERNAN, Clerk.
Court office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court held each day from 10 A. M. and continues until close of business.

CITY MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

Courts open from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M.

City Magistrates—HENRY A. BRANN, ROBERT C. CORNELL, LEROY B. CRANE, JOSEPH M. DEUEL, CHARLES A. FLAMMER, HERMAN C. KUDLICH, CLARENCE W. MEADE, JOHN O. MOTT, JOSEPH POOL, CHARLES E. SIMMS, JR., THOMAS F. WENTWORTH, W. H. OLMSTEAD, EBEN DEMAREST, Secretary.

First District—Criminal Court Building.
Second District—Jefferson Market.
Third District—No. 69 Essex street.

Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue.

Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeastern corner of Sylvan place.

Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

Seventh District—Fifty-fourth street, west of Eighth avenue.

SECOND DIVISION.

Borough of Brooklyn.

First District—No. 318 Adams street. JACOB BRENNER, Magistrate.

Second District—Court and Butler streets. HENRY BRISTOW, Magistrate.

Third District—Myrtle and Vanderbilt avenues. CHARLES E. TEALE, Magistrate.

Fourth District—Nos. 6 and 8 Lee avenue. WILLIAM KRAMER, Magistrate.

Fifth District—Ewen and Powers streets. ANDREW LEMON, Magistrate.

Sixth District—Gates and Reid avenues. LEWIS R. WORTH, Magistrate.

Seventh District—No. 31 Grant street, Flatbush. ALFRED E. STEERS, Magistrate.

Eighth District—Coney Island. J. LOTT NOSTRAND, Magistrate.

Borough of Queens.

First District—Nos. 21 and 23 Jackson avenue, Long Island City. MATTHEW J. SMITH, Magistrate.

Second District—Flushing, Long Island. LUKE J. CONNORTON, Magistrate.

Third District—Far Rockaway, Long Island. EDMUND J. HEALY, Magistrate.

Borough of Richmond.

First District—New Brighton, Staten Island. JOHN CROAK, Magistrate.

Second District—Stapleton, Staten Island. NATHANIEL MARSH, Magistrate.

Secretary to the Board, CHARLES B. COATES, Myrtle and Vanderbilt avenues, Borough of Brooklyn.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

MORNING—"MORNING JOURNAL," "TELEGRAPH."
Evening—"Daily News," "Evening Sun."
Weekly—"Weekly Union," "Irish American."
German—"Morgen Journal."
WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Supervisor, City Record.

JANUARY 19, 1898.

DAMAGE COMM.—23-24 WARDS.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 537 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act providing for ascertaining and paying the amount of damages to lands and buildings suffered by reason of changes of grade of streets or avenues, made pursuant to chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887, providing for the depression of railroad tracks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in the City of New York, or otherwise," and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, notice is hereby given that public meetings of the Commissioners appointed pursuant to said acts, will be held at Room 58, Schermerhorn Building, No. 96 Broadway, in the City of New York, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, at 3 o'clock P. M., until further notice.
Dated New York, October 30, 1897.
DANIEL LORD, JAMES M. VARNUM, WILLIAM E. STILLINGS, Commissioners.
LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES,
BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, July 5, 1898.

LIST OF HOSPITAL SUPPLIES No. 9 AND LIST OF REPAIRS No. 6 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE below mentioned Hospital Supplies and Repairs will be received at the Central Office of this Department, No. 66 Third avenue, until 12 o'clock noon,

MONDAY, JULY 18, 1898,

at which time they will be publicly opened and read.
The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid for Hospital Supplies (or Repairs)," with his or their name or names and address, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

The awards will be made to the lowest bidders (see also note in specifications for supplies).

In the case of numbers 1638, 1675, 1676, 1679, 1703, 1711 and 1720, the award will be made to the lowest bidder on the combined articles under each number.

The Department reserves the right to take more or less, or none at all, of any of the articles, according as the demand therefor may be.

All bids must be based upon the descriptions furnished or samples exhibited by this Department, and not on samples furnished by the bidder.

Samples will be on exhibition at the Central Office of this Department, No. 66 Third avenue, during office hours, from July 11 until the bids are opened.

A.—SPECIFICATIONS OF SUPPLIES.

1.—Drugs and Chemicals.

N. B.—No bid for any article in this section will be received from any person or firm who is not known in the drug trade as a manufacturer, wholesale dealer or importer of the articles he bids on.

Prices to include containers.

Line No.	More or Less.
1630.	20 ounces Acid Camphoric, Merck, 1 oz. orig. v.
1631.	50 pounds Aloes, Socotrine, powd., pap.
1632.	3 gallons Bay Rum, imported, demijohn.
1633.	200 pounds Crocin, Pearson's, 50 lb. pack.
1634.	4 dozen Essence Pepsin, F. Bros. & F. 8 ozs.
1635.	4 pounds fluid extract Agaric, 1-lb. b.
1636.	1 gallon fluid extract Cascara Aromatic, Stearns'.
1637.	1 gallon fluid extract Grindelia Robusta.
1638.	HOMOEOPATHIC PREPARATIONS. About 100 pounds Domestic or Imported Tinctures (exclusive of rare drugs), per ounce. About 2,000 ounces Tablet Triturates, ordinary, in boxes (price per ounce), or in glass-st. bottles (price per ounce).

(Special Articles—price per ounce):

Agaricin 1X.	1 oz.
Arsenic Iodide 2X.	1 oz.
Bacillium 12X.	1 oz.
Aurum Muriat. 2X.	1 oz.
Cocaine 1X.	1 oz.
Hyoscin Hydrobromate 3X.	1 oz.
Mercurius Dulcis 1X.	1 oz.
Mercurius Solubilis, Hahn. 1X.	1 oz.
Morphine Sulphate 1X.	1 oz.
Platinum Chloride 30X.	1 oz.
Sanguinaria Nitrate 1X.	1 oz.
Santonin 1X.	1 oz.
Siphylum 200X.	1 oz.
Sparteine Sulph. 1X.	1 oz.
Tuberculinum 12X.	1 oz.
Cactus Grandiflor. 1X.	1 oz.
Cedron.	1 oz.

N. B.—No bid for Homoeopathic Medicines will be accepted from any but regular manufacturers of these preparations recognized by the profession.

1639.	20 ounces Ichthialbin, 1 oz. orig. p.
1640.	1 dozen Lloyd's Colorless Hydrastis, 1-lb. b.
1641.	16 ounces Mercury Binioides, 1-oz. v.
1642.	150 pounds Mercury Bichloride, U. S. P., 1-lb. box.
1643.	50 pounds Naphthalin Balls, pap.
1644.	2 pounds Oil Croton, 1 lb. b.
1645.	25 pounds Oil Thyme, Red I, Fritzsche Bro., orig. can.
1646.	6-500 Pills Phosphorus, 1-100 gr., gel. coat.
1647.	6-500 Pills Potass. Permanganate, 1 gr., gel. coat.
1647A.	30 gm. Pilocarpine Hydrochlorate, 10 gm. vials, Merck.
1648.	75 pounds Potassium Bicarbonate, 1 pound cart.
1649.	700 ounces Quinine Sulphate, U. S. P., 100 oz. orig. cans.
1650.	5 pounds Saffor, pure, spec. grav. 1.108.
1651.	200 ounces Silver Nitrate, cones, w. 5 per cent. Chloride, 1 oz. orig. v.
1652.	10 ounces Strychnine Sulphate, 1-64 gr., orig. b.
1653.	100 ounces Sulfonal, 1 oz. orig. c.
1654.	4-1000 Trit. Tablets, Digitalin, 1-64 gr., orig. b.
1655.	50-1000 Trit. Tablets, Calomel, 1-10 gr.
1656.	30-1000 Trit. Tablets, Calomel, 1-5 or 1-6 gr.
1657.	10-1000 Trit. Tablets, Calomel, 1/2 gr.
1658.	10-1000 Trit. Tablets, Calomel, 1 gr.
1659.	2-1000 Trit. Tablets, Hyoscyamine, 1-50 gr.
1660.	2-300 Tobacco Scraps for infusion.

II.—Miscellaneous Articles.

3 gross Bottles, green packing, 2 pounds W. M., like sample.

2 Burette Holders, nick.-plated, sample (see note at end).

8 Battery-cells, Edison-Lalande, Type S.

32 Battery-cell Renewals (for preceding).

Line No.	More or less.
1704.	2 Hooks, blunt.
1706.	8 dozen Ice Bags, No. 4, like sample.
1707.	2 dozen Knives, Rogers', 3-blade, like sample.
1708.	4 sets (8 each) Labels, Robb's Floating, Kny 8330.
1709.	6 gross Nipples, Anticolic, like sample.
1710.	2 dozen Pipettes for Doremus' Ureometer.
1711.	2 each Pitchers, Steel Porcelain, Kny 17550, 2½ quarts, 3½ quarts.
1712.	1 dozen Platinum Needles in Glass Rods.
1713.	1 Probe, Arnot's Grooved Silver.
1714.	6 Probes, Uterine.
1715.	2 Retractors (Depressors), Vaginal, Garrigue.
1716.	2 dozen Scissors, with Sheaths, like sample.
1717.	1 dozen Sounds, tunneled.
1718.	1 Speculum, Anvard, Garrigue.
1719.	3 dozen Straps, Leather, 20 inches, like sample.
1720.	24 dozen Syringes, "Acme," Male, No. 2.
1721.	24 dozen Syringes, "Acme," Male, No. 3.
1722.	24 dozen Syringes, "Acme," Male, No. 4.
1723.	1 Syringe, Uterine, Brown's (Hemman 3400).
1724.	12 dozen Syringes, Bulb, Goodyear's Union No. 5, with one tube twice as long as the other.
1725.	3 dozen Tubes, Soft Rubber, Stomach, plain, Tiemann's make.
1726.	2 dozen Tubes, Soft Rubber, Stomach, with bulb and funnel.
B.—SPECIFICATIONS OF REPAIRS.	
1730.	200 (more or less) Surgical and Clinical Instruments. (See note at end.)

NOTE.—The samples referred to under Nos. 1666, 1669, 1671 and 1676 can be seen at the General Drug Department during business hours. The instruments, batteries and sterilizers to be repaired can be seen at the General Drug Department during business hours, on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Monday on which the bids are opened.

The articles, supplies, goods, wares and merchandise are to be delivered, free of expense, at the General Drug Department on the grounds of Bellevue Hospital, East Twenty-sixth street, east of First avenue, and are to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be required.

The quality of the Hospital Supplies must conform in every respect to the specifications and samples, and bidders are cautioned to examine both specifications and samples of the articles required before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

No bid or estimate 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 award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners, or be provided for by the specifications.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract, by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each article.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties 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 bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders, in 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 making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons 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 supplies 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 this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 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.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the

proper security, 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, as provided by law.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine. The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the General Bookkeeper and Auditor, No. 65 Third avenue, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

JOHN W. KELLER, President,
ADOLPH SIMIS, Jr., Commissioner,
JAMES FEENEY, Commissioner,
Department of Public Charities.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF THE Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS, as follows:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, FIFTH WARD.

COLLISTER STREET—SEWER, between Hubert and Beach streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Collister street, between Hubert and Beach streets.

SEVENTH WARD.

CORLEARS STREET—PAVING, between Grand and South streets, and LAYING CROSSWALKS. Area of assessment: Both sides Corlears street, between Grand and South streets, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating streets.

TWELFTH WARD.

BOULEVARD LAFAYETTE—SEWER, between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and the summit north of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Boulevard Lafayette, from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street to a point about 1,325 feet north of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH STREET—FENCING VACANT LOTS, north side, between Fifth and Lenox avenues. Area of assessment: North side of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, on lots numbered 11 to 14 inclusive, and 19 to 27 inclusive, of Block No. 1300.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH STREET—PAVING, between the Boulevard and Riverside Drive. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, between the Boulevard and Riverside Drive, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING, between Convent avenue and St. Nicholas terrace. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from St. Nicholas terrace to Twelfth avenue; both sides of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from Convent avenue to Twelfth avenue; both sides of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from Amsterdam avenue to Twelfth avenue; both sides of St. Nicholas terrace, commencing about one hundred feet south of One Hundred and Thirtieth street to a point on a line with the north side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street; and east side of Twelfth avenue, from a point about 100 feet south of One Hundred and Thirtieth street to a point about 100 feet north of One Hundred and Thirtieth street.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET—PAVING, between Eleventh avenue and Boulevard Lafayette. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Eleventh avenue and Boulevard Lafayette, and to the extent of half the blocks on the terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET—PAVING, between Boulevard Lafayette and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad tracks. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Boulevard Lafayette and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad tracks, and to the extent of half the blocks on the terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIXTH STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING, from Amsterdam avenue to Wadsworth avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street, between Amsterdam and Wadsworth avenues, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH STREET—SEWER, between Kingsbridge road and Amsterdam avenue, with BRANCHES in Eleventh avenue, both sides, between One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street and One Hundred and Ninetieth street, also CURVES at Wadsworth, Eleventh and Audubon avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street, between Kingsbridge road and Amsterdam avenue; both sides of One Hundred and Eighty-ninth streets, between Audubon and Wadsworth avenues; north side of One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street, between Audubon and Wadsworth avenues; south side of One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street, from a point about 100 feet easterly of Eleventh avenue to Wadsworth avenue; both sides of Eleventh and of Audubon avenues, between One Hundred and Eighty-sixth and One Hundred and Ninetieth streets, and both sides of Wadsworth avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-fifth and One Hundred and Ninetieth streets.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHTH STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING, between Audubon and Wadsworth avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, between Audubon and Wadsworth avenues, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINTH STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING, between Amsterdam and Wadsworth avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street, between Amsterdam and Wadsworth avenues, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETIETH STREET—SEWER, between Amsterdam and Eleventh avenues, with CURVE in Audubon avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Ninetieth street, between Amsterdam and Eleventh avenues, and both sides of Audubon avenue, from One Hundred and Ninetieth street to a point about 580 feet north of One Hundred and Ninetieth street.

FIFTEENTH, EIGHTEENTH, NINETEENTH AND TWENTY-FIRST WARDS.

FIFTH AVENUE—SEWERS, between Waverley place and Thirty-first street, and alteration and improvement to basins at Fourteenth, Seventeenth and Nineteenth streets, between Thirty-first and Thirty-fourth streets, and Thirty-fifth and Thirty-ninth streets, with alteration and improvement to sewers in Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets, between Thirty-ninth and Forty-second streets and Forty-seventh and Fiftieth streets. Area of assessment:

Both sides of Fifth avenue, from Waverley place to Ninth street; west side of Fifth avenue, from Eleventh to Twelfth street; west side of Fifth avenue, from Thirteenth to Sixteenth street; east side of Fifth avenue, commencing about 129 feet south of Fourteenth street and extending northerly to Sixteenth street; both sides of Fifth avenue, from Eighteenth to Twentieth street; both sides of Fifth avenue, from Twenty-first to Twenty-third street; west side of Fifth avenue, from Twenty-fifth to Twenty-sixth street; both sides of Fifth avenue, from Twenty-sixth to Twenty-eighth street; east side of Fifth avenue, from Twenty-eighth to Thirty-fourth street; west side of Fifth avenue, from Thirty-first to Thirty-second street; west side of Fifth avenue, from Thirty-third to Thirty-fourth street; east side of Fifth avenue, from Thirty-fifth to Thirty-ninth street; west side of Fifth avenue, from about 21 feet south of Thirty-sixth to Fortieth street; east side of Fifth avenue, from a point about 105 feet south of Forty-first street to a point about 9 feet north of Forty-second street; west side of Fifth avenue, from Forty-seventh to Fiftieth street; east side of Fifth avenue, from a point about 105 feet north of Seventeenth street to both sides of Seventeenth street, from Broadway to Fifth avenue; west side of Broadway, extending about 74 feet north of Seventeenth street; north side of Broadway, extending about 84 feet north of Nineteenth street; north side of Thirty-first street, from Broadway to Fifth avenue; south side of Thirty-second street, extending about 460 feet west of Fifth avenue; north side of Thirty-fifth street, extending about 302 feet east of Fifth avenue; south side of Thirty-seventh street, extending about 177 feet east of Fifth avenue; both sides of Fourteenth street, from Broadway to Fifth avenue, and west side of Union Square, West, from Fourteenth to Fifteenth street.

SIXTEENTH WARD.

TWENTY-FIRST STREET—PAVING, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Twenty-first street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

TWENTY-SECOND STREET—PAVING, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Twenty-second street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, and to the extent of half the blocks on the terminating avenues.

TWENTY-THIRD STREET—PAVING, between Eleventh and Thirteenth avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Twenty-third street, between Eleventh and Thirteenth avenues, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

TWENTY-FOURTH STREET—PAVING, between Tenth avenue and the Hudson river. Area of assessment: Both sides of Twenty-fourth street, between Tenth avenue and the Hudson river, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

TWENTY-FIFTH STREET—PAVING, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Twenty-fifth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

TWENTY-SECOND WARD.

FIFTY-NINTH STREET—SEWER, between Eleventh avenue and North river, with new CURVES in Twelfth avenue, and new OUTLET under pier. Area of assessment: Both sides of Fifty-ninth street, from Eleventh avenue to the Hudson river; both sides of Sixtieth street, commencing about 400 feet east of Amsterdam avenue and extending westerly to the Hudson river; both sides of Sixty-first street, commencing about 300 feet east of Amsterdam avenue to the Hudson river; both sides of Sixty-second street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Hudson river; both sides of Sixty-third street and north side of Fifty-sixth street, from Amsterdam or Tenth avenue to Eleventh or West End avenue; west side of Ninth avenue, from Fifty-seventh to Fifty-ninth street; both sides of Tenth or Amsterdam avenue, from Fifty-seventh to Sixty-first street; west side of Tenth avenue, from Fifty-sixth to Fifty-seventh street and from Sixty-first to Sixty-third street; both sides of Eleventh or West End avenue, from Fifty-sixth to Sixty-fourth street, and east side of Twelfth avenue, from Fifty-sixth street to a point about 100 feet north of Sixty-second street.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

TWENTY-THIRD WARD.

JEFFERSON STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING AND LAYING CROSSWALKS, between Franklin avenue and Boston road. Area of assessment: Both sides of Jefferson street, between Franklin avenue and Boston road, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

TEASDALE PLACE—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING AND LAYING CROSSWALKS, between Third and Trinity avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Teasdale place, between Third and Trinity avenues, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

WALLES AVENUE—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING AND LAYING CROSSWALKS, between St. Joseph street and One Hundred and Fifty-first street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Wales avenue, between St. Joseph street and a point midway One Hundred and Fifty-first street and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating streets.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.

RIVERVIEW TERRACE—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING AND LAYING CROSSWALKS, between Sedgwick and Cedar avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Riverview terrace, between Sedgwick and Cedar avenues, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intervening and terminating streets and avenues.

WELCH STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING, LAYING CROSSWALKS AND BUILDING FENCES, between the New York and Harlem Railroad and Webster avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Welch street, between the New York and Harlem Railroad and Webster avenue, and to the extent of half the blocks on the terminating avenues.

—that the same was confirmed by the Board of Revision of Assessments on June 23, 1898, and entered on the same date in the Record of Titles of Assessments Confirmed, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter. Said section provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and on Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and all payments made thereon on or before August 23, 1898, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be

subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

BIRD S. COLER,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, June 28, 1898.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF THE Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS, as follows:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

TWELFTH WARD.

NINETIETH STREET—PAVING, between First avenue and East river. Area of assessment: Both sides of Ninetieth street, between First avenue and East river, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING AND LAYING CROSSWALKS, between Amsterdam avenue and Edgecombe road. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Amsterdam avenue and Edgecombe road, and to the extent of half the blocks on the terminating avenues.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

TWENTY-THIRD WARD.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH STREET—PAVING, between Alexander and Willis avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, between Alexander and Willis avenues, and to the extent of half the blocks on the terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTIETH STREET—PAVING, between the New York and Harlem Railroad and Webster avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Seventieth street, between the New York and Harlem Railroad and Webster avenue, and to the extent of half the blocks on the terminating and intersecting avenues.

—that the same was confirmed by the Board of Assessors on June 21, 1898, and entered on the same date, in the Record of Titles of Assessments Confirmed, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter. Said section provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

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BIRD S. COLER,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, June 24, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK,
June 21, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES, WITH THE title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received by the Park Board, at its offices, Arsenal Building, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, Central Park, until 11 o'clock A. M. of

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1898.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING HAY, STRAW, OATS, CORN AND BRAN, AS FOLLOWS:

245,000 pounds of Hay of the quality known as prime sweet Timothy.
100,000 pounds of Red Clover Hay.
24,000 pounds of clean Rye Straw.
7,000 bushels of clean No. 1 White Clipped Oats.
21,000 pounds of clean, sound No. 2 Yellow Corn.
9,000 pounds of first quality Bran.

To be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be required at the points on the Central Park designated in the contract.

The amount of security required is Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

Bidders must satisfy themselves by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the nature and extent of the work, and shall not, at any time after the submission of an estimate, dispute or complain of such statement, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties 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 bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in 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 making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons 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 this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with

the intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of chapter 8 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 to be approved by the Comptroller of The City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

N. B.—The prices must be written in the estimate and also stated in figures, and all estimates will be considered as informal which do not contain bids for all items for which bids are herein called, or which contain bids for items for which bids are not herewith called for. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate. No bid 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 Park Board reserves the right to reject any or all the bids received in response to this advertisement, if it should deem it for the interest of the City so to do, and to readvertise until satisfactory bids or proposals shall be received, but the contracts when awarded will be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Blank forms for proposals, and forms of the several contracts which the successful bidder will be required to execute, can be had, the plans can be seen, and information relative to them can be had at the office of the Department, Arsenal, Central Park.

GEORGE C. CLAUSEN,
AUGUST MOEBUS,
GEORGE V. BROWER,

Commissioners of Parks of The City of New York.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES,
PIER "A," NORTH RIVER.

TO CONTRACTORS.

(No. 630.)

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR PREPARING FOR AND BUILDING A CRIB BULKHEAD BETWEEN WEST ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH AND WEST ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH STREETS, NORTH RIVER, IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

ESTIMATES FOR PREPARING FOR AND building a crib bulkhead between West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth and West One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets, North river, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks and Ferries, at the office of said Department, on Pier "A," foot of Battery place, North river, in The City of New York, until 4 o'clock p. m., of

MONDAY, JULY 11, 1898.

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

Any person making an estimate for the work shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the nature, quantities and extent of the work is as follows:

Crib Bulkhead complete, containing about the following quantities:

1. About 475,558 cubic feet, more or less, of cribwork, complete, including fenders and backing-logs, and measured from the under side of the backing-logs.

NOTE.—In calculating the contents of this crib, the dimensions have been taken from the extremities of the ties and to the outside of the facing timbers, for a height of 10 feet above mean low water, and an assumed depth of 22 feet below mean low water.

2. Mooring Posts..... 9
3. White Oak Fender Piles..... 4
4. Materials for Painting, Oiling and Tarring.
5. Labor of every description for about 475 linear feet of Cribwork.

N. B.—As the above-mentioned quantities, though stated with as much accuracy as is possible, in advance, are approximate only, bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become a part of every estimate received:

(1) Bidders must satisfy themselves, by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not at any time after the submission of an estimate dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

(2) Bidders will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks and Ferries, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract, and the plans therein referred to. No extra compensation beyond the amount payable for the entire work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed at the price therefor, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The work to be done under the contract is to be commenced within five days after the date of the receipt of a notification from the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks and Ferries that the work is ready to be begun, and all the work to be done under this contract is to be fully completed on or before the expiration of sixty days after the date of service of said notification, and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof has expired are, by a clause in the contract, determined, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

Where The City of New York owns the wharf, pier or bulkhead, at which the materials under this contract are to be delivered, and the same is not leased, no charge will be made to the contractor for wharfage upon vessels conveying said materials.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the work to be done, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which price the bids will be tested. This price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the con-

tract, including any claim that may arise through delay, from any cause, in the performing of the work thereunder. The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made to the bidder who is the lowest for doing the whole of the work, and whose estimate is regular in all respects.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimates for doing the whole of the work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office, with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect, and in case of failure or neglect so to do he or they will be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to The City of New York; and the contract will be readvertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested the estimate shall distinctly state the fact; also that the estimate is made without any consultation, connection or agreement with, and the amount thereof has not been disclosed to, any other person or persons making an estimate for the same purpose, and is not higher than the lowest regular market price for the same kind of labor or material, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that no combination or pool exists of which the bidder is a member, or in which the bidder is directly or indirectly interested, or of which the bidder has knowledge, either personal or otherwise, to bid a certain price, or not less than a certain price, for said labor or material, or to keep others from bidding thereon; and also that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or any other officer or employee of The City of New York, or any of its departments, is directly or indirectly interested in this estimate or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof, and has not been given, offered or promised, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary or other consideration by the bidder, or anyone in his behalf, with a view to influencing the action or judgment of such officer or employee in this or any other transaction heretofore had with this Department, which estimate 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 to by all the parties interested.

In case a bid shall be submitted by or in behalf of any corporation, it must be signed in the name of such corporation by some duly authorized officer or agent thereof, who shall also subscribe his own name and office. If practicable, the seal of the corporation should also be affixed.

Each estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in 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 estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance, and that if the said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to The City of New York any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled upon its completion and that which The City of New York 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 to be done 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 a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered will be subject to approval by the Comptroller of The City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

No estimate will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to The City of New York, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the said City.

In case there are two or more bids at the same price which price is the lowest price bid, the contract, if awarded, will be awarded by lot, to one of the lowest bidders.

THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ALL THE ESTIMATES IS RESERVED IF DEEMED FOR THE INTEREST OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Bidders are requested, in making their bids or estimates, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

J. SERGEANT CRAM,
CHARLES F. MURPHY,
PETER F. MEYER,
Commissioners of Docks.

Dated June 24, 1898

PHILIP A. SMYTH, AUCTIONEER, WILL sell, on behalf of the Board of Docks, on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1898,

commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following lots of old material at the foot of East One Hundred and Second street and continuing at the places designated:

ON THE EAST RIVER.

At Foot of East One Hundred and Second street.

Lot 1. About 72 Pile Tops, 15 by 37 feet long, points.

Lot 2. About 3 Pile Butts, 19 by 26 feet long, 12-in points.

At Foot of East Twenty-fourth Street.

Lot 3. About 2,030 pounds Scrap Cast Iron.

Lot 4. About 1,400 pounds Scrap Wrought Iron.

Lot 5. About 2 tons Plate Iron from Old Boat.

Lot 6. About 3 Old Divers Dresses.

Lot 7. About 24 Old Shovels.

Lot 8. About 300 feet Old Rubber Hose.

At Foot of East Twentieth Street.

Lot 9. About 65 Pile Butts, 18 to 35 feet long, 6-inch points.

ON THE NORTH RIVER.

At West Fifty-seventh Street Yard.

Lot 10. About 12,000 pounds Old Wrought Iron.

Lot 11. About 9,000 pounds Old Cast Iron.

Lot 12. About 600 pounds Old Rope.
Lot 13. About 7 pairs Old Rubber Boots.
Lot 14. About 8 Old Diving Dresses.
Lot 15. About 200 feet Old Rubber Hose.
Lot 16. About 10 Old Galvanized Suction Pumps.
Lot 17. About 16 Old Pulley Blocks.
Lot 18. Lot of Old Windlass Castings.
Lot 19. 1 Old Tubular Boiler and Stack.

At Foot of West Eleventh Street, N. R.

Lot 20. About 1,400 Pile Butts, from 20 to 23 feet in length, 12-inch points.

TERMS OF SALE.

The sale will commence at 10 o'clock A. M., and be continued in the following order:

1st. At the foot of East One Hundred and Second street, East river.

2d. At the foot of East Twenty-fourth street, East river.

3d. At the foot of East Twentieth street, East river.

4th. At the foot of West Fifty-seventh street, North river.

5th. At the foot of West Eleventh street, North river.

Each of the above lots will be sold separately and for a sum in gross.

The estimated quantities stated to be in the several lots are believed to be correct, but the Department will not make any allowance from the purchase money for short deliveries on any lot, and bidders must judge for themselves as to the correctness of the estimate of quantity when making their bids.

If the purchaser or purchasers fails or fail to effect the removal of the material within ten days from the date of sale, he or they shall forfeit his or their purchase money or moneys and the ownership of the material.

Terms of sale to be cash, to be paid at the time of sale.

An order will be given for the material purchased.

J. SERGEANT CRAM,
CHAS. F. MURPHY,
PETER F. MEYER,
Commissioners of Docks.

Dated June 17, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of The City of New York, at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, No. 585 Broadway, eleventh floor, Borough of Manhattan, until 4 o'clock p. m., on

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1898,

for Making Alterations, Repairs, etc., to Public School 5, Astoria, Long Island City, Borough of Queens.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blank proposals obtained at the Annex of the Hall of the Board of Education, Estimating Room, No. 585 Broadway, twelfth floor.

The attention of bidders is expressly called to the time stated in the contract within which the work must be completed. They are expressly notified that the successful bidder will be held strictly to completion within said time.

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

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

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

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

It is required, as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposals, that a certified check upon or a certificate of deposit of one of the State or National banks or Trust Companies of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the President of the Board of Education, shall accompany the proposal to an amount of not less than three per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for or exceeds ten thousand dollars, and to an amount of not less than five per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for an amount under ten thousand dollars; that on demand, within one day after the awarding of the contract by the Committee, the President of the said Board will return all the deposits of checks and certificates of deposit made, to the persons making the same, except that made by the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted; and that if the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall refuse or neglect, within five days after due notice has been given that the contract is ready for execution, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit or of the check or certificate of deposit made by him or them shall be forfeited to and retained by this Board, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York; but if the said person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his or their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 2, 1898.

JACOB W. MACK,
JOHN MCNAMEE,
JOHN E. EUSTIS,
HENRY A. ROGERS,
G. HOWLAND LEAVITT,
JOHN R. THOMPSON,
HUGH KELLY,

Committee on Buildings.

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TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1898,

for Making Alterations, Repairs, etc., to Public Schools Nos. 7, 13, 30, 51, 60, 62, 64, 67, 69, 72, 83, 84, 86, 87, 103, 121, 141, Boys' High School, Girls' High School and Truant School, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

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ready for execution, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit or of the check or certificate of deposit made by him or them shall be forfeited to and retained by this Board, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York; but if the said person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his or their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 30, 1898.

JACOB W. MACK,
JOHN MCNAMEE,
JOHN E. EUSTIS,
HENRY A. ROGERS,
G. HOWLAND LEAVITT,
JOHN R. THOMPSON,
HUGH KELLY,

Committee on Buildings.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, Borough of Manhattan, until

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1898,

at 3.30 o'clock P. M., for furnishing the Truant School, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with supplies, such as meat, provisions, etc., etc., for the six months ending December 31, 1898.

Each proposal must be addressed to the Committee on Supplies, and indorsed "Proposals for Furnishing the Truant School with Meat, Provisions, etc."

The Committee reserves the right to reject the whole or any part of any bid not deemed for the public interest. Specifications and all other information may be obtained by applying to the Superintendent of School Supplies, No. 146 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 24, 1898.

HENRY A. ROGERS,
EDWARD L. COLLIER,
G. HOWLAND LEAVITT,
Committee on Supplies.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until

FRIDAY JULY 8, 1898,

at 3.30 P. M., for Printing the Minutes of the School Board of the Borough of Brooklyn, also Monthly Abstracts, etc., etc.

Each proposal must be addressed to the Committee on Supplies, and indorsed "Proposals for Printing." Two sureties satisfactory to said Committee will be required for the faithful performance of the contract.

The Committee reserves the right to reject the whole or part of any bid not deemed for the public interest. Specifications and all other information may be obtained by applying to the Superintendent of School Supplies, at No. 146 Grand street.

NEW YORK, June 24, 1898.

HENRY A. ROGERS,
EDWARD L. COLLIER,
G. HOWLAND LEAVITT,
Committee on Supplies.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of The City of New York, at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, No. 585 Broadway, eleventh floor, Borough of Manhattan, until 4 o'clock p. m., on

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1898,

for Making Alterations, Repairs, etc., to Public Schools 50, 53, 59, 74 and 76; also for Improving the Sanitary Condition of Public Schools 5, 9, 10, 48, 77, 82, 85, 86, 89, 117, 118 and 141; also for Supplying New School Furniture for Old School Buildings.

Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals obtained at the Annex of the Hall of the Board of Education, Estimating Room, No. 585 Broadway, twelfth floor.

The attention of bidders is expressly called to the time stated in the contract within which the work must be completed. They are expressly notified that the successful bidder will be held strictly to completion within said time.

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

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

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

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

It is required as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposals that a certified check upon or a certificate of deposit of one of the State or National banks or Trust Companies of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the President of the Board of Education, shall accompany the proposal to an amount of not less than three per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for or exceeds ten thousand dollars, and to an amount of not less than five per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for an amount under ten thousand dollars; that on demand, within one day after the awarding of the contract by the Committee, the President of the said Board will return all the deposits of checks and certificates of deposit made, to the persons making the same, except that made by the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted; and that if the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall refuse or neglect, within five days after due notice has been given that the contract is ready for execution, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit or of the check or certificate of deposit made by him or them shall be forfeited to and retained by this Board, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York; but if the said person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his or their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 24, 1898.

JACOB W. MACK,
JOHN MCNAMEE,
JOHN E. EUSTIS,
HENRY A. ROGERS,
G. HOWLAND LEAVITT,
JOHN R. THOMPSON,
HUGH KELLY,

Committee on Buildings.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of The City of New York, at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, No. 585 Broadway, eleventh floor, Borough of Manhattan, until 4 o'clock p. m., on

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1898,

for Making Alterations and Repairs to Public School 21, located in the Borough of Richmond; also for supplying Heating and Ventilating Apparatus for Public School 20, located in the Borough of Richmond.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blank proposals obtained at the Annex of the Hall of the Board of Education, Estimating Room, No. 585 Broadway, twelfth floor.

The attention of bidders is expressly called to the time stated in the contract within which the work must be completed. They are expressly notified that the successful bidder will be held strictly to completion within said time.

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Dated Borough of Manhattan, June 24, 1898.

JACOB W. MACK,

JOHN MCNAMEE,

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HENRY A. ROGERS,

G. HOWLAND LEAVITT,

JOHN K. THOMPSON,

HUGH KELLY,

Committee on Buildings.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1898, AT PURDY'S, AT 10 A. M., AND AT GOLDEN'S BRIDGE, AT 11.30 A. M.

SALE TO CONTINUE UNTIL PROPERTY IS ALL SOLD.

THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS OF THE City of New York, will sell at public auction, under the direction of Peter F. Meyer & Co., Auctioneers, on the premises, the following-described buildings now standing within the purchase line of the New Croton Reservoir at Purdy's Station and Golden's Bridge, Westchester County, New York.

Parcel No.	FORMER OWNER.	DESCRIPTION.	Minimum Price.
419	Edward B. Brady	Store, frame, with shed and scales.....	\$250 00
	"	Barn.....	10 00
	"	Ice-house.....	5 00
	"	Shop, frame.....	60 00
	"	Cow-barn, with additions.....	40 00
422	Edward B. Brady	House, frame.....	10 00
	"	".....	2 00
	"	Storehouse, frame.....	2 00
466	Thomas H. Purdy	House, frame.....	10 00
468	Est. Stephen Butler	Barn.....	2 00
474	Est. Odel Close	House, frame.....	3 00
482	Est. Odel Close	".....	3 00
484	Est. T. Miller	".....	5 00
	"	Wash-house, frame.....	25 00
486	Mary E. Fuller	House, frame.....	15 00
495	Richard Early	Barn.....	10 00
500	John Gandle	House, frame.....	2 00
502	E. A. Baldwin	Shop, frame.....	10 00
510	Edw. B. Brady	House, frame.....	5 00
510	"	".....	5 00
510	"	Barn.....	1 00
515	N. Y. Condensed Milk Co.	Factory, brick and frame.....	200 00

TERMS OF SALE.

First—The purchase money must be paid on the day of sale.

Second—The buildings will be sold to the stone foundations.

Third—The buildings must be moved off the City's property by October 1, 1898.

Fourth—No building will be sold for less than the minimum price given in the CITY RECORD and in the posters.

Fifth—The buildings must be moved to new sites which are at least two hundred and fifty feet from the Croton river, or any of its affluents or any drain emptying therein.

Sixth—None of the buildings shall be moved to land required for the New Croton Reservoir, as shown on the maps on file in the County Clerk's Office at White Plains, Westchester County, N. Y.

Seventh—If any building or part of the same is left on the property of The City of New York on and after the 1st day of October, 1898, the purchaser shall forfeit all right and title to the buildings or any part of building so left, and also to the money, part of the consideration paid at the time of sale; and the Aqueduct Commissioners may, at any time on or after the 1st day of October, 1898, rescind said buildings or parts of buildings, or remove or destroy the same.

The Aqueduct Commissioners reserve the right to exclude from such sale any buildings that may be designated by the Division Engineer.

By order of the Aqueduct Commissioners of The City of New York.

JOHN J. RYAN,

President.

HARRY W. WALKER,

Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
STEWART BUILDING, No. 280 BROADWAY,
July 5, 1898.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments that the assessment rolls of real and personal estate in said city, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for the year 1898, have been finally completed, and have been delivered to and filed with the Municipal Assembly of said city, and that such assessment rolls will remain open to public inspection, in the office of said Municipal Assembly, for a period of fifteen days from the date of this notice.

THOS. L. FEITNER,

President,

EDWARD C. SHEEHY,

THOS. J. PATTERSON,

WM. F. GRELL,

ARTHUR C. SALMON,

Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, JUNE 28, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at No. 346 Broadway, Room 1142, until one (1) o'clock P. M. on

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1898.

The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, in Room 1142, No. 346 Broadway, at the hour above-mentioned.

NO. 1. FOR FURNISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, WITH SEVEN THOUSAND (7,000) GROSS TONS, 2,240 POUNDS TO A TON, OF THE BEST GRADES OF LEHIGH HARD COAL.

NO. 2. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ICE TO THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND OFFICES IN CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, 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 in the work to which it relates or in any portion of the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in The City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must 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, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in a sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained in Room No. 33 Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn.

HENRY S. KEARNY,

Commissioner of Public Buildings,
Lighting and Supplies.

NORMAL COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Executive Committee for the care, government and management of the Normal College, until 4 o'clock P. M., on

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1898,

at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan, for supplying the college buildings with five hundred (500) tons, more or less, of Egg Size Coal, and fifteen (15) tons, more or less, of Nut Size Coal, all to be Red Ash Coal, of the best quality, clean and in good order, two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to a ton, to be stored in the bins of the College at the expense of the contractor furnishing the same, and to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be required by the executive committee.

The proposals must state the mines from which it is proposed to supply the coal (to be furnished from the mines named if accepted), and must state the price per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds.

The coal will be inspected and weighed under the supervision of the Inspector of Fuel of the Board of Education.

The contractor or contractors will be required to present with every bill of delivery a bill of lading with each boat-load as partial evidence of the kind and quality of the coal claimed to be delivered.

Two stipulated sureties, or bond by one of the guarantee companies, for the faithful performance of the contract, will be required, and each proposal must be accompanied by the signatures and residences of the proposer's sureties. No compensation above the contract price will be allowed for delivering said coal at the buildings of the Normal College.

The party submitting a proposal and the parties proposing to become sureties must each write his name on said proposal.

The Executive Committee reserves the right to impose such conditions and penalties in the contract as it may deem proper, and to reject any or all proposals received when deemed best for the public interest.

Proposals must be addressed to the Executive Committee for the Normal College of The City of New York, at No. 146 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan.

JACOB W. MACK,

Chairman,

A. EMERSON PALMER,

Secretary.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, June 23, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, July 1, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at No. 150 Nassau street, corner of Spruce street, in Room No. 1704, until 11 o'clock A. M.,

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1898.

The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, in Room No. 1727, No. 150 Nassau street at the hour above mentioned.

NO. 1. FOR FURNISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, WITH 100,000 GALLONS OF NO. 6 PAVING CEMENT.

NO. 2. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, BROKEN STONE AND SCREENINGS OF TRAP-ROCK, TO BE DISTRIBUTED WHERE REQUIRED ALONG CERTAIN STREETS IN SAID BOROUGH.

NO. 3. FOR FURNISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, WITH 2,000 CUBIC YARDS OF WASHED GRAVEL.

NO. 4. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, BROKEN STONE AND SCREENINGS OF TRAP-ROCK OR SYENITE, TO BE DISTRIBUTED WHERE REQUIRED ALONG CERTAIN STREETS SOUTH OF RICHMOND TURNPIKE, IN THE SAID BOROUGH.

NO. 5. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, BROKEN STONE AND SCREENINGS OF TRAP-ROCK OR SYENITE, TO BE DISTRIBUTED WHERE REQUIRED ALONG CERTAIN STREETS NORTH OF RICHMOND TURNPIKE, IN THE SAID BOROUGH.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, 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 in the work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in The City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must 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, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in a sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained in Room No. 1733 for Nos. 4 and 5; in Room No. 1704 for No. 2, and in Basement for Nos. 1 and 3, No. 150 Nassau street.

JAMES P. KEATING,

Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, July 1, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

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THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1898.

The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, in Room No. 1727, No. 150 Nassau street, at the hour above mentioned.

FOR REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING THE ASPHALT PAVEMENT NOW IN THE FOLLOWING-NAMED STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN:

NO. 1. PARK PLACE, FROM SIXTH AVENUE TO FLATBUSH AVENUE.

First place, from Court street to Smith street.

Park place, from Flatbush avenue to Vanderbilt avenue.

Willoughby avenue, from Washington Park to one hundred feet east.

Cumberland street, from Park avenue to Myrtle avenue.

Garden place, from State street to Joralemon street.

Sidney place, from Joralemon street to Livingston street.

St. Mark's avenue, from Flatbush avenue to Carlton avenue.

Berkeley place, from Fourth avenue to Sixth avenue.

Eighth avenue, from Flatbush avenue to Lincoln place.

Hancock street, from Nosstrand avenue to Tompkins avenue.

Lincoln place, from Fifth avenue to Sixth avenue.

Remsen street, from Clinton street to Court street.

Sixth avenue, from Atlantic avenue to Flatbush avenue.

Sixth avenue, from Union street to Garfield place.

Sterling place, from Fifth avenue to Sixth avenue.

CLIFTON PLACE, FROM ST. JAMES PLACE TO 150 FEET EAST.

Clinton avenue, from Fulton street to Atlantic avenue.

Eighth avenue, from Lincoln place to Union street.

Lafayette avenue, from St. James place to Ryerson street.

Lincoln place, from Sixth avenue to Plaza street.

Livingston street, from Clinton street to Berum place.

Ross street, from Bedford avenue to 120 feet west.

Ryerson street, from Willoughby avenue to Lafayette avenue.

Baltic street, from Clinton street to Henry street.

Berkeley place, from Sixth avenue to Plaza street.

Columbia heights, from Orange street to Pineapple street.

First place, from Henry street to Court street.

Grand avenue, from Willoughby avenue to 349 feet south.

Livingston street, from Sidney place to Clinton street.

Red Hook lane, from Fulton street to Livingston street.

Seventh avenue, from Flatbush avenue to Garfield place.

Sixth avenue, from Flatbush avenue to Union street.

Flatbush avenue, from Brighton Beach tunnel to ward line.

Lee avenue, from Ross street to Rodney street.

Bedford avenue, from DeKalb avenue to Quincy street.

Seventh avenue, from Garfield place to Twelfth street.

NO. 3. BREVOORT PLACE, FROM FRANKLIN AVENUE TO BEDFORD AVENUE.

Division avenue, from Bedford avenue to Lee avenue.

Joralemon street, from Hicks street to Court street.

Bedford avenue, from Division avenue to Hewes street.

Bedford avenue, from Quincy street to Putnam avenue.

Bedford avenue, from Hewes street to DeKalb avenue.

Bedford avenue, from Putnam avenue to Atlantic avenue.

Bedford avenue, from Atlantic avenue to St. Mark's avenue.

Pierrepont street, from Fulton street to 50 feet west of Willow street.

Henry street, from Montague street to Fourth place.

Schermerhorn street, from Clinton street to Court street.

NO. 4. CLINTON STREET, FROM PIERREPONT STREET TO ATLANTIC AVENUE.

Cumberland street, from DeKalb avenue to Lafayette avenue.

Flatbush avenue, west side, from Fifth avenue to Seventh avenue.

Schermerhorn street, from Nevins street to Flatbush avenue.

Cumberland street, from Lafayette avenue to Atlantic avenue.

NO. 5. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, BROKEN STONE AND SCREENINGS OF LIMESTONE, TO BE DISTRIBUTED WHERE REQUIRED ALONG CERTAIN STREETS IN SAID BOROUGH.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, 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 in the work to which it relates or in any portion of the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in The City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must 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, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in a sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained in Room No

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
NEW YORK, June 21, 1898.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING this Department with the Fire Apparatus below specified will be received by the Fire Commissioner, at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, until 10.30 o'clock A. M.,

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1898,

at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.
ONE FOURTH SIZE STEAM FIRE ENGINE, WITH LA FRANCE PUMPS.
ONE FOURTH SIZE STEAM FIRE ENGINE, WITH "NEW AMERICAN" TYPE PUMPS.
ONE FOURTH SIZE STEAM FIRE ENGINE, WITH AMOSKEAG PUMPS AND BOILERS.
FOUR FIRST SIZE HOSE WAGONS.

For use in the **Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.**

For each kind of the Steam Fire Engines above mentioned the amount of security required is \$1,800, and the time for delivery ninety days.

For the four first-size Hose Wagons above mentioned the amount of security required is \$1,400, and the time for delivery ninety days.

Separate bids must be made for each kind of apparatus as above.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired, are fixed and liquidated at Ten (10) Dollars.

No estimate will be received or considered after the hour named.

The form of the agreement, with specifications, showing the manner of payment for the articles, may be seen and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

Bidders must write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

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

Any person making an estimate for the apparatus shall present the same in a sealed envelope at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation and a statement of the kind of apparatus to which it relates.

The Fire Commissioner reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates, if deemed to be for the public interest.

No bid or estimate 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.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof, The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties 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 bid or estimate 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 making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons 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 this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of The City of New York before the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of security required. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

JOHN J. SCANNELL,
Commissioner.

NEW YORK, June 20, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING the materials and labor and doing the work required for Constructing and Erecting a Building for the Fire Department on the premises south side of Broome street, 95 feet and 3 inches west of Elizabeth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, will be received by the Fire Commissioner, at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, until 10.30 o'clock A. M.,

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at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

No estimate will be received or considered after the hour named.

For information as to the amount and kind of work to be done, bidders are referred to the specifications and drawings, which form part of these proposals.

The form of the agreement, and the specifications, showing the manner of payment for the work, and forms of proposals may be obtained and the plans may be seen at the office of the Department.

Proposals must be made for all the work contained in the specifications.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

The building is to be completed and delivered within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the execution of the contract.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired, are fixed and liquidated at Twenty (20) Dollars.

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

Any person making an estimate for the work shall present the same in a sealed envelope at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The Fire Commissioner reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest.

No bid or estimate 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.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof, The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties 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 bid or estimate 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 making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance, in the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred (12,500) Dollars; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons 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 this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of The City of New York before the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of Six Hundred and Twenty-five (625) Dollars. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

JOHN J. SCANNELL,
Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
NEW YORK, June 20, 1898.

TO CONTRACTOR.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THE materials and labor and doing the work required in making additional repairs, etc., to the fire-boat "New Yorker" (Engine Company No. 57) of this Department, will be received by the Fire Commissioner, at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, until 10.30 o'clock A. M.,

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1898,

at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

No estimate will be received or considered after the hour named.

For information as to the amount and kind of work to be done, bidders are referred to the specifications.

The form of the agreement (with specifications), showing the manner of payment for the work, may be seen, and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

The work is to be fully completed and delivered within forty-five (45) days after the execution of the contract.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired, are fixed and liquidated at Twenty (20) Dollars.

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

Any person making an estimate for the work shall present the same in a sealed envelope, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The Fire Commissioner reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates, if deemed to be for the public interest.

No bid or estimate 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.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him

or them therein; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties 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 bid or estimate 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 making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance in the sum of Three Thousand (3,000) Dollars; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons 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 this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of The City of New York before the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of one hundred and fifty (150) dollars. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

JOHN J. SCANNELL,
Commissioner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, 1898.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 9, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boots, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc.; also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE DEPUTY PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York—Office, Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn—for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Boots, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc. Also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolman of this Department.

CHARLES D. BLATCHFORD,
Deputy Property Clerk.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK.
CENTRE, ELM, FRANKLIN AND WHITE STREETS,
NEW YORK, June 16, 1898.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT open competitive examinations will be held at the offices of this Commission for the following positions, upon the dates specified:

Wednesday, July 6. STEWARD. Duties, experience, arithmetic, writing.

Thursday, July 7. COLLECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS. Duties, experience, arithmetic, writing.

Friday, July 8. TOPOGRAPHICAL DRAFTSMAN. Technical knowledge, mathematics, experience, handwriting.

Monday, August 1. EXAMINER, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Candidates will be required to take the "Pass" examination, and one of the "Groups." Subjects of Pass examination: Science of teaching, English language and literature, experience (see Wednesday, August 3).

Wednesday, August 3. EXAMINER, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Subjects of Group examination: I. Language. II. Mathematics. III. Science. IV. History, physical geography, etc.

LEE PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

SUPREME COURT.

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION, CORNELL DAM.

In the matter of the petition of William Brookfield, Commissioner of Public Works of The City of New York, under and in pursuance of chapter 490 of the Laws of 1883, and the laws amendatory thereof, on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York, for the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisal under said act.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the First Separate Report of David W. Travis, William H. Wright and John Connelly (who were appointed Commissioners of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter by an order of this Court, made at a Special Term thereof, held at the Court-house in White Plains, Westchester County, on the 28th day of September, 1895, which order was duly filed in the office of the

Clerk of Westchester County on the 19th day of October, 1895) was filed in the Westchester County Clerk's office on June 11, 1898; that the parcels covered by said report are, Parcels Nos. 4½, 5½ and the claim submitted by stipulation to this Commission of the Town of Cortlandt.

Notice is further given that an application will be made to confirm said report at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at its Chambers in the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, on the 23d day of July, 1898, at the opening of the court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

Dated JUNE 20, 1898.

JOHN WHALEN,
Corporation Counsel.
No. 2 Tryon Row,
New York City.

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

In the matter of the application and petition of Michael T. Daly, as Commissioner of Public Works of The City of New York, for and on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York, under chapter 183 of the Laws of 1893, to acquire certain real estate, as the term "real estate" is defined in said act, for the purpose of providing for the sanitary protection of the sources of the water supply of The City of New York, Mt. Kisco, Westchester County.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Third Separate Report of David W. Travis, William H. Wright and John Connelly (who were appointed Commissioners of Appraisal in the above entitled matter by an order of this Court, made at a Special Term thereof, held at the Court-house in White Plains, Westchester County, on the 11th day of November, 1893, which order was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County on the 13th day of November, 1893) was filed in the Westchester County Clerk's office on June 11, 1898; that the parcels covered by said report are Parcels Nos. 6½, 7½, 79, 91 and 92.

Notice is further given that an application will be made to confirm said report at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at its Chambers in the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, on the 23d day of July, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

Dated JUNE 20, 1898.

JOHN WHALEN,
Corporation Counsel.
No. 2 Tryon Row,
New York City.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

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

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

List 5522, No. 1. Regulating, grading, curbing, flagging and laying crosswalks in Beach avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to Kelly street.

List 5593, No. 2. Regulating, grading, curbing, flagging, laying crosswalks and placing fences in Perry avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to Moshulu Parkway.

The limits within which it is proposed to lay the said assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Beach avenue (now Tinton avenue) from the Southern Boulevard to Kelly street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 2. Both sides of Perry avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to Moshulu Parkway, and the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named proposed assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Secretary of the Board of Assessors, No. 320 Broadway, New York, on or before August 2, 1898, at 2 P. M., at which time and place the said objections will be heard and testimony received in reference thereto.

EDWARD McCUE,
EDWARD CAHILL,
THOS. A. WILSON,
JOHN DELMAR,
PATRICK M. HAVERTY,
Board of Assessors.

WILLIAM H. JASPER,
Secretary,
No. 320 Broadway.

CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 30, 1898.

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

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

List 5552, No. 1. Sewer in Nagle avenue, between Dyckman street and Kingsbridge road.

List 5654, No. 2. Alteration and improvement to sewer in Sixty-fourth street, between Madison and Fifth avenues; in Fifth avenue, east side, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-ninth streets and to curves at Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets.

The limits within which it is proposed to lay the said assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Nagle avenue, from Kingsbridge road to Dyckman street, and both sides of Ellwood street, from Hillside avenue to Sherman avenue.

No. 2. Both sides of Fifth avenue, from Sixty-fourth to Seventieth street; both sides of Madison avenue, from Sixty-fourth to Seventieth street; both sides of Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets, from Madison to Fifth avenue; both sides of Sixty-seventh street, from Madison to Fifth avenue; north side of Sixty-seventh street extending 180 feet east of Madison avenue; both sides of Sixty-eighth street, from Park avenue to Fifth avenue; both sides of Sixty-ninth street, from Madison to Fifth avenue, and south side of Seventieth street extending about 161 feet east of Fifth avenue.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named proposed assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Secretary of the Board of Assessors, No. 320 Broadway, New York, on or before July 26, 1898, at 11 A. M., at which time and place the said objections will be heard and testimony received in reference thereto.

EDWARD McCUE,
EDWARD CAHILL,
THOMAS A. WILSON,
JOHN DELMAR,
PATRICK M. HAVERTY,
Board of Assessors.

WILLIAM H. JASPER,
Secretary,
No. 320 Broadway.

CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 24, 1898.

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