

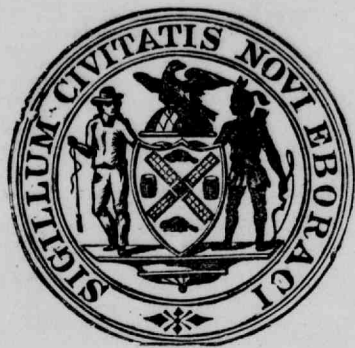
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## FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of transactions of the Finance Department for the week ending March 25, 1882:

### Deposits in the Treasury.

To the credit of the Sinking Fund.....	\$45,111 81
City Treasury.....	394,895 47
Total.....	\$440,007 28

### Bonds and Stock Issued.

Three and a half per cent. Bonds.....	\$153,000 00
Four per cent. Bonds.....	51,000 00
Four per cent. Stock.....	79,500 00
Total.....	\$283,500 00

### Warrants Registered and Ready for Payment.

Assessment Commission—Awards.....	\$5,875 22
Assessment Commission, Expenses of.....	96 97
Assessment Fund, after June 9, 1880.....	15,994 00
Advertising.....	3 80
Aqueduct—Repairs, Maintenance, and Strengthening.....	2,460 45
Broadway—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	921 20
Boulevards, Roads, and Avenues, Maintenance of.....	1,819 30
Bronx River Bridges—Rebuilding, etc.....	1 69
Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning.....	27,058 25
College of the City of New York.....	107 31
Contingencies—Comptroller's Office.....	3 45
Law Department.....	160 05
Mayor's Office.....	260 87
Construction of Bridge over Harlem River.....	2 99
Croton Water Fund.....	2,727 92
Croton Water Rent, Refunding Account.....	125 00
Dock Fund.....	5,640 71
Election Expenses.....	525 00
Expenses of Detectives, etc.....	833 33
Fire Department Fund.....	3,903 47
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvements of.....	1,448 00
Fulton Market—Alterations and Repairs.....	1,055 52
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance.....	81 36
Health Fund.....	4,466 37
Hospital for Care of Contagious Diseases.....	1,309 53
Interest on the City Debt.....	11,442 50
Judgments.....	20,584 59
Lamps and Gas and Electric Lighting.....	7,937 43
Laying Croton Pipes.....	3,695 19
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	5,794 18
Maintenance of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	159 29
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	15 53
Maps—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	17 33
New York State Homoeopathic Asylum for Insane.....	322 28
New York Infant Asylum.....	4,589 00
New York Catholic Protectory.....	15,173 55
Nursery and Child's Hospital.....	8,044 48
Police Fund.....	270,787 49
Police Station-houses—Alterations, etc.....	1,916 66
Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.....	1,687 50
Public Buildings—Cleaning and Repairing.....	1,240 31
Public Charities and Correction.....	54,140 41
Public Instruction.....	9,690 26
Real Estate, Expenses of.....	10 50
Refunding Taxes Paid in Error.....	195 97
Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.....	3,061 96
Repairing Streets and Avenues—Chapter 476, Laws of 1875.....	2,006 64
Roads, Streets, and Avenues, Unpaved, etc.....	708 92
Salaries—Judiciary.....	71 32
Sedgwick Avenue, Maintenance and Improvement of.....	617 50
Street Improvements Authorized after June 9, 1880.....	10,511 60
Supplies for Police.....	5,666 66
Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices.....	2,828 79
Surveying, Laying-out, etc.....	38 35
Surveys, Maps, and Plans.....	7 38
Total.....	\$517,945 60

### CONTRACTS REGISTERED FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 1882.

NO.	DATE OF CONTRACT.	DEPARTMENT.	NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.
5542	Jan. 14, 1882	Public Instruction	Baker, Pratt & Co.....	Furniture for Primary School No. 15, First Ward. Total, \$1,096.

### SUITS, ORDERS OF COURT, JUDGMENTS, ETC.

COURT.	NAME OF PLAINTIFF.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF ACTION, ETC.	ATTORNEY.
Superior..	John J. Hill, as adm'r, against the Mayor, etc., Jas. O'Brien..	\$5,000 00	For damages for loss of wife, Mary F. Hill, by falling off the building No. 53 Grand street, on November 9, 1881.....	A. G. Vanderpoel.
Com.Pleas	Paschal S. Hughes....	.....	Application for commitment to Hudson River State Hospital for the Insane, order for commitment as a county charge upon New York County.....	Anderson & H.
Supreme..	Ann F. Brown.....	.....	Orders vacating assessments for Sixth, Seventh, and St. Nicholas avenues, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Sixteenth streets.....	J. C. Shaw.
"	Ellen J. Bacon.....	.....	Order vacating assessment for sewer in Sixth avenue, between One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets.....	"
"	"	.....	For underground drains, One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street.....	"
"	Napoleon B. Kukuck.....	.....	Order reducing assessment for One Hundred and Forty-seventh street outlet sewer, from St. Nicholas avenue to Harlem river.....	"
"	Ann F. Brown.....	.....	Order reducing assessment for Manhattan street outlet sewer to Hudson river.....	"
"	Ann Newett.....	339 00	Order directing payment into court of amount of award Map No. 250, in matter of opening Morris avenue.....	Simpson & W.
Superior..	Jas. J. Fleming and Ed. W. Angell, vs. the Mayor, etc., and Jos. Brady....	550 00	For lien on contract of said Brady, for plumbing work furnished between June 28, 1881, and January 21, 1882, on building No. 173 Franklin street, to be used as an engine-house.....	C. P. Miller. Develin & Miller.
Supreme..	Stephen Upson.....	203 20	Transcript of Judgment.....	
"	The Hebrew Free School Association vs. the Mayor, etc.	.....	Decree that the tax for 1871 against premises of said association in Eleventh Ward, Ward No. 1234, be canceled and annulled.	M. S. Isaacs
Superior..	F. Freudenthal.....	112 12	Amended complaint to recover overpayment for assessment for grading Willis avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth to One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, paid November 9, 1872.....	A. B. Johnson.
Supreme..	Margaret J. Sigrist and others.....	619 00	In matter of opening One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, petition for paying into court of award made by the Commissioners to unknown owners and designated by Map No. 875.....	Jacobs Bros.
"	Susan R. Kendall.....	34 23	Certificate of taxation of costs to vacate assessment for Seventh avenue sewer, from One Hundred and Twenty-first to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street.....	A. B. Johnson.
"	Abraham Scholle....	34 23	Certificate of taxation of costs to vacate assessment for Sixth avenue sewer, from One Hundred and Twenty-ninth to One Hundred and Forty-seventh street.....	"
"	Daniel R. Kendall....	34 23	Certificate of taxation of costs to vacate assessment for Sixth and Seventh avenue sewers.....	W. L. Turner.
"	Martin B. Brown....	15,446 00	Transcript of Judgment.....	
"	"	.....	Order directing the adjustment of tax of 1875, upon two lots in Block 109, in Twenty-second Ward, paid to Clerk of Arrears, November 28, 1876, on the wrong property	C. E. Whitehead.
"	Charles L. Tiffany. } Alfred W. Hearn. } Wm. T. Blodgett and others.....	.....	Orders to vacate assessment for sewers in the Boulevard, between Ninety-second and One Hundred and Sixth streets.....	Develin & Miller.
"	James McGuinness..	597 05	Transcript of Judgment.....	E. Sandford.
"	Wm. Tilden.....	.....	Order to reduce assessment for sewer in Eleventh avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Seventy-sixth streets.....	J. C. Shaw.
"	Oliver R. King.....	.....	Order to vacate assessment for One Hundred and Sixteenth street regulating, etc., Eastern Boulevard.....	J. C. Shaw.
Ass. Com.	Stephen R. Leshier. } Cornelia K. Manley } Wm. G. Wood..... John H. Dyckman.. Eman'l Bernheimer Henry M. Brooks.. Geo. M. Groves.... C. Henry Garden.. Jas. Wood..... John C. Cruger.... Margaret and Maria Wood..... Wm. R. Clarkson.. Aug. Belmont..... J. & S. Bernheimer (12 certificates)..... Fred'k Beck..... Ellen J. Bacon..... Isaias Meyer et al.. Robert and John Mowbray..... Martha B. Wood... Henry A. Crain.... Geo. Ross..... Sarah S. Reed..... H. T. Livingston... Harriet Overhiser.. Anna S. Freeman, ex'x..... Emanuel Walter... Max Weil.....	.....	Certificates of the Commissioners reducing assessments in matter of the objections for the following: Seventh avenue macadamizing, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river.....	

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COURT.	NAME OF PLAINTIFF.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF ACTION, ETC.	ATTORNEY.	COURT.	NAME OF PLAINTIFF.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF ACTION, ETC.	ATTORNEY.
Ass. Com.	Jos. Ash.....				Ass. Com.	Anna M. Ryan....		Certificates of the Commissioners reducing assessments in matter of objections for the following:	
	Edgar Ketchum, Jr.					Henry Van Schaick.			
	W. R. Fosdick.....					D.H. Gilman, adm'r		Sixth avenue macadamizing, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river.	
	Augustus Reimer...					John Harjes.....			
	Aug. C. Brown.....				Superior..	Edward M. Deering against the Mayor, etc., and Jacob K. Lockman, ex'r, etc..	\$1,500 00	For the payment of amount awarded for damages to premises in One Hundred and Fifty-second street, between Boulevard and Hudson river Ward No. 26, Block No. 1309, by reason of change of grade of said street, and regulating, etc.....	J. A. Deering.
	Patrick H. Pepper..								
	Lois H. Lyman....								
	H. Virginia Deshler								
	Sophie Dittenhoefer								
	Peter S. Schutt....								
	Nath'l Jarvis, Jr....								
	Alex. M. Ross.....				Ass. Com.	John B. Haskin.....		Sewer in Sixth avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets.....	
	Robert C. Ferguson				"	"		Sewer in Seventh avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-first and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets.....	
	Davis Collamore...				"	John B. Haskin and Margaret J. Paddock		Seventh avenue flagging, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river...	
	Winfield Tucker and others.....				"	John B. Haskin and Margaret J. Paddock		Seventh avenue macadamizing, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river.....	
	Franklin A. Paddock				"	Sylvester Brush....			
	Peter Lang.....					Wm. W. Wilson...			
	John Davidson....					The N. Y. Life Insurance Co.....		Sixth avenue macadamizing, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river.....	
	Augustus Redfield..					Louis T. Hoyt....			
	John H. Watson....					Ann T. Brown.....			
	Bernard Smyth....				"	Jas. W. Bell.....		Fifth avenue regulating, etc., from One Hundred and Thirtieth street to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.....	
	Wm. Reid, Sr.....				Supreme..	Ella B. Herbert et al.		Order reducing assessment for sewer in Tenth avenue, between Seventy-fifth and Seventy-seventh streets, etc.....	J. A. Deering. A. B. Johnson.
	Obed Wheeler.....				Superior..	Max Heidebach, ex'r	427 60	Transcript of Judgment.....	
	Henry J. Newton..				"	Adam Herman....	135 53		
	John H. O. Arnold.				"	Sarah A. Babcock....	60 30		
	S. T. Cannon.....				"	Honora Roach....	64 29		
	Anderson Fowler (2 certificates).....				"	Christian Rieger....	122 67		
	Louis T. Hoyt....				"	Wm. Dougherty....	88 05		
	Geo. Hencken, Sr..				"	L. McGrath.....	61 95		
	John F. Van Dyke..				"	Winifred White....	62 75		
	Eliz. M. Balmforth.				"	Dora T. Ludder....	60 69		
	E. C. Keyes, ex'r..				"	Pat'k E. Gordon and ano., ex'rs, etc....	61 95		
	William H. Scott, mortgagee.....				"	Charles Fritz.....	60 30		
	Chas. Butler.....				"	James Harper.....	68 96		
	John Gault.....				"	Bernard Carroll....	130 61		
	J. N. Tappan, Chamberlain.....				"	Hester A. Gaffney et al.....	139 99		
	Martha A. Webber.				"	Priscella Ackerman.	67 23		
	Solomon Meyer....				"	Henry C. L. Peetsch.	251 24		
	John Sloane, ex'r..				"	John Riley.....	126 13		
	Calvin Stevis....				"	John Rausch.....	65 50		
	Estate of Bernard Mayer.....				"	Emma F. Smith.....	73 38		
	Gershon A. Sixas..				"	August Gareiss....	199 87		
	Adolph Scheffel...				"	Margaret Kelly, ex'x.	62 24		
	Rosalie King.....				"	R. H. Kuhnhardt....	531 51		
	Ida Jackson.....				"	Laura Russell.....	62 75		
	Kate B. Belloni....				"	Miles Kelly.....	67 23		
	Julius A. Candee..				"	Cornelia Rashe....	67 23		
	John Downey.....				"	James Conlan.....	54 07		
	Catherine A. Olsen and another.....								
	Cyrus W. Field....								
	Edward J. King....								
	Joel D. Stebbins...								
	Charles G. Havens et al.....								
	Wm. G. Wood et al.								
	J. J. & H. E. Nesmith								
	Henry Welsh.....								
	Euphenius S. Coffin								
	B. H. Hutton.....								
	The Manhattan Life Ins. Co.....								
	Isaac L. Kip.....								
	H. M. Silverman...								
"	Marjie B. Lacey, ex'x.		Sixth avenue regulating, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river....						
"	Frederick Beck.....		Seventh avenue grading, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river....						
"	N. B. Kukuck.....								
	Nellie Sanger et al.								
	Hirsh Kahn.....								
	Manhattan Savings Institution.....								
	J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain.....								
	John Schrady.....								
	Ebenezer B. Shafer.								
	Marjie B. Lacey, executrix.....								
	Henry J. Newton..								
	John H. Watson...								
	Miriam Kahn.....								
	Robert and Jane Stewart.....								

## CLAIMS FILED.

NAME OF PLAINTIFF.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF ACTION.	ATTORNEY.
Geo. C. Morris.....	\$2,400 00	For balance due on account of services rendered as Clerk in Fire Department, from January 1, 1876, to January 1, 1882.....	P. Mitchell.
Elizabeth Short, adm'x....	5,000 00	For damages for death of John E. Short from falling over an embankment in Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets, November 19, 1881.....	N. Smith.
Stephen Upson.....	377 57	For amount of overpayment to Clerk of Arrears, October 27, 1881, for an assessment for regulating, grading, etc., Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth to One Hundred and Twentieth street, on lots Ward No. 1, Block 497, and Ward 69, Block 500.....	Develin & M.
Mutual Life Ins. Co.....	258 40	For amount of overpayment to Clerk of Arrears, May 23, 1880, for assessment for regulating, grading, etc., Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth to One Hundred and Twentieth street, on lots Wards Nos. 3 and 4, Block 485.....	"
John Duffy.....	39 00	For balance due on account of services rendered in painting lamp-posts, between First and Second avenues, and Seventy-third and Fifty-ninth street, during 1871.....	C. R. Waterbury.
Henry Finger.....	20 72	For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lot Ward No. 10, Block 20.....	
Henry Becker.....	20 72	For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lot Ward No. 11, Block 20.....	
Fred'k Denny, ex'r.....	20 72	For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lot Ward No. 38, Block 19.....	
Wm. Schroeder.....	16 57	For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lot Ward No. 2, Block 20.....	
Francis A. York, ex'r.....	50 17	For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lots Ward Nos. 31, 32, 34, and 38, Block 18.....	

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NAME OF PLAINTIFF.	AUGUST.	NATURE OF ACTION.	ATTORNEY.
Leontine Taussig.....	\$65 30	For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lot Ward No. 11, Block 21.....	
"		For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lot Ward No. 24, Block 18.....	
Anthony Krug.....	53 92	For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lot Ward No. 25, Block 20.....	
"		For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lot Ward No. 26, Block 13.....	
Reinhard Huff.....	41 44	For return of amount of overpayment for grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue, on lots Ward Nos. 12 and 13, Block 20.....	

## Approval of Sureties.

- March 23. For flagging in Eighty-third street, from west curb of Eighth avenue to east curb of Boulevard.  
Allan A. Irvine and Edward N. Lynch, No. 17 Warren street, Principals.  
Jno. C. Wandell, 335 West 31st street, } Sureties.  
Luis de Abisqueta, 337 Eighth avenue, }
- " 23. For constructing receiving-basins on west side of Fifth avenue, opposite One Hundred and Second street.  
Vincent Clark, 524 East 87th street, Principal.  
Jas. Clark, 524 East 87th street, } Sureties.  
Thos. J. Crombie, 164 East 85th street, }
- " 23. For constructing sewers in Cherry street, between Corlears and Jackson streets, Mangin street, between Broome and Delancey streets, and between Rivington and Stanton streets.  
Cornelius Smith, Tenth avenue, between 69th and 70th streets, Principal.  
C. C. Ellis, 443 Ninth avenue, } Sureties.  
Henry L. Hoguet, 48 West 28th street, }
- " 23. For constructing sewer in One Hundred and Nineteenth street, between Sixth avenue and summit east of Sixth avenue.  
John Slattery, 788 Fourth avenue, Principal.  
William Hullivan, 347 West 53d street, } Sureties.  
P. H. Slattery, 16 First street and Jackson avenue, }
- " 23. For constructing sewer in Fourth avenue, east side, between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets.  
M. P. H. Casey, 1523 First avenue, Principal.  
Fred. J. Schroder, 1642 Second avenue, } Sureties.  
Thos. Casey, 434 East 81st street, }
- " 23. For furnishing 5,000 yards sheep's gray cassimere, for use of Department of Public Charities and Correction.  
J. L. Chamberlain, 50 West 19th street, Principal.  
Bayard Clarke, 2 East 30th street, } Sureties.  
J. H. Weller, 64 East 54th street, }

## Opening of Proposals.

The Comptroller attended the opening of proposals at the following Departments:  
March 21. Department of Public Works: For constructing sewers, receiving-basins, and regulating and grading, and flagging in the streets enumerated in advertisement of the said Department, of March 7, 1882, published in the CITY RECORD.

## Substitution of Sureties.

March 23. Proposal of J. L. Chamberlain, of March 16, 1882, for furnishing dry goods to the Department of Public Charities and Correction, returned to said Department for action on the proposed substitution of Bayard Clarke, No. 2 East Thirtieth street, and J. H. Weller, No. 64 East Fifty-fourth street, as sureties thereon in the place of Philip Gildersleeve and Charles H. Paddock, the original sureties.  
RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

## COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at the meeting held March 28, 1882.

Present—William R. Grace, Mayor; Frederick Smyth, Recorder; Allan Campbell, Comptroller; J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain; and John McClave, Chairman Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution, together with copy of a memorial of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, transmitted to the Hon. Michael C. Murphy, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on the Affairs of Cities; with accompanying Exhibits "A," "B," and "C," viz.:

Whereas, A bill, No. 89, has been presented to the Assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the cancellation or destruction of all bonds and stocks of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, belonging to or acquired for the Sinking Funds of said Corporation;" and

Whereas, The said bill has been referred to the Committee on the Affairs of Cities; and

Whereas, The provisions of the said bill are deemed by this Board to be a violation of a contract between the city and its creditors, holders of its stocks and bonds, as provided by section 4 of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1878, and other statutes pledging the revenues of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt;

Resolved, That a memorial of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be presented to the Assembly Committee on the Affairs of Cities, stating the reasons why in their opinion the said bill should not pass, and the Comptroller is requested to transmit the same to the Hon. Michael C. Murphy, Chairman of the Committee.

CITY OF NEW YORK, )  
March 25, 1882. }

To the Committee on the Affairs of Cities, Assembly of the State of New York:

GENTLEMEN—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York respectfully present the following objections to the passage of Assembly Bill No. 89, entitled "An act to provide for the cancellation or destruction of all bonds and stocks of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, belonging to or acquired for the Sinking Funds of said Corporation."

The Comptroller of this city has explained his views upon this bill in a letter to the Hon. Mr. Roosevelt, who introduced it in the Assembly.

For reasons why the bill should not pass, in which we fully concur, we refer you to that letter, a copy of which is herewith submitted, marked "A."

The Comptroller's Report for the year ending August 1, 1881, contains an article explanatory of the Sinking Fund, a copy of which is also submitted, marked "B."

In the session of 1878, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York presented a memorial to the Legislature asking the passage of a law relating to the Sinking Fund, applying the accumulations and surplus revenues of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of stocks and bonds then payable by law from taxes, at their maturity.

A copy of this memorial is also herewith submitted, marked "C," showing the amount of bonds then outstanding payable yearly from taxes, for the redemption of which the surplus revenues of the

Sinking Fund could be advantageously applied by the reduction of taxation during a long series of years.

The Legislature, therefore, passed an act, June 3, 1878 (chapter 383), entitled "An act relating to certain indebtedness of the City of New York, and to provide for the payment and cancellation of the same."

By the provisions of this act the Sinking Fund became sacredly pledged for the redemption of that portion of the City Debt payable by law from taxes, including bonds then outstanding issued to pay the expense of local improvements, as well as that portion for which the fund was previously and originally pledged by law, and a "contract" therefor was declared between the city and its creditors, holders of its bonds.

Section 4 of said act enacted that, "Between the city and its creditors, holders of its bonds and stocks as aforesaid, there shall be and there is hereby declared to be a contract that the funds and revenues of the city, and the funds to be collected from assessments as aforesaid by this statute pledged to the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, shall be accumulated and applied only to the purposes of said Sinking Fund until all of said debt is fully redeemed and paid as herein provided."

If the provisions of law of the State of New York are binding, and "contracts" are inviolable under the Constitution, the Legislature clearly does not now possess the power to pass an act which would destroy the evidence of debt held by the Sinking Fund, by burning the securities representing the indebtedness of the city to that fund.

No other argument would seem to be necessary to influence you in rejecting a measure involving apparently a breach of good faith of the City of New York, which cannot under any circumstances be sanctioned.

Stocks and bonds of this city are widely held as trust funds in this country, and they are also held as investments largely in Europe.

The good faith of the city and its ability to meet all its obligations and engagements are unquestionable, but capital is notoriously sensitive and easily alarmed by legislation touching securities for the payment of public debt.

No measure, therefore, which would even tend to violate a pledge of the revenues of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, or impair the security of the fund, can be favorably acted upon by the Legislature without creating distrust.

The bill in question may be construed as a covert attack upon the Sinking Fund, opening the way to the diversion of its revenues and final abolition.

In view of the probable need at an early date for the issue of City Bonds to provide for a further supply of water and other public purposes in amounts so large that it will become necessary to borrow the money from capitalists, any legislation of the kind proposed might injuriously affect the value of the bonds in the market and the rate of interest at which they could be favorably negotiated.

No benefit can possibly be secured by "burning" the City Stocks and Bonds held or acquired by the Sinking Fund, even if the legal objections to their destruction were not insuperable.

It has been alleged that the destruction of the bonds would remove the danger of their fraudulent reissue. No such danger exists.

Bonds and stocks when paid and redeemed at maturity are canceled at once in the Finance Department by cutting, marking, and defacing them, and, after examination by the Commissioners of Accounts and found correct, they are then further stamped and marked by said Commissioners, so that no reissue can take place.

The best evidence that they are not and cannot be reissued is that at any and all times they can be found in the Finance Department "canceled" as above described, and effectually destroyed as evidence of indebtedness.

As stated by the Comptroller in his report of last August, "not a dollar has ever been lost or unlawfully applied or diverted from the Sinking Fund since its creation in 1812."

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund respectfully present for your consideration the foregoing reasons why the bill before the Committee should not be approved.

(Signed)

W. R. GRACE,

Mayor (Chairman);

FREDERICK SMYTH,

Recorder;

ALLAN CAMPBELL,

Comptroller;

J. NELSON TAPPAN,

Chamberlain;

JOHN MCCLAVE,

Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen, )

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

## EXHIBIT "A."

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, )  
March 2, 1882. }

Hon. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Member of Assembly, Albany, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—Your note of the 18th ultimo, with copy of a bill relating to the Sinking Fund, introduced into the Assembly by you, was received.

The Sinking Fund is a subject of such vital importance to the finances of this city, and involves so many important legal questions as to the powers of the Legislature to act in relation to it, that it is not possible to discuss it in a letter, but this much may be said positively, that no single provision affecting it should be enacted, and no legislation should even be attempted without thorough examination and understanding of the whole subject, both in its practical operation in connection with the finances of the city, with which it is now and has been for more than half a century intimately related; its legal aspects as to the obligations of the Corporation to holders of the City Debt, under provisions of law and ordinances of the Common Council, and the effect of such legislation upon the credit of the city.

The bill proposes to "destroy by burning" all stocks and bonds now held or hereafter belonging or applied to, or held or acquired for either of the Sinking Funds of the Corporation, and all other New York City or County Bonds and Stocks now or hereafter redeemed or paid by said Corporation.

This provision embraces two distinct propositions—the first proposition being the destruction by burning of City Stocks and Bonds held or acquired by the Sinking Fund, and the second, the destruction by burning of City Stocks and Bonds when paid and redeemed.

The first is inadmissible on legal grounds: The Legislature has no power to destroy the evidence of debt, the securities held by the Sinking Fund as investments, which are pledged, principal and interest, for the redemption of the whole City Debt.

Section 4 of chapter 383, Laws of 1878, provides as follows:

"Between the city and its creditors, holders of its bonds and stocks as aforesaid, there shall be and there is hereby declared to be a contract, that the funds and revenues of the city and the funds to be collected from assessments as aforesaid by this statute pledged to the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, shall be accumulated and applied only to the purposes of said Sinking Fund, until all of said debt is fully redeemed and paid, as herein provided."

Any legislative action touching the investments and revenues of the Sinking Fund would alarm the creditors of the city, and seriously affect its credit, depreciate our securities, and embarrass this Department in negotiating loans when required by the Corporation.

Your bill provides for continuing the payment of interest on the stocks and bonds held or acquired for the Sinking Fund, although they are to be destroyed.

If this were a practicable plan, the revenues of the Sinking Fund would not be reduced, but it is not, and such a plan would merely be an introductory step in the illegal abolition of the Sinking Fund, by cutting off its revenues derived from taxation.

The Sinking Fund as now established by law, operates advantageously for the tax-payers by equalizing taxes throughout a long series of years, for the payment and gradual extinction of the large City Debt.

If the interest on City Bonds and Stocks held as securities by the Sinking Fund were not paid into that fund, to be applied to the redemption of the City Debt in the manner provided for by law, and now in successful operation, the same amount of taxes would, nevertheless, have to be raised for the payment of stocks and bonds when they fall due, but by unequal taxation in different years.

I refer you to explanations of the operations of the Sinking Fund in this respect, on page 14 of my report for the year ending August 1, 1881, a copy of which is herewith transmitted.

The second proposition is merely a question as to whether it is better to destroy the bonds and stocks absolutely, by burning, when they are paid and redeemed, or cancel them by cutting the

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signatures, punching, and otherwise effectually destroying them as evidence of indebtedness, and preserving them in proper files.

The latter course has always been practiced by this Department with City Bonds and Stocks of all kinds.

The canceled bonds themselves furnish the best evidence of their payment and redemption.

This plan works well in practice, and I know of no reason for changing it.

Official reference to canceled stocks and bonds is sometimes desirable, and they are sometimes required as evidence in court to establish facts of record borne on them.

I have given this subject careful consideration, and, in my judgment, the interests of the city are decidedly opposed to the passage of the bill in question.

I remain yours, very respectfully,

(Signed)

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

#### EXHIBIT "B."

##### THE SINKING FUND.

The history of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York from its foundation in 1813, its growth, operation, and value in meeting the obligations of the city as they fall due from time to time, and as a measure for the final extinguishment of the whole debt at maturity, is one of great interest; and at the close of the present fiscal year (December 31) I propose in the Annual Report of this Department to present my views more fully upon the subject. At present it is only necessary to touch upon a few leading points connected with the matter, to correct some misapprehensions which have arisen in regard to the obligations, operation, and effect of the Sinking Fund.

Objections have been made to the system as intricate and cumbersome, and some have even gone so far as to propose its abolishment or such radical changes as would materially impair its usefulness. While it must be admitted that there are some grounds for perplexity to those who are not familiar with the city finances in regard to the operation of the Sinking Fund, yet these difficulties relate rather to the theory upon which the system was established than to its actual operation, and certainly no one acquainted with the subject can take exception to the results which have been attained in securing the redemption of the City Debt, for which purpose the Sinking Fund was created.

If the system could be established anew, it might doubtless be simplified and improved in certain particulars, yet as adopted by its founders it has become so firmly established by the ordinances of the Common Council and the laws of the State, that any radical change is not advisable, and could not be made without a violation of the good faith of the city and of an express contract with the public creditors.

Any attempt to abolish the Sinking Fund or to evade or impair its obligations in any particular should be discountenanced by all who value the honor and integrity of the city above mere temporary relief from taxation.

In a report made by the Hon. A. C. Flagg, Comptroller of the City, dated January 27, 1853 to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, he said:

"The whole history of the debt and the pledged fund for forty years exhibits a bright and unbroken chain of good faith, and, so far as the ordinances of the Common Council and the acts of the Legislature are concerned, a commendable regard to the credit of the city."

"The declaration made in the ordinance for establishing the Sinking Fund, that it should be under the Mayor, Recorder, etc., and the assurance given by the sovereign power of the State that this arrangement should not be altered by the Common Council, was a pledge in the nature of a contract so far as money was borrowed under it, which in good faith could not be changed or destroyed, either by the Common Council or the Legislature of the State."

The pledge of good faith which in 1853 was regarded to be "in the nature of a contract," has since been made and declared to be "a contract," in fact, between the city and its creditors, by chapter 383 of the Laws of 1878, which provides as follows:

"Sec. 4. Between the city and its creditors, holders of its bonds and stocks as aforesaid, there shall be and there is hereby declared to be a contract that the funds and revenues of the city and the funds to be collected from assessments as aforesaid, by this statute pledged to the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, shall be accumulated and applied only to the purposes of said Sinking Fund, until all of said debt is fully redeemed and paid, as herein provided."

The pledges of the Sinking Fund are considered of so sacred and obligatory a nature that Governor Robinson refused to approve of the original act of 1878, extending the application of its surplus revenues and accumulations to the redemption of bonds payable from taxation, until it was amended by making the then outstanding City Debt, payable from the Sinking Fund, a "preferred charge," by an express provision, as follows:

"Sec. 5. Nothing in this act contained shall be held to require or authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to use or apply any part or portion of the accumulation in said Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt or the revenues of said fund, in any manner whatsoever, whereby the security of said fund for the payment of the bonds and stocks of said city, for which said fund is now pledged by law, and which are a charge on said fund, shall be alienated or impaired, and the said bonds and stocks, so secured by law, are hereby declared to constitute a preferred charge on said Sinking Fund until the same are fully and finally paid and redeemed."

Mr. Flagg said: "The chain of good faith has been bright and unbroken for forty years, from 1813 to 1853." The same good faith has been maintained and continued for a further term of nearly thirty years, up to the present time, through periods of extraordinary business depression and financial pressure, and through years of extravagance, mal-administration and fraud in the government of the city, whereby a burden of debt has been imposed of which no conception could have been formed thirty years ago. The prospect of continued good faith, and of the ability of the city to meet all its obligations to the public creditors were never brighter nor its credit higher than at the present time.

While the act of 1878 secured the payment and redemption of a portion of the City Debt by making it a "preferred charge" against the Sinking Fund, under a sacred pledge and contract, it also provided in effect for the redemption, by the Sinking Fund, of the whole funded debt of the city, under the same obligation of a contract between the city and "the public creditors."

Again, as to the operation and effect of the Sinking Fund. As before observed, the Sinking Fund, though somewhat complex in its nature, in practice works smoothly and easily, being governed and regulated by law in every movement. The accounts of the Fund are kept in the Finance Department, according to the most approved methods, and are clear and readily understood by good accountants. They have been often examined by experts, and specially by the Commissioners of Accounts, who have certified their correctness, not a dollar having ever been lost or unlawfully applied or diverted from the fund.

There exists an erroneous impression that the city bonds, taken up and paid off by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, are retained uncanceled, affording opportunity to reissue them. When such bonds and stocks are finally paid and redeemed, they are thoroughly canceled by cutting the signatures and figures on the face of the bonds, so that their fraudulent reissue is rendered impossible. It has also been said that there must be expense and risk in taking care of city bonds to the amount of thirty million dollars in the Sinking Fund, and that the number of bonds held by the Sinking Fund for small amounts is so great as to cause a vast amount of detail in the accounts. In reality, the City Debt held by the Sinking Fund, now amounting to about thirty-five million dollars, is represented by only a few certificates for large amounts, the issue of bonds made from time to time for the Sinking Fund being merged in large certificates, according to class and title, causing no difficulty whatever as to their safekeeping or ready examination and verification.

Among other important provisions relating to the bond debt and the issue of city bonds, the act of 1878 provided for the direct application of the surplus revenues and accumulations of the Sinking Fund to the redemption of bonds payable from taxation, thereby affecting a corresponding reduction of bond debt, and an annual tax for that purpose which would otherwise have been necessary. This provision applies to the whole City Debt then outstanding, until it is finally redeemed, canceled, and extinguished.

Under the act of 1878 the Sinking Fund has redeemed and canceled from its surplus revenues, stocks and bonds originally payable by law from taxation, since January 1, 1879, up to July 31, 1881, as follows:

In 1879.....	\$3,443,774 48
In 1880.....	2,182,265 48
In 1881 to July 31.....	389,949 48
Total.....	\$6,015,989 44

The surplus revenues of the Sinking Fund, besides redeeming the "preferred bonds," which will fall due in the next five years, will be quite sufficient to pay off and finally redeem all the bonds

payable from taxation during the same period, without raising a dollar for that purpose by annual taxes, the amount of such bonds being \$14,337,538.40, as follows:

1882—Bonds due payable from taxation.....	\$1,757,153 94
1883—.....	989,949 48
1884—.....	4,227,535 96
1885—.....	3,707,949 48
1886—.....	3,654,949 54
Total.....	\$14,337,538 40

In the year 1887 bonds payable from taxation fall due amounting to \$10,108,671. Instead of raising this immense sum by tax in that year, it is believed that by judicious management of the revenues and accumulations of the Sinking Fund the whole amount can and will be paid off by the Fund without resort to taxation. Reference is made to Statement No. II., showing the amount of each class of city bonds outstanding August 1, 1881, falling due in each successive year. [See Exhibit "C."]

It will thus be seen that the Sinking Fund performs an important function in effecting a more general and equal distribution of taxes over a series of years. In some way the City Debt must be paid, either by direct taxation when due, or by the revenues of the Sinking Fund, and so far as they can be used for this purpose they afford relief to the tax-payers. The public are really concerned only with practical results, and are indifferent to theories, if the management be honest and the results satisfactory.

#### EXHIBIT "C."

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York:

The memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully represents:

That, in the opinion of your memorialists, it is absolutely necessary in the interest of the city that provision should be made by legislative enactment for regulating its bonded indebtedness.

With the view of securing such an enactment a bill has been prepared by the Comptroller of the city, which has received the approval of his Honor the Mayor and of the Common Council.

The bill is entitled:

"An Act relating to the bonded indebtedness of the City of New York, and to provide for the payment of the same."

This bill, your memorialists trust, will receive your early consideration.

The reasons why, in their opinion, the bill should become a law, are shortly, as follows:

The Bonded Debt of the City of New York on December 31, 1877, was:	
Funded Debt, payable from taxation and the Sinking Fund.....	\$121,440,133 15
Deduct bonds already purchased and now held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.....	31,080,007 54
Net permanent debt.....	\$90,360,125 61
Temporary debt payable wholly or in part from assessments.....	21,329,500 00
Revenue Bonds, special.....	307,924 39
“ 1876.....	400,000 00
“ 1877.....	5,343,500 00
Total.....	\$117,741,050 00

This bill provides for the payment of the entire Funded Debt and the Assessment Bonds. The Revenue Bonds are not touched or considered, as they are already provided for fully by uncollected taxes, in anticipation of which they are issued.

A large part of the Funded Debt is payable from taxation, and the remainder from the Sinking Fund, as follows:

Amount payable from taxation.....	\$99,930,089 68
“ “ Sinking Fund.....	21,510,043 47
Total Funded Debt.....	\$121,440,133 15
Deduct amount of securities in Sinking Fund, same date.....	31,080,007 54
Net Funded Debt.....	\$90,360,125 61

The city stocks and bonds, payable from taxation, run for long periods, and fall due in large amounts in different years, as shown by the following tabular statement of the City Debt on December 31, 1877:

Statement of the Funded Debt December 31, 1877, showing the amount due in each year, payable from the Sinking Fund, and from Taxation; and also the amount of Assessment Bonds outstanding at the same date and payable in each year.

YEARS.	Amount Payable from Sinking Fund.	Amount Payable from Taxation.	Total Funded Debt.	Amount of Assessment Bonds.	Total Amount of Bonds and Stocks.
1878.....	\$2,780,600 00	\$961,599 48	\$3,742,199 48	\$8,580,600 00	\$12,322,799 48
1879.....	267,000 00	4,447,155 35	4,714,155 35	6,759,800 00	11,473,955 35
1880.....	2,147,000 00	2,205,865 48	4,352,865 48	3,792,000 00	8,144,865 48
1881.....	.....	1,346,649 48	1,346,649 48	1,529,500 00	2,876,149 48
1882.....	.....	1,757,153 94	1,757,153 94	667,600 00	2,424,753 94
1883.....	1,900,000 00	989,949 48	2,889,949 48	.....	2,889,949 48
1884.....	250,000 00	4,227,535 96	4,477,535 96	.....	4,477,535 96
1885.....	.....	3,707,949 48	3,707,949 48	.....	3,707,949 48
1886.....	.....	3,654,949 54	3,654,949 54	.....	3,654,949 54
1887.....	5,149,271 00	4,959,400 00	10,108,671 00	.....	10,108,671 00
1888.....	.....	3,921,939 14	3,921,939 14	.....	3,921,939 14
1889.....	.....	5,091,200 00	5,091,200 00	.....	5,091,200 00
1890.....	1,000,000 00	4,298,000 00	5,298,000 00	.....	5,298,000 00
1891.....	.....	2,437,600 00	2,437,600 00	.....	2,437,600 00
1892.....	.....	4,096,296 30	4,096,296 30	.....	4,096,296 30
1894.....	.....	2,630,000 00	2,630,000 00	.....	2,630,000 00
1895.....	1,766,600 00	151,000 00	1,917,600 00	.....	1,917,600 00
1896.....	.....	10,949,591 07	10,949,591 07	.....	10,949,591 07
1897.....	.....	555,700 00	555,700 00	.....	555,700 00
1898.....	674,300 00	196,500 00	870,800 00	.....	870,800 00
1899.....	.....	521,952 87	521,952 87	.....	521,952 87
1900.....	3,614,635 11	3,622,000 00	7,236,635 11	.....	7,236,635 11
1901.....	.....	16,476,000 00	16,476,000 00	.....	16,476,000 00
1902.....	500,000 00	3,012,000 00	3,512,000 00	.....	3,512,000 00
1903.....	.....	2,642,700 00	2,642,700 00	.....	2,642,700 00
1904.....	.....	1,860,800 00	1,860,800 00	.....	1,860,800 00
1905.....	.....	2,565,200 00	2,565,200 00	.....	2,565,200 00
1906.....	.....	1,133,000 00	1,133,000 00	.....	1,133,000 00
1907.....	300,000 00	460,800 00	760,800 00	.....	760,800 00
1908.....	100,000 00	103,000 00	203,000 00	.....	203,000 00
1909.....	475,000 00	.....	475,000 00	.....	475,000 00



YEARS.	Amount Payable from Sinking Fund.	Amount Payable from Taxation.	Total Funded Debt.	Amount of Assessment Bonds.	Total Amount of Bonds and Stocks.
1910.....	\$330,000 00	\$900,450 00	\$1,230,450 00	.....	\$1,230,450 00
1911.....	185,000 00	.....	185,000 00	.....	185,000 00
1912.....	51,500 00	.....	54,500 00	.....	54,500 00
1914.....	2,137 36	.....	2,137 36	.....	2,137 36
1915.....	9,000 00	.....	9,000 00	.....	9,000 00
1916.....	.....	421,824 40	421,824 40	.....	421,824 40
1917.....	5,000 00	.....	5,000 00	.....	5,000 00
1926.....	.....	3,624,327 71	3,624,327 71	.....	3,624,327 71
Total.....	\$21,510,043 47	\$9,930,029 68	\$31,440,133 15	\$21,329,500 00	\$142,769,633 15

## Rates of Interest.

The rates of interest on the above Bonds and Stocks are classified as follows :

At 5 per cent.....	\$15,298,659 69
At 6 per cent.....	71,626,623 08
At 7 per cent.....	55,844,315 38

Total..... \$142,769,633 15

If no provision is made for the payment of the stocks and bonds which are now by law payable from taxation, the amount necessary to pay them will have to be raised by tax in the years they severally become due; this would impose a heavy burden upon the tax-payers. In some years the amount falling due payable from taxation is enormous; in 1879, \$4,447,155.35; in 1896, \$10,949,591.07, and in 1901, \$16,479,000.00, as shown in the above statement. In these and other years, also, the amount of taxation necessary to pay the bonds would be a crushing burden impossible to be borne by the tax-payers. It will be observed that next year more than four millions of bonds fall due, payable from taxation.

It would not only be very onerous and very injurious to the interests of the tax-payers to exact these large amounts in the tax-levy of any one year, but it would operate very harshly and unjustly to impose taxes so irregularly, large amounts in some years and smaller amounts in others.

Simple justice to property-holders, who are constantly changing, demands some provision for a more equal distribution, at least, of the burden of taxation.

There is now a Sinking Fund with large revenues already accumulated in a surplus of nearly ten millions above the amount of the stocks and bonds, for which it is pledged, as provided by law; and it is therefore deemed by your memorialists to be a wise and prudent financial policy to perpetuate the Sinking Fund, and extend the benefits of its application to the whole Funded Debt payable from taxation.

The views of the Comptroller were expressed on this subject in his annual statement for the year ending August 1, 1877, as follows :

## "THE SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE CITY DEBT.

"The Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt is frequently a subject of mistaken discussion. Vague proposals are sometimes made to abolish it entirely and cancel the City Bonds held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to relieve the tax-payers from taxation for interest on them.

"So far as the bonds for which the Sinking Fund is pledged by law are concerned, it cannot be touched by any power of the State or City Government.

"It is true that there is a large surplus in the Sinking Fund over and above the amount of bonds for the payment of which it is pledged by law. This surplus could be applied to bonds payable from taxation, and thus provide for the payment of the whole Funded Debt. Large amounts of bonds payable from taxation mature in certain years, and if no provision is made for their payment by the Sinking Fund, the taxes at those periods will be exceptionally heavy. The payment of interest annually on the city securities in the Sinking Fund distributes taxes for payment of the principal over a long period, and by this means excessive taxation in any one year of the future will be avoided. Instead of abolishing the Sinking Fund, it should be continued and increased by appropriating to it new revenues, and be applied also to the redemption of bonds now payable by law from direct taxation. It has been estimated, indeed, that if the Sinking Fund is not disturbed, but is applied also to the redemption of that part of the City Debt now payable from taxation, and the debt itself is not increased by special legislation beyond the amount now authorized by law, the Sinking Fund, with its present revenues, will alone provide for the extinction of the debt without resort to direct taxation for the payment of the principal of the Funded Debt. The great importance of preserving and extending the application of the Sinking Fund is obvious by reference to Schedule "E," showing the amount of stocks and bonds of the Funded Debt payable in each year, in some years over \$10,000,000, from taxation."

It is therefore proposed in this bill to continue the Sinking Fund and provide for the payment of the whole Funded Debt of the city from this fund, resorting to taxation only when actually necessary to provide for deficient means in the Sinking Fund, and never for an amount of more than \$1,000,000 in any one year. The revenues of the Sinking Fund are already large, and may be greatly increased by careful management of all the resources of the city, without burdening the tax-payers excessively for the payment of the stocks and bonds now payable by law from taxation.

This, therefore, is the great object which will be accomplished by the proposed measure for perpetuating and extending the application of the Sinking Fund to the payment of that description of bonds and stocks. It is a beneficent measure, wholly in the interest of the city and the tax-payers.

Another great object of the bill is to provide for the payment of the Assessment Bonds in full in the easiest and simplest manner possible. It has been estimated that the collectable assessments on private property for local improvements, the expense of which has been paid from Assessment Bonds now outstanding, and of those which will be required under the provisions of existing laws, will not meet and provide for the payment of these bonds by seven or eight million dollars, causing a deficiency in the fund for that amount, which must be otherwise met and provided for. The amount of Assessment Bonds outstanding on December 31, 1877, was \$21,320,500.

This class of bonds was referred to in the Comptroller's report, before cited, as follows :

"Assessment Bonds are issued for short periods to pay the expenses of street improvements in anticipation of the collection of assessments on the property benefited. When assessments are paid by the owners of property, the City Treasury is reimbursed for its advances, and the Bond Debt on this account is then reduced accordingly. Bonds of this class, therefore, form only a temporary obligation of the Corporation, and not a debt payable by taxation.

"It is true, however, that on account of vacations of assessments by the courts, remissions, errors, and for cost of up-town street improvements payable by the city, a deficiency of several million dollars has arisen in the funds derived from the collection of assessments, as provided by law for the redemption of Assessment Bonds, which deficiency must eventually be met by taxation or by refunding a portion of these bonds, instead of renewing or reissuing them at maturity."

Attempts have been made to provide for this deficiency in the fund to pay the Assessment Bonds, and a provision for that purpose was embraced in section 5 of Senate Bill No. 307, last session, which was passed by both houses, but the act was vetoed by the Governor.

By the bill now proposed this deficiency is fully provided for, without a special issue of bonds to be added to the permanent Funded Debt, as above provided for.

All assessments now due, and hereafter to be assessed, for the expense of local improvements incurred before the passage of this bill, are to be paid into the Sinking Fund, to provide for the payment of the Assessment Bonds, to be redeemed and paid out of that fund, so far as the assessments for local improvements for which they are issued can be collected.

The deficiency in the assessment collections will be provided for under the provisions of this bill, by the Sinking Fund, without the issue of special bonds payable from taxation, as had been proposed in the bill of last year, thus bringing the whole existing Bonded Debt of the city, except Revenue Bonds, within one system of management, under the control and direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, upon whom the whole responsibility will rest for its regulation and final payment, without being excessively burdensome and inequitable at any time upon the tax-payers.

The exact amount of the bond indebtedness of the city will, under this system, always be known and clearly understood as to the provisions for its final liquidation.

It must be observed that this bill provides only for the payment out of the Sinking Fund of existing Bonded Debt, payable from taxation, and not for future issues of that description of bonds,

under statutes now in force or that may be enacted, or for any Assessment Bonds that may be issued for the expense of local improvements contracted for and commenced after the bill becomes a law.

Both these classes of bonds are excluded from the benefit of the Sinking Fund, and require special provisions for their payment.

In regard to assessments for local improvements hereafter undertaken, it is hoped that legislative action will be taken to revise the whole body of laws. The assessment laws, and indeed nearly all laws relating to the city, are in such utter confusion that neither the executive officers of the city nor the judiciary can readily determine their meaning or effect, and particularly with regard to proceedings in local improvements.

The collections of assessments under the present system are often very doubtful, and many millions have already been lost to the city treasury by adverse decisions of the courts in suits for vacations of assessments. The best that can be done until the laws are remodeled upon some simple and equitable basis and system that may be clearly understood by everybody, is to restrict all local improvements as much as possible to those actually necessary. Section 9 of this bill is a provision to effect this object.

The only other provision in this bill relating to Assessment Bonds issued for works commenced hereafter, is section 10, which extends the time of payment of such bonds to ten instead of five years, the term of issue to which they are now limited.

This is done in the interest of the Corporation and the owners of property subject to assessment. The bonds for a longer term can be sold more advantageously, while collections of assessments are rendered more certain before the bonds mature, avoiding the necessity for a reissue of this description of bonds.

Section 8 provides for bonds payable from taxation which may be hereafter issued, by requiring the imposition of an annual tax on and after their issue, sufficient to pay them at maturity.

This is a very important and necessary provision to restrict the issue of such bonds and prevent the increase of the City Debt. The free and easy issue of this class of bonds, payable from taxation at distant periods, has been the principal cause of the rapid accumulation of the Bond Debt, which the city is now under obligation to pay.

The most effectual way to prevent an increase of the City Debt is to bring home to the tax-payers the necessity of providing for the payment of bonds by an annual direct taxation, instead of throwing the whole burden of payment upon future owners of property and distant posterity. This provision makes it necessary to take care to provide for our public obligations when we enter into them, making every tax-payer an interested guardian of the interests of the city, watchful of every movement to increase the City Debt and taxation.

Section 4 of the bill provides for paying and cancelling the bonds of the towns annexed to the city from Westchester County in 1874, now amounting to over one million dollars, for which the city by legislative enactment has been made liable.

These bonds were issued for local improvements and other purposes, under various titles, very irregularly as to time of payment of the principal, some of the issues being payable in sums of \$1,000 annually for a period of more than two hundred years, and all bearing interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum.

The provision for the redemption and cancellation of these bonds is a proper act of financial administration.

The eleventh section of the bill provides for adjusting on the books of the Finance Department the amount due by the city for assessments on its own property, and for direct charges imposed by special acts for the expense of various local improvements, which amount is included in the general deficiency in the Assessment Fund provided for by other sections of the bill.

Under these provisions the present City Debt will be amply provided for, and it will be extinguished by a gradual reduction through the operation of the Sinking Fund, relieving the tax-payers of the immense burden they will have to bear if the bonds and stocks are paid at maturity by direct taxation, as now provided by law.

The bill referred to is herewith respectfully presented to your Honorable Body, and your early and favorable action thereon is the prayer of your memorialists.

On motion, the preamble and resolution were adopted, and the memorial and exhibits ordered printed in the minutes, and placed on file.

The Comptroller submitted the following appraisal of the rent of No. 12 Chambers street, viz. :

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—I hereby value and appraise the annual rent of the premises known as No. 12 Chambers street at the sum of \$3,150.

SAMUEL C. HOLMES.

NEW YORK, March 17, 1882.

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the appraisal of the rental value of No. 12 Chambers street, at \$3,150 per annum, by S. C. Holmes, under a resolution adopted March 13, 1882, is hereby approved and confirmed.

The Comptroller submitted the following reports, viz. :

## I.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE—CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
March 25, 1882.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund :

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred on the 13th instant a printed notice of the application of the Brooklyn Sugar Refining Company to the Commissioners of the Land Office of the State of New York for a grant of lands under water between South First and South Second streets in the Thirteenth Ward of the City of Brooklyn, respectfully

## REPORTS :

That the lands under water referred to are similar to those for which a grant was applied for from the city by Messrs. Charles Pratt & Co., in the same vicinity, and in and to which, as advised by the Counsel to the Corporation in January, 1882, the city has no right or interest.

I recommend, therefore, that this Board take no action on the matter.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Report accepted and ordered on file.

## II.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
March 27, 1882.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund :

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel D. Brinckerhoff for a confirmatory deed of a lot of land sold by the Corporation at public auction on May 21, 1866, designated as Lot No. 18 of Plot K on the map of the sale, respectfully

## REPORTS :

That the sale was regular and terms complied with by the purchaser of said lot, and purchase price paid in full, and that the amount has been deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt.

It is alleged that the deed of said property from the Corporation was not signed by the Mayor of the city, and a confirmatory deed is asked for to correct that omission.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the petition of Daniel D. Brinckerhoff for a confirmatory deed of a lot of land sold at public auction at a sale held May 21, 1866, designated as Lot No. 18 of Plot "K" on the map of said sale, be granted, and that the Mayor and Clerk of the Common Council be authorized and directed to execute such proper deed as the facts of the case may warrant and require, and as shall be approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, and that the Comptroller be authorized to deliver the same when executed and recorded in his office to the petitioner or his attorneys.

Report accepted, and, on motion, the resolution was adopted.



## III.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
March 28, 1882.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I present the petition of William Noble for a confirmatory deed of lots and parts of lots sold by the Corporation at a public sale held April 8, 1852, designated as Lots Nos. 32, 33, 41, 42, and 45 to 52, inclusive, on the map of the sale.

The sale was regular and the terms, so far as the payment of ten per cent. of the purchase price required to be paid at the time of the sale, were complied with by the purchasers, but on account of some question of title involving litigation, a deed was not executed and delivered to the purchasers until December 31, 1869, when, under a decree of the Supreme Court, the balance of the purchase money was paid with interest in full from date of the decree, and the amount deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt.

A confirmatory deed is now asked, because, as alleged, the signature of the then Mayor of the city was omitted on the original deed of the property from the Corporation.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the petition of William Noble for a confirmatory deed of lots and parts of lots of land sold by the Corporation April 8, 1852, designated as Lots Nos. 32, 33, 41, 42, and 45 to 52, inclusive, on the map of the sale, situated on Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth streets, between Madison and Fourth avenues, and more particularly described in said petition, be and the same is hereby granted and referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to prepare such a deed as the facts in the case may warrant and require, and that the Mayor and Clerk of the Common Council be authorized and directed to execute such deed when so prepared and approved by him, and that the Comptroller be directed to deliver the same when so executed and recorded in his office to said petitioner or his attorney.

Report accepted, and, on motion, the resolution was adopted.

## IV.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—The leases of the premises on the west side of the Third avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, will expire on May 1, next.

The premises were let for one year only, last spring, but after inquiry, it seems to me advisable to lease them for a longer term, subject to vacation of the leases if the property is required for public purposes or sale. I recommend that the term be fixed at three years from May 1, next, and submit a resolution for that purpose.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease at public auction for the highest marketable price or yearly rental, after public advertisement and appraisal, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of 1873, for the term of three years from May 1, 1882, the following premises belonging to the City of New York, viz.:

No. 1146 Third avenue, corner of Sixty-seventh street.  
South half of No. 1148 Third avenue.  
North half of No. 1148 Third avenue.  
No. 1150 Third avenue.  
South half of No. 1152 Third avenue.  
North half of No. 1152 Third avenue.  
South half of No. 1154 Third avenue.  
North half of No. 1154 Third avenue.  
South half of No. 1156 Third avenue.  
North half of No. 1156 Third avenue.  
No. 1158 Third avenue.  
No. 1160 Third avenue, corner of Sixty-eighth street.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.

The auctioneer's fee and twenty-five per cent. of the yearly rent bid shall be paid by the highest bidder at the time of sale, which latter amount shall be credited on the rent first becoming due, or forfeited if the purchaser does not execute the lease when notified by the Comptroller, who shall be authorized to resell the lease of the premises, if he shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale, and the person so failing shall be held liable for any deficiency that may result from such sale.

The rent shall be paid quarterly in advance.

The bid of any person will not be accepted who is in default to the Corporation upon any former lease, or upon any obligation, debt, or contract, as principal or surety, as provided by section 99 of the Charter of 1873.

The lease will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required for sale or for public purposes; and all repairs shall be made at the expense of the lessees.

Resolved, That Samuel C. Holmes be appointed to appraise the rental values of the premises above designated, and his valuations shall be the upset prices at which the leases shall be sold.

Report accepted, and, on motion, the resolution was adopted.

## V.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, March 23, 1882.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I present an application of George D. Scott, Colonel Commanding Eighth Infantry, for a lease of armory at Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street, for the term of three years from January 1, 1882, together with certificates of organization by Fred. Townsend, Adjutant-General, approving the same as prescribed by the Military Code of the State of New York.

The owner has agreed to lease said premises on the same terms and conditions as are contained in the lease which expired December 31, 1881, and at the same rent of \$5,000 per annum, which I consider fair and reasonable.

A resolution is submitted authorizing the lease to be made.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease of the premises occupied by the Eighth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., known as Nos. 281, 283, 285, and 287 Ninth avenue, and Nos. 404, 406, 408, and 410 West Twenty-seventh street, for the term of three years from January 1, 1882, at the yearly rent of \$5,000, with the usual covenants and conditions, and also such as are contained in the lease which expired December 31, 1881, for the use and occupation of the same military organization; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to enter into and execute such lease, when prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, as provided by chapter 461, Laws of 1881, and upon compliance with all the requirements of law applicable to the leasing of property for the use of the National Guard, State of New York.

Report accepted, and, on motion, the resolution was adopted.

## VI.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, March 24, 1882.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

I present herewith an application of Colonel Richard Vose, Seventy-first Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., for a lease of the armory now occupied by said regiment, at Broadway, Sixth avenue, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets, for one year from May 1, 1882. The certificate of organization, approved by the Adjutant-General of the State, as required by the Military Code, is attached to the application.

The rent agreed upon is \$12,000, which, in my judgment, is fair and reasonable, and the terms and conditions to be the same as those in the present lease of the said premises.

The following resolution is accordingly submitted for approval.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease of the premises on the second story of the building bounded by Broadway, Sixth avenue, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets, now occupied as an armory and drill-rooms by the Seventy-first Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York, for the term of one year from May 1, 1882, at the yearly rent of \$12,000, with the usual covenants and conditions, and also such as are contained in the lease which expires May 1, 1882, for the use and occupation of the said regiment; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to enter into and execute such lease, when prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, as provided by chapter 461, Laws of 1881, and upon compliance with all the requirements of law applicable to the leasing of property for the use of the National Guard.

Report accepted, and, on motion, the resolution was adopted.

## VII.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, March 25, 1882.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

The application of Colonel S. V. R. Cruger, Twelfth Regiment, and Captain F. P. Earle, Battery E, N. G. S. N. Y., for a lease of the armory now occupied by said regiment and Battery E, on Broadway, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, is herewith presented.

The certificates of organization, approved by the Adjutant-General of the State, as required by the Military Code, are attached to the applications.

The premises are offered at a yearly rent of \$20,000, which I consider fair and reasonable, the covenants and conditions to be the same as in the present lease, and recommend a lease for one year.

A resolution to authorize the lease is submitted.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease of the premises now occupied as an armory by the Twelfth Regiment and Battery E, on Broadway, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, for the term of one year from May 1, 1882, at the yearly rent of \$20,000, with the usual covenants and conditions, and also such as are contained in the lease which expires May 1, 1882, for the use and occupation of the said military organizations; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to enter into and execute such lease, when prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, as provided by chapter 461, Laws of 1881, and upon compliance with all the requirements of law applicable to the leasing of property for the use of the National Guard.

Report accepted, and, on motion, the resolution was adopted.

A communication from the Commissioners of Docks, requesting copy of lease of Twenty-third street ferry to the Manhattan Beach Railroad Company, and also of other wharf property used for ferry purposes, was received and referred to the Comptroller.

The application of the Board governing the Department of Parks for all "of the triangular block of land bounded by Madison avenue, River street and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, not occupied by or required for Madison avenue bridge or the southern approach thereto," to be set apart for use as a public square or place, was received and referred to the Comptroller.

The petition of Franklin A. Wilcox for deed of confirmation was received, and referred to the Comptroller.

Copy of a bill now before the Legislature, entitled "An act to provide for the construction, repairs, and improvement of docks, wharves, piers, slips, and bulkheads in the City of New York, and for the management and control of the same," was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, together with all other bills relating to the Department of Docks, for his consideration and to report.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Secretary.

## PROCLAMATION.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, March 17, 1882.

Whereas, Section 7 of chapter 742 of the Laws of 1871, makes it a misdemeanor to tamper or interfere with the Fire Alarm Telegraph; and

Whereas, It has been certified to me by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of New York that offenses against the said statute have been committed at the following time and places, to wit:

1880, April 26—Box 136, Pike and Cherry streets; door broken off.  
1880, September 8—Box 14, New street, between Exchange place and Beaver street; outer and inner doors demolished and lock of outer door missing.  
1881, September 1—Box 617, Fourth avenue and Sixty-fifth street; outer door broken.  
1881, September 26—Box 722, Tenth avenue and One Hundred and Twelfth street; both doors broken.  
1881, November 18—Box 551, Eleventh avenue and Fifty-third street; outer door broken.  
1882, January 1—Box 447, Third avenue and Thirty-first street; key broken off in door.  
1882, February 15—Box 389, Avenue A and Twenty-fourth street; outer door broken.  
1882, March 3—Box 896, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and Third avenue; box broken open and door removed.  
1882, March 10, 10.16 P. M.—Box 334, Fifteenth street and Tenth avenue; door open.  
1882, March 10, 10.37 P. M.—Box 383, Gramercy Park and Twenty-first street; door open and key in lock.  
1882, March 10, 10.38 P. M.—Box 282, Bank and West streets; door open.  
1882, March 10, 11.07 P. M.—Box 818, Sixth avenue and One Hundred and Fortieth street; door open and key in lock.  
1882, March 11, 12.13 A. M.—Box 318, Sixth avenue and Eleventh street; door open.  
1882, March 11, 12.25 A. M.—Box 64, Church and Barclay streets; door open, key in lock.  
1882, March 11, 1.39 A. M.—Box 418, Sixth avenue and Twenty-sixth street; door open.  
1882, March 11, 7 A. M.—Box 727, Second avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street; door open; and

Whereas, It has been further certified to me that while a portion of the Fire Department is engaged in responding to unnecessary and malicious alarms, which unnecessarily call into requisition the force of the Department, thus seriously weakening such force for actual duty in case of alarms for actual fires, the efficiency of the Department is seriously affected and the welfare of the city endangered.

Now, therefore, I, William R. Grace, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby offer a reward of two hundred and fifty dollars to any person or persons who shall give information resulting in the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties guilty of any one of the aforesaid misdemeanors. No claim for this reward to be considered unless presented to the Mayor within twenty days after the arrest of any such party or parties.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

## APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That the roadway of One Hundred and Eleventh street, from the westerly crosswalk of First avenue to the easterly crosswalk of Second avenue, be paved with trap-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 14, 1882.  
Approved by the Mayor, March 21, 1882.

Resolved, That Avenue B, from the north curb of Eighty-sixth street to the south curb of Eighty-seventh street, be regulated, graded, curbed, and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 14, 1882.  
Approved by the Mayor, March 21, 1882.

Resolved, That East One Hundred and Forty-third street, between the easterly curb-line of Willis avenue and the westerly curb-line of Brook avenue, be regulated and graded, the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide, where not heretofore flagged, and that curb and gutter stones be set, where not heretofore set, within the aforesaid limits, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 14, 1882.  
Approved by the Mayor, March 21, 1882.



**METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY**  
OF THE  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS**  
**CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.**

Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the Ground, 53 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

**ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS**

For the Week Ending March 25, 1882.

**Barometer.**

DATE.		7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Mean for the Day.	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.
MARCH.		Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Time.	Reduced to Freezing.
Sunday,	19	29.948	29.882	29.950	29.927	30.022	29.882
Monday,	20	29.962	29.882	29.810	29.885	29.986	29.786
Tuesday,	21	29.626	29.542	29.610	29.592	29.786	29.500
Wednesday,	22	29.708	29.742	29.928	29.793	29.992	29.642
Thursday,	23	30.190	30.178	30.088	30.152	30.218	29.992
Friday,	24	29.802	29.850	30.068	29.907	30.088	29.800
Saturday,	25	30.208	30.196	30.216	30.207	30.222	30.088

Mean for the week..... 29.923 inches.  
Maximum " at 9 A. M., March 25..... 30.222 "  
Minimum " at 5 P. M., March 21..... 29.500 "  
Range " ..... .722 "

**Thermometers.**

DATE.		7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	MEAN.	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	MAXIMUM.
MARCH.		Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	In Sun.
Sunday,	19	35	33	52	44	49	43	56
Monday,	20	42	39	52	44	48	42	53
Tuesday,	21	45	43	37	37	39	36	48
Wednesday,	22	36	35	42	37	36	34	43
Thursday,	23	30	29	39	34	37	36	44
Friday,	24	39	37	38	32	26	34	45
Saturday,	25	23	21	32	28	30	29	35

\* Cloudy.  
Dry Bulb. 38.7 degrees. Wet Bulb. 35.4 degrees.  
Mean for the week..... 38.7 degrees.  
Maximum for the week at 5 P. M., 19th..... 56. " at 3 P. M., 19th..... 47. "  
Minimum " at 6 A. M., 25th..... 22. " at 6 A. M., 25th..... 21. "  
Range " ..... 34. " ..... 26. "

**Wind.**

DATE. MARCH.	DIRECTION.			VELOCITY IN MILES.				FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT.				
	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Distance for the Day.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Max.	Time.
Sunday, 19....	W	WNW	NW	49	66	39	154	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.10 P. M.
Monday, 20...	NW	SW	WSW	39	32	57	128	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.40 P. M.
Tuesday, 21....	ESE	ENE	N	45	81	45	171	0	3	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.30 A. M.
Wednesday, 22....	W	W	W	51	89	96	236	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 P. M.
Thursday, 23 ...	NW	WNW	SW	124	87	71	282	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	3	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 A. M.
Friday, 24 ...	WSW	NW	N	110	104	114	328	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	9.40 A. M.
Saturday, 25....	NW	NW	N	116	96	47	259	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	9.15 A. M.

Distance traveled during the week..... 1,558 miles.  
Maximum force " ..... 15 1/2 pounds.

		Hygrometer.						Clouds.			Rain and Snow.					
DATE.		FORCE OF VAPOR.			RELATIVE HUMIDITY.			CLEAR, O. OVERCAST, IO.			DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES.					
MARCH.		7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.	Duration.	Amount of Water.	Depth of Snow.	
													H. M.			
Sunday,	19	.162	.183	.199	79	47	57	10	2 Cir.	0	1 A. M.	3 A. M.	2.00	.06	..	
Monday,	20	.199	.183	.207	74	47	53	6 Cir. Cu.	9 Cu.	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	
Tuesday,	21	.251	.220	.220	84	100	100	10	10	10	2.30 A. M.	10.30 A. M.	8.00	.28	..	
											6 P. M.	10 P. M.	4.00	.05	..	
Wednesday,	22	.191	.155	.183	90	57	90	0	5 Cir. Cu.	9 Cu.	3.40 A. M.	6 A. M.	2.20	.09	½	
Thursday,	23	.149	.131	.168	89	54	65	0	2 Cir.	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	
Friday,	24	.194	.103	.129	81	45	88	7 Cir. Cu.	8 Cu. S.	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	
Saturday,	25	.090	.108	.149	73	59	89	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	

Total amount of water for the week..... .48 inch.

DANIEL DRAPER, PH. D., Director.

**OFFICIAL DIRECTORY**

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

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.**

**Mayor's Office.**  
No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
**WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor; WILLIAM M. IVINS, Secretary and Chief Clerk.**  
**Mayor's Marshal's Office.**  
No. 1 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
**GEORGE A. McDERMOTT, First Marshal.**  
**Permit Bureau Office.**  
No. 13 1/2 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
**HENRY WOLTMAN, Register.**  
**Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.**  
No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
**WILLIAM EYERS, Sealer First District; CHRISTOPHER BARRY, Sealer Second District; JOHN MURRAY, Inspector First District; JOSEPH SHANNON, Inspector Second District.**

**COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.**

No. 1 County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**WM. PITT SHEARMAN, JOHN W. BARROW.**

**LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.**

**Office of Clerk of Common Council.**  
No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**WILLIAM SAUER, President Board of Aldermen. FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.**  
**City Library.**  
No. 12 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**THOS. J. O'CONNELL, Librarian.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

**Commissioner's Office.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**HUBERT O. THOMPSON, Commissioner; FREDERICK H. HAMLIN, Deputy Commissioner.**

**Bureau of Water Register.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.**

**Bureau of Incumbrances.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.**

**Bureau of Lamps and Gas.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**STEPHEN McCORMICK, Superintendent.**

**Bureau of Streets.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**JAMES J. MOONEY, Superintendent.**

**Engineer in Charge of Sewers.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**STEVENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge.**

**Bureau of Street Improvements.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**GEORGE A. JEREMIAH, Superintendent.**

**Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**THOMAS H. McAVOY, Superintendent.**

**Bureau of Water Surveyor.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**DANIEL O'REILLY, Water Purveyor.**

**Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.**  
**MARTIN J. KESE, City Hall.**

**Bureau of Chief Engineer.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**ISAAC NEWTON, Chief Engineer.**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT.**

**Comptroller's Office.**  
Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORRES, Deputy Comptroller.**

**Auditing Bureau.**  
No. 19 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**DANIEL JACKSON, Auditor of Accounts.**

**Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.**  
No. 5 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**ARTEMAS CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.**

**Bureau for the Collection of City Revenues and of Markets.**  
No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**THOMAS F. DeVoe, Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.**

**Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.**  
First floor Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.  
**MARTIN T. McMAHON, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED VREDENBURG, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.**

**Bureau of the City Chamberlain.**  
No. 18 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**J. NELSON TAPPAN, City Chamberlain.**

**Office of the City Paymaster.**  
Room 1, New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**MOOR FALLS, City Paymaster.**

**LAW DEPARTMENT**

**Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.**  
Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
Saturday, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation. ANDREW T. CAMPBELL, Chief Clerk.**

**Office of the Public Administrator.**  
No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator.**

**Office of the Corporation Attorney.**  
No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**WILLIAM A. BOYD, Corporation Attorney.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**Central Office.**  
No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**STEPHEN B. FRENCH, President; SETH C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.**

**DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.**  
**Central Office.**  
No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.  
**THOMAS S. BRENNAN, President; GEORGE F. BRITTON, Secretary.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**Headquarters.**  
Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.  
**JOHN J. GORMAN, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.**

**Bureau of Chief of Department.**  
**ELI BATES, Chief of Department.**

**Bureau of Inspector of Combustibles.**  
**PETER SERRY, Inspector of Combustibles.**

**Bureau of Fire Marshal.**

**GEORGE H. SHELDON, Fire Marshal.**

**Bureau of Inspection of Buildings.**

**WM. P. ESTERBROOK, Inspector of Buildings.**  
Office hours, Headquarters and Bureaus, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. (Saturdays to 3 P. M.)

**Attorney to Department.**

**WM. L. FINDLEY, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street and No. 120 Broadway.**

**Fire Alarm Telegraph.**

**J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Telegraph**  
Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.

**Repair Shops.**

Nos. 128 and 130 West Third street.  
**JOHN MCCABE, Chief of Battalion-in-Charge, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.**

**Hospital Stables.**

No. 109 Christie street.  
**DEDERICK G. GALE, Superintendent of Horses.**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

No. 301 Mott street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**CHARLES F. CHANDLER, President; EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.**

No. 36 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.**  
**Civil and Topographical Office.**  
Arsenal, 64th street and 5th avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
**Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.**  
146th street and 3d avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

**DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.**

Nos. 11 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**JOHN R. VOORHIS, President; JOHN T. CUMING, Secretary.**

**DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.**  
Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; J. C. REED, Secretary.**

**DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.**  
51 Chambers Street, Rooms 10, 11 & 12, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**JAMES S. COLEMAN, Commissioner; M. J. MORRISON, Chief Clerk.**

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS.**  
Office, City Hall, Room No. 11 1/2, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**JOHN R. LYECKER, Chairman; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.**

**BOARD OF EXCISE.**  
Corner Bond street and Bowery, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**WILLIAM P. MITCHELL, President; ANTHONY HARTMAN, Chief Clerk.**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**  
Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**PETER BOWE, Sheriff; JOEL O. STEVENS, Under Sheriff.**

**REGISTER'S OFFICE.**  
East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**AUGUSTUS T. DOCHARTY, Register; J. FAIRFAX McLAUGHLIN, Deputy Register.**

**COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.**  
No. 17 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**GEORGE CAULFIELD, Commissioner; ALFRED J. KEEGAN, Deputy Commissioner.**

**COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**  
Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**WILLIAM A. BUTLER, County Clerk; CHAS. S. BEARDSLEY, Deputy County Clerk.**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**  
Second floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.  
9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
**JOHN McKEON, District Attorney; Chief Clerk.**

**THE CITY RECORD OFFICE.**  
And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.  
No. 2 City Hall, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
**THOMAS COSTIGAN, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.**

**CORONERS' OFFICE.**  
Nos. 13 and 15 Chatham street.  
**PHILIP MERKLE, THOMAS C. KNOX, GERSON N. HERRMAN, JOHN H. BRADY, Coroners; JOHN D. COUGHLIN, Clerk of the Board of Coroners.**

**SUPREME COURT.**  
Second floor, New County Court-house, 10 1/2 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
General Term, Room No. 9.  
Special Term, Room No. 10.  
Chambers, Room No. 11.  
Circuit, Part I., Room No. 12.  
Circuit, Part II., Room No. 13.  
Circuit, Part III., Room No. 14.  
Judges' Private Chambers, Room No. 15.  
**NOAH DAVIS, Chief Justice; WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Clerk.**

**CORPORATION NOTICE.**

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

No. 1. Sewer in New avenue, west of Morningside Park, and in One Hundred and Twenty-second street, between One Hundred and Sixteenth street and Tenth avenue.

No. 2. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, in Sixty-eighth street, from Third avenue to East river (except between First avenue and East river).

No. 3. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging One Hundred and Third street, from First to Fifth avenues.

No. 4. Sewers in Ninth and New avenues, east of Morningside Park, between One Hundred and Fifteenth and Manhattan streets, and One Hundred and Sixteenth street, between New avenue and next east of Morningside Park.

No. 5. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging One Hundred and Second street, from Fifth avenue to Harlem river.

No. 6. Outlet sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Harlem river and Fifth avenue, with connections to present sewers.







cations 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 Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The right to decline all the estimates is reserved, if deemed for the interest of the Corporation 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 the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

JOHN R. VOORHIS,  
JACOB VANDERPOEL,  
WILLIAM LAMBEER,  
Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

### TO CONTRACTORS.

#### PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES.

ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRS TO ENGINE AND Boiler, and to Ship (Carpenters' Work, Joiners' Work, and Painting to the Steamboat "Mimhananark," will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, at the office of said Department, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A.M., of Friday, April 7, 1882, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of 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 amount of the security required is \$1,000 for Engine and Boiler, and \$1,500 for Ship Carpenters' Work, Joiners' Work, and Painting.

The entire work will be required to be completed on or before thirty-five (35) working days for Carpenters, Joiners, and Painters' work, and twenty (20) working days for Engine and Boiler after the commencement thereof.

For information as to the amount and kind of work to be done, bidders are referred to the specifications, which are annexed to and form part of these proposals.

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, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at fifty dollars per day.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract is awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract for five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or estimate, or if, after acceptance, he or they should refuse or neglect to execute the contract and give proper security, for five days after notice that he contract is ready for execution, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, and so on, until it is accepted and executed.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction 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 Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. 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 law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York, after the award is made, and prior to the signing of the contract.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the 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 estimates, 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 neglect or refuse, 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 will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued on the completion of the contract.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, March 25, 1882.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,  
JACOB HESS,  
HENRY H. PORTER,  
Commissioners of the Department of  
Public Charities and Correction.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Monday, April 10, 1882, at 4 p. m., for supplying the coal and wood required for the public schools in this city for the ensuing year—say twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) tons of coal, more or less, and seven hundred and fifty (750) cords of oak, and eight hundred and fifty (850) cords of pine wood, more or less. The coal must be of the best quality of white ash, furnace, egg, stove, and nut sizes, clean and in good order, two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and must be delivered in the bins of the several school buildings at such times and in such quantities as required by the Committee on Supplies.

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 quantity of the various sizes of coal required will be about as follows, viz.: Ten thousand five hundred (10,500) tons of furnace size, one thousand (1,000) tons of stove size, three hundred (300) tons of egg size, and seven hundred (700) tons of nut size.

The oak wood must be of the best quality, the stick not less than three (3) feet long. The pine wood must be of the best quality Virginia, and not less than three (3) feet six (6) inches long. The proposal must state the price per cord of one hundred and twenty-eight (128) cubic feet, solid measure, for both oak and pine wood, and also the price per cord for load for sawing, and the price per cord per load for splitting, the quantity of oak wood to be split only as required by the Committee on Supplies. The wood will be inspected and measured under the supervision of the Inspector of Fuel of the Board of Education, and must be delivered at the schools as follows: Two-thirds of the quantity required from the 1st of May to the 15th of September, and the remainder as required by the Committee on Supplies; said wood, both oak and pine, must be delivered sawed, and, when required, split, and must be piled in the yards, cellars, vaults, or bins of the school buildings, as may be designated by the proper authority. The contracts for supplying said coal and wood to be binding until the first day of May, 1882. Two sureties for the faithful performance of the contract will be required, and each proposal must be accompanied by the signatures and residences of the proposed sureties. No compensation will be allowed for delivering said coal and wood at any of the schools, nor for putting and piling the same in the yards, cellars, vaults, or bins of said schools.

Proposals must be directed to the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education, and should be indorsed "Proposals for Coal," or "Proposals for Wood," as the case may be.

The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all proposals received.

FERDINAND TRAUD,  
WILLIAM BELDEN,  
HUBERT O. THOMPSON,  
FREDERICK W. DEVOE,  
W. J. WELCH,  
Committee on Supplies.

NEW YORK, March 27, 1882.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK,  
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,  
NEW YORK, March 28, 1882.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS Department with the following articles, to wit:

250,000 pounds Hay, of the quality and standard known as Good Sweet Timothy.

50,000 pounds good clean Rye Straw.

2,000 bags clean White Oats, 80 pounds to the bag.

1,400 bags Fine Feed, 60 pounds to the bag.

—will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M., Saturday, April 8th, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

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

Any person making an estimate for the articles shall present 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 articles to which it relates.

Proposals must include all of the items, specifying the price per cwt. for hay and straw, and per bag for oats and feed.

All of the articles are to be delivered at the various houses of the Department in such quantities and at such times as may be directed.

The Fire Department 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 Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. 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 his sureties for its faithful performance in a sum not less than one-half the amount of the estimate; 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 received or considered after the hour named.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the 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 neglect or refuse to execute the contract 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.

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 him or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract, a dividend give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

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

The form of the agreement and specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, may be seen and forms of proposal may be obtained at the office of the Department.

JOHN I. GORMAN,  
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,  
HENRY D. PURROY,  
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,  
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,  
NEW YORK, September 23, 1881.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Commissioners of this Department will meet daily, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

By order of  
JOHN I. GORMAN, President.  
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,  
HENRY D. PURROY,  
Commissioners.

CARL JUSS N,  
Secretary

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
Room 6, No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK, March 28, 1882.

### TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES INCLOSED IN A SEALED envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received at this office until Monday, April 10, 1882, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour and place they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, and read, for

FURNISHING MATERIALS AND PERFORMING WORK IN THE ERECTION OF A MARKET BUILDING ON THE SITE OF THE BUILDING NOW KNOWN AS JEFFERSON MARKET.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person 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 work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in 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 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 estimates, 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 neglect or refuse, 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.

Blank forms of bid or estimates, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired can be obtained on application at the office of Douglas Smyth, Architect, No. 137 Broadway.

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if, in his judgment, the same may be for the best interests of the city.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
Room 6, No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK, March 22, 1882.

### 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 this office until Tuesday, April 4, 1882, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read for the following:

No. 1. PAVING, with granite-block pavement, Forty-second street, from Second to First avenue, setting curb stones, and laying flagging therein, and laying crosswalks at intersecting streets where required.

No. 2. PAVING, with granite-block pavement, Sixty-second street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 3. PAVING, with trap-block pavement, Forty-fifth street, from Eleventh to Twelfth avenue.

No. 4. Paving, with trap-block pavement, Sixty-ninth street, from First avenue to Avenue A, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 5. PAVING, with granite-block pavement, Sixty-fifth street, from First avenue to Avenue A, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 6. PAVING, with trap-block pavement, Eighty-seventh street, from the western crosswalk of Avenue A to the easterly crosswalk of First Avenue.

No. 7. PAVING, with trap-block pavement, Ninety-fifth street, from Third to Lexington avenue, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 8. PAVING, with trap-block pavement, One Hundred and Twelfth street, from Fourth to Madison avenue, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 9. PAVING, with trap-block pavement, One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Second to Third avenue, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 10. PAVING, with trap-block pavement, One Hundred and Twenty-second street, from Fourth to Madison avenue, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 11. PAVING, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 12. PAVING, with trap-block pavement, One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from Eighth to Sixth avenue, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 13. SEWER in Fourth or Park avenue, east side, between Thirteenth and Thirty-sixth streets from end of present sewer.

No. 14. REGULATING and grading Ninety-third street, from the west curb of the Boulevard to the east line of West End avenue, and setting curb stones and flagging sidewalks therein.

No. 15. REGULATING and grading Ninety-eighth street, from the west curb of Second avenue to the east curb of Third avenue, and setting curb stones and flagging sidewalks therein.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person 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 work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a Department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in 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 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 estimates, 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 neglect or refuse, 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.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelope in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and further information desired, can be obtained for each class of work at the following offices: For Paving, Room 1; Sewers, Room 8; and Regulating and Grading, Room 5, No. 31 Chambers street.

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if, in his judgment the same may be for the best interests of the city.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
Room 6, No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK, March 22, 1882.

### TO PAINTERS AND 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 this office until Tuesday, April 4, 1882, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read, for the following:

No. 1. FURNISHING MATERIALS AND PAINTING THE FOUR FREE FLOATING BATHS, known as Numbers One, Two, Three, and Four.

No. 2. FURNISHING MATERIALS AND PAINTING THE FOUR FREE FLOATING BATHS known as Numbers Five, Six, Seven, and Eight.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person 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 work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in 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.



