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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT,

No. 154 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

CALENDAR OF HEARINGS.

The following hearings will be held during the remainder of the week beginning Monday, July 13, 1908:

Wednesday, July 15—10:30 A. M.—Room 305.—Order No. 531.—STATEN ISLAND R. T. CO. AND STATEN ISLAND RY. CO.—“Passenger rates, etc.”—Commissioner McCarroll.

Thursday, July 16—2 P. M.—Room 305.—Order No. 299.—NEW YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, ON COMPLAINT OF JOHN H. O'BRIEN, COMMISSIONER.—“Overhead high tension system.”—Final Argument.—Whole Commission.

2:30 P. M.—Commissioner Maltbie's Room.—Order No. 205.—ALL ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANIES.—“General investigation of rates and contracts.”—Commissioner Maltbie.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at a Meeting Held in Room 16, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, June 30, 1908.

Present—George B. McClellan, Mayor; Herman A. Metz, Comptroller; James J. Martin, Chamberlain; Timothy P. Sullivan, Chairman, Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the meetings held June 11 and 17, 1908, were approved as printed.

The Chair called for a hearing in the matter of the request of the Commissioner of Docks that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of an agreement to be entered into with the owners of property within the vicinity of Jamaica avenue, Astoria, Borough of Queens, for the purchase of same, for the sum of \$85,000 (see page 772).

A representative of the Astoria Taxpayers' Association appeared before the Board and was heard in favor of the proposition. No one appeared in opposition. The Chair then declared the hearing closed.

The Secretary submitted the following:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

I hereby certify that the following is a correct copy of notice of hearing as published in the CITY RECORD on June 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1908.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS,

Secretary, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Public notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 372 of the Laws of 1907, will hold a public hearing in Room 16, City Hall, Borough of Manhattan, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on Tuesday, June 30, 1908, relative to a recommendation of the Commissioner of Docks that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of an agreement to be entered into between the Commissioner of Docks and the owners of the following described property in the vicinity of Jamaica avenue, Astoria, Borough of Queens:

“Beginning at a point in the late Village of Astoria (now Long Island City), at the boundary line of land of A. W. Winans at high water mark, which point is also on the westerly line of the Boulevard; running thence north 56 degrees 36 minutes west 163 feet 11 inches to the Harbor Commissioner's bulkhead and pier line; thence along said Harbor Commissioner's line south 50 degrees 11 minutes west 261 feet 8 inches to the northerly side of property belonging to John W. Scott; thence along northerly side of property belonging to John W. Scott south 49 degrees 36 minutes east 164 feet 7½ inches to the westerly side of the Boulevard (the title of which was vested and confirmed in The City of New York December 22, 1891); thence along westerly side of the Boulevard 94 feet to the southerly side of Jamaica avenue (the title of which was vested in The City of New York June 16, 1902); thence westerly and along said southerly side of Jamaica avenue 50 feet to the line of low water as determined in 1902; thence northerly and along the line of mean low water, as determined in 1902, 82 feet 5½ inches to the northerly side of Jamaica avenue aforesaid; thence easterly and along said northerly side of Jamaica avenue 50 feet to the westerly side of the Boulevard above mentioned; thence northerly and along the westerly side of the Boulevard 104 feet 8¼ inches to the point or place of beginning, together with all the right, title and interest of the owner of the said property of, in and to the property referred to as Parcel D in the report of the Comptroller, which property is the prolongation of Jamaica avenue on the easterly side of the Boulevard, having a frontage of 82.46 feet thereon, with a depth of 50 feet on the northerly and southerly sides thereof, running to low water mark and along low water mark 82.46 feet.”

—for the purchase of same for the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000).

The Appraiser of Real Estate of the Department of Finance, in his report to the Comptroller states that the price asked for the property is not excessive.

The map of the property, together with the communication of the Commissioner of Docks and the report of the Appraiser of Real Estate of the Department of Finance, approved by the Comptroller, are open to the inspection of any citizen at the office of the Comptroller of The City of New York, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, at all times during business hours.

GEO. B. McCLELLAN,

Chairman, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Docks with report of the Appraiser of Real Estate and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, }
June 5, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—Under date of May 4, 1908, an application was made by the Samuel Stevens Realty Company, who claim to be the owners in fee of water-front property in the vicinity of Broadway, Astoria, for the approval of the plan for the proposed improvement of said property, which is shown in green in the sketch hereto attached.

The construction of the platform as proposed will abut the southerly side of the structure at the foot of Broadway, Astoria, thus depriving the City of the possibility of ever making use of this side of the pier for wharfage purposes should it be deemed advisable or legal to rebuild or repair the pier for that purpose. The matter was referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to whether or not the City had the right to utilize the structure at the foot of Broadway, Astoria, for wharfage purposes, and also whether it would be justified in refusing to grant the application of the Stevens Realty Company. In view of the fact that the Broadway structure could be improved, the building of the platform in question would prevent its use as a pier.

I transmit herewith copy of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel relative to the matter, in which he sets forth at length the history of the Broadway structure, and states that in his judgment the applicant would be in a position to enforce the issuance of a permit by mandamus.

The facts in relation to the northerly side of the pier are practically the same and the owners of the land under water would be similarly entitled to a permit to improve their property, which would render useless the northerly side of the Broadway structure for pier purposes.

The Corporation Counsel in his opinion also takes up the question of the acquisition of property in that vicinity, to meet the demand for increased public wharfage facilities, by residents and parties interested in business along the water-front at that locality.

In view of the fact that the idea of improving the Broadway structure for the purpose of making it available as a pier, must now be abandoned, I deem it advisable to request the reconsideration of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the purchase of the property at the foot of Jamaica avenue.

As far back as 1903, the question as to the advisability of acquiring the property at the foot of Jamaica avenue for the purposes of improvement and the building of a public pier to accommodate the business interests in that neighborhood, has been under consideration by this Department, and in March, 1904, a new plan for the improvement of the water-front in that vicinity was approved by the then Commissioner of Docks.

On December 11, 1906, a communication was addressed by this Department to the Comptroller, requesting that the Bureau of Real Estate appraise the property, and in reply thereto, was advised that it was worth in the neighborhood of \$300 per running foot, which would make the property, according to the estimate of the Comptroller's Appraiser, worth \$84,000.

On January 30, 1907, the matter was again called to the attention of the Department by the Comptroller, who stated that he received an offer from the attorneys of the owners to sell the parcel of land, which consists of 280 feet of water-front along Vernon avenue, Astoria, and extending outshore a distance of about 150 feet, for \$85,000.

Property on the easterly shore of the East River, is, in many sections, increasing in value very rapidly, and I consider \$85,000 a fair price for the property in question.

Under date of May 25, 1908, the attorney for the owners, Mr. Anthony McOwen, renewed his offer to sell the property for \$85,000, and I beg to recommend that I be authorized to enter into an agreement with him for the purchase of same.

Yours respectfully,

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, June 4, 1908. }

Hon. ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner of Docks:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication under date of May 14, 1908, relative to the application of the Samuel Stevens Realty Company, who claim to be the owners in fee of water-front property consisting of land both above and below mean high water, and extending to the pier and bulkhead line on the East River in the vicinity of Broadway, Astoria, in the Borough of Queens, for the approval of a plan for the proposed improvement of said property which is shown in black on the sketch transmitted.

You state that at the foot of Broadway, Astoria, the City some years ago constructed a sewer with cribwork built around it, which has been used to some extent for tying up vessels; that the dilapidated condition of the structure and the shallowness of the water on either side precluded the possibility of utilizing it for general wharfage purposes; that the land under water on either side of the Broadway structure is included within the lines of grants to private parties and is not owned by the City;

that the land under water on the southerly side of the Broadway structure is covered by the grant to John A. Stevens, executor, dated December 17, 1870, for "beneficial enjoyment"; that if the permission requested is withheld for the construction of the platform, it is asserted that the owner is deprived of the beneficial enjoyment of his property; that the construction of the platform as proposed will shut the southerly side of the structure at the foot of Broadway, Astoria, for a distance of 220 feet at its outshore end, thus depriving the City of the possibility of ever making use of this side of the pier for wharfage purposes, should it be deemed advisable or legal to rebuild or repair the pier for that purpose; that under chapter 644 of the Laws of 1893, a commission was appointed for the purpose of acquiring property for public purposes in the former Long Island City; that pursuant to this act the property at the foot of Broadway, Astoria, was acquired for the sum of \$22,000.

You transmit a copy of an official notice published by this commission in 1894 giving notice of its intention to acquire the property within the lines of Broadway, between Vernon avenue and the East River, for the purpose of opening said street and the continuation therein of a trunk or main sewer under and in pursuance of the provisions of the act referred to, and state with reference thereto, that such notice would seem to establish the fact that the structure at the foot of Broadway was acquired solely as a continuation of the street and the continuation therein of a trunk or main sewer, thus making the structure practically a continuation of the street; that this is further evidenced by the character of the structure itself in that it is of solid construction and not of the customary pile pier type.

You further state in your communication as follows, to wit:

"Another matter has arisen in connection with the status of the Broadway structure to which I desire to call your attention. The residents and business men's associations of Astoria have complained for some years past of the lack of wharfage facilities in that section of the City, and the several Commissioners of this Department, recognizing the justice of their demands, have been negotiating for some time with the owners for the purchase of the property at the foot of Jamaica avenue, which would seem to be the most advantageous locality for the building of a new pier.

"At the meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held May 6, 1908, when the purchase of the property at the foot of Jamaica avenue was under consideration, the question arose as to the possibility of rebuilding or repairing the structure at the foot of Broadway so as to make it available as a public pier.

"Will you please advise therefore as to whether the Department may repair or rebuild the structure at the foot of Broadway so as to make it available as a public pier; and

"Second, whether the Department can refuse to grant a permit to the Stevens Realty Company to improve its property in accordance with plans submitted which would effectually prevent the City from utilizing the southern side of the Broadway structure as a public pier."

In reply, I would state that as to the jurisdiction of the former Long Island City to lay out, open and acquire title for streets, I would refer you to the opinion from this office to your predecessor in office under date of June 27, 1907, relative to his inquiry as to how much property was necessary to be acquired for a site for a proposed pier at the foot of Jamaica avenue, Astoria.

I entirely agree with the conclusions expressed in such opinion and it therefore remains only to consider questions arising upon other facts applicable to the situation of affairs at the foot of Broadway, Astoria, and acts of the Legislature which did not need to be considered in connection with that matter.

It appears that in the year 1855, by legislative enactment, a commission was appointed to establish pierhead and bulkhead lines around the port of New York.

This commission adopted bulkhead and pierhead lines which were confirmed by chapter 763 of the Laws of 1857.

In front of the locality in question the bulkhead and pierhead lines were coincident and no piers were to be constructed exterior to such line.

The act in question after confirming the lines as shown upon what is known as the Harbor Commissioners map provided that it shown not be lawful to fill in with earth, stone or other solid material in the waters of said port beyond the bulkhead line or line of solid filling established, nor should it be lawful to erect any structure exterior to the said bulkhead line except piers of a certain width with intervening water spaces of at least one hundred feet.

As the pierhead and bulkhead line are coincident in front of the locality in question, it is apparent that no structures of any kind or character could be erected exterior thereto.

I understand that there has been no change of this pierhead and bulkhead line since the approval of the Harbor Commissioners lines; that no new plan for the improvement of the water-front at that locality has been determined upon and approved and that such line is coincident with the bulkhead and pierhead line approved by the Secretary of War in 1860.

It further appears that in 1870, letters patent of the lands under water out to the Harbor Commissioners' pier and bulkhead line for beneficial enjoyment were granted by the Commissioners of the Land Office of the State of New York to John A. Stevens, Executor.

By such letters patent dated December 17, 1870, the title of State of New York therefore became vested in the adjoining upland owner with the right to fill in, reclaim and make land out to the bulkhead line.

In 1870 Long Island City was created and the boundary and jurisdiction was, as stated in the opinion hereinbefore referred to, limited to low water mark.

By act of the Legislature a commission was appointed to lay out a permanent street system for Long Island City and such Commission adopted a map or plan upon which the intersecting streets including Broadway were shown as extending to the Harbor Commissioners' bulkhead line. To that portion of Broadway, shown upon said map between low water mark and the bulkhead line, the conclusions stated in the opinion, hereinbefore referred to, relating to the status of Jamaica avenue are applicable.

In the year 1893 the Legislature passed chapter 644 of the Laws of that year which became a law with the approval of the Governor May 8, 1893.

This act was entitled:

"An Act to create a general improvement commission and provide for certain improvements in the highways, streets, avenues, boulevards and public places in Long Island City."

This act provided for a Commission to be known as the "General Improvement Commission of Long Island City" and that such Commission should have power, among other things, to construct and lay permanent or temporary main or trunk sewers, drains, receiving basins and waterways at such times or places as in their judgment should or might be necessary and proper and upon the written petition of the owners of a majority in linear feet of lands fronting on any street, avenue or public place within the limits of a proposed improvement to open, widen, straighten or alter or change the location or map plan of any such street, avenue or public place.

The Commission was authorized to agree with the owners interested in any lands or buildings necessary to be taken for any of said improvements upon the amount to be paid to such owners. In case of failure to agree the Commission was authorized to acquire the property by condemnation proceedings.

The expenses of such improvements were to be paid out of bonds authorized to be issued as in the act provided, to be known as "General Improvement Bonds of Long Island City" and the act further provided that when each improvement was completed, the entire cost thereof was to be assessed or collected as therein provided.

Said act further provided that upon the completion of the said improvements or any of them, the Commission should adjust all matters connected therewith and deposit with the Department of Public Works in said City, the accounts and records of the proceedings in the matter of said improvements, or either of them, reports of the Commissioners of damages, all vouchers, records, receipts and papers as may be used in reference to said improvements, or either of them.

From this last provision of the act, it will be readily seen that the scheme contemplated by the act in question was that the Commission was to have sole charge of the work of laying out, construction and completion of the improvements contemplated and upon completion turn over the jurisdiction and maintenance of such improvements to the Department of Public Works of Long Island City.

The Improvement Commission had, in pursuance of the power vested in it by the Law of 1893, determined upon a trunk or main sewer in Broadway to extend to the Harbor Commissioners' bulkhead and pierhead line.

In November, 1894, a notice of application by the General Improvement Commission to the County Court of Queens County for the appointment of Commissioners

to estimate the amount of damage sustained by the owner or owners or other persons interested in the lands and building named in the application was published.

This proceeding was subsequently abandoned, the Corporation Counsel of Long Island City having come to the conclusion that Long Island City could not condemn beyond high-water line and needing the distance out in the river for the purposes of the sewer, concluded to purchase the premises necessary by private agreement.

Such proceedings were had that the owners conveyed, in 1896, by full covenant and warranty deeds the title to the lands and lands under water within the lines of Broadway, from Vernon avenue to the Harbor Commissioners' bulkhead and pierhead line.

I have stated the facts ascertained thus fully, for the reason that under date of June 15, 1900, the former Corporation Counsel, Hon. John Wialen, advised the Board of Docks as follows, to wit:

"I have caused an examination of the records to be made in the Clerk's office of the County of Queens, and I have found that title to all that portion of Broadway westerly of the westerly side of Vernon avenue, to the Harbor Commissioners' exterior bulkhead and pier line, became by and in virtue of two deeds dated December 26, 1894, vested in Long Island City.

"Under and pursuant to the provisions of the Greater New York Charter the title to all public property in Long Island City upon the first day of January, 1898, became vested in The City of New York.

"Upon these facts, I am of the opinion that the title to said street is vested in The City of New York and that any bulkhead or pier at the foot of said street is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Docks."

An examination of the papers upon which this opinion was based discloses the facts that the main question upon which advice was sought was that of title and not that of the character of the structure in question or the method of the acquisition of the property in question and the purposes for which it was acquired and that it was also based upon the assumption that the structure in question was a pier, jurisdiction over which is by the Charter vested in the Department of Docks and Ferries.

The notice of application to the County Court of Queens County, transmitted in your communication, was not before the former Corporation Counsel, and the discontinuance of the proceeding and the reason therefor was not brought to his attention.

Furthermore, it must have been assumed by him that Broadway to the bulkhead and pierhead line was legally laid out and a part of the street system of the City.

It was not until three years after this opinion that Judge Garretson, in the Jamaica avenue proceeding, rendered his decision that such avenue only extended to low water mark of the East River, and not to the bulkhead and pierhead line.

By reason of the foregoing facts, while agreeing with the conclusion of the former Corporation Counsel that the title to the land within the lines of Broadway, from Vernon avenue to the bulkhead and pierhead line, became vested in Long Island City by reason of the deeds referred to and upon annexation became vested in The City of New York, I have arrived at a different conclusion as to what department of the City government has jurisdiction over the structure at the foot of Broadway.

The General Improvement Commission, created by chapter 644 of the Laws of 1893, had no authority to locate, lay out and construct piers or acquire property therefor. It did have authority to construct and lay out permanent and temporary main or trunk sewers and acquire property therefor by purchase or by condemnation proceedings, and upon completion of any improvement authorized by the act was to turn over the same to the Department of Public Works of Long Island City.

The Commission in question determined upon a permanent trunk sewer in Broadway, extending to the pierhead and bulkhead line, purchased the property for such purpose solely, and the sewer and the structure at the foot of Broadway, which is the subject of this discussion, were constructed.

When completed, all matters in relation thereto were to be turned over to the Department of Public Works of the former Long Island City.

The Greater New York Charter, section 389, provides among other things, that all powers and duties theretofore conferred upon Long Island City or any of the officers thereof, or upon any Board or public officers acting within that part of the territory of the County of Queens, which in any way relate to public sewers and drainage and to the construction, repair and cleaning of sewers, and to all matters in any way concerning the construction and care of the sewer system and drainage thereof are vested in The City of New York, and as matters of administration devolved upon the President of the Borough within which is situated the territory to which or to the official representatives of which said powers and duties theretofore appertained.

No question can arise but that the sewer under the structure at the foot of Broadway is a part of the sewer system of the City; that the structure in question was built for the protection of such sewer and that therefore jurisdiction over the same as to repairs and maintenance is vested in the President of the Borough of Queens.

With regard to the application of the Stevens Realty Company to improve its property adjacent to Broadway, Astoria, the facts shortly stated are that in the year 1857 a pier and bulkhead line was established. These two lines were coincident.

In the year 1870 letters patent were granted by the Commissioners of the Land Office to John A. Stevens to the lands under water on both sides of Broadway, Astoria, which included the lands under water within the lines of Broadway out to the pierhead and bulkhead line for beneficial enjoyment.

The patentee, therefore, owned said lands under water and had the right to fill in and reclaim the same out to such bulkhead line, including the lands under water within the lines of Broadway extended.

The patentee continued in such ownership until the conveyance to Long Island City in the year 1896. It was at that time acquired to be used for sewer purposes. Had the title of the owner been acquired for the purpose of the construction of a pier at the foot of said avenue, such conveyance and acquisition would have carried with it an easement of access to such pier across the adjoining lands owned by him, and the application should be denied. But as has been shown, the lands under water within the lines of Broadway were acquired for sewer and not for pier purposes, and no easements of access over the adjoining lands were necessary for that purpose, and none were, therefore, conveyed by the deeds delivered to Long Island City in 1896.

That the patentee from the State has the right to fill in and reclaim lands under water conveyed to him by the State has been decided by the Court of Appeals in the case of the City of Brooklyn against the New York Ferry Company, 87 N. Y., 204.

The facts upon which that opinion was based, shortly stated and so far as pertinent, were that South Sixth street was opened to the East River. The City of Brooklyn erected at the foot of South Sixth street a pier 40 feet in width and 124 feet in length, lying entirely within the lines in continuation of South Sixth street. The City enjoyed the use of said pier, expended money thereon for repairs and collected wharfage therefrom.

In 1879 the New York Ferry Company obtained from the State a grant of land under water adjoining such pier.

In July, 1880, it commenced erecting a structure alongside of said pier.

The City of Brooklyn began an action to enjoin the ferry company from interfering with the use and enjoyment by the City of its dock or pier at the foot of said street.

The Court of Appeals in its opinion said:

"Upon the facts found by the trial Court, the plaintiff has no right of action. The structure now in course of erection by the defendant is upon its own property and within the pier line established by law. It interferes with no right of the plaintiff, and if the argument of the learned counsel for the appellant is sound the City, by the mere extension of its streets, will deprive the owners of the upland and water-front of the enjoyment and improvement of their own premises. A right to do this should be made very plain before a court of equity can be induced to interfere * * *. The object of the action is to exclude the defendant from its own property. No good reason has been shown for such interference and the Court below properly refused its aid."

The two questions submitted in your communication must be answered as follows, to wit:

1. Whether the Department may repair or rebuild the structure at the foot of Broadway so as to make it available as a public pier.

The property in question having been acquired for sewer purposes and constituting a part of the sewer system of the City, is under the jurisdiction of the President of the Borough of Queens, and the Department of Docks and Ferries has no jurisdiction over the same and may not repair and rebuild the same so as to make it available as a public pier. Under present conditions it cannot be made available for pier purposes except by transfer to the Department of Docks and Ferries pursuant to the provisions of the Charter relating to the transfer of property from one Department to another.

2. Whether the Department can refuse to grant a permit to the Stevens Realty Company to improve its property in accordance with plans submitted which would effectually prevent the City from utilizing the southern side of the Broadway structure as a public pier.

Under the Charter the Commissioner of Docks is vested with the exclusive government and regulation of all wharf property, wharves, piers, bulkheads and structures thereon, and waters adjacent thereto, and all basins, slips and docks, with the land under water, in said City not owned by the City.

The exclusive government and regulation has been heretofore held to have application to the kind and character of structures to be erected by private individuals upon their own property.

If the kind and character of the structures proposed to be erected meet with your approval, it is my judgment that the application of the Stevens Realty Company should be granted and the permit applied for be issued.

In case of an arbitrary refusal of an application by a private individual to improve his own property, so long as such proposed improvement does not conflict with any established pier and bulkhead lines and the kind and character of structures proposed to be erected are satisfactory to the Department, it is my judgment that the applicant would be in a position to enforce the issuance of a permit by mandamus.

I would, however, suggest that this opinion should not be taken as applying generally to all localities in The City of New York, but restricted to such localities to which the facts herein ascertained may be applicable.

In addition I would say that private property consisting of lands under water, unimproved, in accordance with the demands of modern commercial necessities, can be acquired at a much less expense than after improvement, and as the Charter contemplates the extinguishment of all private ownership of water-front property, it seems to me that the Department of Docks and Ferries should take advantage of every demand for increased public wharfage facilities by the residents or parties interested in business along the water-front in such localities and thus discourage to some extent the improvement of water-front property by private individuals.

It is almost unnecessary to call your attention to the fact that if sufficient public facilities are afforded at various localities in the City, private individuals will not be so eager to improve their property, and as a result such private property can be acquired in the future at less expense to the City.

I would, therefore, suggest that, as property available for wharfage purposes in the Boroughs other than Manhattan and Brooklyn is becoming more and more valuable and a demand for improvement by private parties is likely to increase, the Department of Docks and Ferries should anticipate such demand, and determine in such localities, upon plans for the improvement of the water-front in such Boroughs and acquire the necessary property therefor, together with easements of access across adjoining private property.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) F. K. PENDLETON,
Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 18, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—This office is in receipt of a communication from the Hon. Allen N. Spooner, Commissioner of the Department of Docks and Ferries, addressed to the Hon. George B. McClellan, Mayor, and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under date of June 5, 1908, in relation to an application made by the Samuel Stevens Realty Company under date of May 4, 1908, claiming to be the owners in fee of water-front property in the vicinity of Broadway, Astoria, and asking for the approval of the plan of the proposed improvement of said property, attached to which is a sketch showing the same, and also an opinion of Francis K. Pendleton, Corporation Counsel, to whom the matter was referred for an opinion as to whether or not the City had the right to use the structure at the foot of Broadway, Astoria, for wharfage purposes, and whether the City would be justified in refusing to grant the said application of the Stevens Realty Company. The opinion of the Corporation Counsel goes into the matter at length and also takes up question of acquiring the property in the vicinity to meet the demands for increased public wharfage facilities of the residents and business interests along the water-front in this locality.

Owing to the fact that the Broadway structure as a pier is unavailable and must be abandoned, the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries deems it advisable to request the reconsideration by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the purchase of the property at the foot of Jamaica avenue. The matter of acquiring property in the vicinity of Jamaica avenue, Astoria, Borough of Queens, has received considerable attention by this Bureau, and a report on the same was duly made in a communication addressed to you under date of November 9, 1907, the same having received your approval, and which I herewith resubmit as of this date, to wit:

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at their meeting held September 20, 1907, referred to you for report thereon the matter of the acquisition of certain water-front property lying in the vicinity of Jamaica avenue, in Astoria, Borough of Queens.

It appears that the Commissioner of the Department of Docks and Ferries, by a communication addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, transmitted for their approval a form of agreement to purchase the property in question at the price of \$85,000. The communication states that a petition has been received from the Astoria Taxpayers and Business Men's Association, and numerous applications from manufacturing concerns doing business in that vicinity, for additional public wharfage room, and that the consensus of opinion among them seems to be that Jamaica avenue is the most desirable location for a public pier. It lies in a cove, which would protect the dock and also vessels unloading thereat from the especially rapid tides which run along shore at this point, and Jamaica avenue itself is a wide granite paved thoroughfare. The communication further states that the pier at the foot of Broadway is, and has been for a long time, absolutely useless, and goods of every description must now be carted from Long Island City up and across the Ninety-second Street Ferry, or a private dock used, causing great inconvenience and expense to the people of this section.

An investigation into the details of the matter shows that the property described in the proposed contract from Anthony McOwen to the City covers only the parcels of land marked A, B and C on the blue print herewith attached, and does not include Parcel D. It appears that when the City's vendor acquired the property in the year 1904 from Alexa C. Bowden he obtained all the right, title and interest which the prior owner had in any award that might be made for Parcel D in the Jamaica avenue condemnation proceedings. Upon investigation at the Department of Docks and Ferries it appears that the title to Parcel D was vested in the City, together with all the other lands required for the opening of Jamaica avenue, by resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, adopted June 16, 1902, but that no award for the said parcel has been included in the list of preliminary awards.

One of my Assistants brought this matter to the attention of Commissioner Benschel (then Commissioner), and he has informally agreed with me that the contract should include all the interest the party of the first part has in and to Parcel D. Under this condition the price asked for the property is in my opinion not excessive.

The Corporation Counsel, in an opinion under date of July 1, 1907, relative to the provisions of chapter 372 of the Laws of 1907, in regard to the acquisition of property for the improvement of the water-front, states:

"The resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorizing the acquisition of the property cannot be adopted except at a public hearing, of which public notice must be given for six consecutive days in the CITY RECORD not less than seven nor more than thirty days before said public hearing."

And in a further opinion under date of July 15, 1907, states:

"The authority, therefore, under said section to acquire by private purchase the title to wharf property is vested in the Commissioner of Docks, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and no action by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is necessary in connection therewith."

I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hold a public hearing in the matter of the approval of the agreement to be entered into between Anthony McOwen and The City of New York for the acquisition of water-front property in the vicinity of Jamaica avenue, in Astoria, Borough of Queens, it being understood that the party of the first part will convey all his right, title and interest in and to any award that has or will be made for Parcel D,

shown on the annexed blue print, and that the price to be paid for the entire property should be the sum of \$85,000.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

THOMAS F. BYRNES,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Whereas, A public hearing having been given and all the requirements of chapter 372 of the Laws of 1907 having been complied with, it is

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 822 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 624 of the Laws of 1903, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of an agreement to be entered into between the Commissioner of Docks and the owners of the following described property in the vicinity of Jamaica avenue, Astoria, Borough of Queens:

Beginning at a point in the late Village of Astoria (now Long Island City) at the boundary line of land of A. W. Winans at high water mark, which point is also on the westerly line of the Boulevard, running thence north 56 degrees 36 minutes west 163 feet 11 inches to the Harbor Commissioner's bulkhead and pier line; thence along said Harbor Commissioner's line south 50 degrees 11 minutes west 261 feet 8 inches to the northerly side of property belonging to John W. Scott; thence along northerly side of property belonging to John W. Scott south 49 degrees 36 minutes east 164 feet 7½ inches to the westerly side of the Boulevard (the title of which was vested and confirmed in The City of New York December 22, 1891); thence along said westerly side of the Boulevard 94 feet to the southerly side of Jamaica avenue (the title of which was vested in The City of New York June 16, 1902); thence westerly and along said southerly side of Jamaica avenue 50 feet to the line of low water as determined in 1902; thence northerly and along the line of mean low water mark as determined in 1902, 82 feet 5½ inches to the northerly side of Jamaica avenue aforesaid; thence easterly and along said northerly side of Jamaica avenue 50 feet to the westerly side of the Boulevard above mentioned; thence northerly and along the westerly side of the Boulevard 104 feet 8¼ inches to the point or place of beginning, together with all the right, title and interest of the owner of the said property of, in and to the property referred to as Parcel D in the report of the Comptroller, which property is the prolongation of Jamaica avenue on the easterly side of the Boulevard, having a frontage of 82.46 feet thereon, with a depth of 50 feet on the northerly and southerly sides thereof, running to low water mark and along low water mark 82.46 feet,

—for the purchase of same for the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000).

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen—3.

Negative—The Chamberlain—1.

The Chair called for a hearing the matter of the request of the Commissioner of Docks that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of and authorize the institution of condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of the bulkhead between Pier (old) 52 and Pier (old) 53, East River, Borough of Manhattan (see pages 4 and 772).

No one appeared in favor of or in opposition to the same. The Chair then declared the hearing closed.

The Secretary submitted the following:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

I hereby certify that the following is a correct copy of notice of hearing as published in the CITY RECORD on June 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1908:

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS,

Secretary, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be had before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York, in Room 16, City Hall, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on Tuesday, June 30, 1908, at 11.05 o'clock a. m., upon the application of the Commissioner of Docks of The City of New York, that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize and assent to the institution of condemnation proceedings for the following-described property:

All the wharfage, rights, terms, easements, emoluments and privileges not now owned by The City of New York, appurtenant to all that certain bulkhead, wharf or dock property situate on the southerly side of South street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, beginning at a point in the present bulkhead between Gouverneur slip and Jackson street, where the westerly side of Pier (old) 53, East River, intersects said bulkhead, said point of intersection being perpendicularly opposite or southerly of a point in the northerly line of South street distant 31.01 feet from the westerly line of Jackson street, measured along the said northerly line of South street, and running thence from said point of intersection westerly along the present bulkhead between Pier (old) 52, East River, and Pier (old) 53, East River, 573.08 feet westerly to the easterly side of Pier (old) 52, East River.

GEO. B. McCLELLAN,

Chairman, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller then offered the following resolution:

Whereas, A public hearing having been given and all the requirements of chapter 372 of the Laws of 1907 having been complied with, it is

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the institution of condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of title to the bulkhead between Piers (old) 52 and (old) 53, East River, Borough of Manhattan, as requested by the Commissioner of Docks in communications dated July 16 and November 6, 1907, and more particularly described as follows:

"All the wharfage rights, terms, easements, emoluments and privileges not now owned by The City of New York appurtenant to all that certain bulkhead, wharf or dock property situate on the southerly side of South street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, beginning at a point in the present bulkhead, between Gouverneur slip and Jackson street, where the westerly side of Pier (old) 53, East River intersects said bulkhead, said point of intersection being perpendicularly opposite or southerly of a point in the northerly line of South street distant 31.01 feet from the westerly line of Jackson street measured along the said northerly line of South street and running thence from said point of intersection westerly along the present bulkhead between Pier (old) 52, East River, and Pier (old) 53, East River, 573.08 feet westerly to the easterly side of Pier (old) 52, East River."

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Chair called for a hearing the matter of the proposed amendment to the new plan for the improvement of the water-front between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-eighth streets, South Brooklyn (see page 772).

No one appearing in favor of or in opposition to the same. The Chair then declared the hearing closed.

The Secretary submitted the following:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

I hereby certify that the following is a correct copy of notice of hearing as published in the CITY RECORD on June 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1908.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS,

Secretary, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be had before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York, in Room 16, City Hall, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on Tuesday, June 30, 1908, at 11.10 o'clock a. m., relative to the proposed amendment to the new plan for the improvement of the water-front between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-eighth streets, Borough of Brooklyn, submitted by the Commissioner of Docks to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval under date of June 5, 1908.

A technical description of the proposed amendment is as follows:

It is proposed to amend the new plan adopted by the Commissioner of Docks May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 20, 1906, between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-eighth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in accordance with the map submitted as follows:

The location of the bulkhead line, as adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906, between the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street and the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street, is hereby continued and changed so as to occupy a location 500 feet westerly from and parallel with the westerly line of Second avenue.

The marginal street between the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street and the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street, as adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906, is hereby discontinued and a new proposed marginal street is hereby established 300 feet in width, with its easterly line 200 feet westerly from and parallel with the westerly line of Second avenue and its westerly line coincident with the said proposed bulkhead line, as extending from the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street to the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street. The marginal street adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906, between the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street and the southerly line of the market site is hereby discontinued.

It is also hereby proposed to discontinue the inshore lateral extensions to the piers between the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street and the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street, as adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906, which extensions are 100 feet in width, extending along the bulkhead line adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906.

It is also hereby proposed to extend the northerly and southerly lines of the six (6) piers between the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street and the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street eastwardly, or inshore, to the intersection with the said proposed bulkhead line, thereby increasing the unobstructed lengths of these piers by three hundred and eighty (380) feet.

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN,

Chairman, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller then presented the following and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, }
June 5, 1908.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Esq., Secretary, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—I transmit herewith map in duplicate, together with technical description showing proposed amendment to the new plan for the improvement of the water-front, between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-eighth streets, Brooklyn, for the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Yours respectfully,

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

Technical Description of Proposed Amendments to New Plan Between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-eighth Streets, Brooklyn.

It is proposed to amend the new plan adopted by the Commissioner of Docks May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 20, 1906, between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-eighth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in accordance with the map submitted herewith in duplicate, as follows:

The location of the bulkhead line, as adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906, between the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street and the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street, is hereby discontinued and changed so as to occupy a location 500 feet westerly from and parallel with the westerly line of Second avenue.

The marginal street between the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street and the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street, as adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906, is hereby discontinued and a new proposed marginal street is hereby established 300 feet in width with its easterly line 200 feet westerly from and parallel with the westerly line of Second avenue and its westerly line coincident with the said proposed bulkhead line, as extending from the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street to the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street. The marginal street adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906, between the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street and the southerly line of the market site is hereby discontinued.

It is also hereby proposed to discontinue the inshore lateral extensions to the piers between the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street and the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street, as adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906, which extensions are 100 feet in width extending along the bulkhead line adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on May 31, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on June 20, 1906.

It is also hereby proposed to extend the northerly and southerly lines of the six (6) piers between the northerly line of Twenty-eighth street and the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street eastwardly, or inshore, to the intersection with the said proposed bulkhead line, thereby increasing the unobstructed lengths of these piers by three hundred and eighty (380) feet.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 9, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Allen N. Spooner, Commissioner, Department of Docks and Ferries, in communication dated June 5, 1908, transmits for the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a new plan adopted by him June 5, 1908, for the improvement of the water-front between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-eighth streets, Borough of Brooklyn; a technical description of the plan accompanies the communication.

The proposed new plan differs from the former plan adopted by the Commissioner of Docks, May 3, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 20, 1906, as follows:

1. The bulkhead platforms, 100 feet wide, between the piers are abandoned and the bulkhead line moved inshore to a location 500 feet from the west side of Second avenue, thus increasing the lengths of the piers 380 feet. This will make the six piers vary in length from 1,211.10 feet to 1,831.87 feet.
2. The marginal street is made 300 feet side instead of 250 feet.
3. The unassigned space between the marginal street and Second avenue is reduced in width from 530 feet to 200 feet.
4. The marginal street across the market site south of Thirty-ninth street is discontinued.

The new plan is an improvement over the former plan. A marginal street 30 feet in width will permit the erection of sheds on the bulkheads 100 feet in width, instead of 50 feet, which is the practice in Manhattan Borough. Unofficially, I have been informed by the Dock Commissioner that it is not his intention at present to build these piers the full length shown on the plan, as the channel at this location is narrow and the lengthening of the piers 380 feet at the inshore end will permit the widening of the

channel if found necessary without making the piers too short. The space of 200 feet between the marginal street and Second avenue is sufficient for the erection of storage warehouses and railroad track connection to same, access to the marginal street being provided by opening all or a portion of the cross streets between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-sixth streets across this space.

In my opinion, the plan as presented may properly receive the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Respectfully,

CHANDLER WITHINGTON, Chief Engineer.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of the new plan for improving the water-front and harbor of The City of New York, between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-eighth streets, Borough of Brooklyn, made and adopted by the Commissioner of Docks in accordance with law June 5, 1908, and transmitted with communication dated June 5, 1908.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Docks, relative to a lease of a portion of the pier at the foot of West Thirtieth street, Borough of Manhattan, to M. McGirr's Sons' Company:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, }
June 8, 1908.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—After due consideration, I am of the opinion that the interests of the City would be best served by the granting of a lease to M. McGirr's Sons Company of 110 feet on the northerly side of the pier foot of West Thirtieth street, Borough of Manhattan, extending from the outer end of the northerly side of said pier inshore a distance of 110 feet, more or less, to the westerly end of the most westerly dumping board of the Department of Street Cleaning on said pier, for a term of five years from July 1, 1908, at a rental of \$2,000 per annum.

The lessee shall have the privilege of erecting and maintaining during the term of the lease, a dumping board for the purpose of loading manure, extending from a line parallel to and about 10 feet north of the northerly side of said pier to a line parallel to and about 20 feet south of the northerly side of said pier, and he shall have the privilege of erecting and maintaining during the term of the lease, a runway, ramp or approach, about 10 feet in width, southerly of the southerly side of the dumping boards of the Department of Street Cleaning, now existing on the northerly half of said pier.

The dumping boards, runways, ramps and approaches and any and all structures erected under the provisions of the lease, are to be erected in accordance with plans and specifications to be first submitted to and approved by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and shall revert to and become the property of The City of New York at the expiration or sooner termination of said lease.

The lessee is to maintain any and all structures erected under the provisions of the lease, during the term of said lease, in good condition, and shall make repairs thereto whenever so ordered by the Commissioner of Docks.

The lease will contain the usual terms, conditions and covenants at present embodied in leases of wharf property, now used by this Department, including a covenant that the lessee shall at all times do such dredging, during the term of said lease, as may be considered necessary and proper by the Commissioner of Docks, in the basin or slip or water immediately adjacent to the premises hereby leased.

This company has had a permit for a berth for loading manure on scows at this location for a number of years at a rental of \$3 per day, or say, \$1,095 per annum. They do not intend to occupy any more space than formerly, but with the aid of a dumping board, their work will be materially facilitated, and cause less of a nuisance than by the method now employed of loading direct on vessels from the deck of the pier.

In view of these facts and of the large increase in rental which will accrue to the City, I beg to recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopt a resolution approving the lease.

Yours respectfully,

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 10, 1908.

The proposed rental is fair in comparison with the other manure dump in the City, and I would recommend that the lease be made as recommended by the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

CHANDLER WITHINGTON,
Chief Engineer, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution, by the Commissioner of Docks, of a lease to M. McGirr's Sons' Company, of 110 feet on the northerly side of the pier at the foot of West Thirtieth street, Borough of Manhattan, extending from the outer end of the northerly side of said pier inshore a distance of 110 feet, more or less, to the westerly end of the most westerly dumping board of the Department of Street Cleaning on said pier, for a term of five years from July 1, 1908, at a rental of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum, the lessee to have the privilege of erecting and maintaining during the term of the lease a dumping board for the purpose of loading manure, extending from a line parallel to and about 10 feet north of the northerly side of said pier to a line parallel to and about 20 feet south of the northerly side of said pier, and he shall have the privilege of erecting and maintaining during the term of the lease a runway, ramp or approach about 10 feet in width southerly of the southerly side of the dumping boards of the Department of Street Cleaning now existing on the northerly half of said pier. The dumping boards, runways, ramps and approaches and any and all structures erected under the provisions of the lease are to be erected in accordance with the plans and specifications to be first submitted to and approved by the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks and Ferries, and shall revert to and become the property of The City of New York at the expiration or sooner termination of said lease; the lessee is to maintain any and all structures erected under the provisions of the lease during the term of the lease, in good condition, and shall make repairs thereto whenever so ordered by the Commissioner of Docks; the lease will contain the usual terms, conditions and covenants at present embodied in leases of wharf property now used by the Department of Docks and Ferries, including the covenant that the lessee shall at all times do such dredging during the term of the lease as may be considered necessary and proper by the Commissioner of Docks in the basin or slip or water immediately adjacent to the premises here leased, and as recommended by the Commissioner of Docks in communication dated June 8, 1908.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Docks, relative to a lease of a portion of Pier 52, East River, foot of Stanton street, with bulkhead, to James Shewan & Sons:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES,
June 19, 1908.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—After due consideration I am of the opinion that the interests of the City would be best served by leasing to James Shewan & Sons the following described property:

1. The southerly half of Pier 52, East River, foot of Stanton street.
2. The bulkhead extending from the southerly side of Pier 52, foot of Stanton street, southerly a distance of 132 feet 10 inches.
3. The new-made land in rear of said bulkhead bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Pier 52, East River or Stanton Street Pier, and the established bulkhead line between Pier 51, or Rivington Street Pier North and Pier 52, or Stanton Street Pier, and extending southerly along said bulkhead line a distance of 132 feet 10 inches, more or less, to a point distant 29 feet more or less from the northerly side of Pier 51 or Rivington Street Pier North; running thence westerly, inshore and at right angles to the said bulkhead line a distance of 25 feet; thence northerly and parallel to said bulkhead line a distance of 51 feet 11 inches, more or less, to a point formed by the intersection of the last-mentioned line with a line drawn from the middle point of said bulkhead line between the northerly side of Pier 51 or Rivington Street Pier North, and southerly side of Pier 52, or Stanton Street Pier, and at right angles to said bulkhead line; thence westerly along last-mentioned right angle line a distance of 90 feet 6 inches, more or less, to the easterly line of Tompkins street, produced; thence northerly and along the easterly line of Tompkins street, produced, a distance of 80 feet 11 inches, more or less, to a point formed by the intersection of the easterly line of Tompkins street, produced, with a line drawn at right angles to the above mentioned bulkhead line at the point formed by the intersection of said bulkhead line with the southerly side of Pier 52 or Stanton Street Pier; thence easterly along the last-mentioned right angle line a distance of 115 feet, more or less, to the point or place of beginning.

The lease to be for a term of five years from the first day of the month next succeeding the day the lease shall be approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a rental of \$5,000 per annum, the lessee to have the privilege of renewal for a further term of five years at an advance in rental of 10 per cent. per annum over the rental for the first term. The lessee shall have the privilege of mooring alongside of said pier and in front of said bulkhead two dry-docks and shall also have the privilege of erecting upon said premises such structures, apparatus and appliances as may be necessary for the conduct of the business carried on by the lessee, all of said structures, apparatus and appliances to be erected under the direction and supervision of the Chief Engineer of this Department and in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by him.

The Shewans have occupied this pier for a great many years and prior to May 1, 1898, they paid a rental of \$3,500 per annum. A lease was granted to them for two years from May 1, 1898, at a rental of \$4,000 per annum. Since the expiration of that lease they have occupied the premises under permit at \$4,000 per annum to May 1, 1906, when the rental was increased to 10 per cent., to \$4,400 per annum, which rate they are still paying. The proposed rental of \$5,000 per annum is therefore \$600 more than the Shewans are paying at the present time.

Yours respectfully,

ALLEN SPOONER, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 23, 1908.

The proposed rental is fair in comparison with other pier or wharf property in this vicinity. I would advise that the lease be made as recommended by the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

CHANDLER WITHINGTON,
Chief Engineer, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution by the Commissioner of Docks, of a lease to James Shewan & Sons, of the following described property:

1. The southerly half of Pier 52, East River, foot of Stanton street.
2. The bulkhead extending from the southerly side of Pier 52, foot of Stanton street, southerly a distance of 132 feet 10 inches.
3. The new-made land in rear of said bulkhead bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Pier 52, East River or Stanton Street Pier, and the established bulkhead line between Pier 51 or Rivington Street Pier North and Pier 52, or Stanton Street Pier, and extending southerly along said bulkhead line a distance of 132 feet 10 inches, more or less, to a point distant 29 feet, more or less, from the northerly side of Pier 51, or Rivington Street Pier North; running thence westerly, inshore and at right angles to the said bulkhead line a distance of 25 feet; thence northerly and parallel to said bulkhead line a distance of 51 feet 11 inches, more or less, to a point formed by the intersection of the last-mentioned line with a line drawn from the middle point of said bulkhead line between the northerly side of Pier 51, or Rivington Street Pier North, and southerly side of Pier 52, or Stanton Street Pier, and at right angles to said bulkhead line; thence westerly along last mentioned right angle line a distance of 90 feet 6 inches, more or less, to the easterly line of Tompkins street, produced; thence northerly and along the easterly line of Tompkins street, produced, a distance of 80 feet 11 inches, more or less, to a point formed by the intersection of the easterly line of Tompkins street, produced, with a line drawn at right angles to the above mentioned bulkhead line at the point formed by the intersection of said bulkhead line with the southerly side of Pier 52, or Stanton Street Pier; thence easterly along the last-mentioned right angle line a distance of 115 feet, more or less, to the point or place of beginning.

The lease to be for a term of five years from July 1, 1908, at a rental of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum; the lessee to have the privilege of renewal for a further term of five years at an advance in rental of 10 per cent. per annum over the rental for the first term. The lessee shall have the privilege of mooring alongside of said pier and in front of said bulkhead two dry-docks, and shall also have the privilege of erecting upon said premises such structures, apparatus and appliances as may be necessary, for the conduct of the business carried on by the lessee, all of said structures, apparatus and appliances to be erected under the direction and supervision of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Docks and Ferries, and in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by him, and as recommended by the Commissioner of Docks in communication dated June 19, 1908.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Docks relative to a lease of a portion of the pier at the foot of West Thirty-ninth street to the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES,
June 10, 1908.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—After due consideration I am of the opinion that the interests of the City would be best served by leasing to the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company

that portion of the northerly side of the pier foot of West Thirty-ninth street, commencing at the inshore end of the premises leased by the City to the New York Horse Manure Transportation Company (being about 631 feet easterly from the outer end of the pier) and extending easterly a distance of 150 feet to the westerly end of the premises now leased by the City to the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company under an indenture dated March 18, 1904. The lease shall commence on the first day of the month next succeeding the date on which said lease shall be approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and shall expire April 1, 1914, at a rental of \$1,800 per annum; lessee to have the privilege of renewal for a further term of ten years at an advance in rental of 10 per cent. per annum over the rental for the first term, the remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar in every respect to those contained in the leases now in use by this Department, a copy of which may be seen and examined at the office of the Department, Pier "A," Battery place, Borough of Manhattan.

This company at the present time is the lessee of the inner 150 feet of the northerly side of this pier for a period of ten years from April 1, 1904, at a rental of \$1,575 per annum with one renewal term of ten years at an advance of 10 per cent. over the rental for the first term so that the lease now recommended will be co-terminous with the existing lease to the said company of the adjoining property.

Michael Egan is the lessee of 200 feet on the southerly side of said pier with dumping board privilege at a rental of \$1,250 per annum or at the rate of \$6.25 per linear foot.

A lease was recently granted to the New York Horse Manure Transportation Company of 277 feet on the northerly side of the pier for \$3,000 per annum, which is at the rate of \$10.83 per linear foot.

M. J. Sheehy is the lessee of 160 feet on the southerly side of the pier with ice-bridge privilege at a rental of \$1,800 per annum or at the rate of \$11.25 per linear foot.

The present lease to the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company of 150 feet at \$1,575 per annum is at the rate of \$10.50 per linear foot while the rental of \$1,800 suggested for the proposed lease of 150 feet is at the rate of \$12 per linear foot.

It will be seen therefore that the rental suggested is the highest rate paid for space on this pier and is 14.3 per cent. more than the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company is paying under its present lease for the adjoining property.

Yours respectfully,

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 23, 1908.

The rental proposed is fair, and I think that a renewal privilege of ten years expiring April 1, 1924, is justified by the fact that the right of occupancy of the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company to the adjoining 150 feet of this pier will end at the same time. I would advise that the lease be made as proposed by the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

CHANDLER WITHINGTON,
Chief Engineer, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution by the Commissioner of Docks, of a lease to the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company, of that portion of the northerly side of the pier foot of West Thirty-ninth street, commencing at the inshore end of the premises leased by the City to the New York Horse Manure Transportation Company (being about 631 feet easterly from the outer end of the pier) and extending easterly a distance of 150 feet to the westerly end of the premises now leased by the City to the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company under an indenture dated March 18, 1904. The lease shall commence on the first day of July, 1908, and shall expire April 1, 1914, at a rental of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum; lessee to have the privilege of renewal for a further term of ten years at an advance in rental of 10 per cent. per annum over the rental for the first term; the remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar in every respect to those contained in the leases now in use by the Department of Docks and Ferries, and, as recommended by the Commissioner of Docks in communication dated June 19, 1908.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Docks relative to a lease of land under water to be occupied by Piers (new) 40 and 41, East River, etc., to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES,
June 25, 1908.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—Pier (old) 50, East River, and the bulkhead between Pier (old) 50 and Pier (old) 51 are owned by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. Pier (old) 51 and Pier (old) 52, East River, together with the bulkhead between, are owned by The City of New York.

This section of the water-front is in a very dilapidated condition, and a new plan for the improvement thereof was adopted by the Commissioner of Docks on March 23, 1908, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on April 14, 1908.

In order to carry out the improvement under the new plan between these points by the City it will be necessary to acquire the interests of the private owners in Pier (old) 50 and the bulkhead between Pier (old) 50 and Pier (old) 51, East River.

This section of the water-front has been in possession of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company for over thirty years back, and in case the City should improve the property the lease would naturally be granted to them. A proposition has been made by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company whereby the company would improve this property at its own expense, in accordance with the new plan of the Department of Docks and Ferries, by the building of piers in accordance with such new plan. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the interests of the City would be best served by the granting of a lease to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company upon the following terms and conditions:

The property to be leased shall include the following:

(a) All land under water owned by the City to be occupied by Piers (new) 40 and 41, and so much of the land under water comprised in Pier (new) 39 as is hereinafter more particularly referred to.

(b) The bulkhead between Piers (new) 40 and 41.

The lease shall be for a term of ten years, commencing from the date that said piers and bulkhead, respectively, are completed and ready for occupancy, and the lessee shall have the privilege of two renewals of ten years each.

The rental for the first term of ten years for such of the land under water as is owned by the City and occupied by Piers 40 and 41 shall be at the rate of twenty-five cents per square foot per annum, and the rental for the bulkhead between Piers 40 and 41 shall be at the rate of \$1,500 per annum; the rental for each renewal term shall be at an advance of 10 per cent. on the rental for the preceding term.

The lessee to construct Piers (new) 40 and 41 at its own cost and expense, in accordance with the plan adopted by the Commissioner of Docks March 2, 1908, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund April 14, 1908.

The City to grant the owners of Pier (old) 50, East River, permission to widen and extend said pier so that the lines thereof shall be coincident with Pier (new) 39, as shown on said plan; also to erect an iron shed on said pier when extended and widened in accordance with the plans and specifications to be first submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Docks. All of the work to be done under the supervision and direction of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Docks and Ferries; provided that the said owners shall file in this Department a written agree-

ment, to be approved as to form by the Corporation Counsel, to pay for the use of the land under water owned by the City, covered by said widening and extension to said pier, the sum of 25 cents per square foot per annum, payable quarterly in advance, for a term of ten (10) years, with privilege of two renewals for a further term of ten years each, the rental for each renewal term to be 10 per cent. advance on the rental for the preceding term, commencing from the date that said widening and extension is completed. Said agreement shall also provide that in the event that the Commissioner of Docks shall decide that said pier is needed for the improvement of the water-front, that then in such case no additional item of value shall be claimed or allowed by reason of the extension or widening of said pier, or by the erection of a shed on said pier, in any proceeding being instituted for the acquisition of said property either by purchase or condemnation.

The lessee to construct at his own cost and expense a stone or concrete bulkhead wall extending from the westerly side of Pier (new) 39 to the easterly side of Pier (new) 41, as shown on said plan.

The lessee to have the privilege of erecting sheds upon said Piers 40 and 41 and on the bulkhead extending from the westerly side of Pier (new) 39 to the easterly side of Pier (new) 41, and extending inshore a distance of 30 feet. All of said work of construction to be done in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Docks.

All of said improvements located upon City property to revert to and become the property of The City of New York at the expiration or sooner termination of said lease or any renewal thereof.

The lessee to enter into an agreement with the City, which agreement shall provide:

(a) That the lessee for and in consideration of the licenses and permissions herein set forth, and for and in consideration of the wharf property hereinafter conveyed to it by The City of New York, hereby relinquishes to the said City all the rights of wharfage, cramage, emoluments and hereditaments appurtenant to all that bulkhead on the southerly side of South street between the easterly side of Pier (old) 50 and the westerly side of Pier (old) 51, as said bulkhead existed at the date of this agreement.

(b) The City on its part, for and in consideration of the wharf property to be conveyed by the lessee, and for and as a reimbursement for the cost and expense of the improvements made by the said lessee at his own cost and expense, agrees to convey to the lessee all the rights of wharfage, cramage, emoluments and hereditaments appurtenant to all that bulkhead when completed, upon a line 100 feet southerly of the southerly side of South street, heretofore adopted by the Department of Docks and Ferries and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as the new bulkhead line, beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Pier (new) 39 with the said bulkhead line and running easterly to the westerly side of Pier (new) 40, as said piers and bulkhead are shown upon the new plan hereinbefore referred to.

(c) In case The City of New York shall at any time seek to acquire the rights hereby conveyed to the owner by process of law or private agreement according to law, the said City shall pay said owner such amount as may be determined upon in the proceedings for the acquisition of said rights, or as may be agreed upon by the owner and the Commissioner of Docks, with the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to be the value of the rights of wharfage, cramage and other emoluments appurtenant to the new bulkhead constructed by the owner upon the new lines, which amount, however, shall not exceed the value of the rights of wharfage, cramage and other emoluments appurtenant to the bulkhead between Piers (old) 50 and 51, East River, as said rights exist at the date of this agreement.

In my opinion the funds available for the uses and purposes of this Department can be used to better advantage than by the purchase of the private interests necessary for this improvement; and by the terms of the lease above cited the City would secure the improvement of this section of the water-front under the new plan and the building of the stone bulkhead, etc.; at the end of thirty years the improvements on the property now owned by the City would revert to it, and if at any time the City should desire to acquire from the private owners Pier (old) 50 and the bulkhead adjoining easterly, it can do so without paying any additional item of value which may be added to said pier and bulkhead by reason of the improvement in question.

The remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar to those contained in lease of similar property now in use by this Department, except as to the special provisions hereinbefore recited; and said lease shall be drawn in a form to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Yours respectfully,

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 29, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Allen N. Spooner, Commissioner, Department of Docks and Ferries, in communication dated June 25, 1908, states that in his opinion the interests of the City will be best served by allowing the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to undertake the improvement of that portion of the water-front between the east side of pier foot of Gouverneur slip and the west side of pier foot of Montgomery street, East River, Borough of Manhattan, at its expense, under a lease, the terms and conditions of which are set forth below.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company relinquishes to the City all right, title and interest in the bulkhead which it owns, about 195 feet in length, between Piers (old) 50 and (old) 51, and receives from the City the right, title and interest to the bulkhead, 140 feet in length, between Piers 39 and 40, under new plan approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund April 14, 1908, the City gaining in the way title to about 55 linear feet of bulkhead.

It is stated that the lessee is the owner of the pier and "pier rights" of Pier (old) 50, and said lessee is given the right to enlarge old Pier 50 so that the lines thereof shall be those of Pier (new) 39 on the new plan.

The lessee to remove Piers (old) 51 and 52, both owned by the City, and build in their place Piers (new) 40 and 41, with sheds on same if desired by the lessee, both piers and sheds being located on City land and to become the property of the City at the expiration or sooner termination of the lease.

The lessee erects a new stone or concrete bulkhead wall along the whole distance covered by this improvement, and has the privilege of erecting sheds along the marginal street for the whole distance for a space of 30 feet back from the bulkhead line. The bulkhead wall and sheds from the west side of Pier 39 to the west side of Pier 40, being on the property of the lessee, to remain his property, but the bulkhead wall and sheds from the west side of Pier 40 to the east side of Pier 41, being on City land, become the City's property on the expiration or sooner termination of the lease.

It is provided that if the City at any time wishes to acquire the rights of wharfage, cramage and other emoluments appurtenant to the new bulkhead constructed by the owner between Piers 39 and 40, it shall pay the amount determined or agreed upon, but this amount shall not exceed the present value of the wharfage, etc., appurtenant to the bulkhead between present Piers (old) 50 and 51.

It is also provided that in case the City decides to acquire Pier (old) 50 for the improvement of the water-front no additional item of value shall be claimed or allowed by reason of the extension or widening of said pier as above described, or by the erection of a shed on said pier.

In addition to making all the contemplated improvements at its own expense, the lessee is to pay as annual rental twenty-five (25) cents per square foot for the area by which Pier (new) 39 (area 15,000 square feet) exceeds in area present Pier (old) 50 (area 10,675 square feet), also at the same rate for the area occupied by Pier (new) 40 (16,660 square feet), and Pier (new) 41 (15,570 square feet); also \$1,500 per annum for the bulkhead between Piers (new) 40 and 41.

The lease to be for a term of ten (10) years, commencing from the date that said piers and bulkheads, respectively, are completed and ready for occupancy and the lessee shall have the privilege of two renewals of ten (10) years each, the rental paid for the City's bulkhead and land under water, as set forth above to increase 10 per cent. for each renewal term.

It is calculated by the Dock Commissioner that the expense of this improvement under the proposed lease, including annual rental for bulkhead and land under water, interest on cost of the improvement and interest on the value of the property owned by the lessee exceeds \$12,000 per annum for each pier.

In my opinion the terms of the proposed lease are fair to the City as compared with rentals received for adjoining water-front property, and I would advise that the lease be made as proposed by the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, except as to when the lease should commence; no definite or fixed time is mentioned for the completion of the improvement, therefore no fixed date for commencement of lease. I therefore suggest that the lease should stipulate that the improvements must be completed within three years from the date of approval of the lease by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, otherwise the lease should be null and void. The above suggestion has been accepted by the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

Respectfully,

CHANDLER WITHINGTON,

Chief Engineer.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution, by the Commissioner of Docks, of a lease to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, of the following:

(a) All land under water owned by the city to be occupied by Piers (new) 40 and 41, and so much of the land under water comprised in Pier (new) 39 as is herein-after more particularly referred to.

(b) The bulkhead between Piers (new) 40 and 41. The lease to be for a term of ten years, commencing from the date that said piers and bulkhead, respectively, are completed and ready for occupancy, and the lessee shall have the privilege of two renewals of ten years each. The rental for the first term of ten years for such of the land under water as is owned by the City and occupied by Piers 40 and 41, shall be at the rate of twenty-five cents per square foot per annum, and the rental for the bulkhead between Pier 40 and Pier 41 shall be at the rate of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) per annum; the rental for each renewal term shall be at an advance of ten per cent. on the rental for the preceding term.

The lessee to construct Piers (new) 40 and 41 at its own cost and expense in accordance with the plan adopted by the Commissioner of Docks, March 2, 1908, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund April 14, 1908.

The City to grant the owners of Pier (old) 50, East River, permission to widen and extend said pier so that the lines thereof shall be coincident with Pier (new) 39, as shown on said plan; also to erect an iron shed on said pier when extended and widened in accordance with the plans and specifications to be first submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Docks. All of the work to be done under the supervision and direction of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Docks and Ferries; provided that the said owners shall file in the Department a written agreement to be approved as to form by the Corporation Counsel, to pay for the use of the land under water owned by the City, covered by said widening and extension to said pier, the sum of twenty-five cents per square foot per annum, payable quarterly in advance, for a term of ten (10) years, with privilege of two renewals for a further term of ten years each, the rental for each renewal term to be ten per cent. advance on the rental for the preceding term, commencing from the date that said widening and extension is completed. Said agreement shall also provide that in the event that the Commissioner of Docks shall decide that said pier is needed for the improvement of the water-front, that then in such case no additional item of value shall be claimed or allowed by reason of the extension or widening of said pier, or by the erection of a shed on said pier, in any proceeding being instituted for the acquisition of said property, either by purchase or condemnation.

The lessee to construct at his own cost and expense a stone or concrete bulkhead wall extending from the westerly side of Pier (new) 39 to the easterly side of Pier (new) 41, as shown on said plan. The lessee to have the privilege of erecting sheds upon said Piers 40 and 41, and on the bulkhead extending from the westerly side of Pier (new) 39 to the easterly side of Pier (new) 41, and extending inshore a distance of thirty feet. All of said work of construction to be done in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Docks. All of said improvements located upon city property to revert to and become the property of the City of New York at the expiration or sooner termination of said lease or any renewal thereof.

The lessee to enter into an agreement with the City, which agreement shall provide:

(a) That the lessee for and in consideration of the licenses and permissions herein set forth, and for and in consideration of the wharf property hereinafter conveyed to it by The City of New York hereby relinquishes to the said City all the rights of wharfage, cramage, emoluments and hereditaments appurtenant to all that bulkhead on the southerly side of South street between the easterly side of Pier (old) 50 and the westerly side of Pier (old) 51, as said bulkhead existed on the date of this agreement.

(b) The City on its part, for and in consideration of the wharf property to be conveyed by the lessee, and for and as a reimbursement for the cost and expense of the improvements made by the said lessee at his own cost and expense, agrees to convey to the lessee all the rights of wharfage, cramage, emoluments and hereditaments appurtenant to all that bulkhead when completed, upon a line 100 feet southerly of the southerly side of South street, heretofore adopted by the Department of Docks and Ferries and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as the new bulkhead line, beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Pier (new) 39 with the said bulkhead line and running easterly to the westerly side of Pier (new) 40, as said piers and bulkhead are shown upon the new plan hereinbefore referred to.

(c) In case The City of New York shall at any time seek to acquire the rights hereby conveyed to the owner, by process of law or private agreement according to law, the said City shall pay said owner such amount as may be determined upon in the proceedings for the acquisition of said rights, or as may be agreed upon by the owner and the Commissioner of Docks, with the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to be the value of the rights of wharfage, cramage and other emoluments appurtenant to the new bulkhead constructed by the owner upon the new lines, which amount, however, shall not exceed the value of the rights of wharfage, cramage and other emoluments appurtenant to the bulkhead between Piers (old) 50 and 51, East River, as said rights exist at the date of this agreement. The lease to contain a stipulation that the improvements must be completed within three years from the date of approval of the lease by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, otherwise the lease to be null and void.

The remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar to those contained in leases of similar property now in use by the Department of Docks and Ferries, except as to the special provisions hereinbefore recited; and said lease shall be drawn in a form to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Docks, relative to a lease of a portion of the pier at the foot of West Thirty-fifth street to the New York and Long Branch Steamboat Company:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES. }
June 25, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—After due consideration I am of the opinion that it would be for the best interests of the City to grant a lease to the New York and Long Branch Steamboat Company of the northerly half of the pier foot of West Thirty-fifth street, for a term of ten years from April 1, 1909, with privilege of renewal for a further term of ten years, the rental for the first term to be at the rate of \$8,000 per annum, and for the renewal term to be at the rate of \$10,000 per annum.

The lessee to have the privilege of erecting and maintaining upon the premises such structures as may be necessary for the conduct of its business; the structures to be erected in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Docks.

It being understood and agreed that this lease shall be of no force or effect unless the lessees, Thomas G. and Walter R. Patten, comprising the firm of T. G. & W. R. Patten, shall consent and agree to the cancellation of the lease on December 1, 1908, of the entire northerly side of Pier (old) 58, North River, a distance of about 330 feet, and the entire westerly side of the "L" adjoining the outer end of the southerly side of said pier about 100 feet, together with the surface of said pier, about 50 feet in width, and the surface of said "L," about 50 feet in width.

At the present time, T. G. & W. R. Patten, the owners of the New York and Long Branch Steamboat Company, have a lease of the outer 330 feet of the northerly side and surface of Pier 53 (former Pier (old) 58) foot of Bloomfield street, and of both sides and surface of an "L" which extends over 100 feet southerly from the south side, outer end of the pier, at a rental of \$3,000 per annum.

This lease does not expire until April 1, 1911, and one of the considerations in granting the lease herein recommended is that the Pattens will agree to the cancellation of the lease which they now hold, of the Bloomfield street pier, and vacate the premises on December 1 next.

The remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar in every respect to those contained in the leases now in use by this Department, a copy of which may be seen and examined at the office of the Department, Pier "A," North River, Borough of Manhattan.

The northerly side and surface of Pier (new) 53, North River, is leased to the Cunard Steamship Company for ten years, with two renewals of ten years each, at a rental for the first term of \$37,500 per annum, said lease to take effect as soon as the shed has been erected by the Department, and the pier is ready for occupation.

By cancelling Patten's lease December 1 next, it will enable the Department to put the steamship company in possession of the pier two years and four months earlier than if it had to wait until the expiration of the lease to the Patten line, thus securing to the City for that period, the difference in rental that the Cunard Steamship Company will pay (\$37,500), and the present revenue from the pier, which, including the rental derived from the Patten line, is between \$7,000 and \$8,000 per annum.

Under these circumstances, I consider it a good business proposition to grant the application of the Patten Line for a lease of the northerly side of the pier foot of West Thirty-fifth street, at a rental of \$8,000 per annum for the first term, and \$10,000 per annum for the renewal term.

The pier at the foot of West Thirty-fifth street has been open for general wharfage, and the revenue derived from the entire pier during the years 1906 and 1907 amounted to \$2,397.72 and \$2,718.04, respectively, or say, \$1,300 per annum for the half pier. Prior to 1906 the southerly side of the pier was occupied under permit by dumping board at a rental of \$2,000 per annum.

In case the Patten Line agrees to the cancellation of its lease of pier 53 on December 1 next, the Department can proceed at once with the preparation of the contract for the shed on said pier so that the contractor would be ready to begin the erection of the structure as soon as the Patten Line vacates the pier, and in that way hasten its completion so that the occupancy by the Cunard Line and the rental paid by the company shall commence as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,
ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 29, 1908.

The terms being fair, I would advise that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of and consent to the execution of the lease as proposed by the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

CHANDLER WITHINGTON,
Chief Engineer, Department of Finance.

Approved:
H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution by the Commissioner of Docks, of a lease to the New York and Long Branch Steamboat Company, of the northerly half of the pier foot of West Thirty-fifth street, for a term of ten years from April 1, 1909, with the privilege of renewal for a further term of ten years; the rental for the first term to be at the rate of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) per annum, and for the renewal term to be at the rate of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per annum; the lessee to have the privilege of erecting and maintaining upon the premises such structures as may be necessary for the conduct of its business; the structures to be erected in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Docks, it being understood and agreed that this lease shall be of no force or effect unless the lessees, Thomas G. and Walter R. Patten, comprising the firm of T. G. & W. R. Patten, shall consent and agree to the cancellation of the lease on December 1, 1908, of the entire northerly side of Pier (old) 58, North River, a distance of about 330 feet and the entire westerly side of the "L" adjoining the outer end of the southerly side of said pier about 100 feet, together with the surface of said pier, about 50 feet in width, and the surface of said "L," about 50 feet in width. The remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar in every respect to those contained in leases now in use by the Department of Docks and Ferries, and as recommended by the Commissioner of Docks, in communication dated June 25, 1908.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Docks relative to a lease of the crib bulkhead at the foot of East Eighty-fourth street to the Cygnet Club:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, }
June 25, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—I am of the opinion that the interests of the City would be best served by the granting of a lease to Samuel McGarigle as President of the Cygnet Club of the City, County and State of New York, for a term of three years commencing from the first of the month next succeeding the date upon which this lease shall be approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at a rental of \$150 per annum, of the crib bulkhead at the foot of East Eighty-fourth street, together with the property now occupied by the said club lying outside of the high water mark at the foot of said street.

The remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar to those contained in leases of wharf property now used by this Department.

The Cygnet Club has been in possession of these premises for many years past and had a lease for a term of three years up to June 30, 1908, at a rental of \$150 per annum. The premises leased are at the foot of a high bluff, unavailable for wharfage purposes, inaccessible to trucks and only suitable for the purposes for which it is used.

No other applications have been made for a lease of the premises in question and I therefore beg to recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopt a resolution approving of the lease in accordance with the terms above stated.

Yours respectfully,
ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 26, 1908.

I see no objections to the approval of the lease as proposed by the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

CHANDLER WITHINGTON,
Chief Engineer, Department of Finance.

Approved:
H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution by the Commissioner of Docks, of a lease to Samuel McGarigle as President of the Cygnet Club of the City, County and State of New York, of the crib bulkhead at the foot of East Eighty-fourth street, Borough of Manhattan, together with the property now occupied by the said club lying outside of the high water mark at the foot of said street, for a term of three years from July 1, 1908, at a rental of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per annum. The remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar to those contained in leases of wharf property now in use by the Department of Docks and Ferries, and as recommended by the Commissioner of Docks in communication dated June 25, 1908.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Docks, relative to a lease of a portion of Pier (old) 34, East River and bulkhead, to the Sound Transportation Company.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, }
June 18, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—After due consideration, I am of the opinion that the best interests of the City would be served by the granting of a lease to the Sound Transportation Company, who have made application therefor, of the following described property:

The westerly side and surface of Pier (old) 34, East River (Catharine Slip, Pier West), and the bulkhead and small pier between Piers (old) 33 and (old) 34, East River, together with the right to use the sheds owned by the City on said premises, at a rental of \$7,500 per annum for a term of ten (10) years from the first of the month next succeeding the date on which said lease shall be approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. The remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar to those contained in the leases of wharf property, and now in use by this Department.

The Clyde Steamship Company had a lease to May 1, 1907, of the easterly half of Pier (old) 33, the westerly half of Pier (old) 34, and the bulkhead and small pier between, at a rental for the entire property of \$9,000 per annum. After the expiration of the lease to the Clyde Steamship Company, the Department granted a permit to the Long Island Railroad Company for the use of the easterly half of Pier (old) 33, at a rental of \$3,000 per annum. The remainder of the property formerly leased to the Clyde Steamship Company is now occupied under a permit by the Sound Transportation Company at a rental of \$7,200 per annum.

If the Clyde Steamship Company had desired to renew the old lease, which expired in 1907, it could, in all probability, have obtained a renewal at an advance of 10 per cent, the customary increase for a renewal term, which would have made the rental \$9,900 per annum. The granting of a lease to the Sound Transportation Company of the property first above described, at a rental of \$7,500 per annum, together with the \$3,000 paid by the Long Island Railroad Company for Pier (old) 34, will make the total revenue received by the City \$10,500 per annum for the same property leased to the Clyde Steamship Company for \$9,000, being an increase of 16⅔ per cent.

In addition, I consider it advisable to grant a lease of the premises in question instead of a permit, as under a lease the lessee assumes obligations which are more to the advantage of the City than would be the case if the permit now in existence were continued; and the lease will contain a provision that in case the City desires to terminate the lease at any time for the improvement of the water-front, it may be canceled.

In view of the above facts, I beg to recommend that a resolution be adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approving a lease to the Sound Transportation Company upon the terms above mentioned.

Yours respectfully,
A. N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Finance.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 26, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Allen N. Spooner, Commissioner, Department of Docks and Ferries, in communication dated June 18, 1908, states, that, in his opinion, the best interests of the City would be served by granting a lease to the Sound Transportation Company, who have made application therefor of the following described property:

The westerly side and surface of Pier (old) 34, East River (Catharine Slip, Pier West), and the bulkhead and small pier between Piers (old) 33 and (old) 34, East River, together with the right to use the sheds owned by the City on said premises at a rental of \$7,500 per annum, for a term of ten (10) years from the first of the month next succeeding the date on which said lease shall be approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

I would report, that the Clyde Steamship Company leased at public auction for a term of ten (10) years, beginning May 1, 1897, the premises above described, together with the easterly half of Pier (old) 33.

In addition to the rental of \$9,000 per annum, the Clyde Steamship Company erected sheds on the leased property worth about \$28,000, which have reverted and become the property of the City. The erection of these sheds is equivalent to additional rental of \$3,450 per annum so that the total rental received for the property exceeds \$12,000 per annum.

The City is now receiving for the easterly half of Pier (old) 33, \$3,000 per annum, which is in the same proportion to the rental formerly received for the whole property, as the area, wharfage length, etc., of half of Pier (old) 33, is to the area, wharfage length, etc., of the whole property.

It therefore appears that for the remainder of the whole premises formerly leased, namely the property now proposed to be leased to the Sound Transportation Company, the City should receive at least \$9,000 per annum, in order to obtain the same rental which has been paid for this property for the last ten (10) years.

In my opinion, the rental values of this portion of the water-front have increased over 20 per cent, within the last ten (10) years, so that it would not be well to let this property for less than the former rental.

I, however, think that perhaps \$5,000 may have to be expended by the lessee to place this pier and shed in first class condition, which is equivalent to an annual rental

of about \$500, which amount should be credited to the lessee making the annual rental which should be received by the City, \$8,500.

I would therefore advise that the lease be approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as proposed, except that the rental should be fixed at \$8,500 per annum instead of \$7,500 per annum, as suggested by the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

Respectfully,

CHANDLER WITHINGTON, Chief Engineer.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Discussion of the matter was had as to the rental, and the Commissioner of Docks who was present was interrogated by members of the Board in regard to same. The Board decided to split the difference between the rental recommended by the Dock Commissioner and that of the Chief Engineer. The Comptroller then offered the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution, by the Commissioner of Docks, of a lease to the Sound Transportation Company, of the following described property:

The westerly side and surface of Pier (old) 34, East River (Catharine Slip, Pier West), and the bulkhead and small pier between Piers (old) 33 and (old) 34, East River, together with the right to use the sheds owned by the City on said premises.

—at a rental of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) per annum, for a term of ten years from July 1, 1908. The remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar to those contained in leases of wharf property now in use by the Department of Docks and Ferries.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Docks, relative to the setting apart of property for the permanent and exclusive use of the Fire Department:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, }
June 10, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—In accordance with the provisions of section 838 of the Greater New York Charter, I beg to recommend that a resolution be adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorizing the Commissioner of Docks to set apart for the permanent and exclusive use of the Fire Department the following described property owned by The City of New York:

Battery Park—Platform on piles, distant about 189 feet southerly from the bulkhead wall running easterly from Pier "A"; average length of platform about 140 feet, average width about from 28 to 40 feet.

Pier (Old) 56½, North River—Outer end and return northward of Pier (old) 56½, North River, north of Gansevoort street; average length about 221 feet, average width about 40 feet.

Pier Foot of West Thirty-fifth Street, North River—Not yet occupied; space set aside is about 150 feet of the outer end, southerly side.

Pier (Old) 55, East River—Pier foot of Grand street, East River, now called Pier 45 (new); 170 feet of the outer end, width 45 feet.

Pier Foot of East Ninety-ninth Street—Average length, 147 feet; average width, 25 feet.

Lexington Avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-second Street—Space on bulkhead, north side of One Hundred and Thirty-second street at the foot of Lexington avenue, not yet occupied.

St. George, Borough of Richmond—The most northerly pier of the lay-up slip at St. George, Borough of Richmond. Outer end of pier, 100 feet in length by 40 feet in width; inner end, 110 feet in length by 20 feet in width.

Yours respectfully,

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 18, 1908.

The Fire Department has or will have within a month enough boats to use all of these berths; I therefore see no objections to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund giving their consent and approval to setting apart for the permanent and exclusive use of the Fire Department the property described in the Communication of the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, under date of June 10, 1908.

CHANDLER WITHINGTON,
Chief Engineer, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 838 of the amended Greater New York Charter, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby consent to and approve of the setting apart, by the Commissioner of Docks, for the permanent and exclusive use of the Fire Department, the following described property owned by The City of New York:

Battery Park—Platform on piles, distant about 189 feet southerly from the bulkhead wall running easterly from Pier "A"; average length of platform about 140 feet, average width about from 28 to 40 feet.

Pier (Old) 56½, North River—Outer end and return northward of Pier (old) 56½, North River, north of Gansevoort street; average length about 221 feet, average width about 40 feet.

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Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-second Street—Space on bulkhead, north side of One Hundred and Thirty-second street, at the foot of Lexington avenue, not yet occupied.

St. George, Borough of Richmond—The most northerly pier of the lay-up slip at St. George, Borough of Richmond. Outer end of pier, 100 feet in length by 40 feet in width; inner end, 110 feet in length by 20 feet in width.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following was received from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, relative to the granting of free transportation to the pupils of schools in the lower section of Manhattan Borough, over the Staten Island Ferry, to and from the Curtis Athletic Field on Staten Island:

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, }
June 12, 1908. }

Hon. N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Secretary, Sinking Fund Commissioners:

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held June 12, 1908, a report was presented from the Select Committee, consisting of the President of the Borough of Manhattan and the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, to

which, on May 8, 1908, was referred the communication from the Comptroller relative to granting free transportation to the pupils of the public schools in the lower section of Manhattan Borough, over the Staten Island Ferry to and from the Curtis Athletic Field on Staten Island, which, in accordance with the recommendation contained therein, was referred to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for consideration and action.

I transmit herewith for the information of said Commissioners, copies of communications from the President of the Borough of Manhattan and report of the Comptroller, all relative to the matter.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, Assistant Secretary.

April 30, 1908.

Mr. JOSEPH HAAG, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—The attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is respectfully directed to the fact that the Curtis Field on Staten Island is now being used by the boys of the public schools, including not only those residing on Staten Island, but a number from the lower districts of Manhattan. Considerable difficulty, however, is being experienced by reason of the cost of ferriage. I am advised that eleven of the Manhattan schools, viz.: Nos. 1, 3, 14, 23, 25, 40, 43, 44, 62, 86 and 98 would use this field as often as three times a week, with an average of about forty boys on each trip, providing an arrangement could be made whereby the boys going over for this purpose, under the charge of their Teachers, would be given free transportation over the municipal ferry.

Inasmuch as the City has incurred a large expense in constructing and equipping this field for the purpose of enabling the children who attend its public schools to have some physical exercise, it seems somewhat inconsistent to charge these children a sum they can ill afford to pay, to pass over this ferry for the purpose of reaching the field which has been provided for their physical development. There is no part of our school population that needs the exercise which this field will promote any more than the children of lower Manhattan, and there are few who can less afford the cost of ferriage.

I beg to submit the matter for the consideration of the Board, and to ask that arrangements be made through either the Board of Education or the Department of Docks and Ferries, under which free transportation may be provided for the pupils using this field, when going in a body under the charge of Teachers, and under such restrictions as will prevent such transportation under any other conditions than those herein mentioned.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) JOHN F. AHEARN, President.

June 8, 1908.

Mr. JOSEPH HAAG, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—At the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held May 8, the request of the President of the Borough of Manhattan, that free transportation to and from the Curtis Field on Staten Island be provided for school children in the lower part of the Borough of Manhattan, was referred for consideration and action to a Select Committee, consisting of the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries and the President of the Borough of Manhattan.

This Committee has carefully considered the subject and is of the opinion that the desired result could best be accomplished by authority being conferred upon the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, to provide such free transportation for the school children in such manner as he and the Principals of the various public schools may agree upon.

It is accordingly recommended that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopt a resolution requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to confer the necessary authority upon the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

The Curtis Field is now being used daily by pupils of the Manhattan public schools, and on this account it is respectfully requested that the matter be acted upon at the next meeting of your Board.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) ALLEN N. SPOONER,
Commissioner of Docks and Ferries;

(Signed) JOHN F. AHEARN,
President of the Borough of Manhattan.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 16, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—At meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held June 12, 1908, a report was presented from the Select Committee, consisting of the President of the Borough of Manhattan and the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, to which, on May 8, 1908, was referred the communication from the Comptroller relative to granting free transportation to the pupils of the public schools in the lower section of Manhattan Borough over the Staten Island Ferry to and from the Curtis Athletic Field on Staten Island, which, in accordance with the recommendation contained therein, was referred to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for consideration and action.

In my previous report, under date of May 7, 1908, after stating that a number of schools in Manhattan would use this field, making three trips per week, with an average of forty boys to each trip; this would mean that over two hundred boys from Manhattan Borough would use this field every day if free transportation on the municipal ferry were provided.

It appears to me that it would be a public benefit if the Dock Commissioner would issue suitable passes for the above purpose, but so restricted as to prevent the improper use of the passes.

The recommendation of the Committee is that the best results could be accomplished by authority being conferred upon the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries to provide such free transportation for the school children in such manner as he and the Principals of the various public schools may agree upon, and I advise that the recommendation of the Committee be acted favorably on by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

• Respectfully,

CHANDLER WITHINGTON, Chief Engineer.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
June 26, 1908. }

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of a communication from N. Taylor Phillips, Secretary of your Board, dated June 25, 1908, and transmitting extracts from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held June 12, 1908, relative to free transportation of pupils of public schools in the lower section of Manhattan over the Staten Island Ferry, to and from Curtis Athletic Field on Staten Island.

I am asked to advise you whether your Board has power to confer authority upon the Dock Commissioner to issue free transportation, under proper restrictions, to school children of Manhattan who desire to use the athletic field on Staten Island.

Although I am aware of no specific authority bearing upon the question, it is my opinion that a municipal corporation, as an incident to its existence, has such power, and that the proper municipal agents to act in the premises are the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Dock Commissioner.

Respectfully,

THEODORE CONNOLLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of the recommendations of the Select Committee appointed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, consisting of the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries and the Presi-

dent of the Borough of Manhattan, that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund confer upon the Commissioner of Docks authority to provide free transportation to the pupils of schools in the lower section of the Borough of Manhattan on the Staten Island Ferry, and the Commissioner of Docks be and is hereby authorized to provide free transportation for such school children when accompanied by their Teachers in such manner as he and Principals of the said schools may agree upon.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communications were received from the Commissioner of Docks turning over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the old ferryboats "Southfield" and "Westfield":

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, }
June 25, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—Section 205 of the Greater New York Charter provides that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall have power to assign to use for any public purposes any City property for whatsoever purpose originally acquired which may be found by the Department having control thereof to be no longer required for such purpose.

I beg to state that this Department no longer requires the use of the ferryboat "Westfield" and desires to turn it over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for such disposition as said Commission may deem proper.

Yours respectfully,

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

June 29, 1908.

I see no objection to this transfer and recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund assign the old ferryboat "Westfield" to the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

CHANDLER WITHINGTON,
Chief Engineer, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, }
June 10, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—Section 205 of the Greater New York Charter provides that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall have power to assign to use for any public purposes any City property for whatsoever purpose originally acquired which may be found by the Department having control thereof to be no longer required for such purpose.

In accordance with the suggestion contained in the report of a Committee of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, which report was submitted to that Commission at a meeting held May 27, 1908, I beg to state that this Department no longer requires the use of the ferryboat "Southfield" and desires to turn it over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in order that it may be assigned to the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, or for such other disposition as said Commission may deem proper.

Yours respectfully,

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner.

June 16, 1908.

I see no objection to this transfer and recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund assign the old ferryboat "Southfield" to the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

CHANDLER WITHINGTON,
Chief Engineer, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

BELLEVUE AND ALLIED HOSPITALS, }
June 26, 1908. }

Hon. N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Secretary, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—The Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals have the honor to request that the ferryboat "Westfield" be turned over to this Department in order to be used as a day camp for tuberculous patients similar to that established aboard the ferryboat "Southfield" now under the jurisdiction of this Department. This request is prompted by the desire to establish a second camp, and the fact that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adjourn for the summer after the next meeting.

The Trustees are endeavoring to secure the use of a pier at which to moor the boat, but in the event of their being unable to do so the boat will be returned to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRANNAN,
President, Board of Trustees.

In connection therewith the Comptroller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 205 of the amended Greater New York Charter, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby assign the ferryboats "Southfield" and "Westfield," turned over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by the Commissioner of Docks as no longer required for the uses and purposes of his Department, to the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, said assignment to continue during the pleasure of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution relative to an amendment to resolution authorizing a lease of premises No. 200 East Twenty-seventh street, Manhattan, for the use of the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals (see page 431):

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 9, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a meeting held April 14, 1908, adopted a resolution authorizing a lease to the City from Paul Schwarz, of Flat O, on the fifth floor of the Lorena Apartment House, at No. 200 East Twenty-seventh street, Manhattan, for the use of the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, for a period of one year from May 1, 1908, with the privilege of renewal for an additional year upon the same terms and conditions, the rental being at the rate of \$480 per annum.

The letter of the Secretary of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, and the report made thereon by this office, stated that the apartment was required for the accommodation of additional Nurses whom it has been necessary to employ to properly care for the patients.

The resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund stated that the premises were "for use of the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals." While this is true, it is the intention of the Trustees, as expressed in their communication, to use the apartment for Nurses only. The owners of the premises object to the form of the resolution and state that as it is now the apartment might be used for patients in Bellevue Hospital.

I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund amend the resolution adopted April 14, 1908, by inserting after the words "200 East Twenty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan," the words "for the dwelling accommodation of additional Nurses whom it is necessary to employ by the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals to care for the patients in Bellevue and Allied Hos-

pitals," and by striking out the words "for use of the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals."

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held April 14, 1908, requesting the Corporation Counsel to prepare a lease to the City from Paul Schwarz of Flat O, on the fifth floor of the Lorena Apartment House, No. 200 East Twenty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "for use of the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals" and inserting in place thereof the words "for the dwelling accommodation of additional Nurses whom it is necessary to employ by the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals to care for the patients in Bellevue and Allied Hospitals."

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, relative to the assignment of the bed of East Twenty-eighth street, from the easterly side of First avenue to the bulkhead line of the East River, Borough of Manhattan:

BELLEVUE AND ALLIED HOSPITALS, }
June 18, 1908. }

Hon. N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Secretary, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, No. 280 Broadway, New York City:

SIR—On May 3, 1907, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted a resolution changing the map or plan of The City of New York by discontinuing and closing East Twenty-eighth street, from the easterly side of First avenue to the bulkhead line of the East River, in the Borough of Manhattan. This action was taken upon the request of the President of the Borough of Manhattan, at the instance of this Department, in order that the street might be added to the grounds of the new Bellevue Hospital.

The Trustees have now the honor to request that the street in question be turned over to them for the purposes for which it was ordered closed.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRANNAN, President, Board of Trustees.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 23, 1908.

I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of the request of the Hon. John W. Brannan, President of the Board of Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, and assigned to said Bellevue and Allied Hospitals the bed of East Twenty-eighth street, from the easterly side of First avenue to the bulkhead line of the East River, in the Borough of Manhattan, the closing of which was authorized by a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted at a meeting held May 3, 1907.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, subject to concurrence by the Board of Aldermen, hereby assign to the custody and control of the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, the bed of East Twenty-eighth street, from the east side of First avenue to the bulkhead line of the East River, Borough of Manhattan, the closing of which was authorized by resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted at meeting held May 3, 1907.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution, relative to a renewal of the lease of premises on the Crescent at the head of Temple street, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, for the Board of Education:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
March 19, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education, at a meeting held March 11, 1908, adopted a resolution requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to approve of the renewal of a lease for a period of two years from May 1, 1908, of the building and grounds on the Crescent, at the head of Temple street, about 200 feet south of Grand avenue, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, occupied as an annex to Public School No. 5.

The last approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for this lease was at a meeting held March 13, 1907, when the Board of Education was authorized to renew the lease for a period of one year from May 1, 1907, at an annual rental of \$1,000, payable quarterly.

The rent being the same as heretofore paid, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of the request of the Board of Education and authorize a renewal of the lease to the City of the building and grounds on the Crescent at the head of Temple street, about 200 feet south of Grand avenue, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, occupied as an annex to Public School 5, for a period of two years from May 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$1,000, and on the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease, the said lease to contain a clause giving the City the privilege of renewal for an additional year upon the same terms and conditions. Owners, Estate of Henry White, Agent, Henry C. Johnson, No. 152 Fulton avenue, Astoria, Long Island.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of the execution, by the Board of Education, of a renewal of the lease to the City, of the building and grounds on the Crescent at the head of Temple street, about 200 feet south of Grand avenue, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, occupied as an annex to Public School 5, for a period of two years from May 1, 1908, at an annual rental of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), payable quarterly, and on the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; the lease to contain a clause giving the City the privilege of renewal for an additional year, upon the same terms and conditions; owners, Estate of Henry White; Agent, Henry C. Johnson; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution relative to an amendment to resolution authorizing a lease of premises corner of Atlantic avenue and Clinton street, Borough of Brooklyn, for use of the Court of Special Sessions.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 16, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a meeting held April 14, 1908, adopted a resolution authorizing a lease between the Brooklyn Athenæum, George W. Chauncey, president, and The City of New York, of the second and third floors of the Brooklyn Athenæum Company Building, situated on the northeast corner of Atlantic avenue and Clinton street, Borough of Brooklyn, for the use of the Court of Special Sessions, for a period of five years * * *. The name of the corporation is the Brooklyn Athenæum and Reading Room, and Mr. George W. Chauncey, the president of the association, is at present out of town and will not return for some time.

At a meeting of the Brooklyn Athenæum and Reading Room, held June 15, 1908, a resolution was adopted authorizing and empowering the treasurer and secretary of the company to execute the lease on behalf of the corporation.

The company is making extensive alterations in the building and the term of the new lease does not begin until the building is in complete repair, on a certificate given by Judge Wilkins of the court. It is proposed by the company, after the building is turned over to the City on the certificate of Judge Wilkins, to keep the outside of the building in complete repair during the entire term of the lease; the City to make such alterations and repairs inside as may be made necessary by use and occupation.

I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund amend the resolution adopted April 14, 1908, by striking out the words "The Brooklyn Athenæum Company, George W. Chauncey, President," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Brooklyn Athenæum and Reading Room, D. Irving Mead, Treasurer, W. B. Veder, Secretary," and after the words "to provide heat, light and janitor service," on the fifth line of the resolution, to insert the words "and make all inside repairs during the term of the lease; the owner to make all outside repairs during the term of the lease, * * *"

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held April 14, 1908, authorizing a lease to the City, from the Brooklyn Athenæum Company, George W. Chauncey, President, of premises at the northeasterly corner of Atlantic avenue and Clinton street, Borough of Brooklyn, for use of the Court of Special Sessions, for a period of five years, at an annual rental of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000), payable quarterly, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out as the names of the lessors, "The Brooklyn Athenæum Company, George W. Chauncey, President," and inserting in place thereof "Brooklyn Athenæum and Reading Room, D. Irving Mead, Treasurer, W. B. Veder, Secretary," and adding after the words "the City to provide light, heat and janitor service during the term of the lease," the words "and make all inside repairs during the term of the lease, the owner to make all outside repairs during the term of the lease."

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Police Department requesting authority to establish, provide and furnish premises on the north side of One Hundred and Twentieth street and Harlem River, Borough of Manhattan:

Police Department, }
June 17, 1908. }

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Police Commissioner this day

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested to authorize the Police Commissioner to establish, provide and furnish the premises on the north side of One Hundred and Twentieth street and Harlem River as a station house for Harbor Precinct, Station B, for the accommodation thereof of members of the Police force and as a place of temporary detention for persons arrested and property taken within said precinct, and also to provide and furnish such business accommodations, apparatus and articles and provide for the care thereof as shall be necessary for the Department of Police and the transaction of the business of the Department.

Very respectfully,

THEODORE A. BINGHAM,
Police Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 18, 1908.

The City of New York acquired title by a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May 24, 1908, said resolution vesting the title five days after the Commissioners had filed their oaths of office in the condemnation proceedings authorized to be taken by said Board, to the property above described by the Commissioner of the Police Department. Upon the vesting of title the property was immediately turned over to the Police Commissioner and his above request for action by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund is in accordance with the provisions of section 320 of the amended Greater New York Charter.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of the above request of the Police Commissioner as above recited.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 320 of the amended Greater New York Charter, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby authorize the Police Commissioner to establish, provide and furnish premises on the north side of One Hundred and Twentieth street and the Harlem River, Borough of Manhattan, as a station house for Harbor Precinct Station B, for the accommodation thereof of members of the Police Force, and as a place of temporary detention for persons arrested and property taken within the said precinct, and also to provide and furnish such business accommodations, apparatus and articles, and provide for the care thereof as shall be necessary for the Department of Police and the transactions of the business of the Department.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Police Commissioner, relative to a lease of premises at Nos 118 to 126 Waverly avenue, Borough of Brooklyn:

POLICE DEPARTMENT, }
June 22, 1908. }

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Police Commissioner this day

Ordered, That the proceedings of June 15, 1908, relative to lease of premises Nos. 118 to 126 Waverly avenue, Brooklyn, be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested to authorize the Comptroller to execute a lease of the northerly part of premises Nos. 118, 120, 122, 124 and 126 Waverly avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, and the following information is given in pursuance of circular letter of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted by resolution October 22, 1902:

1. Full name of owner or lessor? William Schweikert, Nos. 118 to 126 Waverly avenue, Borough of Brooklyn.

2. Description of the property? The northerly part of the premises Nos. 118, 120, 122, 124 and 126 Waverly avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, consisting of a section 90 by 29 feet on the first or main floor to be divided into three rooms, viz.: An assembly room 60 by 29 feet; a locker room 15 by 29 feet, with forty lockers; both of these rooms to have ceiling and side walls covered with metal; and a forage room 15 by 29 feet, less space at one end, which is to be partitioned off as a toilet room and to contain three closets, three wash basins and a urinal. The entire floor, with the exception of the forage room, is to have a new narrow flooring laid on top of the present floor.

On the front of the building a suitable iron entrance porch would be erected and one of the windows converted into a doorway.

For the accommodation of the horses a section of the lower floor containing thirty-three (33) standing and one (1) box stall, with watering trough, and grooming space to be connected with the main floor by a spiral staircase would be partitioned off from the rest of the stable. From this section there is a separate runway leading to the street, the floor is concrete, the ceilings sheet iron, the stall slats are hard wood set in concrete. The ceiling of this section is ten feet above the floor and the office floor ceiling is fifteen feet in height.

3. Term of proposed lease? Five (5) years, with privilege of renewal for five years upon same terms.

4. Rental and how payable? Twenty-three hundred dollars (\$2,300) per year (This includes removal of manure, estimated at \$150 per year.) Rental payable quarterly.

5. Particulars as to alterations and repairs? Owner will make all alterations necessary to put building in first class condition, will make alterations as mentioned in description of property in this report. After premises are occupied will make all necessary repairs to outside of building. This Department to make necessary repairs to interior after they have taken possession.

6. Does the owner pay water rent? No.

7. Does the owner pay for light, heat and janitor service? No.

8. The necessity for the lease? To provide stable accommodations for horses used by the mounted men assigned to traffic duty in the Borough of Brooklyn. These horses are now distributed among various precincts; most of them are kept in livery stables and it is proposed to stable them together and form a Traffic Squad.

9. Are the premises recommended the most reasonable that can be secured in the neighborhood for the purposes desired? Yes.

Very respectfully,

THEO. A. BINGHAM, Police Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 24, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Theodore A. Bingham, Commissioner of the Police Department, in a communication addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under date of June 22, 1908, requests that a lease be authorized of the stable premises in the Waverly stables, Nos. 118 to 126 Waverly avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, described as follows:

The northerly part of the premises Nos. 118, 120, 122, 124 and 126 Waverly avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, consisting of a section 90 by 29 feet on the first or main floor to be divided into three rooms, viz.: An assembly room, 60 by 29 feet; a locker room, 15 by 29 feet, with forty lockers. Both of these rooms to have ceiling and side walls covered with metal; and a forage room, 15 by 29 feet, less space at one end, which is to be partitioned off as a toilet room and to contain three closets, three wash basins and a urinal. The entire floor, with the exception of the forage room, is to have a new narrow flooring laid on top of the present floor.

On the front of the building a suitable iron entrance porch would be erected and one of the windows converted into a doorway.

For the accommodation of the horses a section of the lower floor containing thirty-three (33) standing and one (1) box stall, with watering trough, and grooming space to be connected with the main floor by a spiral staircase would be partitioned off from the rest of the stable. From this section there is a separate runway leading to the street, the floor is concrete, the ceilings sheet iron, the stall slats are hard wood set in concrete. The ceiling of this section is ten feet above the floor and the office floor ceiling is fifteen feet in height. Lessor, William Schweikert, Nos. 118 to 126 Waverly avenue, Brooklyn.

The lease to be for five years from date of occupation, with the privilege of renewal for an additional five years upon the same terms and conditions, at a rental of \$2,300 a year, payable quarterly. The rental to include the cost of the removal of manure. Owner to make all alterations necessary to put the building in first class condition, and after occupation will make all necessary outside repairs. The City to make necessary interior repairs after taking possession, and to pay for heat, light and water.

After an examination I find that this is a one-story and basement brick and stone stable 90 by 90 feet on a plot 100 by 100 feet. The stable has light and air on every side. The lease is to cover a space at the northerly side of the main floor 29 by 90 feet, which is to have new flooring, metal walls and ceiling, and to be divided by partitions into an assembly room, a locker room with forty lockers, a toilet room with three toilets, three wash basins and a urinal; and a forage room, as described in the Commissioner's letter.

In the basement the portion to be covered by the lease now has thirty-one single stalls and one large double box stall, and three more single stalls will be added as a part of the alterations, making a total of 36 stalls, with the necessary water trough and grooming space. There is also room for a half dozen more single stalls, if they should be needed during the term of the lease.

The basement is ten feet in height and has a concrete floor and metal ceiling. The runway, five feet wide, is at the side of the building, so that the City will occupy 34 feet in width altogether. The main floor is 15 feet in height. The rental asked, \$2,300 a year, which includes the cost of removal of manure, is full value, but is not excessive.

Deeming the rent fair and reasonable, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize the execution of a lease of the stable premises as follows:

The northerly part of the premises Nos. 118, 120, 122, 124 and 126 Waverly avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, consisting of a section 90 by 29 feet on the first or main floor to be divided into three rooms, viz.: An assembly room, 60 by 29 feet; a locker room, 15 by 29 feet, with forty lockers. Both of these rooms to have ceiling and side walls covered with metal; and a forage room, 15 by 29 feet, less space at one end, which is to be partitioned off as a toilet room and to contain three closets, three wash basins and a urinal. The entire floor with the exception of the forage room is to have a new narrow flooring laid on top of the present floor.

On the front of the building a suitable iron entrance porch will be erected and one of the windows converted into a doorway.

For the accommodation of the horses a section of the lower floor containing thirty-three (33) standing and one (1) box stall, with watering trough, and grooming space to be connected with the main floor by a spiral staircase will be partitioned off from the rest of the stable. From this section there is a separate runway leading to the street, the floor is concrete, the ceilings sheet iron, the stall slats are hard wood set in concrete. The ceiling of this section is ten feet above the floor and the office floor ceiling is fifteen feet in height.

—the lease to be for a term of five years from the date of occupation, with the privilege of renewal for an additional five years upon the same terms and conditions, at a rental of \$2,300 a year, payable quarterly, the lessor to make all necessary alterations and repairs as mentioned above, and to make all needed outside repairs during the term

of the lease; the City to pay for heat, light and water and to make needed inside repairs or alterations during the term of occupancy. Lessor, William Schweikert.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from William Schweikert, of the following described premises for use of the Police Department, for a term of five years from the date of occupation, with the privilege of renewal for an additional five years upon the same terms and conditions, at a rental of twenty-three hundred dollars (\$2,300) per annum, payable quarterly:

The northerly part of the premises Nos. 118, 120, 122, 124 and 126 Waverly avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, consisting of a section 90 by 29 feet on the first or main floor to be divided into three rooms, viz.: An assembly room, 60 by 29 feet; a locker room, 15 by 29 feet. Both of these rooms to have ceiling and side walls covered with metal; a forage room, 15 by 29 feet, less space at one end, which is to be partitioned off as a toilet room and to contain three closets, three wash basins and a urinal.

The entire floor, with the exception of the forage room, is to have a new, narrow flooring laid on top of the present floor; on the front of the building a suitable iron entrance porch is to be erected and one of the windows converted into a doorway, for the accommodation of the horses; a section of the lower floor containing (33) standing and (1) box stall with watering trough and grooming space is to be connected with the main floor by a spiral staircase to be partitioned off from the rest of the stable—the lessor to make all necessary alterations and repairs as mentioned above and to make all needed outside repairs during the term of the lease; the City to pay for heat, light and water and to make needed inside repairs or alterations during the term of occupancy; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same, when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following was received from the Board of Elections relative to a renewal of the leases of the following:

1. Premises at Nos. 232 and 234 West Forty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan.
2. Premises at No. 236 West Forty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS, }
June 15, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

DEAR SIR—I beg to hand you herewith a copy of a resolution, duly adopted by our Board, requesting the renewal of our lease of premises in West Forty-seventh street with the estate of Patrick Morgan.

We respectfully request the favorable consideration of your commission on this application.

Respectfully,

JOHN T. DOOLING, President.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York be and they are hereby requested to approve and authorize the renewal of the existing lease, for the storage of election material and appurtenances in the care and custody of the Board of Elections of The City of New York, with Arthur J. Morgan and John P. Morgan, executors of the estate of Patrick Morgan, deceased, for a period of one year from December 1, 1907, at an annual rental of nineteen hundred and eighty dollars (\$1,980), payable quarterly, basement of Nos. 232 and 234 West Forty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan, being 45 feet 6 inches by 92 feet, upon the same covenants and conditions of the existing lease.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York be and they are hereby requested to approve and authorize the renewal of the existing lease for the storage of election material and appurtenances in the care and custody of the Board of Elections of The City of New York, with Arthur J. Morgan and John P. Morgan, executors of the estate of Patrick Morgan, deceased, for a period of one year from December 1, 1907, at an annual rental of eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$870), payable quarterly, basement of No. 236 West Forty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan, being 20 feet 6 inches by 92 feet, under the same covenants and conditions as the existing lease.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 19, 1908.

The rents being the same as heretofore paid, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize the renewal of the leases of the following premises for the use of the Board of Elections:

1. The basement of premises Nos. 232 and 234 West Forty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan, being 45 feet 6 inches by 92 feet, for a period of one year from December 1, 1907, at an annual rental of \$1,080, payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Lessors, Arthur J. Morgan and John P. Morgan, executors of the estate of Patrick Morgan, deceased.
2. The basement of premises No. 236 West Forty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan, being 20 feet 6 inches by 92 feet, for a period of one year from December 1, 1907, at an annual rental of \$870, payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Lessors, Arthur J. Morgan and John P. Morgan, executors of the estate of Patrick Morgan, deceased.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City, of the basement of premises No. 236 West Forty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Board of Elections, for a period of one year from December 1, 1907, at an annual rental of eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$870), payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; lessors, Arthur J. Morgan and John P. Morgan, executors of the estate of Patrick Morgan, deceased; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City of the basement of premises Nos. 232 and 234 West Forty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Board of Elections, for a period of one year from December 1, 1907, at an annual rental of nineteen hundred and eighty dollars (\$1,980), payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; lessors, Arthur J. Morgan and John P. Morgan, executors of the estate of Patrick Morgan, deceased; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolutions severally unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution relative to an amendment to resolution authorizing a lease of premises at No. 119 Nassau street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Law Department:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 19, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a meeting held March 25, 1908, adopted a resolution authorizing a lease from Thomas H. Kelly, Eugene Kelly and Paul Fuller, as executors and trustees under the last will and testament of Eugene Kelly, deceased, of Room 905 on the ninth floor of the building No. 119 Nassau street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Law Department, for a period of one year and three months from February 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$500, payable quarterly. The executors and trustees of the estate desire that the name of the lessors be changed to read "Temple Court Company," and that the date of occupation be one year and one month from April 1, 1908, instead of one year and three months from February 1, 1908.

I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund amend so much of the resolution adopted March 25, 1908, by striking out the words "Thomas H. Kelly, Eugene Kelly and Paul Fuller, as executors and trustees under the last will and testament of Eugene Kelly, deceased," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Temple Court Company"; also striking out the words "for a period of one year and three months from February 1, 1908," and inserting in lieu thereof "for a period of one year and one month from April 1, 1908."

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held March 25, 1908, authorizing a lease of Room 905, on the ninth floor of the building No. 119 Nassau street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Law Department, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from the Temple Court Company, of Room 905, on the ninth floor of the building No. 119 Nassau street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Law Department, for a period of one year and one month from April 1, 1908, at an annual rental of five hundred dollars (\$500), payable quarterly, the owner to furnish light, heat, elevator and janitor service; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution relative to the rental of premises at No. 59 Madison street, Borough of Manhattan, occupied by the Second District Municipal Court:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 18, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. John Hoyer, Justice of the Municipal Court, in a communication dated April 9, 1908, certifies that the premises No. 59 Madison street, Borough of Manhattan, were used and occupied by him as a court house in and for the Second Municipal District, and that the same were vacated on or about March 31, 1908.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at a meeting held May 23, 1904 (see Minutes, pages 433, 434 and 539), adopted a resolution authorizing a lease of the building No. 59 Madison street, with the exception of the basement, for the Second District Municipal Court, for a period of three years from the date of occupation, at an annual rental of \$3,000, payable quarterly. The date of occupation was June 1, 1904, and the lease therefore expired on June 1, 1907.

No request has been made for a renewal of this lease, although the City remained in possession from June 1, 1907, to, as the Judge states, March 31, 1908. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopt a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to pay the rent of the premises formerly occupied by the Second District Municipal Court, known by the number 59 Madison street, Borough of Manhattan, for a period from June 1, 1907, to April 1, 1908, being a term of ten months, at an annual rental of \$3,000, without the necessity of entering into a lease.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the P. Divver Association, the rental of premises at No. 59 Madison street, Borough of Manhattan, occupied by the Second District Municipal Court, for a period from June 1, 1907, to April 1, 1908, being a term of ten months, at a rental at the rate of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum, without the necessity of entering into a lease.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Fire Department relative to a lease of premises on Wythe avenue, 75 feet north of North Ninth street, Borough of Brooklyn:

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
May 27, 1908. }

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, No. 280 Broadway, City:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor, upon the recommendation, dated the 25th inst., of the Deputy Fire Commissioner, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, to request that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund lease, for the purposes of this Department, from Mrs. Mary J. Doherty, No. 87 North Ninth street, Brooklyn, the vacant stable and premises located on the east side of Wythe avenue, about 75 feet north of North Ninth street, Brooklyn, said stable being located on the rear of lot and being a two-story brick structure, said lease to date from June 1, 1908, and to extend to December 1, 1908, at a rental of fifty dollars (\$50) per month, payable quarterly; no alterations or repairs are required, owner to pay for water, City to pay for gas and heat; no janitor services.

The premises specified are required as temporary quarters for the members of Engine Company 112, located at No. 136 Wythe avenue, Brooklyn, pending the making of alterations and additions to said house, and are the most desirable that can be procured in the neighborhood.

Immediate action in this matter is earnestly requested, in order that the contractor may proceed with the work at the house of Engine Company 112.

Respectfully,

NICHOLAS J. HAYES, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 4, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Nicholas J. Hayes, Commissioner of the Fire Department, in a communication addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under date of May

27, 1908, requests that a lease be authorized from Mrs. Mary J. Doherty, No. 87 North Ninth street, Borough of Brooklyn, of the stable premises located on the east side of Wythe avenue, about 75 feet north of North Ninth street, said stable being located on the rear of the lot and being a two-story brick structure, said lease to date from June 1, 1908, and to extend to December 1, 1908, at a rental of \$50 per month, payable quarterly, no alterations or repairs required; owner to pay for water used and the City to pay for gas and heat.

The premises specified are required as temporary quarters for the members of Engine Company 112, located at No. 136 Wythe avenue, pending the making of alterations and additions to said house. I find that this is a one-story and high attic brick stable, 30 by 40 feet, with a frame lean-to. The stable has concrete floors and seven stalls, gas, water and toilet. It is the intention of the Department to house the engine and engine horses in a temporary building located in the street in front of the stable, while the stable will accommodate the smaller apparatus and the horses used on same, as well as provide sleeping quarters for the men.

Deeming the rent fair and reasonable, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize a lease of the stable premises located on the east side of Wythe avenue, 75 feet north of North Ninth street, Borough of Brooklyn, for a period of six months from June 1, 1908, to December 1, 1908, at a rental of \$50 per month, payable quarterly, the owner to furnish the water used on the premises. Lessor, Mrs. Mary J. Doherty.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from Mrs. Mary J. Doherty, of the stable premises located on the easterly side of Wythe avenue, 75 feet north of North Ninth street, Borough of Brooklyn, for use of the Fire Department, for a period of six months from June 1, 1908, at a rental at the rate of six hundred dollars (\$600) per annum, payable quarterly, the owner to furnish the water used on the premises; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution relative to the occupation by the Department of Street Cleaning, of premises at No. 171 Tenth avenue, Borough of Manhattan, for a period from April 14 to May 1, 1908:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 10, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Foster Crowell, Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning, in a communication dated May 4, 1908, calls attention to the fact that his Department has been in possession of premises No. 171 Tenth avenue, Borough of Manhattan, for a period from April 14, 1908, to May 1, 1908, without any written lease existing for this period, the old lease expiring on the former date, while the new lease runs from May 1, 1908. The rental under the old lease was \$420 per annum, and Commissioner Crowell requests that the Comptroller be authorized to pay the rent for this period of sixteen days at the rate of \$420 per annum, amounting to \$18.66, without the execution of a lease for this period.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that you be authorized and directed to pay the rent of these premises, No. 171 Tenth avenue, Borough of Manhattan, amounting to \$18.66, this being the rental for a period of sixteen days from April 14, 1908, to May 1, 1908. Lessor, Philip E. Haag.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to pay to Philip E. Haag, the sum of eighteen dollars and sixty-six cents (18.66), being the rental of premises at No. 171 Tenth avenue, Borough of Manhattan, occupied by the Department of Street Cleaning, for a period from April 14 to May 1, 1908.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Department of Street Cleaning relative to a lease of premises at No. 610 Water street, Borough of Manhattan:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, }
June 22, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—I request the consent and approval of your Board pursuant to section 541 of the Charter for a lease from Isaac Goldberg (care of D. & W. Mullins, Real Estate Agents, No. 157 East Broadway), of the ground floor of the premises known as No. 610 Water street, in the Borough of Manhattan, for the use of this Department as a section station for the term of five (5) years from date of occupation at the annual rental of \$900, payable quarterly, the owner before said date of occupation to put the premises in good tenantable condition and repair and to put in a toilet and urinal, and to pay for the Croton water used on the premises during the term of the lease. The City to make all necessary inside repairs.

The dimensions of the said premises are about 25 feet front by 64 feet in depth, and the purpose of this lease is to provide a section station in the place of that which the Department has had for several years under the pier at the foot of Stanton street, of which, however, it is now deprived by some alterations which are being made by the Dock Department.

Respectfully,

FOSTER CROWELL, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 25, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Foster Crowell, Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning, in a communication addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under date of June 22, 1908, requests that a lease be authorized of the ground or store floor of the premises No. 610 Water street, Borough of Manhattan, for a period of five years from the date of occupation, at a rental of \$900 a year, payable quarterly; the owner to put the premises in good tenantable condition and repair, and to put in a toilet and urinal, and to pay for the Croton water used on the premises during the term of the lease; the City to make all necessary inside repairs during occupation. Lessor, Isaac Goldberg, care of D. & W. Mullins, No. 157 East Broadway.

After an examination I find that this is the store or first floor, 22 by 56 feet, in a 6-story building on a lot 25 by about 62 feet. The alterations and repairs include the strengthening of the floor with new beams; new plumbing; painting of the walls and ceiling; toilet and urinal, and the removal of the stable runway to the second floor.

The premises are required by the Street Cleaning Department as a section station to take the place of the station under the pier at the foot of Stanton street, where the Department has been ordered to vacate owing to some alterations which are being made by the Dock Department.

The rent asked, \$900 a year, is very full value, but the alterations and improvements, I am told by the agents, will cost about \$500, and the rent can hardly be considered excessive on a five years' lease.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize the execution of a lease of the store floor of the premises No. 610 Water street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Department of Street Cleaning, as a section station, for the term of five years from the date of occupation, at an annual rental of \$900, payable quarterly; the owner, before occupation, to put the premises in good tenantable condition and repair; to put in a toilet and urinal, and to pay for the Croton water used on the premises during the term of the lease; the City to make all necessary inside repairs during the term of occupancy. Lessor, Isaac Goldberg.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution, by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, of a lease to the City, from Isaac Goldberg, of the store floor of premises No. 610 Water street, Borough of Manhattan, for use as a section station, for a term of five years from the date of occupation, at an annual rental of nine hundred dollars (\$900), payable quarterly; the owner before occupation to put the premises in good, tenantable condition and repair, to put in a toilet and urinal and to pay for the Croton water used on the premises during the term of the lease; the City to make all necessary inside repairs during the term of occupancy; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Department of Street Cleaning relative to a lease of premises at No. 2924 West Seventeenth street, Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, }
June 18, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—Referring to my communication of the 15th inst. in regard to the proposed lease from the Rev. Joseph F. Brophy, D. D., of the store or ground floor of the premises No. 2924 West Seventeenth street, southeast corner of Railroad avenue, Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn, authorized by a resolution of your Board of September 20, 1907, I have to say that the Rev. Joseph F. Brophy, D. D., was himself, as it now appears, merely a verbal lessee of the premises, and did not execute the said proposed lease because of illness upon his part.

After another interview with the owner of the fee, Mr. Thomas F. Martin (office No. 16 Court street, Borough of Brooklyn), a new arrangement has been made with Mr. Martin, and I request the consent and approval of your Board thereto; namely, for a lease from said Thomas F. Martin of the store or ground floor and the use of the yard in the rear of the premises No. 2924 West Seventeenth street, southeast corner Railroad avenue, Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn, for a term beginning July 1, 1907, and ending May 1, 1909, at the annual rental of three hundred dollars (\$300), from the beginning of the term until May 1, 1908, and at the annual rental of four hundred and twenty dollars (\$420) for the remainder of the term, payable quarterly, the lessor to put and keep the premises in good tenantable repair and condition and to pay the water rents on the premises during the term of the lease.

Respectfully,

FOSTER CROWELL, Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, }
June 16, 1908. }

Hon. GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—I request that your Board amend its resolution of September 20, 1907, authorizing a lease from the Rev. Joseph F. Brophy, D. D., of the store or ground floor of the premises No. 2924 West Seventeenth street, southeast corner of Railroad avenue, Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn, so as to make the description of the premises read "the store or ground floor and yard in the rear" of the premises as above, and to substitute in place of the Rev. Joseph F. Brophy, D. D., as lessor, the name of Thomas F. Martin, who is the owner in fee of the yard and is now in possession of same.

The Department has been in possession of the premises since July 1, 1907, but up to the present moment the lease has not been executed by the Rev. Joseph F. Brophy, D. D., and Mr. Martin now proposes to simplify the matter by himself executing the lease.

Respectfully,

FOSTER CROWELL, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 22, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at a meeting held September 20, 1907, adopted a resolution approving of and consenting to the execution by the Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning of a lease to the City of the store or ground floor of premises No. 2924 West Seventeenth street, southeast corner of Railroad avenue, Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn, for a period of ten months from July 1, 1907, to May 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$300, payable quarterly; the lessor to pay the water rents and to put and keep the premises in good tenantable repair and condition. Lessor, Rev. Joseph F. Brophy, D. D.

Dr. Brophy was at that time a lessee of these and adjoining premises and was subletting the premises mentioned to the City, but owing to his long continued illness the lease was never executed, although the City has been in possession since July 1, 1907, and his lease expired on May 1, 1908.

An arrangement has now been made with Thomas F. Martin, No. 16 Court street, Borough of Brooklyn, owner of the premises, by which the yard in the rear of the building is to be also included in the lease, and the rent after May 1, 1908, is to be at the rate of \$420 a year instead of \$300.

Hon. Foster Crowell, Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning, in a communication addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under date of June 18, 1908, requests that this lease from Mr. Martin be authorized, and as the rental asked is in my opinion reasonable, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of and consent to the execution by the Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning of a lease to the City of the store or ground floor of premises No. 2924 West Seventeenth street, southeast corner of Railroad avenue, and also the yard in the rear, Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn, for a period beginning July 1, 1907, and ending May 1, 1909; the rental for the first ten months to May 1, 1908, to be at the old rate of \$300 a year, and the rental from May 1, 1908, to May 1, 1909, to be at the rate of \$420 a year, payable quarterly; the lessor to put and keep the premises in good tenantable repair and condition and to pay the water rent on the premises during the term of the lease. Lessor, Thomas F. Martin.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, of a lease to the City, from Thomas F. Martin, of the store or ground floor and yard in the rear of premises No. 2924 West Seventeenth street, southeast corner of Railroad avenue, Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn, for a period beginning July 1, 1907, and ending May 1, 1909; the rental for the first ten months to May 1, 1908, to be at the rate of three hundred dollars (\$300) per annum, and the rental from May 1, 1908, to May 1, 1909, to be at the rate of four hundred and twenty dollars (\$420) per annum, payable quarterly; the lessor to put and keep the premises in good tenable repair and condition and to pay the water rent during the term of the lease; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Department of Street Cleaning relative to leases of the following:

Premises on Amsterdam avenue, 49 feet south of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, Borough of Manhattan.

Plot of ground on One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, 100 feet east of Amsterdam avenue, Borough of Manhattan:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
June 18, 1908.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, Chairman of the Sinking Fund Commission:

SIR—It is desirable to secure a stable in the Washington Heights District of Manhattan so situated that carts may conveniently be sent into the Borough of The Bronx also, and with this purpose in view I submit to you for your consent and approval, pursuant to section 541 of the Charter, the two following leases, both of which must be executed or neither, as the one will be for the stable premises and the other for the yard in the rear for the storage of carts belonging to that stable:

1. From Amelia Meyer and Edward Anthony Meyer, as executors of the last will and testament of Amalie Meyer, deceased (care of Frank M. Tichenor, counsellor at law, No. 38 Park row), of the plot of ground, together with the building thereon erected, on the easterly side of Amsterdam avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, distant 49 feet 11 inches south of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street; running thence easterly 100 feet; thence southerly 48 feet 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches; thence westerly 100 feet 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to Amsterdam avenue, and thence northerly along Amsterdam avenue 45 feet 5 inches to the point or place of beginning, for a term of ten years from date of occupancy, at an annual rental of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), payable quarterly; the lessor to pay and discharge all taxes and assessments levied or falling due upon the property during the term of the lease, the City to make all alterations or improvements necessary to fit the building and property for a stable suitable for the use of the Department of Street Cleaning, to make all necessary repairs, and to pay and discharge all Croton water rents during the term of the lease.

2. From George J. Naegele (residing at No. 284 Hawthorne avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.), the plot of ground consisting of the three lots on the south side of West One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, 100 feet east of Amsterdam avenue, lying west of and abutting on New avenue, for a term of ten years from date of occupancy, at the annual rental of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum, payable quarterly, the lessor to pay and discharge all taxes and assessments that may fall due during the term of the lease; the City to pay for the Croton water used thereon during the said term. It being understood that the easterly of the three said lots lying along said New avenue shall be included in this lease, with the provision that at any time after the expiration of three years from said date of occupation the lessor may, in case he sells the said lot or intends to build thereupon, terminate this lease as to said lot on sixty days' notice to the City in writing, and that said amount of rent and the other terms and conditions of this lease shall not be affected thereby.

Respectfully,

FOSTER CROWELL, Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 23, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Foster Crowell, Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning, in a letter to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under date of June 18, 1908, requests that two leases be authorized for stable and yard purposes for his Department as follows:

1. "From Amelia Meyer and Edward Anthony Meyer, as executors of the last will and testament of Amalie Meyer, deceased (care of Frank M. Tichenor, counsellor at law, No. 38 Park row), of the plot of ground, together with the building thereupon erected, on the easterly side of Amsterdam avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, distant 49 feet 11 inches south of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street; running thence easterly 100 feet; thence southerly 48 feet 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches; thence westerly 100 feet 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to Amsterdam avenue, and thence northerly along Amsterdam avenue 45 feet 5 inches to the point or place of beginning, for a term of ten years from date of occupancy, at an annual rental of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), payable quarterly; the lessor to pay and discharge all taxes and assessments levied or falling due upon the property during the term of the lease, the City to make all alterations or improvements necessary to fit the building and property for a stable suitable for the use of the Department of Street Cleaning, to make all necessary repairs and to pay and discharge all Croton water rents during the term of the lease.

2. From George J. Naegele (residing at No. 284 Hawthorne avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.), the plot of ground consisting of the three lots on the south side of West One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, 100 feet east of Amsterdam avenue, west of and abutting on New avenue, for a term of ten years from the date of occupancy, at the annual rental of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum, payable quarterly, the lessor to pay and discharge all taxes and assessments that may fall due during the term of the lease; the City to pay for the Croton water used thereon during the said term. It being understood that the easterly of the three said lots lying along said New avenue shall be included in this lease, with the provision that at any time after the expiration of three years from said date of occupation the lessor may, in case he sells the said lot or intends to build thereupon, terminate this lease as to said lot on sixty days' notice to the City in writing, and that said amount of rent and the other terms and conditions of this lease shall not be affected thereby."

Upon examination I find that the premises described in the first paragraph given above is a plot of ground 45 feet 5 inches by 100 feet 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches by 48 feet 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches by 100 feet on the easterly side of Amsterdam avenue 49 feet 11 inches south of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street. The plot has on it a substantial one and two-story and basement brick building about 45 by 90 feet, with stone foundation, the front 50 feet being two stories. This building was erected for the purpose of a cafe, dancing hall and bowling alleys. The building I am informed by Mr. Crowell, can be made to contain 105 stalls; the cost of changing the building into a stable, to be borne and paid by the City, will be \$5,000.

In the rear of this property there is a plot of three vacant lots fronting on One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, 100 feet east of Amsterdam avenue, which is the plot described in the second paragraph above. One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street is unimproved east of Amsterdam avenue, as is also New avenue, which is the first street east of and parallel with Amsterdam avenue. This latter street is at present a gully 20 to 30 feet below the grade of the lots in question, and as it must be filled in as well as One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street east of Amsterdam avenue, the taking of these premises by the Department will have the advantage of furnishing a convenient dumping ground for ashes.

The property fronting on Amsterdam avenue is assessed, land, \$14,500; building, \$10,000; total, \$24,500, and is fairly worth at the present time from \$35,000 to \$40,000. The rental asked for these premises, \$3,000 a year, is therefore not excessive, although the City will be compelled to spend \$5,000 in making the building available for stable purposes. The three lots in the rear, mentioned in the Commissioner's letter, are assessed at \$800 each. It is difficult, if not impossible, to put a value on these lots, as

they front on an unimproved street and there have been no recent sales of similar property in the neighborhood. The rental asked for these vacant lots, \$1,000 a year, is, however, in my opinion, very high, especially as the lessor reserves the right of exempting the easterly lot lying along New avenue at any time after three years, upon sixty days' notice, without any corresponding reduction in the amount of rental to be paid by the City. However, there appears to be no other stable of sufficient size for the Department's use which can be obtained anywhere within a mile of this locality. In a conversation with Mr. Crowell a few days ago, a representative of this Bureau was informed that while it was planned to put one hundred and five stalls into the building named, the Commissioner would prefer, if possible, to have a stable with one hundred and twenty-five stalls, as he thought they would be required long before the expiration of the ten-year lease. Thereupon the representative of this Bureau attempted to find some property owner in the neighborhood who would agree to build this stable with one hundred and twenty-five stalls, and otherwise acceptable to the Department of Street Cleaning, and lease the same to the City for ten years at a fair rental. A man was found who owned or controlled a plot 70 by 180 feet within about two blocks of this property, and who was willing to discuss with the Commissioner the question of erecting such a stable as he desired for the use of his Department, but the Commissioner decided that he could not entertain any new stable proposition for the Washington Heights District until the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund had disposed of the proposition made regarding the properties at Amsterdam avenue and One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street.

I would respectfully recommend that the matter be referred back to the Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning with the suggestion that he advertise for bids for a stable upon ground not less than 10,000 square feet, said stable to accommodate one hundred and twenty-five horses and such cart storage space as may be necessary, to run for a period of ten years, with the privilege of renewal for an additional period of ten years, and when the bids are received, they be presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval and authorization to make a lease.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

No action was taken on the above, the Comptroller submitting the following supplementary report and offered the following resolutions:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 30, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Supplementing my report to you of June 23, 1908, regarding the proposed leasing of the stable and yard properties at Amsterdam avenue and West One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Street Cleaning Department, I take pleasure in informing you that Mr. George J. Naegele, the owner of the vacant lots in One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, 100 feet east of Amsterdam avenue, has finally consented to accept a rental of \$500 a year for the same on a 10-year lease, instead of a rental of \$1,000 a year previously demanded by him, as you will see by his letter to you herewith.

While this new rental is still, in my opinion, full value for the property, it is not excessive, and as these properties are the most available that can be obtained in that neighborhood for immediate use by the Street Cleaning Department, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize a lease of the premises consisting of a plot of ground with the building thereon on the easterly side of Amsterdam avenue, Borough of Manhattan, distant 49 feet 11 inches south of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street; running thence easterly 100 feet; thence southerly 48 feet 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches; thence westerly 100 feet 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches to Amsterdam avenue, and thence northerly along Amsterdam avenue 45 feet 5 inches to the point or place of beginning, the lease to be for a term of ten years from the date of occupation, at an annual rental of \$3,000, payable quarterly, the lessor to pay and discharge all taxes and assessments levied or falling due upon the property during the term of the lease, the City to make all alterations and improvements necessary to fit the building and property for a stable suitable for the use of the Street Cleaning Department, and to make all necessary repairs and to pay and discharge all Croton water rents during the term of the lease.

Lessor—Amelia Meyer and Edward Anthony Meyer, as executors of the last will and testament of Amalie Meyer, deceased, care of Frank M. Tichenor, counsellor-at-law, No. 38 Park row.

2. Also, that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize the execution of a lease of the vacant plot of ground consisting of three lots on the south side of West One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, 100 feet east of Amsterdam avenue and west of and abutting on New avenue, for a term of ten years from the date of occupation, at an annual rental of \$500, payable quarterly, the lessor to pay and discharge all taxes and assessments that may fall due during the term of the lease, the City to pay for the Croton water used thereon during said term. It being understood that the easterly of the three said lots lying along said New avenue shall be included in this lease, with the provision that at any time after the expiration of three years from said date of occupation the lessor may, in case he sells said lot, or intends to build thereon, terminate this lease as to said lot on sixty days' notice to the City in writing, and that said amount of rent and the other terms and conditions of this lease shall not be affected thereby.

Lessor—George J. Naegele, residing at No. 284 Hawthorne avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution, by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, of a lease to the City, from Amelia Meyer and Edward Anthony Meyer, as executors of the last will and testament of Amalie Meyer, deceased, of the premises consisting of the plot of ground, with building thereon, on the easterly side of Amsterdam avenue, Borough of Manhattan, distant 49 feet 11 inches south of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street; running thence easterly 100 feet; thence southerly 48 feet 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches; thence westerly 100 feet 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches to Amsterdam avenue; and thence northerly along Amsterdam avenue 45 feet 5 inches to the point or place of beginning; the lease to be for a term of ten years from the date of occupation, at an annual rental of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), payable quarterly; the lessor to pay and discharge all taxes and assessments levied or falling due upon the property during the term of the lease; the City to make all alterations and improvements necessary to fit the building and property for a stable suitable for use of the Department of Street Cleaning and to make all necessary repairs and to pay for and discharge all Croton water rents during the term of the lease; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution, by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, of a lease to the City, from George J. Naegele, of the vacant plot of ground consisting of three lots on south side of West One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, 100 feet east of Amsterdam avenue, and westerly of and abutting on New avenue, for a term of ten years from the date of occupation, at an annual rental of five hundred dollars (\$500), payable quarterly; the lessor to pay and discharge all taxes and assessments that may fall due during the term of the lease; the City to pay for water used thereon during said term, it being understood that the easterly of the three said lots lying along said New avenue shall be included in this lease, with a provision that at any time after the expiration of three years from said date of occupation the lessor may, in case he sells said lot or intends to build thereon, terminate this lease as to said lot on giving sixty

days' notice to the City in writing, and that said amount of rent and the other terms and conditions of this lease shall not be affected thereby; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolutions severally unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, relative to a renewal of the leases of the following:

1. Premises corner of Lee avenue and Rodney street, Borough of Brooklyn.
2. Premises at No. 407 Richmond terrace, Borough of Richmond.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY.
CITY OF NEW YORK, June 10, 1908.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Esq., Secretary, Sinking Fund Commission, No. 280 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—The leases of the following premises will expire on September 1st next:

Southwest corner of Lee avenue and Rodney street, Borough of Brooklyn, owned by Martin F. Ficke.

No. 407 Richmond terrace, New Brighton, Borough of Richmond, owned by James E. Mulligan.

These are the stations where the gases supplied by the lighting companies are tested, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 735 of the Laws of 1905. These quarters afford every accommodation and are suitable for the purposes of this Department, and I respectfully recommend the renewal of the leases for one year under the same terms and conditions as existing at present.

Respectfully,

M. F. LOUGHMAN, Deputy Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 15, 1908.

The rent being the same as heretofore paid, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize the renewal of the leases of the following properties for the use of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity:

1. Premises at the southwest corner of Lee avenue and Rodney street, Borough of Brooklyn, for a period of one year from September 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$600, payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Lessor, Martin F. Ficke.

2. No. 407 Richmond terrace, New Brighton, Borough of Richmond, for a period of one year from September 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$400, payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Lessor, James E. Mulligan.

Respectfully submitted for approval.

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City, of premises at the southwest corner of Lee avenue and Rodney street, Borough of Brooklyn, for use of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, for a period of one year from September 1, 1908, at an annual rental of six hundred dollars (\$600), payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; lessor, Martin F. Ficke; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City, of premises No. 407 Richmond terrace, New Brighton, Borough of Richmond, for use of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, for a period of one year from September 1, 1908, at an annual rental of four hundred dollars (\$400), payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; lessor, James E. Mulligan; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolutions severally unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolutions, relative to lease of premises at No. 209 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, for use of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 23, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a meeting held March 25, 1908, adopted a resolution amending a resolution adopted by said Commissioners on January 22, 1908, authorizing a lease of the second floor, except room 2, of 209 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, for the use of the President of said Borough, for a period of five years and three months from February 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$4,623, payable quarterly, the lessor to furnish light, heat and janitor service, the City to make alterations and repairs, and directed that the Corporation Counsel prepare the lease. An examination of the report and resolution shows that it will be impossible to make a lease for five years and three months in one lease. The President of the Borough has been in occupation since February 1, 1908, to the present time, and it will be necessary to amend the resolution of March 25, by adopting two resolutions, one authorizing a lease of the premises for a period of three months from February 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$4,623, payable quarterly, the owner to furnish light, heat and janitor service, and authorize the Comptroller to pay the rent without the necessity of entering into a lease; the second resolution to be for a period of five years from May 1, 1908; in other words, the first resolution will be for a period of three months, the second resolution will be the same as that adopted on March 25, 1908, with the exception of striking out the words "five years and three months from February 1, 1908," and substituting therefor "five years from May 1, 1908." I would respectfully recommend that this action be taken by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Respectfully submitted for approval.

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held January 22, 1908, and as amended by resolution adopted March 25, 1908, authorizing a lease of the entire second floor, with the exception of office No. 2, in the building No. 209 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, for use of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn for a period of five years and three months from February 1, 1908, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the Mechanics' Bank the rental of the entire second floor, with the exception of office No. 2, in the building No. 209 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, occupied by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, for a period of three months from February 1, 1908, at a rental at the rate of four thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars (\$4,623) per annum, without the necessity of entering into a lease.

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from the Mechanics' Bank, of the entire second floor, with the ex-

ception of office No. 2, in the building No. 209 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, for use of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, for a period of five years from May 1, 1908, at an annual rental of four thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars (\$4,623), payable quarterly; the lessor to furnish light, heat and janitor service, the City to make such alterations and repairs as the President of the Borough may deem necessary for the benefit of the work of the Topographical Bureau, but not without the consent of the owners of the building; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same, when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

The report was accepted and the resolutions severally unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the President of the Borough of The Bronx relative to a renewal of the leases of the following:

1. Premises on Grand Boulevard and Concourse, The Bronx.
2. Premises corner of Castlehill avenue and Ellis avenue, Borough of The Bronx.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
June 10, 1908.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, No. 280 Broadway, Manhattan, City:

GENTLEMEN—The lease of the store with three rooms and bath in the brick building on the easterly side of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, 200 feet north of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, occupied by the Engineers of Highways in this Borough, will expire on August 1, 1908; the lease of the three-story and cellar frame building on the southwest corner of Castlehill avenue and Ellis avenue, occupied by the Engineers of Sewers, expired on June 8, 1908. Each of these leases contains a privilege of renewal.

I would respectfully recommend that the said leases be renewed for one year on the same terms and conditions.

Yours truly,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
President of the Borough of The Bronx.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 15, 1908.

The rent being the same as heretofore paid, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize a renewal of the following leases:

1. The store with three rooms and bath in the brick building on the easterly side of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, 200 feet north of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, Borough of The Bronx, for a period of one year from August 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$360, payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Lessor, Katharina Hauck.

2. The three-story and cellar frame building on the southwest corner of Castlehill avenue and Ellis avenue, Borough of The Bronx, for a period of one year from June 8, 1908, at an annual rental of \$900, payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Lessor, George E. Herold.

Respectfully submitted for approval.

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City of the three-story and cellar frame building on the southwest corner of Castlehill avenue and Ellis avenue, Borough of The Bronx, for use of the President of the Borough of The Bronx, for a period of one year from June 8, 1908, at an annual rental of nine hundred dollars (\$900), payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; lessor, George E. Herold; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City of the store with three rooms and bath in the brick building on the easterly side of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, 200 feet north of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, Borough of The Bronx, for the use of the President of the Borough of The Bronx, for a period of one year from August 1, 1908, at an annual rental of three hundred and sixty dollars (\$360), payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; lessor, Katharina Hauck; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolutions severally unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the President of the Borough of Queens relative to a renewal of the lease of premises at No. 46 Jackson avenue, Long Island City, Borough of Queens:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
April 11, 1908.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, and Chairman, Sinking Fund Commission, New York:

DEAR SIR—I find that the lease of The City of New York with Mary L. Dennler of the basement of the building No. 46 Jackson avenue, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, expired on March 1, 1908, and I would recommend the renewal of the same for an additional period of two years from March 1, 1908, at an annual rental of one hundred and eighty dollars (\$180), payable quarterly, this being the same terms as those at present in force.

The Bureau of Street Cleaning of this Department are now occupying these premises.

Respectfully,
(Signed) JOSEPH BERMEI,
President of the Borough of Queens.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

The rent being the same as heretofore paid, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize a lease of the premises consisting of the basement of the building No. 46 Jackson avenue, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, for the use of the President of the Borough of Queens, for a period of two years from March 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$180, payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Lessor, Mary L. Dennler.

Respectfully submitted for approval.

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

June 9, 1908.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City, from Mary L. Dennler, of the premises consisting of the basement of the building No. 46 Jackson avenue, Long Island City,

Borough of Queens, for use of the President of the Borough of Queens, for a period of two years from March 1, 1908, at an annual rental of one hundred and eighty dollars (\$180), payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Armory Board relative to a renewal of the lease of premises on Bathgate avenue, Borough of The Bronx, occupied by the Second Battery, N. G., N. Y.:

THE ARMORY BOARD,
June 8, 1908.

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Armory Board held June 8, 1908, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby requested to execute a renewal of the lease to the City, from Rev. Peter Farrel, of premises on the west side of Bathgate avenue, 76.93 feet south of Tremont avenue, Borough of The Bronx, together with the two-story brick building erected thereon, for the use of the Second Battery, N. G., N. Y., for a period of one year from April 30, 1908, at an annual rental of \$6,000, payable monthly; the City to pay in addition thereto water and corporation tax; otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; and that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to concur therein.

Respectfully,
HARRIE DAVIS, Secretary.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 15, 1908.

The rent being the same as heretofore paid, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize a renewal of the lease of the premises on the west side of Bathgate avenue, 76.93 feet south of Tremont avenue, Borough of The Bronx, together with the two-story brick building erected thereon, for the use of the Second Battery, N. G., N. Y., for a period of one year from April 30, 1908, at an annual rental of \$6,000, payable quarterly, otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Lessor, Rev. Peter Farrel.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City, from Rev. Peter Farrel, of the premises on the west side of Bathgate avenue, 76.93 feet south of Tremont avenue, Borough of The Bronx, together with the two-story brick building erected thereon, for the use of the Second Battery, N. G., N. Y., for a period of one year from April 30, 1908, at an annual rental of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), payable quarterly, otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution, relative to an amendment to resolution authorizing lease of premises No. 63 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Department of Bridges:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 24, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The City of New York is lessee of the store premises No. 63 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, under a lease executed October 4, 1907, amended September 20, 1907, which lease is for a period of one year from the date of occupation.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held June 11, 1908, a renewal of this lease for a period of two years from June 9, 1908, was authorized. This date is incorrect, and should be July 9, 1908, pursuant to a certificate dated September 30, 1907, of John H. Little, Esq., Deputy and Acting Commissioner of the Department of Bridges.

I would respectfully recommend therefore that the resolution of June 11, 1908, be amended by omitting the words "June 9, 1908," and inserting in their place "July 9, 1908," the date of occupation, according to certificate of Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Bridges.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held June 11, 1908, authorizing a renewal of the lease to the City of the store premises No. 63 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Department of Bridges, for a period of two years from June 9, 1908, at an annual rental of four hundred and eighty dollars (\$480), payable quarterly, and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease, be and the same is hereby amended by substituting "July 9, 1908," as the date of the commencement of the lease in place of "June 9, 1908."

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller offered the following resolution to amend resolution approving of the hiring of premises at No. 17 Battery place, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission (see page 229):

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board, at meeting held March 25, 1908, approving of the hiring by the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission of Room 409 in the Whitehall Buildings, No. 17 Battery place, Borough of Manhattan, for a period from May 1, 1907, to April 1, 1898, etc., be and the same is hereby amended by substituting "1908" in place of "1898."

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission relative to a lease of rooms, Nos. 1112 and 1113, at No. 17 Battery place, Borough of Manhattan:

METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE COMMISSION,
June 20, 1908.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, No. 280 Broadway, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—The Metropolitan Sewerage Commission requests permission to rent offices Nos. 1112 and 1113 in the Whitehall building, at Battery place. These rooms have a combined floor area of 840 square feet and rent for \$1,450. The agents are

the Battery Place Realty Company. The Metropolitan Sewerage Commission will need these offices until May 1, 1910. You have already given permission to this Commission to rent one office in this building up to April 1, 1908.

Permission is also desired to pay the rent of the present office in the Whitehall building from April 1, 1908, to July 1, 1908. The lease for the two offices in place of the one now occupied should begin July 1, 1908.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE A. SOPER, President.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolutions:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 25, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Dr. George A. Soper, President of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, in a communication addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under date of June 20, 1908, requests that a lease be authorized of the two rooms, Nos. 1112 and 1113, in the Whitehall building, at Battery place, Borough of Manhattan, as an office for the Commission, from July 1, 1908, to May 1, 1910, at a yearly rental of \$1,450, payable quarterly. Lessor, the Battery Place Realty Company.

Dr. Soper also requests that a resolution be adopted authorizing the Comptroller to pay the rent of the present office of the Sewerage Commission, Room 409, in the Whitehall building, from April 1, 1908, to July 1, 1908, at the rate of \$725 a year, such being the rate previously paid.

After an examination I find that the Commission is now occupying a front room 15 by 28 feet on the fourth floor (Room 409), of the Whitehall building, at a rental of \$725 a year.

The new offices, Nos. 1112 and 1113, are adjoining rooms on the eleventh floor, each 15 by 28 feet, making a total floor area of 840 square feet, or double that now occupied on the fourth floor. The rental asked, \$1,450 a year, is the regular price charged for such rooms in this building.

Deeming the rent fair and reasonable, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize a lease of Rooms 1112 and 1113 in the Whitehall building, Battery place, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, for a term from July 1, 1908, to May 1, 1910, at a yearly rental of \$1,450, payable quarterly; the lessor to furnish heat, light, elevator, water and janitor service. Lessor, the Battery Place Realty Company.

I would further respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopt a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to pay the rent of Room 409 in the Whitehall building, for the period from April 1, 1908, to July 1, 1908, at the rate of \$725 a year, without the necessity of entering into a lease therefor.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to pay to the Battery Place Realty Company, the rent of Room No. 409, in the Whitehall Building, No. 17 Battery place, Borough of Manhattan, occupied by the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, for a period from April 1 to July 1, 1908, at a rental at the rate of seven hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$725) per annum, without the necessity of entering into a lease.

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from the Battery Place Realty Company, of Rooms 1112 and 1113, in the Whitehall building, No. 17 Battery place, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, for a term from July 1, 1908, to May 1, 1910, at an annual rental of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,450), payable quarterly; the lessor to furnish light, heat, elevator, water and janitor service; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same, when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

The report was accepted and the resolutions severally unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Park Board, turning over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as being no longer required, the property located on Irving avenue, Woodbine street and Putnam avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

For assignment of this property and all the papers in connection therewith, see the following matter:

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS,
June 20, 1908.

Hon. N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Deputy Comptroller of The City of New York:

SIR—Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., relative to the playground site at Irving avenue, Woodbine street and Putnam avenue, I beg to send you inclosed copy of resolution adopted by Park Board at a meeting held June 18, which I think covers the matter.

Very truly yours,

M. J. KENNEDY, Commissioner.

Adopted in Park Board June 18, 1908:

Resolved, That this Board does hereby turn over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a part of the plot of ground located on Irving avenue, Woodbine street and Putnam avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, assigned to the custody and control of the Department of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens for playground purposes by the Sinking Fund Commission on September 7, 1907, and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen.

The above described parcel is as follows:

"Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northwesterly line of Putnam avenue with the southwesterly line of Irving avenue, and running thence northwesterly along the southwesterly line of Irving avenue two hundred (200) feet, thence southwesterly and parallel with Putnam avenue three hundred (300) feet, thence southeasterly and parallel with Irving avenue two hundred (200) feet to the northwesterly line of Putnam avenue, thence northeasterly along the northwesterly line of Putnam avenue three hundred (300) feet to the southwesterly line of Irving avenue, the point or place of beginning.

"Beginning at a point on the northwesterly line of Madison street (proposed) distant two hundred (200) feet southwesterly from the southwesterly line of Irving avenue, and running thence northwesterly along the southwesterly line of lands acquired by the City for school purposes two hundred (200) feet to the southeasterly line of Woodbine street (proposed), thence southwesterly along the southeasterly line of Woodbine street (proposed) one hundred (100) feet, thence southeasterly and parallel with Irving avenue two hundred (200) feet to the northwesterly line of Madison street (proposed) one hundred (100) feet to the point or place of beginning."

A true copy.

CLINTON H. SMITH,
Assistant Secretary, Park Board.

The property was accepted and the communication ordered filed.

The Comptroller presented the following report, with opinion of the Corporation Counsel, and offered the following resolution, relative to an assignment to the Board of Education of a plot of ground on Irving avenue, Woodbine street and Putnam avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, being the property turned over by the Park Board:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
April 10, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under date of September 7, 1907, adopted a resolution subject to the concurrence of the Board of Aldermen, assigning the custody and control of a plot of ground located at Irving avenue, Woodbine street and Putnam avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, to the Department of Parks for playground purposes. The Board of Education being desirous of establishing a new high school in the neighborhood of the property purchased for playground purposes, on March 25, 1908, adopted a resolution requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to turn over to them, upon surrender of the same by the Department of Parks, a plot of land 200 by 300 feet, on the northwest corner of Putnam avenue and Irving avenue, for school purposes.

At the suggestion of the Commissioner of the Department of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, an additional plot of 100 by 200 feet was offered within the area of the said playground as an addition to the site originally acquired for an elementary school on Irving avenue, Madison street (proposed) and Woodbine street (proposed), which will be directly opposite the new high school and have the same ground space when Madison street is opened. The same was accepted and adopted by the Board of Education under a resolution of March 25, 1908. The Commissioner of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens in a communication addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund dated April 7, 1908, states that after a thorough examination of the above request, he has reached the conclusion that there will be sufficient land left under the care and control of his Department after that portion required by the Board of Education has been taken to meet the wants and purposes of playgrounds in that locality.

In view of the fact that the Commissioner of the Department of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens has turned over to the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the property in question, described as follows:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northwesterly line of Putnam avenue with the southwesterly line of Irving avenue, and running thence northwesterly along the southwesterly line of Irving avenue 200 feet; thence southwesterly and parallel with Putnam avenue 300 feet; thence southeasterly and parallel with Irving avenue 200 feet to the northwesterly line of Putnam avenue; thence northeasterly along the northwesterly line of Putnam avenue 300 feet to the northwesterly line of Irving avenue, the point or place of beginning.

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly line of Madison street (proposed), distant 200 feet southwesterly from the southwesterly line of Irving avenue, and running thence northwesterly along the southwesterly line of lands acquired by the City for school purposes 200 feet to the southeasterly line of Woodbine street (proposed); thence southwesterly along the southeasterly line of Woodbine street (proposed) 100 feet; thence southeasterly and parallel with Irving avenue 200 feet to the northwesterly line of Madison street (proposed); thence northeasterly along the northwesterly line of Madison street (proposed) 100 feet to the point or place of beginning.

—I would respectfully recommend that the property be accepted and turned over to the Department of Education for school purposes.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

THOMAS F. BYRNES,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
June 9, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of the communication of Deputy Comptroller Phillips, dated April 15, 1908, which reads as follows:

"Pursuant to the provisions of section 629 of the Laws of 1905, section 47 of the Revised Charter was amended so as to authorize the Board of Aldermen to provide by ordinance for the acquisition, construction or establishment of playgrounds in The City of New York, and acting under such amendment the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at meeting held May 12, 1905, authorized the issue of \$1,000,000 of Corporate Stock to provide means for the acquisition and construction of playgrounds in The City of New York. Thereafter resolutions were adopted authorizing the acquisition of certain playgrounds and they are now vested in The City of New York.

The question was raised as to whether these playgrounds were under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks, the President of the Borough in which the playground is located, or in the Board of Education, where the playground is in the rear of a public school, and the matter was submitted to the Corporation Counsel, who rendered an opinion that the Revised Charter does not designate under whose jurisdiction the control of these playgrounds should be.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held September 20, 1907, a resolution was adopted subject to concurrence by the Board of Aldermen, assigning to the custody and control of the Department of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, three playgrounds, among them the ground on Irving avenue, between Woodbine and Putnam avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn (see minutes, 1907, page 1006).

The Board of Education being desirous of establishing a high school in this section of the Borough of Brooklyn, now wish to erect said school upon the very site of the property heretofore purchased for a playground, and adopted a resolution requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to turn over to them, upon the surrender of the same by the Department of Parks, a playground consisting of a plot of land 200 by 300 feet on the northwesterly corner of Putnam avenue and Irving avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, the same being a portion of the property purchased for playgrounds and turned over to the Department of Parks.

Subsequently the Commissioner of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, at the request of the Board of Education, turned over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a portion of the playgrounds in question.

The following questions have now been raised:

1. Was the property originally legally assigned to the Park Department?
2. Can the Commissioner of Parks return a portion of the same to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as no longer required, in accordance with section 205 of the Charter?

3. If so, can the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund lawfully assign the same to the Board of Education, when it is the intention of the said Board to erect buildings thereon and thereby divert the property from the purpose for which it was originally acquired, viz.: playgrounds for the benefit of the children of the masses?"

By resolutions of the Sinking Fund Commissioners passed September 20, 1907, and of the Board of Aldermen approved December 24, 1907, there was "assigned to the custody and control of the Department of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens" the playground in question for the purposes for which it was required.

On March 11, 1908, the Board of Education requested the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to turn over to the Board of Education for use as a site for a new high school building, a plot of land 200 feet by 300 feet, on the northwest corner of Putnam and Irving avenues, Borough of Brooklyn, which plot is a part of the playground.

The Commissioner of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens has made report to the Sinking Fund Commissioners dated April 17, 1908, wherein he reaches the conclusion that the ground left under the care and control of the Park Department, after the portion required by the Board of Education has been taken, would be sufficient for the purposes of playgrounds in that locality, and he therefore turns over to the Sinking Fund Commissioners for whatever disposition they may see fit, a certain described parcel which appears to be land desired by the Board of Education.

In my opinion the playground was originally legally assigned to the Park Department. Section 205 of the Charter provides:

"The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall have power to assign to use for any public purpose any City property, for whatever purpose originally acquired, which may be found by the Department having control thereof to be no longer required for such purpose."

The Commissioner of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens cannot alone lawfully return a portion of the playground to the Sinking Fund Commissioners. If the Park Board, the head of the Park Department, certify to the Sinking Fund Commissioners that they have found that the land in question is no longer required for the purpose of a playground, then the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may lawfully

assign same to the Board of Education, though it is intended by the said Board to erect buildings thereon.

Yours respectfully,

G. L. STERLING, Acting Corporation Counsel.

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 205 of the amended Greater New York Charter, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby assign to the Board of Education the following described property in the Borough of Brooklyn:

"Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northwesterly line of Putnam avenue with the southwesterly line of Irving avenue, and running thence northwesterly along the southwesterly line of Irving avenue 200 feet; thence southwesterly and parallel with Putnam avenue 300 feet; thence southeasterly and parallel with Irving avenue 200 feet to the northwesterly line of Putnam avenue; thence northeasterly along the northwesterly line of Putnam avenue 300 feet to the southwesterly line of Irving avenue, the point or place of beginning."

"Beginning at a point on the northwesterly line of Madison street (proposed), distant 200 feet southwesterly from the southwesterly line of Irving avenue; and running thence northwesterly along the southwesterly line of lands acquired by the City for school purposes 200 feet to the southeasterly line of Woodbine street (proposed); thence southwesterly along the southeasterly line of Woodbine street (proposed) 100 feet; thence southeasterly and parallel with Irving avenue 200 feet to the northwesterly line of Madison street (proposed); thence northeasterly along the northwesterly line of Madison street (proposed) 100 feet to the point or place of beginning."

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following statement and offered the following resolution relative to a sale of buildings by the Public Service Commission:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 26, 1908. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Public Service Commission for the First District, in a communication to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund dated June 1, 1908, request approval of the sale of buildings upon property acquired for rapid transit purposes, in the Borough of Manhattan.

I therefore offer the following resolution for adoption.

Very truly yours,

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of the sale at public auction, by the Public Service Commission of the First District, of the buildings now standing upon the following property:

Nos. 154 and 156 Elizabeth street.

No. 168 Bowery.

Nos. 174 and 176 Bowery.

Nos. 112 and 114 White street.

Nos. 139, 141 and 143 Centre street.

Nos. 145, 147 and 149 Centre street.

Nos. 105, 107 and 109 Walker street.

Nos. 151, 153 and 155 Centre street.

Nos. 106 and 108 Walker street.

No. 240 Canal street.

Nos. 1, 3 and 5 Cleveland place.

South side Delancey street extension, between Cleveland place and Mulberry street.

Nos. 170 and 170½ Bowery.

Nos. 162 and 164 Elizabeth street.

Nos. 133, 135 and 137 Centre street.

Corner of Centre and Lafayette streets.

No. 166 Centre street.

Nos. 157, 159, 161 and 163 Centre street.

No. 239 Canal street.

Nos. 193, 195 and 197 Centre street.

Nos. 199 and 201 Centre street.

No. 1 Howard street.

Nos. 185, 187 and 189 Mulberry street.

Nos. 396, 398, 400, 402 and 404 Broome street.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following statement and offered the following resolutions relative to a sale of buildings upon property acquired for public purposes:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 24, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Pursuant to section 1553 of the Revised Charter, the authority to sell buildings situated upon land owned by The City of New York is vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

This office is in receipt of several communications requesting the sale of buildings situated upon City property, to wit:

First—Request from the Board of Education to sell buildings situated on school site located on Grafton avenue and Clinton place, in the Borough of Queens.

Second—Request from the Police Commissioner to sell buildings situated upon the site for a new station house for the Thirteenth Precinct on the east side of Clinton street, Borough of Manhattan.

Third—Request from the Commissioner of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for the sale of buildings situated on playground site at Nos. 180 to 184 Cherry street, Borough of Manhattan.

I would therefore respectfully request that three resolutions for the sale of the said buildings be adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and resolutions are herewith transmitted.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

JOHN M. GRAY,
Collector of City Revenue.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Whereas, The Board of Education has requested the sale of all buildings, parts of buildings, etc., now standing upon property owned by The City of New York, located in the Borough of Queens, acquired by it for school purposes, said buildings being situated upon land more particularly described as follows:

Being all those buildings, parts of buildings, etc., situated on the southeast corner of Grafton avenue and Clinton place, 50 feet on Grafton avenue and 100 feet on Clinton place, adjoining Public School 58, Woodhaven, in the Borough of Queens, and which are more particularly described on a certain map in the office of the Collector of City Revenue, Department of Finance, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, hereby authorize and order the sale, at public auction, at the highest marketable prices, of all the buildings, parts of buildings, etc., upon the following terms and conditions:

The buildings and appurtenances thereto will be sold to the highest bidder, who must pay immediately cash or a certified check drawn to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, and must also at the time of sale give a certified check or cash in half the amount of the purchase price as security for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of the sale. Where the amount of the purchase price does not equal or exceed the sum of fifty dollars, the sum of fifty dollars shall be the amount of the security to be deposited. This security may at any time after the expiration of the contract period be applied by the City to the cost of completing any of the work required under the contract, but unfinished at the expiration of the contract period.

All the materials of the buildings, sheds, walks, structures and cellars of whatsoever nature, with their exterior and interior fixtures, appurtenances and foundations of all kinds, except the sidewalk and curb in front of said buildings extending within the described area and down to the level of the cellar bottom, shall be torn down and removed from the premises. None of the dirt, debris or waste resulting from demolition shall be allowed to remain on the premises, except old mortar or plaster only, which may be left, but not higher at any point than two feet below the curb opposite that point; also the foundation walls of all classes shall be taken down only to a plane whose elevation shall be the level of the curb in front of the building.

Failure to remove said buildings, appurtenances, or any portion thereof, within sixty days from the day of the sale, will work forfeiture of ownership of such buildings, appurtenances, or portion as shall then be left standing, together with all moneys paid by said purchaser on account thereof at the time of the sale, and the bidder's assent to the above conditions being understood to be implied by the act of bidding, and The City of New York will, without notice to the purchaser, cause the same to be removed and the costs and expense thereof charged against the security above mentioned.

The work of removal must be carried on in every respect in a thorough and workmanlike manner and must be completed within sixty days from the day of sale, and the successful bidder will provide and furnish all materials of labor and machinery necessary thereto, and will place proper and sufficient guards and fences and warning signs by day and night for the prevention of accidents, and will indemnify and save harmless The City of New York, its officers, agents and servants, and each of them, against any and all suits and actions, claims and demands of every name and description brought against it, them or any of them, and against and from all damage and costs to which it, they or any of them be put by reason of injury to the person or property of another, resulting from negligence or carelessness in appliances used in the removal of said buildings.

The Comptroller of The City of New York reserves the right on the day of sale to withdraw from sale any of the buildings, parts of buildings and machinery included therein, or to reject any and all bids; and it is further

Resolved, That while the said sale is held under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Comptroller is authorized to cause the sale to be advertised and to direct the sale thereof as financial officer of the City.

Whereas, The Police Commissioner has requested the sale of all buildings, parts of buildings, etc., now standing upon property owned by The City of New York, and located in the Borough of Manhattan, acquired by it for police purposes, said buildings situated upon land more particularly described as follows:

Being all those buildings, parts of buildings, etc., situated on the east side of Clinton street, 119 feet 5 inches north from the northeast corner of Clinton and Broome streets, more particularly described as Nos. 118, 120, 122 and 124 Clinton Street, Borough of Manhattan, and which are more particularly described on a certain map on file in the office of the Collector of City Revenue, Department of Finance, No. 280 Broadway, New York City.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, hereby authorize and order the sale, at public auction, at the highest marketable prices, of all the buildings, parts of buildings, etc., upon the following terms and conditions:

The buildings and appurtenances thereto will be sold to the highest bidder, who must pay immediately cash or a certified check drawn to the order of the Comptroller of the City of New York, and must also at the time of sale give a certified check or cash in half the amount of the purchase price as security for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of the sale. Where the amount of the purchase price does not equal or exceed the sum of fifty dollars, the sum of fifty dollars shall be the amount of the security to be deposited. This security may at any time after the expiration of the contract period be applied by the City to the cost of completing any of the work required under the contract, but unfinished at the expiration of the contract period.

All the material of the buildings, sheds, walks, structures and cellars of whatsoever nature, with their exterior and interior fixtures, appurtenances and foundations of all kinds, except the sidewalk and curb in front of said buildings, extending within the described area and down to the level of the cellar bottom, shall be torn down and removed from the premises. None of the dirt, debris or waste resulting from demolition shall be allowed to remain on the premises, except old mortar or plaster only, which may be left, but not higher at any point than two feet below the curb opposite that point; also the foundation walls of all classes shall be taken down only to a plane whose elevation shall be the level of the curb in front of the building.

The purchaser at the sale shall also withdraw and remove all abandoned water taps and old service mains, and in place thereof cause to be inserted a brass plug in the main water pipe in the street, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity that this has been performed.

The purchaser at the sale shall also remove all house sewer connections to the main sewer in the street, and the opening of the main sewer in street shall be properly closed in compliance with the directions of the Bureau of Sewers, Borough of Manhattan, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Bureau of Sewers that the work has been properly performed.

The permit for all opening in the street to be obtained by and at the expense of the purchaser of the building.

Failure to remove said buildings, appurtenances, or any part thereof, within sixty days from the day of the sale will work forfeiture of ownership of such buildings, appurtenances, or portion as shall then be left standing, together with all moneys paid by said purchaser on account thereof at the time of the sale, and the bidder's assent to the above conditions being understood to be implied by the act of bidding, and The City of New York will, without notice to the purchaser, cause the same to be removed, and the costs and expense thereof charged against the security above mentioned.

The work of removal must be carried on in every respect in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and must be completed within sixty days from the day of

sale, and the successful bidder will provide and furnish all materials of labor and machinery necessary thereto, and will place proper and sufficient guards and fences and warning signs by day and night for the prevention of accidents, and will indemnify and save harmless The City of New York, its officers, agents and servants, and each of them, against any and all suits and actions, claims and demands of every name and description brought against it, them or any of them, and against and from all damage and costs to which it, they or any of them be put by reason of injury to the person or property of another, resulting from negligence or carelessness in the performance of the work, or in guarding the same, or from any improper or defective materials or machinery, implements or appliances used in the removal of said buildings.

Party walls and fences, when existing against adjacent property not sold, shall not be taken down. All furrings, plaster, chimneys, projecting brick, etc., on the faces of such party walls, are to be taken down and removed. The walls shall be made permanently self-supporting, beam-holes, etc., bricked up, and the wall pointed and made to exclude wind and rain and present a clean exterior. The roofs of adjacent buildings shall be properly flashed and painted and made watertight where they have been disturbed by the operations of the contractor.

The Comptroller of The City of New York reserves the right on the day of sale to withdraw from sale any of the buildings, parts of buildings and machinery included therein, or to reject any and all bids; and it is further

Resolved, That, while the said sale is held under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Comptroller is authorized to cause the sale to be advertised and to direct the sale thereof as financial officer of the City.

Whereas, The Commissioner of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, has requested the sale of all buildings and parts of buildings now standing upon property owned by The City of New York, in the Borough of Manhattan, acquired by it for school purposes, said buildings being situated upon land more particularly described as follows:

Being all those buildings, parts of buildings, etc., upon premises known as Nos. 180 to 184 Cherry street, Borough of Manhattan, and which are more particularly described upon a certain map on file in the office of the Collector of City Revenue, Department of Finance, No. 280 Broadway.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, hereby authorize and order the sale, at public auction, at the highest marketable prices, all the buildings, parts of buildings, etc., upon the following terms and conditions:

The buildings and appurtenances thereto will be sold to the highest bidder, who must pay immediately cash or a certified check drawn to the order of the Comptroller of the City of New York, and must also at the time of sale give a certified check or cash in half the amount of the purchase price as security for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of the sale. Where the amount of the purchase price does not equal or exceed the sum of fifty dollars, the sum of fifty dollars shall be the amount of the security to be deposited. This security may at any time after the expiration of the contract period be applied by the City to the cost of completing any of the work required under the contract, but unfinished at the expiration of the contract period.

All the material of the buildings, sheds, walks, structures and cellars of whatsoever nature, with their exterior and interior fixtures, appurtenances and foundations of all kinds, except the sidewalk and curb in front of said buildings, extending within the described area and down to the level of the cellar bottom, shall be torn down and removed from the premises. None of the dirt, debris or waste resulting from demolition shall be allowed to remain on the premises, except old mortar or plaster only, which may be left, but not higher at any point than two feet below the curb opposite that point; also the foundation walls of all classes shall be taken down only to a plane whose elevation shall be the level of the curb in front of the building.

The purchaser at the sale shall also withdraw and remove all abandoned water taps and old service mains, and in place thereof cause to be inserted a brass plug in the main water pipe in the street, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity that this has been performed.

The purchaser at the sale shall also remove all house sewer connections to the main sewer in the street, and the opening of the main sewer in street shall be properly closed in compliance with the directions of the Bureau of Sewers, Borough of Manhattan, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Bureau of Sewers that the work has been properly performed.

The permit for all opening in the street to be obtained by and at the expense of the purchaser of the building.

Failure to remove said buildings, appurtenances, or any part thereof, within sixty days from the day of the sale will work forfeiture of ownership of such buildings, appurtenances, or portion as shall then be left standing, together with all moneys paid by said purchaser on account thereof at the time of the sale, and the bidder's assent to the above conditions being understood to be implied by the act of bidding, and The City of New York will, without notice to the purchaser, cause the same to be removed, and the costs and expense thereof charged against the security above mentioned.

The work of removal must be carried on in every respect in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and must be completed within sixty days from the day of sale, and the successful bidder will provide and furnish all materials of labor and machinery necessary thereto, and will place proper and sufficient guards and fences and warning signs by day and night for the prevention of accidents, and will indemnify and save harmless The City of New York, its officers, agents and servants, and each of them, against any and all suits and actions, claims and demands of every name and description brought against it, them or any of them, and against and from all damage and costs to which it, they or any of them be put by reason of injury to the person or property of another, resulting from negligence or carelessness in the performance of the work, or in guarding the same, or from any improper or defective materials or machinery, implements or appliances used in the removal of said buildings.

Party walls and fences, when existing against adjacent property not sold, shall not be taken down. All furrings, plaster, chimneys, projecting brick, etc., on the faces of such party walls, are to be taken down and removed. The walls shall be made permanently self-supporting, beam-holes, etc., bricked up, and the wall painted and made to exclude wind and rain and present a clean exterior. The roofs of adjacent buildings shall be properly flashed and painted and made watertight where they have been disturbed by the operations of the Contractor.

The Comptroller of The City of New York reserves the right on the day of sale to withdraw from sale any of the buildings, parts of buildings and machinery included therein, or to reject any and all bids; and it is further

Resolved, That, while the said sale is held under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Comptroller is authorized to cause the sale to be advertised and to direct the sale thereof as financial officer of the City.

The report was accepted and the resolutions severally unanimously adopted.

An application was received from John Thompson for a release of the City's interest in Lots Nos. 128 and 129, page 4 of the tax maps of the Town of Southfield, Richmond County, and the Comptroller presented a favorable report thereon.

The matter requiring a unanimous vote of all the members, and there being only four members present, it was laid over.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution relative to a sale at public auction, of the interest of the City, which it has by virtue of a lease from the Supervisor of the Town of New Utrecht to the City of Brooklyn, dated September 7, 1886, and recorded in the Register's office of Kings County in Liber 1715 of Conveyances, at page 143 (petition of Glenn H. Frost):

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 5, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Glenn H. Frost, in a verified petition, dated May 15, 1908, requests the sale of the right, title and interest of The City of New York in and to certain lands situate, lying and being in the Thirtieth Ward of the Borough of Brooklyn, formerly Town of New Utrecht, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Gatling place (formerly Monmouth street) with the easterly side of Ninety-second street (formerly Atlantic avenue), running thence easterly along the southerly side of Gatling place 45 feet 7 inches; thence southerly 125 feet; thence westerly and parallel with Gatling place 45 feet 7 inches to the easterly side of Ninety-second street; thence running northerly along the easterly side of Ninety-second street 125 feet to the point or place of beginning.

This property is designated as Assessment No. 216 on the assessment map for the opening of Ninety-second street to the Shore road, in the Town of New Utrecht, and by reason of the non-payment of Assessment No. 216 for the opening of said road, the said property was offered for sale and bid in by the Town of New Utrecht, and thereupon and thereafter Cornelius Furgueson, as Supervisor of the Town of New Utrecht, for a period of one hundred years conveyed said premises by a lease bearing date of September 7, 1886, which lease is recorded in the office of the Register of Kings County in Liber 1715, page 143.

The petitioner states that he is desirous of acquiring the right, title and interest of The City of New York, as successor of the Town of New Utrecht, in the premises hereinabove described, and respectfully petitions the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners to advertise said right, title and interest of The City of New York in said lands for sale. This property is known as Lot No. 1, in Block 6091, Section 18, on the Land Map of the County of Kings, Thirtieth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn.

In accordance with the procedure followed in similar cases heretofore presented, under section 205 of the Charter, requiring the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to sell said property at public auction for the highest marketable price after due advertisement and appraisal under the direction of the said Board, the practice has been to require the petitioner to pay to the City all sums paid out by the former town, plus interest to date, together with a sum sufficient to pay for the expenses which have been incurred on account of this unpaid assessment and sale thereof, such as advertising, drawing and recording the deed, and further expenses now incurred by the sale of this property under the section above mentioned.

I am advised by the Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears of the Borough of Brooklyn that this property was sold on September 7, 1886, for \$64.34. Interest on this sum to date amounts to \$84.26, making a total sum of \$148.60. I would accordingly respectfully recommend, therefore, that in accordance with the provisions of section 205 of the amended Greater New York Charter the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopt a resolution authorizing a release of all the right, title and interest of The City of New York in and to the following described property:

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Gatling place (formerly Monmouth street) with the easterly side of Ninety-second street (formerly Atlantic avenue); running thence easterly along the southerly side of Gatling place 45 feet 7 inches; thence southerly 125 feet; thence westerly and parallel with Gatling place 45 feet 7 inches to the easterly side of Ninety-second street; thence running northerly along the easterly side of Ninety-second street 125 feet to the point or place of beginning, known as Lot No. 1 in Block 6091, Section 18; also known and designated as Lot No. 182 on map of Fort Hamilton Village, and also designated on the assessment map for the opening of Ninety-second street to the Shore road, in the Town of New Utrecht, as Assessment No. 216.

That the interest of the City be appraised at the sum of \$148.60, and that the property be sold upon the following terms and conditions:

The successful bidder at the time of sale shall pay the full amount of his bid, and in addition thereto the sum of \$100 for the expense of examination, advertising, etc., and also the auctioneer's fee. The deed, quit-claim in form, shall be ready for delivery within thirty days from the date of the sale.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 205 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to sell at public auction, after due advertisement, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of The City of New York in and to the following-described property, which it has by virtue of a lease from the Supervisor of the Town of New Utrecht to the City of Brooklyn, which lease is dated September 7, 1886, and recorded in the office of the Register of the County of Kings, in Liber 1715 of Conveyances, at page 143:

"Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Gatling place (formerly Monmouth street) with the easterly side of Ninety-second street (formerly Atlantic avenue); running thence easterly along the southerly side of Gatling place 45 feet 7 inches; thence southerly 125 feet; thence westerly and parallel with Gatling place 45 feet 7 inches to the easterly side of Ninety-second street; thence running northerly along the easterly side of Ninety-second street 125 feet to the point or place of beginning, known as Lot No. 1 in Block 6091, Section 18; also known and designated as Lot No. 182 on map of Fort Hamilton Village, and also designated on the assessment map for the opening of Ninety-second street to the Shore road, in the Town of New Utrecht, as Assessment No. 216."

And be it further

Resolved, That the minimum or upset price at which said property shall be sold be and is hereby appraised at the sum of one hundred and forty-eight dollars and sixty cents (\$148.60), and the sale is to be had upon the following terms and conditions:

The successful bidder at the time of sale shall pay the full amount of his bid, and in addition thereto the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the expense of examination, advertising, etc., and also the auctioneer's fee. The deed, quit-claim in form, shall be ready for delivery within thirty days from the date of sale.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following petition was received from Lillian I. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett for a release or quitclaim of the City's interest in a portion of the old Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike:

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

The petition of Lillian I. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett, both of the Borough of Manhattan, City, County and State of New York, respectfully shows:

First. That your petitioners reside respectively at No. 428 West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, Borough of Manhattan, and at No. 8 West One Hundred and Thirty-second street, Borough of Manhattan, and are the owners in fee of the premises hereinafter described and marked Plots A and B on the diagram hereto annexed and made a part of this petition, and claim to be the owners in fee and claim title to the premises hereinafter described and marked Plot C on said diagram.

Second. On information and belief that the following is a true chain of the title to the premises aforesaid and to the three plots, A, B and C, showing how the same were acquired by your petitioners:

(1) Hannah M. Van Reed and Jacob H. Van Reed, her husband to Christian Kolle; deed, full covenant and warranty, Liber 864, Cp. 64; dated March 23, 1868; acknowledged September 18, 1868; recorded December 24, 1868.

All three plots were conveyed by the following description:

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Brooklyn and known as Plot No. 126 on a map of the estate of Peter Van Dyck, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of the Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road distant four hundred (400) feet in a straight line from Patchen avenue at right angles to said Patchen avenue, running thence northerly and parallel with said Patchen avenue to the centre of Bainbridge street, thence westerly along the centre of Bainbridge street one hundred (100) feet; thence southerly parallel with Patchen avenue to the Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road; thence easterly along said road to the point or place of beginning; together with all the right, title and interest of the parties of the first part in and to that portion of the Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road lying adjacent thereto.

(2) Anthony Walter, Sheriff of Kings County, to Jacob S. Hallett; deed, Liber 995, Cp. 45; dated April 24, 1871; acknowledged April 24, 1871; recorded, May 3, 1871.

Recites sale made pursuant to order and decree of September 19, 1870, in a suit between Marx Schwarz, plaintiff, against William H. Baker, contractor, and Christian Kolle, owner, defendants. The property conveyed is described incorrectly and the following deed of correction was thereafter made:

Anthony Walter, Sheriff of Kings County, to Jacob S. Hallett; deed, Liber 1035, Cp. 110; dated December 9, 1871; acknowledged December 9, 1871; recorded, February 21, 1872.

The corrected description in this deed is as follows:

"All the right, title and interest of the said Christian Kolle, which he had on the fourth day of June, 1870, in and to the following described premises, viz.: To all the two (2) story frame houses, and the lots of land on which the same stand, situate on the southerly side of Bainbridge street, distant 450 feet west of Patchen avenue, in the Twenty-first Ward of the City of Brooklyn, in the County of Kings and State of New York."

This deed conveys Plot B and all the right, title and interest of Kolle to that part of Plot C lying adjacent thereto.

(1) Jacob S. Hallett and Amelia, his wife, to Frederika Kolle, wife of Christian Kolle; deed, Liber 1088, Cp. 257; dated January 7, 1873; acknowledged January 9, 1873; recorded February 10, 1873.

The property conveyed by the above deed is described as follows:

"All those two certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Twenty-first Ward of The City of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York, in the plot known as No. 126 on a map of the estate of Peter Van Dyke, and which two lots, taken together, are bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of the Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road distant 450 feet westerly in a straight line drawn from and at right angles to Patchen avenue, running thence northwardly 38 feet, more or less, to the southerly side of Bainbridge street, and at right angles thereto to a point on the said southerly side of Bainbridge street 450 feet from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Bainbridge street with the westerly line of Patchen avenue, and running thence westerly along the said southerly side of Bainbridge street 50 feet to the westerly side of the second house on the premises hereby intended to be described; thence southerly at right angles to Bainbridge street and parallel with Patchen avenue and along the westerly side of said house to the northerly side of the Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road aforesaid, and thence running easterly along the northerly side of said plank road 50 feet, more or less, to the point or place of beginning, being the same premises sold by Anthony Walter, Sheriff of the County of Kings on the 17th day of April to the said Jacob S. Hallett and thereafter conveyed by deed by said Sheriff to said Hallett.

As a part of the consideration for the above deed Jacob S. Hallett took back the following purchase money mortgage:

(5) Frederika Kolle and Christian Kolle, her husband, to Jacob S. Hallett; purchase money mortgage, Liber 1126, Map 400; dated January 7, 1873; acknowledged January 9, 1873; recorded April 8, 1873.

This mortgage was afterward foreclosed and Jacob S. Hallett again obtained title to the same premises by the following deed:

(6) Albert Daggett, Sheriff of Kings County, to Jacob S. Hallett; deed, Liber 1289, Cp. 54; dated August 2, 1877; acknowledged August 17, 1877; recorded August 23, 1877.

The description is exactly the same as in the deed of Jacob S. Hallett to Frederika Kolle (4) except the premises are described as "being the same premises conveyed to the said Frederika Kolle by the said Jacob S. Hallett by deed bearing even date with said mortgage and said mortgage being given to secure a portion of the purchase money expressed in said deed."

As the descriptions in these two deeds are the same, both the deed from Hallett (4) and the deed to Hallett (6) may be disregarded and only the original deed to Hallett from Walter, Sheriff (3), considered.

As to Plot A and the easterly section of Plot C, Jacob S. Hallett obtained the right, title and interest of Christian Kolle to the same by the following deed:

(7) Albert Daggett, Sheriff of Kings County, to Jacob S. Hallett; deed, Liber 1287, Cp. 101; dated July 2, 1877; acknowledged July 20, 1877; recorded August 2, 1877.

The property was sold at foreclosure under an order and judgment of June 1, 1877, in an action brought by Hallett against Christian Kolle to foreclose a mortgage which had been previously made covering this property.

The description in the above deed reads:

"All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Brooklyn and State of New York in the plot known as No. 126 on a map of the estate of Peter Van Dyke, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Bainbridge street distant 400 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Bainbridge street with the westerly line of Patchen avenue, and running thence westerly along the said line of Bainbridge street 50 feet to the westerly side of the second house from Patchen avenue on the premises hereby intended to be described, thence southerly at right angles with Bainbridge street and along the westerly side of said house 38 feet, more or less, to the northerly line of the Jamaica plank road, thence easterly along the said line of said road to a point 50 feet distant from the intersection of the line last before described with said northerly line of the said plank road measured on a line running parallel with Bainbridge street, thence northerly and parallel with said westerly side line 46 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; being 50 feet in front and rear with the buildings and improvements thereon; together with all the right, title and interest of the parties of the first part in and to that portion of the Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road lying adjacent thereto and to the centre of said road.

Although Jacob S. Hallett had obtained the right, title and interest of his grantees to the Plot C, comprising the northerly half of the Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road adjoining Plots A and B through (3) and (7), he also obtained the following deed to Plot C, the plank road, strip, by the following deed, in which the consideration is expressed at \$300:

(8) Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad Company to Jacob S. Hallett; deed, Liber 13, Cp. 274, Section 6, Block 1687; dated December 31, 1895; acknowledged December 31, 1895; recorded April 24, 1896; consideration, \$300.

The description in the above deed is as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land part and parcel of the road formerly of the Jamaica and Brooklyn Road Company, situate, lying and being in the City of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of the road formerly of the Jamaica and Brooklyn Road Company, now of the party of the first

part, with the easterly line of land of the party of the second part, which point is distant four hundred (400) feet westerly from the westerly line of Patchen avenue on a line drawn parallel with Bainbridge street as laid down on the maps of the City of Brooklyn; running thence southerly parallel with said Patchen avenue thirty-three (33) feet, more or less, to the centre line of said road; thence running westerly along the centre line of said road to a point opposite the westerly line of said land of the party of the second part, which point is distant five hundred (500) feet westerly from the said westerly line of Patchen avenue on a line drawn parallel with Bainbridge street; running thence northerly parallel with said Patchen avenue thirty-three (33) feet, more or less, to a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of said road with the said westerly line of said land of the party of the second part; and thence easterly along the northerly line of said road and along the said land of the party of the second part to the point or place of beginning."

On January 26, 1900, the said Jacob S. Hallett died seized of the entire property comprising Plots A, B and C, leaving as his heirs two daughters, Ida M. and Lillian Irene Hallett, and one son, Charles H. Hallett, Sr.

By the following partition deed the real property left by the said Jacob S. Hallett was divided among the said three children, and as part of his share in his father's real estate Charles H. Hallett, Sr., took by descent the Bainbridge street property.

(9) Ida M. Hallett, Lillian Irene Hallett and Charles H. Hallett, Sr., to Charles H. Hallett, Sr.; partition deed, Liber 56, Cp. 229, Section 6, Block 1687; dated October 10, 1901; recorded April 4, 1902.

In the above deed each of the parcels A, B and C of the Bainbridge street premises is described separately by descriptions taken from the deeds to Jacob S. Hallett.

Charles H. Hallett, Sr., entered into possession of the entire Bainbridge street property, comprising Plots A, B and C, but died June 8, 1906, leaving him surviving two children, the petitioners herein, and a widow, Frances M. Hallett.

The children now hold the premises as tenants in common by descent, and have obtained from Frances M. Hallett a release of all her interest and dower interest in the said premises, comprising Plots A, B and C, by the following deed:

(10) Frances M. Hallett to Lillian I. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett; deed of release, Liber , Cp. ; dated July 10, 1907; acknowledged July 10, 1907; recorded July 25, 1907.

Third—That by deeds all outstanding claims against the title to said Plots A and B were merged in your petitioners, Lillian I. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett, and that they are now the owners in fee of said plots as tenants in common.

Fourth—Your petitioners further allege that Plot C, as shown on said diagram, comprises a strip of land thirty-three feet in depth adjoining on the south Plots A and B, and that said strip was formerly the northerly half of a part of the old road known as the Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road. That in and by the aforesaid deeds to your petitioners' grandfather, Jacob S. Hallett, and by said partition deed and by virtue of the real property law, your petitioners acquired all the right, title and interest of their grandfather's grantors and of their own ancestors in and to that portion of the former Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road designated Plot C on said diagram and adjoining on the south Plots A and B. That said plank road has been duly closed by legal authorities and has for a long number of years last past been actually and physically abandoned as a roadway or other public highway, and that the same is not now used for any public purposes whatsoever, and that a question has been raised as to the title to that portion thereof composing Plot C and adjoining on the south Plots A and B; and that as your petitioners have been advised, it is claimed, that because said plank road was an ancient highway, that some right, title and interest in said road is still vested in the municipality.

Fifth—That your petitioners' grandfather entered into possession of the entire premises designated as Plots A, B and C, so conveyed to him by the aforesaid deeds, that thereafter your petitioners' father, Charles H. Hallett, Sr., also entered into possession of the entire premises aforesaid by virtue of the said partition deed, and that on the death of the said Charles H. Hallett, Sr., your petitioners entered into the possession of the entire premises aforesaid, and claim title to each and every part thereof in fee simple absolute.

That the title to Plots A and B has been in your petitioners' family continuously since 1877, and that your petitioners claim title to Plot C by conveyances to your petitioners' grandfather, the said Jacob S. Hallett, in 1871 and 1877 (3 and 7), and also by deed (8) in 1895.

That for many years last past Plot C has been inclosed by the same fence which incloses Plots A and B, and that petitioners' grandfather, petitioners' father and your petitioners have paid, continuously for many years, to the municipality taxes on Plot C as well as on Plots A and B. That on the tax map of the City Plot B and the westerly half of Plot C is designated as Lot No. 19, Block 1687, Section 6, while Plot A and the easterly half of Plot C is designated as Lot No. 22.

That your petitioners further claim that by reason of various conveyances of said above described premises recorded as aforesaid, your petitioners and their ancestors and predecessors in title acquired title to that portion of the former Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road designated on said diagram as Plot C.

Sixth—Your petitioners further claim that the right, title and interest of The City of New York, if any, in the said plank road is a mere cloud upon the title of your petitioners to said Plot C and a hindrance to your petitioners in their ownership of the same.

On information and belief that before the consolidation of the two cities, the City of Brooklyn in the following two instances gave quitclaim deeds to property owners on the same block with your petitioners, releasing the interest of the City of Brooklyn in the same road:

(1) City of Brooklyn to Frederick Luedke; deed of release, Liber 78, Cp. 100; dated September 14, 1888; recorded September 16, 1904.

(2) City of Brooklyn to Woman's Christian Temperance Association of Brooklyn; Release, Liber 15, Cp. 264; dated July 10, 1895; recorded July 13, 1896.

Whereof your petitioners pray that a quitclaim deed be executed by The City of New York, as provided for in section 205 of the Charter of the City, releasing to your petitioners all the right, title and interest of the said The City of New York in and to all the northerly half of that portion of the former Brooklyn and Jamaica plank road adjoining on the south that portion of the above described premises of the petitioners marked Plots A and B, and constituting itself Plot C on the said diagram attached hereto.

LILLIAN I. HICKS,
CHAS. H. HALLETT.

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

Lillian I. Hicks, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is one of the petitioners above named; that she has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of her own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters she believes it to be true.

LILLIAN I. HICKS.

Sworn to before me, this 9th day of August, 1907,

PERCIVAL G. BARNARD,

Commissioner of Deeds, New York City.

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

Charles H. Hallett, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the petitioners above named; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

CHAS. H. HALLETT,

Sworn to before me this 7th day of August, 1907,

HENRY W. SHOWERS,

Commissioner of Deeds of The City of New York.

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

In the matter of the application of Lillian I. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett for a deed of release from The City of New York to a certain strip of land formerly forming part of the old Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike, the description by metes and bounds is as follows:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of the old Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike with the easterly line of land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, which point is distant four hundred (400) feet westerly from the westerly line of Patchen avenue on a line drawn parallel with Bainbridge street, and is also distant forty-six (46) feet three-quarters (¾) of an inch from the southerly line of Bainbridge street on a straight line drawn at right angles thereto; thence running southerly parallel with said Patchen avenue thirty-three (33) feet two and five-eighths (25½) inches to the centre line of said road; running thence westerly along the centre line of said road ninety-eight (98) feet four and three-quarter (4¾) inches and again westerly along the centre line of said road two (2) feet eleven (11) inches to a point opposite the westerly line of said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, which point is distant five hundred (500) feet westerly from the said westerly line of Patchen avenue on a line drawn parallel with Bainbridge street, thence running northerly parallel with said Patchen avenue thirty-three (33) feet eight and three-eighths (8¾) inches to a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of said road with the said westerly line of said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, which point is distant thirty-three (33) feet nine and three-eighths (9¾) inches from the southerly line of Bainbridge street on a straight line drawn at right angles thereto; and thence running easterly along the northerly line of said road and along the said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, seven (7) feet eight and one-quarter (8¼) inches and again easterly along the northerly line of said road and along the said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, ninety-three (93) feet six and three-quarter (6¾) inches to the point or place of beginning.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
January 11, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Lillian I. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett, in a petition addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, seek a release of the interest of The City of New York in a portion of the old road commonly called the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike. The property is more particularly described hereafter.

This property lies just east of Reid avenue in a section that presents peculiar complications regarding the old roads. This question is discussed in detail in a special report on the matter submitted to you on January 10, 1908. From the conclusions therein it appears that this property embraces a portion of a road part of which existed prior to 1664 and part at a much later date.

The predecessors of the petitioners in this case have already paid \$300 to the Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad Company for a release of its interest in the road. In view of the facts it would seem that the City has quite as much of an interest as the railroad company.

In view of the facts I would recommend that the Corporation Counsel be requested to advise if there is any reason why the City should not charge a substantial amount for a release of its interest in the following described property:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of the old Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike with the easterly line of land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, which point is distant four hundred (400) feet westerly from the westerly line of Patchen avenue on a line drawn parallel with Bainbridge street and is also distant forty-six (46) feet three-quarters (¾) of an inch from the southerly line of Bainbridge street on a straight line drawn at right angles thereto; thence running southerly parallel with said Patchen avenue thirty-three (33) feet two and five-eighths (25½) inches to the centre line of said road; running thence westerly along the centre line of said road ninety-eight (98) feet four and three-quarter (4¾) inches and again westerly along the centre line of said road two (2) feet eleven (11) inches to a point opposite the westerly line of said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, which point is distant five hundred (500) feet westerly from the said westerly line of Patchen avenue on a line drawn parallel with Bainbridge street, thence running northerly parallel with said Patchen avenue thirty-three (33) feet eight and three-eighths (8¾) inches to a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of said road with the said westerly line of said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, which point is distant thirty-three (33) feet nine and three-eighths (9¾) inches from the southerly line of Bainbridge street on a straight line drawn at right angles thereto; and thence running easterly along the northerly line of said road and along the said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, seven (7) feet eight and one-quarter (8¼) inches, and again easterly along the northerly line of said road and along the said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, ninety-three (93) feet six and three-quarter (6¾) inches to the point or place of beginning."

No arrears appear against this property.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
February 13, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have received, under date of February 7, 1908, and over the signature of N. Taylor Phillips, Deputy Comptroller, the following communication:

Herewith I transmit the report of Robert B. Jordan, Examiner, Division of Law and Adjustment of this Department, in the matter of Claim No. —, filed in the Department of Finance by Lillian J. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett for release of portion of Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike.

"Said report, with the accompanying papers, is transmitted to you for appropriate action in the premises in accordance with the recommendations thereof."

The report of Examiner Jordan recommends "that the Corporation Counsel be requested to advise if there is any reason why the City should not charge a substantial amount for a release of its interest" in the property described in the report, which apparently is a portion of the Old Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike.

In a communication recently sent to you relating to the application of Jacob Kaiser for the release of the interests of The City of New York in a portion of Bennetts lane, I had occasion to advise you that the fixing of the consideration in such release was a matter of discretion with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and that there is no legal objection to the charging of a substantial sum therefor. The same principle applies to the present application.

I therefore respectfully refer you to that opinion for the reasons upon which this conclusion is based, and answer the question put by your Examiner in the negative.

I enclose all the papers accompanying your communication.

Respectfully,

THEODORE CONNOLLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
April 13, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have your communication of February 18, 1908, which reads as follows:

"Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your opinions in the matters of Jacob Kaiser, William G. Morrissey, Charles and Theresa Stauche and Lillian F. Hicks et al. for releases of the City's interest in and to portions of certain old roads in Kings County.

"The leading opinion, to which others are referred, states that 'the terms upon which these several releases shall be made are placed within the discretion of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund,' after citing the language of section 205 of the Greater New York Charter. The opinion, however, does not seem decisive of the point as to whether the title of the City in and to the lands mentioned is material or nominal. My request was to know if 'any' reason exists why the City should not charge a substantial sum for the release and this was intended to include the question of title. If the interest of the public in and to a parcel of property is merely nominal, I think it would be a piece of cruel injustice for the City to take advantage of its power and create bad titles by wholesale. While I am anxious to establish the City's claims in all roads where the estate is substantial, I do not want to impose any unnecessary

hardships on property owners. In other words, I believe that the City should insist upon what it is entitled to as a matter of right and not what it can collect as a matter of might. It would, therefore, seem to me that the amount to be charged for each release should be proportioned to the character and extent of the interest which the City has in the property. In order to accomplish this it will first be necessary to have the right determined.

"I would, therefore, request you to advise me whether the interest of the City in and to those portions of Bennetts lane described in the Kaiser, Morrissey and Stauche petitions, and that portion of the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike described in the petition of Lillian F. Hicks and another is material or nominal.

"I return the papers in these applications in case you desire to refer to them again."

The Kaiser, Morrissey and the Stauche applications are for deeds of land lying in Bennetts lane, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and they may be treated together.

It appears that Bennetts lane was a Dutch road, and that in May, 1906, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted a resolution closing the lane from Eighty-fourth street to Gravesend Bay, which included the portion of the land embraced in the applications herein. Upon the closing of the road the title to the land therein vested in the City, and I find nothing in the papers before me to indicate that that title has become divested. In answer to your question, therefore, I advise you that the interest of the City is material in the land lying in Bennetts lane, described in the several applications.

In the application of Jacob Kaiser the land for which a quit-claim deed from the City is asked is described as follows:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the southwesterly side of Bath avenue with the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue, running thence southwesterly, along the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue, 140 feet; thence northwesterly 20 feet parallel with Bath avenue to the northwesterly side of Bennetts lane; thence northeasterly along said northwesterly side of Bennetts lane to the southwesterly side of Bath avenue aforesaid, and thence southeasterly along the southwesterly side of Bath avenue, to the corner, the point or place of beginning.

In the application of Charles and Teresa Stauche the land for which a quit-claim deed from the City is asked is described as follows:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue, distant 220 feet southwesterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue with the southwesterly side of Bath avenue, running thence southwesterly along the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue, 40 feet; thence northwesterly, parallel with Bath avenue 20 feet 7 inches to the northwesterly line of Bennetts lane; thence northeasterly along the northwesterly line of Bennetts lane 40 feet, and thence southeasterly parallel with Bath avenue 20 feet 4½ inches to the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue, the point or place of beginning.

In the application of William G. Morrissey the land for which a quit-claim deed from the City is asked is described as follows:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue distant 180 feet southwesterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue with the southwesterly side of Bath avenue, running thence southwesterly along the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue 40 feet; thence northwesterly parallel with Bath avenue 20 feet 4½ inches to the northwesterly line of Bennetts lane; thence northeasterly along the northwesterly side of Bennetts lane, 40 feet, and thence southeasterly parallel with Bath avenue 20 feet 2 inches to the northwesterly side of Sixteenth avenue, the point or place of beginning.

In regard to the application of Lillian I. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett for a release of the interest of The City of New York in a portion of the old road known as the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike, I beg to say that the land for which the quit-claim deed is asked is described as follows:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of the old Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike with the easterly line of land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, which point is distant 400 feet westerly from the westerly line of Patchen avenue on a line drawn parallel with Bainbridge street and is also distant 46 feet ¾ of an inch from the southerly line of Bainbridge street on a straight line drawn at right angles thereto; thence running southerly parallel with said Patchen avenue 33 feet 2½ inches to the center line of said road; running thence westerly along the center line of said road 98 feet ¾ inches and again westerly along the center line of said road 2 feet 11 inches to a point opposite the westerly line of said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, which point is distant 500 feet westerly from the said westerly line of Patchen avenue on a line drawn parallel with Bainbridge street, thence running northerly parallel with said Patchen avenue 33 feet 8¾ inches to a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of said road with the said westerly line of said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, which point is distant 33 feet 9¾ inches from the southerly line of Bainbridge street on a straight line drawn at right angles thereto; and thence running easterly along the northerly line of said road and along the said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, 7 feet 8¾ inches and again easterly along the northerly line of said road and along the said land formerly of Jacob S. Hallett, now deceased, 93 feet 6¾ inches to the point or place of beginning.

The Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike road was originally a Dutch road, and when closed as a highway the title to the land in the road reverted as ordinary property to the municipality and, therefore, now belongs to The City of New York.

It appears in the petition herein that the deed to Christian Kollé in 1868 bounded land on the turnpike, and, as the grantee had no title to the land lying within the turnpike, the conveyance of his right, title and interest to the center line thereof did not vest any title in the grantee.

The deeds of 1871 and 1877, under which the heirs of Hallett claim, conveyed no title to the bed of the turnpike. The deed of 1895 from the railroad company, as successor of the turnpike company, to Jacob S. Hallett, covered only the interest of the turnpike company in the old road as a highway, and could not, and did not, convey any title to its bed after it had been abandoned as a highway.

No facts are shown sustaining an adverse possession in the petitioners or their predecessors in title for twenty years. If they had entered under a claim of title, and had continued in exclusive possession of the property included in the old road for twenty years or upwards, there could be no doubt that their title would be complete, as was shown in the advice given to you under date of March 10, 1908, in the matter of the application of Rippingale; but such facts are conspicuously absent. The only entry under claim of title shown in the papers before me is that by virtue of the quit-claim deed of the railroad company in 1895.

The fact that this property has been taxed as private land by The City of Brooklyn and by The City of New York, and that such taxes have been paid, cannot be considered on the question of adverse possession. It has been held that the Assessors are not the agents of the city or town, but independent public officers whose duties in no respect concern the strictly corporate interests of the municipality. (Consolidated Ice Company vs. the Mayor, 166 N. Y., 92, 102.)

I advise you, therefore, that the interest of the City is material and that payments for taxes should not be considered by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in fixing the consideration for which the City will convey the property in question, because during the time for which taxes were paid the occupant had the use of the land without paying rent therefor.

I return all the papers accompanying your communication and also blank forms of deed, in triplicate in each case, approved by me as to form, for use if required, under the provisions of section 205 of the Greater New York Charter.

Respectfully yours,

G. L. STERLING, Acting Corporation Counsel.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 25, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Stanley Holcomb Molleson, as attorney for Lillian I. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett, some months ago filed an application for a release of the interest of the City in and to a portion of the old Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike.

The case was referred to the Corporation Counsel, and under date of April 13, 1908, he rendered an opinion to the effect that the interest of the City in the property is material.

The Bureau of Real Estate was then requested to appraise the property, and in a report dated April 13, 1908, Mr. Mortimer J. Brown placed a value of \$3,600 on the property. This figure was communicated to Mr. Molleson, who protested that the valuation was too high, and raised other points relating to the method of arriving at the value. The matter was referred back to Mr. Brown by Deputy Comptroller Phillips with an inquiry as to whether all appropriate circumstances such as size, situation, possible utility, etc., had been considered. The reply of Mr. Brown was to the effect that all circumstances had been taken into account. He made no change in the valuation.

The fact was communicated to Mr. Molleson, who stated in a communication, dated June 20, that he considered the valuation too high and would not accept it.

In view of his refusal, I respectfully recommend that the application of Lillian I. Hicks and Charles W. Hallett be denied.

Respectfully,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Note—It will be noticed that the communications of the Corporation Counsel cover other matters than the Hicks and Hallett petitions. The other cases, involving portions of Bennetts lane, are withheld at the request of the Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department because claims have been filed for damages arising from the closing of Bennetts lane, and the Law Department requests that no action be taken on the petitions until those proceedings are ended.

ROBERT JORDAN.

Resolved, That the petition of Lillian I. Hicks and Charles H. Hallett, for a release or quitclaim of the City's interest in and to a portion of the old Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike, Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same is hereby denied.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following petition was received from Arthur W. and Olive L. Rippingale, for a release or quitclaim of the City's interest in and to a part of old Division street, in the Borough of Brooklyn:

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

The petition of Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale, of No. 61 St. Edwards street, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, respectfully shows:

That your petitioners are in possession, under claim of ownership, of all that tract of land shown on the diagram hereto annexed, consisting of three parcels, which are respectively designated thereon by the letters "A," "B" and "C."

That said property is located in the Eleventh Ward of the Borough of Brooklyn, and is designated on the land and tax map of the County of Kings as Lots Nos. 14 and 13, in Section 7, Block 2039.

That the portion of said tract marked "A" on said diagram lies in the westerly half of the bed of old Division street (now closed), formerly called Old road, to toll bridge at the Wallabout, also called Alms House street.

That more than fifty years ago said Old road was discontinued, closed and ceased to be a public highway, and all the lands which lay within the boundaries of said Old road were fenced in and occupied and used for farming purposes.

Your petitioners further allege that they have a perfect record title to the balance of said tract marked "B" and "C" on the annexed diagram, and also deeds of conveyance to them of all the lands marked "A" on the annexed diagram lying in this portion of said Old road from former owners of said property, and that this portion of the Old road has been included in the annual assessment roll, and taxes have been paid thereon, and your petitioners and their predecessors in title have paid taxes on this portion of the Old road ever since the same was abandoned as a highway, and for more than fifty years last past.

For the purpose of perfecting their title beyond question to this portion of said Old road, your petitioners desire a quitclaim deed from The City of New York; the interest therein, if any, of The City of New York is not of substantial nature, and your petitioners are informed and believe that in applications similar to this relative to property in other parts of this same Old road the City has appraised its like interest at a nominal sum.

That on the 16th day of October, 1865, the City of Brooklyn conveyed a part of this same road to one David R. Ducker, by deed dated on that day and recorded in the office of the Register of the County of Kings on February 15, 1866, for the nominal sum of twenty dollars.

That the portion of said Old road marked "A" on the annexed diagram is bounded and described as follows:

All that certain lot of land in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, included in the westerly half of old Division street (now closed), formerly called Old road, to toll bridge at the Wallabout, otherwise Alms House street, and being part of the old Alms House farm of the Town of Brooklyn, and being part of premises now known as Nos. 59 and 61 St. Edwards street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of said old Division street 60 feet 3 inches southerly from the southerly side of Tillary street, and running thence easterly at right angles to the westerly side of Division street 25 feet to the centre line of said street; thence southerly along said centre line of said street 35 feet, more or less, to a party wall at and opposite a point on St. Edwards street and at right angles thereto 342 feet 4 inches northerly to the northerly side of Auburn place; thence westerly and at right angles to St. Edwards street through said party wall 25 feet, more or less, to the westerly side of Division street, and thence northerly along the westerly side of Division street 52 feet 8 inches, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that all the right, title and interest of The City of New York in and to that portion of said old Division street included within the boundary of the part above described may be released to your petitioners; that the interest of The City of New York therein and the expenses of such release be appraised and fixed; that a sale by auction be dispensed with, and your petitioners be allowed to purchase said interest in such manner and upon such terms as in the judgment of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York shall seem proper, pursuant to the provisions of section 205, chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901, and your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated Brooklyn, New York, April 30, 1907.

ARTHUR W. RIPPINGALE, Petitioner.

State of New York, City of New York, County of Kings, ss.:

Arthur W. Rippingale being duly sworn, says that he is one of the petitioners in the above entitled application; that he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

ARTHUR W. RIPPINGALE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, 1907.

RICHARD S. COTTON, Notary Public, Kings County.

In the Matter

of

The application of Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale for a release by The City of New York of its interests in certain premises in the Borough of Brooklyn, lying in the westerly half of the bed of old Division street.

State of New York, County of Kings, City of New York, ss.:

Arthur W. Rippingale, being duly sworn, says that he resides at No. 61 St. Edwards street, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, and is one of the petitioners herein.

That the premises of which that part of old Division street mentioned and described in the petition herein forms a part has been in the quiet and peaceable possession of deponent and deponent's father and grandfather for more than thirty years last past, and no claim adverse to deponent or his predecessors in title has ever been made to deponent's knowledge.

That the buildings on said premises are brick buildings, and one of the buildings has been erected more than thirty years and the other for twenty-one years.

That deponent and his predecessors in title have been in the quiet and peaceable possession of said premises without adverse claim for more than thirty years last past, and deponent and his predecessors in title during all that time have paid taxes upon said premises.

That said old Division street was closed and abandoned by the old City of Brooklyn more than thirty years ago.

ARTHUR W. RIPPINGALE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of June, 1907.

MORRIS COHEN,

Commissioner of Deeds,

City of New York,

Residing in Borough of Brooklyn.

In the Matter

of

The application of Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale for a release by The City of New York of its interests in certain premises in the Borough of Brooklyn, lying in the westerly half of the bed of old Division street.

State of New York, County of Kings, City of New York, ss.:

Austin Ludlam, of the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, being duly sworn, says that he is by profession a City Surveyor and has been engaged as such in the Borough of Brooklyn for thirty-six years last past; that he is familiar with the premises described in the petition of Arthur W. Rippingale and another herein.

That the houses on said premises mentioned and described in said petition are brick, and one of said houses has been built for more than twenty-five years, and the other for about twenty years.

That old Division street at this point has been closed and abandoned by The City of New York and its predecessor, the former City of Brooklyn, for more than fifty years last past.

AUSTIN LUDLAM.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of June, 1907.

JOSEPH T. GRIFFIN,

Commissioner of Deeds,

City of New York,

Residing in Borough of Brooklyn.

Form 294755.

Division street was formerly called:

1. Old road to Toll Bridge.

2. Road from Brooklyn and Jamaica at William Ellsworth's (about Flatbush avenue) to Wallabout and Newtown turnpike, running through Cowenhaven farm.

3. Also the Almshouse road or street.

Old Division street, between north side of Myrtle avenue and west side of Canton street, declared to be a public street by chapter 276 of the Laws of 1859.

Opening fifty feet wide Myrtle avenue to Canton street confirmed March 11, 1861.

Chapter 20 of the Laws of 1857 authorizes the City of Brooklyn to sell burial grounds. The burial grounds adjoined old Division street.

The City of Brooklyn conveyed lands in the west one-half of Division street, 75 feet 10 inches south of Park avenue on the west side of North Elliott street in the same block as premises in question, to David R. Decker for \$20. Recorded in Liber 692 of Deeds, at page 32.

The City of Brooklyn conveyed lands including the east one-half of Division street, in premises in question, to John Meyers by deed dated February 8, 1860, and recorded May 10, 1860, in Liber 527 of Deeds, at page 140.

The City of Brooklyn conveyed lands, including part of the premises in question, in the east one-half of Division street to John French and Samuel Booth by deed dated April 24, 1860, and recorded May 2, 1860, in Liber 526 of Deeds, at page 115.

The above deeds and acts of the Legislature of the State of New York estop The City of New York from claiming any easements in the block including the premises in question, and established the closing of old Division street in this block about 1859 or 1860.

JOHN A. WARREN.

Dated November 20, 1907.

This certifies that Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale are the owners in fee of the three parcels of land respectively designated as "A," "B" and "C" on the annexed diagram, subject to the interest therein, if any, of The City of New York in Parcel "A."

TITLE GUARANTEE AND TRUST COMPANY,

By J. A. AMMON, Assistant Secretary.

Dated June 17, 1907.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 3, 1907. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale, in a verified petition addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, request a release of the interest of The City of New York in and to certain property situated on the westerly half of the bed of old Division street (now closed), formerly called Old road to Tollbridge at Wallabout, also called Almshouse street, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

The petitioners state that they are in possession and under claim of ownership to all that tract of land shown on the diagram hereto annexed, consisting of three parcels, which are respectively designated thereon by the letters "A," "B" and "C." That the property is located in the Eleventh Ward of the Borough of Brooklyn and is designated on the land and tax maps of the County of Kings as Lots 13 and 14 in Section 7, Block 2039, and that more than fifty years ago, said old road was discontinued and closed and ceased to be a public highway, and all the lands which lay within the boundaries of said old road were fenced in, occupied and used for farming purposes. The petitioners further allege that they have a perfect record title to the balance of said tract marked "B" and "C" on the annexed diagram, and also deeds of conveyance to them of all the land marked "A" on said diagram attached to the petition, lying in this portion of said old road, from the former owners of said property, and that this portion of the old road has been included in the annual assessment roll, taxes have been paid thereon, and that the purchasers and their predecessors in title have paid taxes on this portion of the old road ever since the same was abandoned as a highway, and for more than fifty years last past.

The petitioners further allege that on the 16th day of October, 1865, the City of Brooklyn conveyed a part of this same road to one David R. Tucker by deed dated on that day and recorded in the office of the Register of the County of Kings on February 15, 1866, for the nominal sum of \$20.

The status of this old road does not appear to have been passed upon by the Corporation Counsel, and in view of the provisions of the Revised Charter, which

provide that the Corporation Counsel shall first certify as to the interests of the City in the property before released by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, I would respectfully recommend that the matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to whether the interest of the City in and to the property herein-after described is material or merely nominal and a cloud upon the title of a private adjoining owner, and if he shall certify, pursuant to the provisions of section 205 of the Revised Charter, that the interest of the City in and to the said property is merely nominal and a cloud upon the title of a private owner, I would recommend that a release or quit-claim be authorized to Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale of all the right, title and interest of The City of New York in and to the following described property in the Borough of Brooklyn:

All that certain lot of land in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, included in the westerly half of old Division street (now closed), formerly called Old road to Tollbridge at the Wallabout, otherwise Almshouse street, and being part of the old Almshouse farm of the Town of Brooklyn, and being part of premises now known as Nos. 59 and 61 St. Edwards street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of said old Division street 69 feet 3 inches southerly from the southerly side of Tillary street, and running thence easterly at right angles to the westerly side of Division street 25 feet to the centre line of said street; thence southerly along said centre line of said street 35 feet more or less to a party wall at and opposite a point on St. Edwards street and at right angles thereto 342 feet 4 inches northerly to the northerly side of Auburn place; thence westerly and at right angles to St. Edwards street through said party wall 25 feet more or less to the westerly side of Division street, and thence northerly along the westerly side of Division street 52 feet 8 inches more or less to the place of beginning.

—upon the condition that the petitioners shall produce evidence that all taxes, assessments, water rates and sales against the said property have been paid before the delivery of such release.

I would further recommend that if the Corporation Counsel shall decide that the interest of the City in and to the said property is merely nominal, that a charge be made in the sum of \$1, together with a charge of \$100 for the cost of examination of the matter, preparation of deeds, etc.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
June 13, 1907. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have received your communication of June 1, 1907, transmitting for my consideration an application made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale, for a release of a portion of the old Division street (now closed), formerly called Old road to Tollbridge at Wallabout, also called Almshouse street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, together with a report made to you on the subject, bearing date June 3, 1907, by the Bureau of Real Estate of the Department of Finance, and I am asked to advise you whether the interest of The City of New York in this piece of property is material or simply nominal and a mere cloud upon the title of a private owner.

The report referred to consists simply of a recapitulation of the allegations contained in the petition, but there is no information given as to the truth of these allegations, nor are there any facts given upon which a legal opinion as to the status of this old highway may be based.

I would respectfully ask that further investigation into the facts underlying this petition be made by your experts. Such investigation should have in view, particularly, questions whether the highway has ceased to be used as such and for what length of time; whether it has been under the jurisdiction of private ownership and the length of time thereof; whether it has been taxed by the City and assessed for the expenses of local improvements, and generally the ascertaining of such facts as would bear specifically upon the questions involved.

I have been informed that an Appraiser in your Department has stated that the interest of the City in the property under consideration is a substantial one, which should not be parted with for a nominal consideration, so I further suggest that any facts which might substantiate such a view may be submitted to me so that proper legal deduction may be drawn therefrom.

Respectfully yours,

G. L. STERLING, Acting Corporation Counsel.

(Papers returned.)

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
July 11, 1907. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have received your communication of June 27, 1907, relative to the application made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale for a release of a portion of old Division street (now closed), formerly called Old road to toll bridge at Wallabout; also called Almshouse street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and I am requested to advise you as to whether the interest of the City in this piece of property is simply nominal and a mere cloud upon the title of a private owner.

In a communication to the Comptroller, bearing date June 13, 1907, I stated in regard to this application that there were not sufficient facts given in your communication of June 1, 1907, upon which to base a legal opinion upon the question involved. You now state "that, from the records of this office, it does not appear that any opinion could be furnished to you as to the status of this old road. However, this office has obtained from the Title Guarantee and Trust Company a certification which is herewith transmitted, stating that the petitioners are the owners in fee of the three parcels of land respectively designated as A, B and C, on a diagram annexed to the petition, subject to the interest therein, if any, of The City of New York in Parcel A; and, further, this office has obtained a supplemental petition from one of the petitioners, stating that the premises of which that part of the old Division street mentioned and described in the petition herein forms part has been in quiet and peaceable possession of the petitioner and his predecessors in title for more than thirty years last past, and no claim adverse to the petitioner or his predecessors in title has ever been made to his knowledge. Further, that the buildings on said premises are brick buildings, and one of the buildings has been erected more than thirty years, and the other for twenty-one years; and that he has paid the taxes upon said premises for a considerable period, and that old Division street was closed and abandoned by the old City of Brooklyn more than thirty years ago."

These statements are supplemented by an affidavit from Austin Ludlam, a City Surveyor.

This information is full and definite, and places before me the facts necessary for a determination of the question asked by you. In view thereof, I hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of section 205 of the Greater New York Charter as amended, that the interest of The City of New York in and to that portion of old Division street (now closed), formerly called Old road to toll bridge at Wallabout; also called Almshouse street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, as contained in the following-described premises is a mere cloud upon the title of a private owner, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of said old Division street 69 feet 3 inches southerly from the southerly side of Tillary street, and running thence easterly at right angles to the westerly side of Division street 25 feet to the centre line of said street; thence southerly along said centre line of said street 35 feet, more or less, to a party wall at and opposite a point on St. Edwards street and at right angles thereto 342 feet 4 inches northerly to the northerly side of Auburn place; thence westerly and at right angles to St. Edwards street, through said party wall 25 feet, more or less, to the westerly side of Division street, and thence northerly along the westerly side of Division street 52 feet 8 inches, more or less, to the place of beginning.

In accordance with your request, I have prepared a proper form of release of this property, which I transmit herewith, duly approved as to form, together with two copies thereof.

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE CONNOLLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
October 23, 1907. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—John R. Warren, an attorney of No. 175 Remsen street, Brooklyn, some months ago forwarded a petition addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to have the City release its interest in a portion of an old road formerly known as Old road to the Toll Bridge of Wallabout, Division street, etc.

The application recites that it is a petition made by Arthur W. and Olive L. Rippingale, they being "in possession under claim of ownership of all that tract of land shown on the diagram hereto annexed, consisting of three parcels which are respectively designated thereon by the letters A, B and C." The petition is signed by only one of the parties, Arthur W. Rippingale.

A request was made for a copy of the deed or other instrument by which the petitioners' predecessors in title acquired private rights in this public road. Three deeds were forwarded in response to this request. The first is dated January 17, 1870, and describes a conveyance by Enoch Mettler and Clarinda, his wife, to Smith Rippingale, Sr. The second, dated September, 1873, describes a conveyance by Smith Rippingale, Sr., and Jane, his wife, to Smith Rippingale, Jr. The third, dated April 13, 1874, describes a conveyance by Peter and Mary Boylan to Smith Rippingale, Sr., and Smith Rippingale, Jr. The description in these deeds carries to the centre line of the street.

There is nothing in the papers to show how the right was originally acquired by private parties to convey portions of this road. It is understood that the title is claimed through adverse possession. There is nothing in the petition or in the deeds submitted to show how Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale acquired title to the property, but in a letter on the subject, under date of September 27, 1907, Mr. John A. Warren wrote: "The title comes down to the present owners through the will of Smith Rippingale, Sr., and the will of Smith Rippingale, Jr."

By reference to the diagram attached to this report it will be seen that portions of this old street are open to-day—Leo place, southwest of the property, is open and traveled and a portion of Tillary street runs to the centre line of the old road, thereby keeping part of it open. This road is very old. The first reliable reference to it, so far as can be learned now, was in 1700, when the road was referred to as Towne lane in a conveyance. At subsequent periods it was variously known as lane towards Wallabout (1711), and road to Arme Land (1775). While the first reliable reference at hand is 1700, the position and character of the road would indicate that it existed long before that time.

In very early times there was a landing at about the point where the present lines of North Portland avenue reached the shore. The settlement of Brooklyn, which was in the heart of the present shopping district, was connected with the landing by the Towne lane, afterwards known as Division street. The landing became of such importance that it was purchased by the public authorities and thereafter became known as the Town dock. Traffic between Brooklyn and the dock was brisk, and the Towne lane being the principal road in that locality available for direct communication with Brooklyn, the road was of much public importance.

The Wallabout was one of the first sections settled within the present lines of Brooklyn. Without attempting to write history, it might not be inappropriate to state that the Wallabout settlement was made between 1636 and 1646. Brooklyn was incorporated in 1646, and it does not seem unreasonable to assume that there was a road connecting the settlements. If that were so, the road would necessarily have been a Dutch road. A further translation of the Dutch records may disclose such to be the fact, and might also identify old Division street as the successor of a much older road.

The Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears in Brooklyn reports the following arrears on Lots Nos. 13 and 14, Block 2039, Section 7, which the petition states is owned by the applicants:

Lot No. 14, No. 59 St. Edwards street—	
Water rates, 1899 to 1905, inclusive.....	\$126 90
Taxes, 1900 to 1906, inclusive (with interest).....	432 32
Water, 1906 (at 7 per cent.).....	21 85
Taxes, 1907.....	62 16
Water, 1907-8.....	19 00
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	\$662 23

Assessed valuation, real estate only, \$750; improved, \$4,000.

Lot No. 13, No. 61 St. Edwards Street—Assessed valuation, real estate only, \$800; improved, \$4,500; taxes, 1907, \$69.93.

In view of the foregoing I would respectfully recommend that the Corporation Counsel be requested to advise on the following points:

First—Could the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund properly release the property under any circumstances in view of the fact that the petition is signed by only one of the petitioners?

Second—In the absence of any evidence that the public authorities ever released the property in question to private interests, can deeds among individuals, carrying to the middle of the road, pass away the title of the public to the property?

Third—Does adverse possession run against a municipal corporation to extinguish its ownership of streets or roads?

Fourth—In view of the fact that portions of old Division street are still open and in use, has the said road ceased to be a public highway?

Fifth—What effect, if any, has non-payment of taxes upon such applications?

Sixth—Is the interest of the City in the property described below substantial, or is it a mere cloud on the title of a private owner?

All that certain lot of land in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, included in the westerly half of old Division street (now closed), formerly called Old road to Toll Bridge at Wallabout, otherwise Almshouse street, and being part of the old Almshouse farm of the Town of Brooklyn, and being part of premises now known as Nos. 59 and 61 St. Edwards street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of said old Division street 69 feet 3 inches southerly from the southerly side of Tillary street, and running thence easterly at right angles to the westerly side of Division street 25 feet to the centre line of said street; thence southerly along said centre line of said street 35 feet, more or less, to a party wall at and opposite a point on St. Edwards street and at right angles thereto 342 feet 4 inches northerly to the northerly side of Auburn place; thence westerly and at right angles to St. Edwards street through said party wall 25 feet more or less to the westerly side of Division street, and thence northerly along the westerly side of Division street 52 feet 8 inches, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
March 10, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have received your communication of October 26, 1907, transmitting application of Arthur W. and Olive L. Rippingale for a release of property in the bed of old Division street, together with a report of an Examiner of the Finance Department, and other papers bearing upon the case, and I am asked to advise you upon the points raised in the Examiner's report.

It appears from the papers submitted that the property, a release of the interests of the City in which is asked, was formerly a portion of an old road known as Old road to the toll bridge of Wallabout, and later known as Division street. Portions of this old road are still in public use as parts of subsequently opened streets or avenues of the City, while other portions thereof have long since been abandoned for highway purposes, and have been under the control of private parties under claim of ownership thereof. Upon these latter portions taxes, assessments and water rates have been levied and collected by the municipal authorities, and in some instances quit-claim deeds releasing whatever interests the City may have had therein, have been executed to private owners for a nominal consideration. The part of this old road now under consideration, comes within the latter description, and a release of the City's interests therein is now applied for. In relation thereto six questions are asked which I shall answer as follows:

"First—Could the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund properly release the property under any circumstances in view of the fact that the petition is signed by only one of the petitioners?"

To this I answer yes.

"Second—In the absence of any evidence that the public authorities ever released the property in question to private interests, can deeds among individuals carrying to the middle of the road, pass away the title of the public in the property?"

To this I would answer that deeds among individuals cannot convey away the title of the City to any of its property. Such deeds, however, become important when taken in connection with other evidences of a claim of private ownership in such property, and the chain of title in which such deeds are links would be an important element in determining the question of adverse possession.

"Third—Does adverse possession run against a municipal corporation to extinguish its ownership of streets or roads?"

A direct answer to this question must be in the negative, but it must be noticed that the property, the release of the interests of the City in which is asked for in this case and in most of the other cases which affect these old roads or highways, has ceased to be used in a public capacity and its use as a highway has been abandoned. As to many of these old roads, provision was made in accordance with statute that when certain streets laid out upon the Commissioners' map of the City of Brooklyn were opened and improved, these old highways should be discontinued and closed. This has happened in many instances, and a personal inspection of the locality involved would not suggest that any highway had ever existed there. Adverse possession would not run in respect to any property in actual use as a public highway, no matter for how long a period such possession was claimed. The rule of law is that where the property of a municipality is alienable, title may be acquired thereto by adverse possession.

In the present case it appears that the old road was closed, discontinued and ceased to be a public highway more than fifty years ago; that the lands within the bounds of the said Old road were fenced in, occupied and used for farming purposes; that the portion of the old road, for which a release of the City's interest is asked, has been the possession of the petitioner, his father and grandfather for more than thirty years last past; that one building on the premises had been erected more than thirty years ago, and the other one more than twenty-one years ago.

No proofs are furnished which dispute or contradict such facts, and I must assume, therefore, that they cannot be controverted.

These facts, therefore, constitute proof of an adverse possession of the premises in question by the petitioner and his predecessors in title, which ripened after the expiration of twenty years into a title, and in any action the City might bring to recover possession thereof, it would be defeated by the defense of the Statute of Limitations.

That a title to lands by adverse possession and to rights of wharfage and cramage by prescription may be acquired against the City has been affirmatively decided by the Courts.

In the case of Timpson vs. the Mayor, 5 App. Div., 424, in discussing a title to lands under water and to the appurtenant rights of wharfage claimed to have been acquired by adverse possession and prescription, the Court said:

"The sole remaining question is whether the title to land under water in the Hudson River, with the rights of wharfage and cramage appurtenant thereto, may in the absence of statutory restrictions, be acquired by adverse possession and prescription against The City of New York.

"That the City, not the State, is involved, seems undeniable, in view of the admissions in the record that the land under water on which the bulkhead was built was either in the tideway, and so came to the City in 1686, under the third section of the Dongan Charter, or that it was in the 400-foot strip which was granted to the City by the thirty-eighth section of the Montgomerie Charter in 1730. We do not sanction the view of the Trial Judge, that this would work a difference in the right to acquire title by adverse user. It certainly would, however, as to the length of time necessary to acquire rights.

"The defendant's counsel do not distinctly dispute that title by adverse possession may, as a general proposition, be acquired against The City of New York. That it may be hardly open to doubt. Section 365 of the Code provides that 'An action to recover real property or the possession thereof cannot be maintained by a party other than the people,' unless there has been seizin within twenty years. The City is certainly a 'party other than the people.' There being no doubt as to the general doctrine, no satisfactory reason has been assigned why land under water in the Hudson River should form an exception to the general rule. That title to land under water in a navigable river, as well as exclusive rights of fishery therein, may be acquired by adverse possession or prescription against the State, is settled law in this jurisdiction (Rogers vs. Jones, 1 Wend., 237; Trustees of Brookhaven vs. Strong, 60 N. Y., 56). What may not be acquired is the right to interfere with the public easement of navigation. It was said by Selden, J., in People vs. Vanderbilt (26 N. Y., 287, 292, 293), 'The right of property in the soil or bed of a navigable river or arm of the sea, and the right to use the waters for the purposes of navigation, are entirely separate and distinct. The first of these rights is by the common law vested prima facie in the sovereign power; that is, in England, in the King, here in the people, but may be alienated by the King or people so as to become vested in an individual or corporation. * * * The second is a right common to the whole people, and it is vested in the public at large. A purpresture is an invasion of the right of property in the soil while the same remains in the King or people. A nuisance is an injury to the jus publicum or common right of the public to navigate the waters. It will be seen, therefore, that there is a wide difference between the two, and that, although they may coexist, yet either may exist alone without the other.' And a little later the learned Judge quotes from Lord Hale the statement that when an action is brought to remove an obstruction which is not a purpresture, but which is claimed to be a nuisance, 'a nuisance in fact must in all cases be shown to exist.' It is apparent that all these different doctrines harmonize perfectly. A purpresture may ripen into a title because the sovereign power might make a grant of the property in question; but a nuisance never can because 'the King cannot license a common nuisance' (Hale's de Portibus Maris, Hargrave's Law Tracts, 85). The rights of passage and repassage in a public street and of navigation in public waters reside in the sovereign people alone. It is impossible to obtain a valid grant of them from any source, and consequently no individual can acquire a prescriptive right to their exclusive use. An instructive case, and one directly in point, is Nichols vs. City of Boston (98 Mass., 39). It was there held that the plaintiff had obtained by adverse occupation title to a wharf and wharfage rights against the defendant, and Judge Gray points out in the opinion the distinction to which we have alluded. It does not seem to be seriously claimed that the plaintiff's bulkhead was a nuisance or was interfering with the public right of navigation.

"There does not seem to be in this State any such precise authority as Nichols vs. City of Boston. The undoubted fact, however, that title to the land and wharfage rights might have been acquired by adverse user against the State, is sufficient. The City's rights could not well have been greater than the State's, and it is indeed assumed by the defendant's counsel that they were less. There are, however, two cases so similar in their facts as to be worth citing for the implication contained in them. They are Towle vs. Remsen (70 N. Y., 303), and Roe vs. Strong (107 id., 350). In the former the City made a grant of certain water lots to the defendant's predecessors, with a condition of re-entry if it should appear thereafter that the grantees did not own the adjoining uplands. They did not, in fact, own the uplands, and plaintiff, who did, got the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to cancel the former grant and convey to him. This was more than twenty years after the defendant's predecessors had obtained their deed and entered into possession. It was held, among other things, that the action was barred by the statute. It was said that a difference existed between the running of the statute against the City and against the plaintiff, its grantee; that as to the latter, the possession was adverse from the outset, while as to the former it might not be. But Miller, J., observed: 'It would, at least, be questionable whether the statute would not commence to run from the time that the City had information that the grantees had no title to the upland' (p. 315).

"In Roe vs. Strong, the question was whether the plaintiffs had acquired against the Town of Setauket title to land in Setauket Harbor, a navigable arm of the sea. Andrews, J., reviewed the evidence upon which the claim rested, and held it totally insufficient (p. 359). There was a plain indication that title might have been so acquired if the user of the plaintiffs had been sufficiently adverse and exclusive."

A recent case involving this question was decided against the City in respect to certain lands in the former Town of Gravesend (Springstein vs. The City of New York, Supreme Court, unreported).

"Fourth—In view of the fact that portions of old Division street are still open and in use, has the said road ceased to be a public highway?"

I can see no reason why a portion of a street or highway, may not be closed and cease to be used as such, while another portion remains open to the public use. I shall answer this question, therefore, to that effect.

"Fifth—What effect, if any, has non-payment of taxes upon such applications?"

This question simply goes to the conditions upon which a release of the interests of the City may be granted. It should be insisted upon that all such municipal liens must be satisfied before a release of the City's interest is given.

"Sixth—Is the interest of the City in the property described below, substantial, or is it a mere cloud upon the title of a private owner?"

This property has been held under the claim of private ownership for more than thirty years; has been taxed by the municipal authorities; has been assessed for local improvements, and has paid water rates. The deeds between the private owners have included it as part of the property conveyed, no public right has been exercised over it as a result of public user and the Courts have held that a title against the City may be acquired by adverse possession.

In answer to this question, therefore, I certify that in pursuance of chapter 205 of the Greater New York Charter, that the interest of the City in the following described premises is a mere cloud upon the title of a private owner, to wit:

"All that certain lot of land in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, included in the westerly half of old Division street (now closed), formerly called old road to toll bridge at Wallabout, otherwise Alms House street, and being part of the old Alms House farm of the Town of Brooklyn, and being part of premises now known as Nos. 59 and 61 St. Edwards street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of said old Division street 69 feet 3 inches southerly from the southerly side of Tillary street, and running thence easterly at right angles to the westerly side of Division street 25 feet to the centre line of said street thence southerly along said centre line of said street 35 feet, more or less, to a party wall at and opposite a point on St. Edwards street and at right angles thereto 342 feet 4 inches northerly to the northerly side of Auburn place; thence westerly and at right angles to St. Edwards street through said party wall 25 feet, more or less, to the westerly side of Division street, and thence northerly along the westerly side of Division street 52 feet 8 inches, more or less, to the place of beginning."

Yours respectfully,

G. L. STERLING, Acting Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
April 18, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Mr. Robert B. Jordan, Examiner, in a communication to the Comptroller under date of April 10, 1908, requests information from this Bureau as to the usual width of lots in the immediate locality of property shown on a diagram attached to his communication, which diagram shows the property in the neighborhood of St. Edwards street, between Park and Myrtle avenues, Borough of Brooklyn. In reply to his inquiry I have to say that this locality is in the "old part" of Brooklyn where the standard size of lots is 25 by 100 feet.

Respectfully submitted,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 1, 1908. }

In the Matter
of

The application of Arthur W. and Olive L. Rippingale for a release of the interest of the City in and to a portion of old Division street.

FRANK J. PRIAL, Esq., Chief Examiner:

SIR—I would call attention to some defects which appear in the survey compiled from records and deeds by Alvah H. Bosworth (Surveyor), and dated Brooklyn, New York, April 30, 1907, and attached to the petition. No angles are given for the different courses (for instance, the angle of old Division street makes with St. Edwards street is not given). Again in the plot marked (A) and shaded yellow, the centre line, and the west side of old Division street are parallel, and distant 25 feet, the side toward Tillary street is at right angles to the west side of old Division street and 25 feet in length, the side toward Auburn place is not at right angles to old Division street and therefore will have to be greater than 25 feet in length as called for on the survey.

The description which accompanies the survey reads in part as follows: "Thence southerly along said centre line of said street (meaning old Division street) 35 feet, more or less, to a party wall at and opposite a point on St. Edwards street, and at right angles thereto 342 feet 4 inches northerly to the northerly side of Auburn place." As a matter of fact, Auburn place is situated to the south of old Division street, so the description is evidently incorrect.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WINEBURGH, Topographical Draughtsman.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 22, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Some time ago a petition was filed in the name of Arthur W. and Olive L. Rippingale for a release of the interest of the City in and to a part of old Division street, Brooklyn.

The matter has been the subject of several communications between the Law Department and the Department of Finance and under date of March 10, 1908, the Corporation Counsel in an exhaustive opinion concluded that the interest of the City was nominal.

A careful study of the survey shows that it is not correct. The property sought to be released is in the westerly half of Division street, north of Auburn place. The survey shows a distance of 25 feet from the centre line to the west line of the road. This line is at right angles with the centre line of the road. The southerly boundary of the road as shown on the survey is also 25 feet. This line is not at right angles with the centre line of road and must necessarily be longer than 25 feet if the first dimension is correct. The survey as submitted is mathematically impossible. These statements have all been verified by Mr. Charles Wineburgh, Topographical Draughtsman of this Bureau.

There is also an error in the description of the property. One point is described as being so many feet and inches "northerly to the northerly side of Auburn place." It will be seen that Auburn place is situated to the south of old Division street; so the description is incorrect.

On November 25, 1850, the Common Council of Brooklyn adopted a resolution closing Division street from Tillary street to Canton (St. Edwards) street. At the same meeting this resolution was rescinded and the matter referred to the Counsel of the Board. This resolution was not found until after the Corporation Counsel had rendered his opinion. Under date of April 14, 1908, this office communicated this fact to the Corporation Counsel and requested to be advised whether under the circumstances this portion of old Division street has been closed by lawful authority within the meaning of section 205 of the Charter. No reply has been received, from which it would appear that the Corporation Counsel is not yet satisfied on the point. The old City of Brooklyn conveyed portions of the road to private owners which would seem to indicate that the street had been formally closed, but this fact will doubtless receive due consideration in the Law Department.

Under date of June 1, 1908, this office addressed a communication to Mr. John A. Warren, attorney for the petitioners, in which his attention was called to the fact that there were errors in the survey and description. No answer to this communication has been received.

In view of the fact that the survey is not correct and that an error occurs in the description, also the doubt which exists as to whether the action of the Common Council really closed Division street, I would not feel justified in recommending a

release of the City's interest, and, therefore, feel obliged to recommend that the application be denied. It is only fair to add that since the first report was written the arrears of taxes have been paid. The communication of June 27, 1907, referred to in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel of July 11, 1907, has never been in my hands.

Respectfully,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the application of Arthur W. Rippingale and Olive L. Rippingale, dated April 30, 1907, for a release or quit-claim of the City's interest in a part of old Division street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same is hereby denied.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following petition was received from James C. Sawkins for a release or quit-claim of the City's interest in a part of East Broadway, Borough of Brooklyn:

In the Matter

of

The application of John C. Sawkins for a quit-claim deed of premises forming part of the old road lately known as East Broadway, in the Twenty-ninth Ward, of the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

To the Comptroller and to the Sinking Fund Commissioners of The City of New York:

The petitioner shows:

1. That he is the owner in fee of the premises situated on the north side of the old road formerly known as the old road leading from Flatbush to New Lots and later as East Broadway, in the Borough of Brooklyn, lying between Flatbush and Bedford avenues and in the Block number 5090 in Section 16 on the land map of Kings County. That said premises were conveyed to your petitioner by the Trustees of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the Town of Flatbush by deed dated March 25, 1879, and recorded in the Kings County Register's office in Liber 1349, page 301, on April 1, 1879, and that the premises were thereafter vested in your petitioner as aforesaid and have ever since so remained.

2. That the premises owned by your petitioner are known on the assessors' tax map of the Borough of Brooklyn as Section 16, Block 5090 Lot No. 2.

3. That the premises in said deed are bounded and described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of the road leading from Flatbush to New Lots, commonly called East Broadway, distant thirty-seven (37) feet nine (9) inches easterly from the land of John J. Hegeman and at the corner of land this day conveyed by the parties hereto of the first part to John A. Case; running thence northerly two hundred and fifty-five (255) feet six (6) inches more or less along said land conveyed to said John A. Case to land formerly of Helen Martense at a point distant thirty-nine (39) feet and five-eighths ($\frac{5}{8}$) of an inch easterly from land of John J. Hegeman; running thence easterly along said land formerly of Helen Martense forty-three (43) feet and five-eighths ($\frac{5}{8}$) of an inch; running thence southerly two hundred and fifty-seven (257) feet seven (7) inches to the northerly side of East Broadway aforesaid at a point distant seventy-nine (79) feet and six (6) inches easterly from land of John J. Hegeman aforesaid, and thence westerly along said northerly side of East Broadway aforesaid forty-one (41) feet and nine (9) inches to the place of beginning. Together with all and singular the right, title and interest of the parties of the first part in and to East Broadway in front of said premises to the centre thereof.

4. That The City of New York has completed condemnation proceedings for the opening of Church avenue from Flatbush avenue easterly to Brooklyn avenue, according to the new lines of Church avenue as laid down on the Town Survey Commission Map of Kings County, which is the official map of The City of New York for that section. That pursuant thereto the title to Church avenue became vested in The City of New York on the 29th day of April, 1903, and Church avenue is now fully improved accordingly, including change of car tracks to centre of the new avenue and on the new grade, curbing, grading, asphalted roadway and concrete sidewalk.

5. That, as will more fully appear by reference to the survey annexed hereto, the lines of Church avenue did not correspond with those of the old road, but for a large part of the distance, being much wider, including in the opening of the avenue all of the old road and additional land to make up the required width. That in front of the premises of your petitioner the old road deflected so that there was a narrow strip of the old road left lying north of the northerly line of the new avenue and between that and the front of the premises of your petitioner.

6. That The City of New York by the opening of Church avenue which has practically absorbed the old road and has been substituted therefor, has abandoned, as a road, so much thereof as is not included in the new avenue; as has been the case heretofore with Fulton avenue and many others, in which cases it has been the custom of the City to grant releases of its interest in the residue of the old roads.

7. That in further confirmation of the abandonment by the City of this strip of the old road for roadway, an assessment has been levied as an assessment for benefit on the piece of the old road (of which the strip in question forms part) lying just north of the northerly side of the new avenue and known on the benefit map in said opening of Church avenue as assessment number twenty-seven (27).

Wherefore, For the purpose of removing any cloud upon the title, your petitioner prays that the right, title and interest of The City of New York, in and to the premises above described may be released to your petitioners; that a sale at auction may be dispensed with and the petitioner be allowed, upon payment of the taxes and assessments thereon duly apportioned, to obtain a quit-claim deed on such terms and conditions as may be proper.

The premises for which a quit-claim deed is sought are more particularly bounded and described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Bedford avenue, as now opened, where the same would be intersected by the northerly side of the old road leading from Flatbush to New Lots, and later known as East Broadway, and running thence easterly along said northerly side of the old road aforesaid sixty-seven (67) feet and four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) inches to the easterly boundary line of the land of the party of the second part hereto; thence southerly in a line in continuation of said last mentioned line six (6) inches and three and one-quarter ($3\frac{1}{4}$) inches to the northerly side of Church avenue as now opened; thence westerly along the same sixty-seven (67) feet to the easterly side of Bedford avenue aforesaid; thence northerly along the same eight (8) feet three and three-quarter ($3\frac{3}{4}$) inches to the point or place of beginning.

JOHN C. SAWKINS, Petitioner.

Dated, Brooklyn, June 11, 1907.

City and State of New York, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, ss.:

John C. Sawkins, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that he is the petitioner named in the foregoing petition subscribed by him; that he has read the same and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

JOHN C. SAWKINS.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1907.

C. S. KNAPP,
Commissioner of Deeds,
City of New York,
Reside in Borough of Brooklyn.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
July 11, 1907. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have received your communication of June 24, 1907, transmitting for my consideration an application made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by John C. Sawkins, for a release of a portion of the old road formerly in the bed of East Broadway, being the property between East Broadway (formerly Church avenue), as previously laid out, and Church avenue as presently laid out in the Borough of Brooklyn, together with a report made to you on the subject by the Real Estate Bureau of your Department.

I am asked to advise you as to the interest of the City in this piece of property. In reply thereto I would say that no certificate of the Corporation Counsel is necessary in this instance to authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to release the City's interest therein. This matter is governed by the provision of section 205 of the Greater New York Charter, which reads as follows:

"Said commissioners of the sinking fund shall also have power to sell and convey the right, title and interest of the city in and to lands lying within any street, avenue, road, highway, alley, lane or public place or square that has been discontinued and closed, in whole or in part, by lawful authority, to the owner of lands fronting on such street, avenue, road, highway, alley, lane or public place or square so discontinued and closed, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as in the judgment of the said commissioners of the sinking fund shall seem proper, provided the said commissioners of the sinking fund shall first determine that the said lands or the part thereof so sold and conveyed are not needed for any public use."

The matter now under consideration has been the subject of several communications by the Corporation Counsel to the Comptroller, and the procedure necessary to procure the granting of the title or interest of the City in these premises is fully detailed in the provision of the Charter above cited.

In accordance with your request I have prepared a proper form of release of the premises in question, which I transmit herewith duly approved as to form, together with two copies thereof.

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE CONNOLLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 22, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—An application for a release of the City's interest in and to a part of East Broadway (Brooklyn) was filed some time ago in the name of John C. Sawkins.

The property shown on the survey varied somewhat in measurement from the same property shown on the maps in the proceeding to open Church avenue. In October, 1907, the attorneys for the petitioner were notified of the differences and were also requested for additional information. No reply was received.

On May 26, 1908, this office notified the attorneys that unless the required information was in hand by June 2, 1908, the application would be denied. This brought a reply on June 1 to the effect that they would comply with the request. The information has not been furnished, although the attorneys have been given a reasonable time.

I therefore recommend that the application of John C. Sawkins be denied.

Respectfully,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the application of John C. Sawkins, dated June 11, 1907, for a release or quit-claim of the City's interest in a portion of the old road known as East Broadway, in the Twenty-ninth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same is hereby denied.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following petition was received from Morris Wilkins for a release or quit-claim of the City's interest in a portion of old Bedford avenue, Borough of Brooklyn:

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

The petition of Morris Wilkins respectfully shows:

1. That in the year 1869 your petitioner bought that certain lot, piece or parcel of land in the Town of Flatbush, in the County of Kings, known and distinguished as Lot No. 180 on a certain map entitled "Map of Lots on Vernon Avenue in Flatbush, belonging to the Estate of John A. Willink," surveyed by Silas Ludlam, City Surveyor, and filed in the office of the Register of the County of Kings, on May 31, 1869; and which said lot is situated on the east side of Bedford avenue, 101 feet and a half inch north of Vernon avenue, as laid down on said map.

2. That in the year 1887 said property was conveyed by your petitioner to his nephew Edward M. Wilkins, who in turn conveyed said property to Martha Marilla Wilkins, who was the wife of your petitioner and died in the year 1890, leaving a last will and testament, which was duly admitted to probate in the County of New York, and by which the said property was devised to your petitioner, who has continued to own the same and is now the lawful owner and holder thereof in fee simple, except as to so much thereof as has been taken by The City of New York for the opening of New York avenue. The portion of said Lot No. 180 on said map which was on the easterly side of said Bedford avenue, and which is now on the westerly side of New York avenue, is known on the tax map as Lot No. 25, in Block 4903, in Section 15.

3. That The City of New York, by proceedings recently had, has opened New York avenue and abandoned the use of Bedford avenue. That said New York avenue runs through said property of your petitioner some forty odd feet only, from said Bedford avenue.

4. That by reason of the said Bedford avenue having been abandoned as a public street or highway your petitioner is desirous of having a deed from The City of New York of the one-half part of the said Bedford avenue lying in front of and adjoining his said property.

Wherefore your petitioner asks that a deed be executed to him by The City of New York of the following described piece of property, namely:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings and State of New York and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line or side of Bedford avenue, as laid out on the map entitled "Map of Lots on Vernon Avenue in Flatbush, belonging to the Estate of John A. Willink," and filed in the office of the Register of the County of Kings on May 31, 1869, distant 201 feet and a half an inch, more or less, northwesterly from the northerly side of Vernon avenue, as laid out on said map (and which said Vernon avenue is now called Tilden avenue), and at the southerly line of Lot No. 180 on said map, and running thence westerly and on a line parallel with said Vernon (now Tilden) avenue 40 feet and 2½ inches, more or less, to the centre of said Bedford avenue, as laid down on said map; thence northwesterly along the centre line of Bedford avenue 100 feet and 6¼ inches, more or less, to a point where the northerly line of said Lot No. 180 if extended intersects the said centre of said Bedford avenue; thence easterly and on a line parallel with said Vernon (now Tilden) avenue 40 feet and 2½ inches more or less to the easterly line or side of said Bedford avenue at the point where the northerly line of said Lot No. 180 intersects said Bedford avenue, and thence southeasterly along the said easterly line or side of said Bedford avenue 100 feet and 6¼ inches, more or less, to the point or place of beginning. Being the one-half of said Bedford avenue lying in front of and adjoining said Lot No. 180 on said map.

Dated October 16, 1907.

MORRIS WILKINS.

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

Morris Wilkins, being duly sworn, says: That he is the petitioner named in the foregoing petition; that he has read the same and knows the contents thereof; that

the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

MORRIS WILKINS.

Sworn to before me this 16th day of October, 1907.

JOEL S. DE SELDINA, Notary Public, Kings County,
Certificate filed in New York County.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
March 5, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Morris Wilkins, in a petition addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, asks for a release of the City's interest in and to a portion of an old street known as Bedford avenue, in Kings County. The property is more particularly described hereafter.

This Bedford avenue appears on a map of the estate of John A. Willink, which was made May 31, 1869. The Willink tract is there subdivided into lots and several streets are shown, Bedford avenue being one of these.

On June 6, 1906, proceedings to acquire title to New York avenue, between Church avenue and Canarsie lane, were confirmed. This street was only about forty feet east of Bedford avenue. In this proceeding Morris Wilkins, the present petitioner, received an award of \$1,300, and was assessed for benefit \$485.35.

In this same proceeding the land within the lines of Bedford avenue was assessed for benefit as the property of The City of New York, and assessments to the amount of \$922.09 were charged to the City. It seems fair to assume that the Commissioners in the proceeding had some good and substantial reason for declaring the title to this property to be in The City of New York. If the petitioner felt that he had any rights in the property at that time, it seems rather strange that he did not present them before the Commissioners.

The Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears reports that no unpaid charges appear against Lot No. 25, Block 4903, Section 15, by which petitioner's property is designated on the tax maps.

The Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department is probably familiar with the reasons which led the Commissioners in the New York avenue proceeding to declare the land within the lines of old Bedford avenue to be the property of The City of New York, and I would therefore recommend that the Corporation Counsel be requested to advise whether the interest of the City is material or nominal in the following described property:

All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings and State of New York and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line or side of Bedford avenue, as laid out on the map entitled "Map of lots on Vernon avenue in Flatbush, belonging to the estate of John A. Willinks" and filed in the office of the Register of the County of Kings on May 31, 1869, distant 201 feet and a half an inch, more or less, northwesterly from the northerly side of Vernon avenue, as laid out on said map (and which said Vernon avenue is now called Tilden avenue), and at the southerly line of lot No. 180 on said map, and running thence westerly and on a line parallel with said Vernon (now Tilden) avenue 40 feet and 2½ inches more or less to the centre of said Bedford avenue, as laid down on said map; thence northwesterly, along the centre line of Bedford avenue 100 feet and 6¼ inches more or less to a point where the northerly line of said Lot No. 180 if extended intersects the said centre of said Bedford avenue; thence easterly and on a line parallel with said Vernon (now Tilden) avenue, 40 feet and 2½ inches more or less to the easterly line or side of said Bedford avenue at the point where the northerly line of said Lot No. 180 intersects said Bedford avenue, and thence southeasterly along the said easterly line or side of said Bedford avenue, 100 feet and 6¼ inches more or less to the point or place of beginning. Being the one-half of said Bedford avenue lying in front of and adjoining said Lot No. 180 on said map.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
April 20, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Mr. Robert Jordan, Examiner, in a communication addressed to you under date of April 8, 1908, asks that this Bureau advise him as to the fair market value in November last of a plot of land colored in pink on a diagram attached to his letter, which plot is known on the tax books as Lot No. 29, in Block 4903, Section 15, Borough of Brooklyn, being the easterly half of Bedford avenue as proposed, about 200 feet north of Tilden avenue. This plot, according to the diagram, measures 40 feet 2½ inches by 100 feet 6¼ inches. The parcel 100 by 100 feet on the westerly side of New York avenue, of which this plot colored pink is a part, was fairly worth in November last \$3,000, though this price is much less than the owner is asking for it. The part colored in pink is interior, and figured under the Hoffman Rule, is worth 35 per cent. of \$3,000, or \$1,050. This is full market value and in charging this amount, the City must, upon the delivery of the deed, pay all the taxes, assessments and water rates, if any, due thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
April 6, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have a communication, dated March 16, 1908, signed N. Taylor Phillips, Deputy Comptroller, inclosing the application of Morris Wilkins for a deed of the City's interests in a portion of Bedford avenue described therein as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings and State of New York, and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line or side of Bedford avenue, as laid out on the map entitled "Map of lots on Vernon avenue in Flatbush, belonging to the estate of John A. Willinks," and filed in the office of the Register of the County of Kings on May 31, 1869, distant 201 feet and a half an inch, more or less, northwesterly from the northerly side of Vernon avenue as laid out on said map (and which said Vernon avenue is now called Tilden avenue), and at the southerly line of Lot No. 180 on said map, and running thence westerly and on a line parallel with said Vernon (now Tilden) avenue 40 feet and 2½ inches, more or less, to the centre of said Bedford avenue, as laid down on said map; thence northwesterly along the centre of Bedford avenue 100 feet and 6¼ inches, more or less, to a point where the northerly line of said Lot No. 180, if extended, intersects the said centre of said Bedford avenue; thence easterly and on a line parallel with said Vernon (now Tilden) avenue, 40 feet and 2½ inches, more or less, to the easterly line or side of said Bedford avenue at the point where the northerly line of said Lot No. 180 intersects said Bedford avenue, and thence southeasterly along the said easterly line or side of said Bedford avenue 100 feet 6¼ inches, more or less, to the point or place of beginning; being the one-half of said Bedford avenue lying in front of and adjoining said Lot No. 180 on said map.

It appears from the report of your Examiner accompanying the application that Bedford avenue referred to appears on a map of the estate of John A. Willink, which was made May 31, 1869; that in June, 1906, proceedings to open New York avenue, between Church avenue and Canarsie lane were confirmed; that New York avenue, as opened, lay about 40 feet east of Bedford avenue, and that in these proceedings there was an assessment of \$922.09 charged against the City for the land lying within the lines of Bedford avenue. As far as ascertained, Bedford avenue has not been legally closed. Applicant does not show title to the road, and there are no facts before me showing the character of the road, as to whether the City owned the fee or only an easement.

Under these circumstances I advise you that the City has a material interest in the lands hereinbefore described.

I return all the papers submitted to me in connection herewith.

Respectfully yours,

G. L. STERLING, Acting Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
July 18, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—In the matter of the application of Morris Wilkins for a release of the interest of the City in and to a portion of old Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, the Corporation Counsel, under date of April 6, 1908, advised that the City has a material interest in the lands sought to be released. An appraisal of the land by Mr. Mortimer J. Brown placed the value of the land at \$1,050. These facts were communicated to Charles A. Clark, No. 128 Broadway, attorney for petitioner, under date of April 24, 1908. Under date of May 5, Mr. Clark replied that he regarded the price put upon the release as "so greatly in excess of all reason" that his client would do nothing further in the matter. The whole case is set forth in the papers.

In view of the communication declining the offer, I would respectfully recommend that the application be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the application of Morris Wilkins for a release or quit-claim of the City's interest in a portion of old Bedford avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn be and the same is hereby denied.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report relative to information required to be furnished with every application for a release of the City's interests in old roads:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 25, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—During the past year the method of handling claims, that the interest of the City in old roads is nominal has undergone a decided change, with the result that the City no longer disposes of its interest in valuable properties for one dollar.

In reorganizing this work it became necessary to call for certain information in each case in order to substantiate the claims of the petitioners. This was reversing an old established custom, and it was natural that some confusion should follow; that all claims should not contain all the information required under the new order of things. But apart from that, which was in a measure excusable, most of the petitions contained incorrect descriptions or defective surveys or some other error that necessitated considerable correspondence before the errors were finally corrected.

I would respectfully suggest that in future all petitions which are not correct when filed shall be denied. It is not the business of this office to write briefs for attorneys or to otherwise do their work. Every petition should contain the following essentials:

Name and address of the petitioner.

Description by metes and bounds of property sought to be released.

A survey made and signed by a competent City Surveyor showing both property sought to be released and property of petitioner fronting on road. The survey should show all angles, distances and should show the road by name and also indicate in color the property to be released. Blue prints cannot be reproduced readily for the CITY RECORD, and should not be filed.

The section, block and lot number by which property is known and the tax maps, and if the road has a different number, this should be shown. This should be shown on the survey.

A statement as to when and under what lawful authority the road was closed.

If inclosed, when and under what lawful authority the original entry was made upon the road.

If there are buildings, when they were erected.

A certified copy of the deed under which petitioner holds the abutting property.

The petition should, of course, be verified and comply with all statutory forms.

It will greatly simplify the work if the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund will order this printed in the minutes that it may serve as notice to every one, and in future avoid the delays which follow efforts to correct petitions as now filed.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the minutes as recommended.

The Comptroller presented the following reports dealing with the history of the following old roads

1. The old Boston Post road.
2. The Brooklyn, Greenwood and Bath Plank road.
3. Kingsbridge road.
4. The Kings highway.
5. Gowanus road.
6. Hunter Fly road.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
May 8, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have the honor to submit a report dealing with the history of the old Boston Post road.

Permit me to state in the beginning that this report is not as thorough as I would desire to have it, but the condition of the old records is such that a prolonged search will be necessary before complete satisfaction can be approximated.

This road was first known as the wagon road between New York and Harlem. The records of New Amsterdam, Vol. 6, page 359, under date of 1671, contain the following:

"The Court do empower Mr. Cornelis Van Ruyvan and Mr. Isaacq Bedloo, Aldermen, to cause the former orders in making of a good Waggon path betwixt this City and the Town of Harlem to be put into strict execution, whereof an Ample Order shall be given unto them."

At page 361, this statement is printed:

"Whereas the Honble. General has at divers times recommended to this Court and this W. Court has ordered the Overseers as well of Haerlem as the suburbs hereabout to construct the road between this place and Haerlem, notwithstanding which it is still found unfinished, for which reason many complaints have been lodged—yea, that people wishing lately to travel over that road on horseback have been in danger of losing their lives by the neglectful keeping of the said road; which together with other reasons has moved the Honorable General to earnestly recommend to us again the construction of the aforesaid road, in order that then the work may be promptly Commenced and Executed. Therefore, as for the prosecution of so necessary a work, the W. Court cannot hit on a better expedient than to commission two from their Bench of Justice, as they hereby do, to summon as often as they shall think fit touching that work. The overseers as well of Haerlem as the suburbs dwelling hereabout, and do propose to them in the first place, how very ill it has been taken, that the previous orders regarding the aforesaid road have not been better observed; Secondly, the earnest intention of the Honble. General and this W. Court, that such should forthwith, without any neglect, be executed; which being done, to provide means how and in what manner such should not only be completed, but also kept continually in good repair; and, in our opinion it would not be improper to make the Overseers of the suburbs hereabout Supervisors of the part those of Haerlem shall have to maintain, and the overseers of Haerlem Supervisors of the part of Suburbs hereabout must keep in repair; and for the prosecution of the aforesaid are requested and appointed.

Alderman CORNELIS VAN RUYVEN,
Alderman ISAACQ BEDLOO.

Who are hereby specially authorized with the Overseers to impose such fines on those who, when summoned, shall neglect to appear or to send anyone, and to apply the same as they shall deem proper for the advantage of the aforesaid. Thus done at the Meeting of the Worship Mayors Court in the City Hall of the City of New York this 13th February.

It will be noticed that while this official action bears date of 1671, it is recorded that the Honorable General had at divers times recommended the improvement of the road and that part of the road had been started and remained unfinished, all of which shows that the road was in existence at an earlier period.

Judge James W. Gerard, whose works on titles to real estate are regarded as standard authority, makes the following statement regarding the road from New York to Harlem at page 308 of his work on the water rights, title to streets, etc., of the Corporation of the City of New York:

"Commissioners appointed in 1669, 1671, 1672 to lay out a wagon road between New York and Harlem. In 1679 a return was made stating that they had staked out the highway and appraised the land taken at 20 guilders per rod.

"This road branched off the Kingsbridge road just after the latter crossed Turtle Creek for the second time. It crossed the present Harlem Bridge and was also called the Boston Post road; afterward the whole of the road from Twenty-third street to Harlem was known by that name."

Although all the dates are after the surrender of the Dutch, the references indicate an earlier existence of the road. It will also be noticed that the Commissioners who were appointed, made awards for the lands taken, so it becomes an interesting question whether these proceedings did not of themselves vest a fee in the government of which The City of New York is successor.

Beginning in 1790, this road became identified with a series of legislative acts which indicate that it was paid for by public taxation. Chapter 37 of the Laws of 1790 authorized Lewis Morris to construct a bridge from Harlem to Morrisania. The Commissioners of Highways were authorized to lay out a convenient road from any part of the main road leading from the City of New York to Harlem River at the bridge then authorized. Commissioners were appointed to lay out a road four rods in width from the bridge through the towns of Morrisania, Westchester and Eastchester until it should strike the main road in Eastchester.

Morris assigned the grant to John B. Coles on March 25, 1795. Coles secured permission of the Legislature to construct a dam across the Harlem River to impound water for the use of mills. This act also provided for the completion of the bridge within four years; that Coles and his heirs should keep the bridge in repair for 60 years, after which it should vest in the People of the State (chapter 31, Laws 1795).

It appears that the bridge was built and part of the road laid out, but awards were not paid for the lands taken. In 1797 the Legislature directed that the road be established as a public highway. Coles was authorized to collect additional toll for 30 years, and he was to keep the road in repair (chapter 63, Laws 1797). The year following Coles was relieved of some of his responsibilities and his tolls cut down (chapter 74, Laws 1795).

In 1797 an act was passed providing for the improvement of several roads, and the road from Coles Bridge to Eastchester was one of them. The money to meet these improvements was raised by a lottery authorized by the Legislature in 1797. In 1808 the Legislature incorporated Coles and his associates under the name of the "Harlem Bridge Company." In 1857 the Legislature passed an act reciting the fact that on April 1, 1858, it was to become a free bridge to be maintained by the counties of New York and Westchester.

It would seem from the act of 1790 that the intention was to have the towns bear the expense of laying out the road. It is contended, however, that such awards were not paid. The lottery, however, authorized in 1797 would also seem to indicate that the public bore the expense of improving the road.

Whether, in view of all these circumstances, the City of New York as successor of the various towns, acquired a fee or merely an easement in the road, is a question which should be referred to the Corporation Counsel for an examination of the various acts relating to the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 8, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have the honor to report on the history of the road known as the Brooklyn, Greenwood and Bath Plank road. This is not an old road in the sense that Colonial highways are regarded as old roads. Indeed, this is quite a youthful highway compared with some of those that have been considered in these reports.

The first reference found to this road is on January 15, 1831, when several citizens of New Utrecht petitioned the Commissioners of Highways to lay out a road "to be a continuation of the road now leading from Flatbush to New Utrecht Church and to continue as nearly as may be in the same direction until it reaches the bay or river, passing through the land of John L. Van Pelt and Engelbert Lott; thence along the bank of said bay or river, or as near as will answer, through the lands of Engelbert Lott and Turnbull, until it meets the road or highway in front of the house of Jacob W. Bennett." This was subscribed before James C. Cropsey, Justice of the Peace.

On July 28, 1831, Commissioners acted favorably on the petition and ordered the road laid out. On August 17, 1831, John L. Van Pelt and Engelbert Lott appealed to the Court of Common Pleas protesting against the laying out of the road. Complaint was made on several grounds. On September 12, 1831, the Court of Common Pleas reversed the order of the Highway Commissioners.

Four years elapsed, during which nothing was done apparently, but on October 10, 1835, a meeting was held in the house of Michael Hegeman, of New Utrecht, where the petition of several freeholders was considered and the Commissioners of Highways directed that a public highway be laid out from "the road leading from Flatbush to New Utrecht near the Dutch Reformed Church," to the bay or ocean. This was to be cut through improved land of the following owners, the figures showing the amount of land to be taken from each as figured by Teunis G. Bergen, surveyor.

Owner.	Acres.	Rods.	Perches.	Part of Perch.
John L. Van Pelt.....	2	..	25	6,000
Heirs of Reutgen Van Brunt.....	2	4,000
Engelbert Lott, deceased.....	2	..	24	80,000

Apparently this was satisfactory, for it does not appear that there was any further protest from those who before appealed to the courts to have the proceedings set aside.

In 1851, on February 26, a movement was started to have the road extended up to the Brooklyn City line at Thirty-eighth street. A petition was filed with the Commissioners of Highways in which the following appeared:

"The undersigned owners and interested in lands through and over which the proposed highway described in the above (petition) runs, hereby consent to the laying out the same, and in consideration of the benefits therefrom accruing hereby release to the town of New Utrecht all claim to damages by reason of the laying out and opening said highway, on condition that we are allowed until the 1st day of March, 1852, to remove our wood and reset our farms." This was signed by James L. Lefferts and seventeen others and sealed.

This petition was acted upon favorably at a meeting of the Highway Commissioners held in the house of John L. Van Pelt on February 3, 1852. The Commissioners determined that a highway be laid out in the said town of the width of sixty feet "on the application, consent and release of all claims for damages" of James L. Lefferts and several others, "through whose lands the said highway is to pass." Teunis G. Bergen made a survey of the road and in his description says that the road was to be laid out through "improved" lands. The minutes of the meeting then continue:

"The said Commissioners therefore order, determine and certify that a public highway shall be and the same is hereby laid out of the width of sixty feet as above described and surveyed, in pursuance of the application, written consent and release of all claims for damages hereinbefore referred to." This was signed by J. Remsen Bennett, John L. Van Pelt and John Cowenhoven, Commissioners.

The road which is the subject of the foregoing is identified by the experts of the Commissioner of Records in Kings County as the road that later became known as the Brooklyn, Greenwood and Bath Plank road.

It does not seem to be necessary to trace the career of the road in more recent years and to record the various changes in the railroads which were operated upon it. In general, however, it may be said that the Brooklyn, Greenwood and Bath Plank Road Company obtained a consent of owners and of the Commissioners of Highways under date of April 25, 1852, consenting to the construction and use of a plank road. A survey was filed in the Register's office on July 30, 1852, by No. 452. On January 24, 1863, the Brooklyn, Bath and Coney Island Railroad Company secured consents of the owners along the line of the road covering the route of the Plank Road Company. This deed is recorded in Liber 588 at page 255. A more detailed account of the various changes in the ownership and operation of the railroads is contained in an opinion rendered by Corporation Counsel Rives.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT, JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
May 29, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have the honor to present herewith a report dealing with the history of Kingsbridge road.

Permit me to state at the outset that I am far from satisfied that the references which now seem to fix the origin of the road are the earliest that will be found upon a thorough examination of early records. This is a work that will take years, but, in my opinion, it should be undertaken at once, for the longer it is delayed the more difficult will it become. That, however, is apart from the subject.

Kingsbridge is a name that is closely allied to the history of upper Manhattan and The Bronx. The bridge, whence comes the name, appears to have been an itinerant sort of structure, which was located at various points along Spuyten Duyvil Creek.

The original bridge was built in 1695 by Frederick Philipse, who had patented vast areas of land in Westchester County. This structure crossed Spuyten Duyvil just east of the present line of Broadway, and the Kingsbridge road stretched away from the bridge. The original piers which supported this ancient structure are standing to-day, though the bridge is now known as the Farmers Bridge. The Kingsbridge road of the present day, which includes most of the bed of the old road, still leads to the bridge. Valentine's Manual of the Common Council (1862, at page 518) says of the Kingsbridge road: "This was an ancient road and was the post road for New England. It was resurveyed in 1707 and new courses in some places were laid down," etc. The fact that the road was resurveyed in 1707 would indicate that it was of some age at that time and of considerable importance.

Valentine's Manual (1856, at page 474), under the caption of Spikendivil, says:

"This name has been recently more generally known as Spuyten Duyvil, but the former is the orthography at the earliest mention we find of it in the records, which occurs in 1695, or nearly one hundred and sixty-five years since. At that time a proposition was made to build a bridge over it. The privilege, which was, in the first instance, granted by the Legislature to The City of New York, but was surrendered by the corporation to Frederick Philipse, who became about that time the patentee of a great part of Westchester County, and who was about establishing his residence on his manor and leasing out his lands. The bridge was a necessary way of communication by land with the City. It was about that time that Kingsbridge road was laid out through the wooded hill along the northerly part of Manhattan Island."

Another reference which shows that the road was well established in 1704 is the journal of Mme. Knight of her trips from New Haven to New York. This is quoted in "New York and Albany Post Road from Kingsbridge to the ferry at Crawler over against Albany." Charles G. Hine, 1905. Following is a quotation from the journal:

"Spitting Divil—else Kingsbridge—where they pay three pence for passing over with a horse which the man that keeps the gate set up at the end of the bridge receives."

The minutes of the Common Council also afford some early reference to Kingsbridge. It appears from these minutes that from January 16, 1699, until January 25, 1700, the City Fathers were engrossed in a controversy between one Jasper Nessepott and John Marsh. Jasper desired to erect a mill at Kingsbridge and applied to the Common Council for permission. On January 16, 1699, the Council named a committee composed of Alderman D. Peyster, Alderman Clock, Mr. Brasier and Mr. Tiebout, to view the place and report "whether the erecting of the said mill will hinder the passage of boats and sloops round this island and whether it will be convenience to grant him liberty to erect a mill thereon and make reports thereof to the next Common Council." (Minutes, Common Council, meeting of January 16, 1699-1900, volume 2, page 97.)

The Committee reported favorably and recommended that permission be granted "on condition that he take out of the way the stones and rocks on the other side thereof that the same may not hinder the passage of Boats and Canaws and when any is to pass at their Reasonable Request he is to shut his Sluices and on the other side of the bridge erect A post in the water and have a Rope ready to assist them in passing. Which Report is approved."

Up to this point things looked rather rosy for Jasper, but even at the same meeting clouds began to gather. The minutes of the Common Council record that a petition from John Marsh was read in which he prayed that he be made a party to the grant. This was on the ground that Jasper was not the original mill man, but that he (Marsh) was the first projector thereof. On February 19, 1699, the Council listened to arguments and decided that they would make the grant to Nesspot and Marsh jointly, provided Marsh should observe all the covenants agreed to by Nesspot.

The combination did not last long, for, on September 24, 1700 (volume 2, page 113), a committee composed of Alderman Beyvanke, Mr. Tiebout and Mr. Mesier was named to adjust the amount that Nesspot should pay Marsh "for his Projection contrivance and work done at the Mill at Kingsbridge," and further that should Nesspot comply with all conditions the mill should be his. On January 25, 1700 (volume 2, page 134), the committee reported that Jasper should pay 12 pounds to Marsh and should have the mill, and so ended the trouble, apparently.

If there was sufficient business at Kingsbridge for a mill, it seems hardly necessary to reason that there was a road leading to it, for while much of the traffic might have been by water, a considerable portion was doubtless by wagon.

On September 12, 1771, the Committee on Roads was ordered to confer with the Mayor of Westchester concerning the "reparation" of the King's Bridge (Vol. 7, p. 313).

There is basis for the belief that there was a road from New Amsterdam to Harlem in the Dutch days, for there was traffic between the settlements. There is also authority for the statement that the first bridge over Spuyten Duyvil was built by the Dutch, but this authority owes its prominence to literary charm rather than historical accuracy. When New Amsterdam was beset by enemies, stubborn old Peter Stuyvesant resolved to fight. He needed reinforcements, and determined to arouse the patriotism of the solid citizens in the settlements along the Hudson. The courier selected by the Governor was Jan Van Corlear, who was fond of dining often and well. It is related that Van Corlear started forth with a goodly flask of Hollands as a companion, and hastened to awake the patriots of Harlem, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and other peaceful villages. When Van Corlear reached the stream separating Manhattan from the mainland, a terrific thunder storm was raging and the water was racing between the banks, whipped to seething foam by the fury of the storm. Van Corlear halted. He must cross. There was no bridge. Caressing the bottle of Hollands, he swore that he would cross the stream "in spite of the devil." In he plunged and swam bravely for a while, but was overcome. Just before he sank, Van Corlear sounded a long blast on his horn, and this was the signal for spirits of the storm to gather and mock him. So impressed were the farmers by this tragedy, and so thoroughly frightened, that in order to defeat the evil spirits of the waters, they built a bridge over them. Thus did the valiant Van

Corlear, by an oath, give a lasting name to the boiling creek, but even unto this day the sound of Van Corlear's horn is heard when summer storms are booming along the hills.

A description of that portion of the Kingsbridge road within the borders of Manhattan, written by John Randel, Jr., Secretary, Surveyor, and Chief Engineer to the Commissioners of Streets and Roads, who laid out the plan of the City, is contained in Valentine's Manual (1864, pages 853, 854, 855). This is especially valuable, because of the detail in which distances are given. Following is the description:

"The Kingsbridge road commenced at the crossing of the Middle road by the Eastern Post road at Ninetieth to Ninety-second streets, and continued along the Eastern Post road through the barrier gate at McGowans Pass to Harlem lane, near One Hundred and Eighth street, where it diverged eastwardly to Harlem; it thence continued along that lane over Harlem flat to Meyers corner, about 67 yards west of Eighth avenue at One Hundred and Thirty-first street, passing in its route along Harlem lane, the residence of Valentine Nutter in Sixth avenue, between One Hundred and Ninth and One Hundred and Tenth streets; and thence passed 73 yards west of the southwest corner of Harlem square, which was laid out on the Commissioner's plan from One Hundred and Seventeenth to One Hundred and Twenty-first street, and from Sixth to Seventh avenue, and contained eighteen and one-tenth acres; crossed the road leading from Manhattanville to Harlem at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and east of the Manhattanville Academy at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Tenth avenue. From Meyers corner the Kingsbridge road continued northward between Eighth and Ninth avenues to its intersection with the Bloomingdale road at Ninth avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets; passing in its route from Meyers corner west of the country residence of Cadwalader D. Colden, who was Mayor of the City in the years 1818, 1819 and 1820, standing in Seventh avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, passing Bussings Point road, 133 yards west of Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-fourth streets; then ascending Bradhurst Hill west of a revolutionary redoubt at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, and connected with the Bloomingdale road 10 yards east of Ninth avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets; this Kingsbridge road thence passed the ten mile stone, the southern side of which is described in the Commissioner's report as 'being touched at the surface of the ground by the southern side of One Hundred and Fifty-third street'; thence passed 120 yards west of the residence of Mme. Jumel, the widow of Stephen Jumel, and afterwards the widow of Colonel Aaron Burr, standing 150 yards east of Tenth avenue, between One Hundred and Sixtieth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets. At One Hundred and Sixty-first street the road passed east of and opposite to Mount Washington Spring at Eleventh avenue, and redoubts, etc. From Eleventh to Twelfth avenue, at One Hundred and Seventy-fifth to One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, the road passed 67 yards east of Twelfth avenue and 900 yards east of a fort and redoubt on a point of rocks on Hudson's River about 30 yards south of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, and 200 yards west of Fourteenth avenue. From this point to the wharf at Fort Lee ferry was 1,950 yards, and to the opposite shore of the Hudson River, foot of the Palisades, was 1,267 yards, as measured by triangulation in 1821. At One Hundred and Eighty-third street the road was 43 yards east of Twelfth avenue, and 343 yards east of Fort Washington on Thirteenth avenue. At One Hundred and Ninety-second street the road was 33 yards west of Twelfth avenue and 533 yards west of Fort George. At One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street, the road was 133 yards east of Thirteenth avenue and 233 yards east of Fort Tryon. At Two Hundred and Sixth street, the road crossed the west side of Twelfth avenue and was 730 yards east of Tubby Hook Point on Hudson's River, from which point the oblique distance across that river to Norman's cottage on the New Jersey shore was 1,570 yards, as measured by triangulation in 1821. Between Two Hundred and Eighth and Two Hundred and Ninth streets this road was opposite the residence of Jacobus Dyckman, and 150 yards west of Eleventh avenue. From Two Hundred and Thirteenth to Two Hundred and Seventeenth street the road passed along the foot of the eastern slope of marble quarries. At Two Hundred and Sixteenth street the road was 33 yards west of Tenth avenue and 1,070 yards east of Cock Hill Fort, on high ground, between Spuyten Duyvil (Spitting Devil) Creek and Hudson's River. At Two Hundred and Twenty-second street the road crossed the canal, cut across New York Island from Harlem River to Spuyten Duyvil Creek. At Two Hundred and Twenty-sixth street the road was 150 yards east of Fort Prince Charles on Tenth avenue, at the southerly side of that street. At Two Hundred and Twenty-eighth street and Tenth avenue, where the most northerly monument on New York Island was placed by me, Kingsbridge road was about 34 yards east of that avenue; and McCombs Mill, built over Harlem River, along the west side of Kingsbridge, was about 17 yards north of that most northerly monument."

There is one other matter to which I desire to draw your attention. It applies not only to this road, but to all the so-called English roads in which the City is supposed to have only an easement and not a fee. While it is true that land may have been taken from individuals for the purpose of constructing roads, it is also true that these same individuals were doubtless compensated for the land, even as they are to-day in cases where the City acquires land in fee to lay out a street. An illustration of such a proceeding in the early days may be found in the laying out of the road to Harlem, 1669, 1671, 1672. In this case Commissioners were appointed and appraised the land taken at twenty guilders per road (see Gerard, Water Rights, Roads, etc., page 303). The question whether statutory provision was made for adequate compensation for lands taken for these old roads belongs rather to the legal branch of the question, and will doubtless receive very thorough investigation in the Law Department, so no attempt is made here to trace the statutory provisions.

On May 25, 1903, proceedings were confirmed in the matter of acquiring title to Kingsbridge road, from Webster avenue to Harlem River, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the Borough of The Bronx. In this proceeding a large portion of old Kingsbridge road was included within the lines of the new road, and an award of one dollar was made to unknown owners. From this it would seem that no private individuals claimed any substantial interest in the road, and in view of this it seems not unreasonable to assume that the City owned it.

Following is the statement of the Engineer of Street Openings, Borough of Manhattan, contained in a letter of the Commissioner of Public Works, made in answer to inquiry as to whether Bloomingdale, Kingsbridge and the old Boston Post roads were ever closed in whole or in part by lawful authority:

"I know of no legal closing of these roads. The custom of the Commissioners appointed before the year 1860, in opening all streets and avenues crossing these roads, to close the road and divide the property equally and award these parts to the abutting property owners, if it fell within the block lines to assess the area as private property for damage in the opening to be paid by the party receiving such land. I would suggest that an examination of the taking of title to the road or public drive now called Broadway, from West Thirty-second street northerly to the end of Spuyten Duyvil Creek; also the part of Bloomingdale road now taken for Riverside drive and park. This information should be in the office of the County Clerk and the Comptroller's office."

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
May 26, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have the honor to present herewith a report dealing with the early history of Kings highway.

Every road worthy of the name, and many that were not, has doubtless been known at some period of its history as the Kings highway. This was, of course, intended as a mark of respect to the reigning sovereign, and when that dignity happened to be a woman the Kings highway became the Queens highway.

Development and settlement gave local names to various sections of roads once called by a common name, and so it happens that while many roads to-day have an individuality of their own they were once called the Kings highway.

Of the road under consideration it may be said that, roughly speaking, the part now known as Kings highway connected Midwout (Flatbush) with New Amerstfort (Flatlands), then swept south and west to New Utrecht and so westerly toward the

shore. There is some doubt as to just where the road touched the shore line, whether in the neighborhood of Nyack Point (Fort Hamilton) or in the neighborhood of Yellow Hook on the upper bay.

That the Kings highway is one of the oldest roads within the borders of Kings County there can be very little doubt. In early times roads always connected objective points, such as settlements, waterways, etc. It will be seen that the Kings highway was a bond connecting the earliest settlements; hence its age should be computed from the time when such settlements were made. The towns connected by this road were settled between 1636 and 1657, all during the period of the Dutch sovereignty here; so it would not seem to leave much doubt that the Kings highway, so called, was originally a Dutch road.

There is considerable evidence to prove this. Dr. Strong, in his history of Flatbush, published with "Stile's History of Kings County," refers to the road as an Indian path in the following:

(Stiles, Volume I., Page 214. "History of Town of Flatbush," by Dr. Strong.)

"The first houses or settlements were probably in the most southerly portion of the present village: along the Indian Path from New Amersport to the hills—now the direct road through the village from Flatlands to Brooklyn. We have but little positive knowledge concerning the number or the names of the first settlers, or the locations secured by them between the first purchase of 1634 and the patent of 1651. But Dr. Strong states that after the patent of 1651 'farms were laid out into 48 lots or tracts of land extending 600 Dutch rods east and west on each side of the Indian Path, and having severally an average width of 27 rods.'"

Governor Stuyvesant, on June 4, 1654, issued the following grant, in which the road is called the Highway:

(Book H. N., Translations from the Dutch at Page 11.)

"Petrus Stuyvesant, on behalf of their High Mightiness, the Lords States General of the United Netherland and the Noble Lords Managers of the Incorporated West India Company, Director General of New Netherland, Curacao and the Islands thereof, with the Noble Lords of the Council, Declare that we on the day of the date underwritten have given and granted unto Arent Van Hatten a certain parcel of land lying on Long Island in the Town of Midwant, on the east side of the Highway, adjoining on the south side the land of David Provost, on the east and north the Highway; is in length 300 rods, in breadth 100 rods—as much as is enclosed by posts and rails—Upon express conditions and stipulations etc.

"Done at Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 4th of June, 1654."

On December 26, 1661, Governor Stuyvesant, in the following patent, refers to the road as "The Cross Road:"

(New Utrecht Records B, Page 28.)

"Thomas Jansen, on the 26th of December, anno 1661, was granted by the then Governor Petrus Stuyvesant to Thomas Jansen a parcel of land situate on Long Island around the town of New Uytrecht on the northwest side of Rutgers Joosten, on the southeast side of Teunis Idense division line on either side northeast as well as easterly, long six hundred rods, wide four and twenty rods, large four and twenty morgens; a home lot on the northwest side of Claes Claessen, on the southwest side of the Cross Road wide twelve rods, long five and twenty rods; which deed on this day the 28th of October 1677 was shown to the constable and Overseers of the Town who, in recognition of the truth, have signed with their own hands hereunder.

"HENDRICK MATYEN SMACK.

"(This is the mark of

"LUYKES MAYERS, Constable,

"With own hand placed.)

"JAN VANDEVENTER.

"Known to me,
Michel Hainelle, Clerk."

In 1684 Crackewasco, Arrenopeah, Mamekto and Annenges, Indians, as true owners of the land, made a conveyance of their right, title and interest in the following:

(Stile's History, Volume I., Page 162, "History of Gravesend.")

"In 1684 Crackewasco, Arrenopeah, Mamekto and Annenges, the true proprietors of land called Makeopaca, made a conveyance offering a former conveyance of the following:

"Beginning at the most eastward end of the Beach called by the Indians Meoung, bounded on the westmost side by the land heretofore purchased from Chippahig, and on the eastward side by the creek commonly called Strome Kill, and soe along from the head of said creek, through the middle of the meadow and valley till they come to a white oak tree standing by the Flatland Wagon Path, and soe running to another white oak tree standing by the Utrecht wagon path, etc.

"This was a confirmation of Indian deeds of 1645, 1650 and 1654."

All these documents have been carefully examined and considered by the experts in the office of the Commissioner of Records of Kings County, and they identify the road referred to as the Kings highway. The following communication from the Commissioner of Records shows the Kings highway to be a Dutch road, and also those portions that have been closed by lawful authority:

"BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
May 22, 1908. }

"N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Esq., Deputy Comptroller of The City of New York, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, N. Y.:

"DEAR SIR—Yours of the 20th inst. (referring to 'Claims P') received, requesting information as to the status of 'Kings highway'."

"It was called 'The Highway' in a patent from Governor Stuyvesant to Jochem Gerritsen Cook, May 27, 1656. See Colonial Document, volume XIV., page 349. Also called 'The Highway' in a patent from Governor Stuyvesant to Bruyn Barentsen, October 4, 1658. See Colonial Document, XIV., page 425.

"The above patents were in vicinity of the old Brooklyn Church.

"In a patent to Arent Van Hattum of Flatbush, June 4, 1654, as found in O'Callahan's 'New Netherland,' it was also called 'The Highway'."

"In 'New Utrecht Town Records,' volume B, page 28, it was called 'The Cross Road' in a patent to Thomas Jansen, December 26, 1661.

"From above authorities we conclude the road to be of Dutch origin.

"Lacking specific information as to the particular portion of Kings highway as being closed, I quote authorities for such portions as are accessible.

"Under Schedule E, page 42, Brooklyn Compendium, chapter 132, Laws 1835, Flatbush turnpike (Kings highway), from Jamaica turnpike to City line, is closed when Flatbush avenue is opened.

"Under Schedule K, page 82, Brooklyn Compendium, chapter 483, Laws 1860, Flatbush road (Kings highway), between Hanson place, Atlantic avenue, Canton street and Flatbush avenue, not required for the extension of Felix street, is closed.

"In Flatlands (Thirty-second Ward) the Commissioners of Highways, by resolution, May 11, 1894, closed the old road (Kings highway) between Avenue K and Magaws lane.

"In New Utrecht (Thirtieth Ward) the Board of Estimate closed Kings highway from Seventh avenue to Eleventh avenue. See map in Register's office, filed October 9, 1903.

"Same ward, Kings highway, between Fourteenth avenue and Eighty-first street, was closed by Board of Estimate, February 8, 1904. See map in Register's office.

"Respectfully,
(Signed) "WM. J. BEATTIE, Assistant Superintendent."
Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:
H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
May 21, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have the honor to present herewith a report dealing with the early history of the Gowanus road.

Brooklyn was born at Gowanus; that is to say, of the territory which was later included within the boundaries of the City of Brooklyn, the first purchases by white men were made at Gowanus.

In 1636 William Adriaense Bennet and Jacques Bentyn purchased 930 acres of land lying along Gowanus Cove. This is the first purchase of land in that locality of which any authentic record remains.

On November 28, 1639, Thomas Bescher secured a patent to a piece of land adjoining Bennet's land. Frederick Lubbertsen on May 26, 1640, secured a patent to a considerable stretch of what is now known as the South Brooklyn water-front.

These lands were settled and wherever there is a settlement there is a road. Among the earliest settlements within the limits of Brooklyn were the ferry and the "Waal-bogt" or Wallabout. The ferry was near the site of Fulton ferry on the road that later developed into Fulton street. From the road the Gowanus road branched off and led toward the settlement that dotted the shore toward the Narrows.

On April 5, 1642, Director General William Kieft issued the following patent to Cornelis Lambertsen Cool:

"We, William Kieft, Director General and Council, etc., herewith declare and testify that to-day, dated underwritten, we have granted to Cornelis Lambertsen Cool a certain piece of land situate upon Long Island called Gouwanes, reaching in width from the wagon road running through said land, and Jan Patersen's land lying along the river to a certain copse where William Adriaensen's land is next: Whereas this land has formerly been occupied by Jan van Rotterdam and Thomas Beets, it is expressly stipulated that the paths running over this piece of land shall remain open; in addition to this piece a part of the meadow situate near the valley of Anthony Jansen from sale, containing 28 morgens, is granted to Cornelis Lambertsen; all with the express condition and stipulation, etc., etc.

Done the 5th of April, 1642, at Fort Amsterdam, N. N., by order of the Hon'ble Director and Council.

Signed WILLIAM KIEFT,
CORNELIS VAN TIENHOVEN,
"Secty".

The "Wagon road" referred to in the foregoing is identified by the experts of the Commissioner of Records in Kings County as the Gowanus road, and there seems hardly room for any reasonable doubt in the point.

Further evidence of the existence of the Gowanus road during the Dutch days is provided by the record of a conveyance from Theunis Nyssen, farmer, to Adam Brouwar. Nyssen appeared before a Notary Public—one Dirck Schelluyne—on April 1, 1654, and declared that he had conveyed to Brouwer the following:

"Certain parcell of Bushland (woodland) limeting Easterly after (in rear of) his house and land broad 45 rods (551 ft. 3 in.) proceeding to the highway (probably the old road from Gowanus to Brooklyn) and his land so far in the Bush (woods) as ye patent of Theunis Nyssen doth contain (extend) etc."

The words in parenthesis in the foregoing are by the late Teunis G. Bergen, who was conceded to be one of the foremost authorities on the early history of Kings County. Mr. Bergen was a surveyor and so had special ability for accurately locating land grants, roads, etc. His designation of "The Highway" at the old Gowanus road would seem to leave little room for doubt that this was a Dutch road, even if there were no other circumstances pointing to the same conclusion.

The early reference to this as a wagon road indicates that it had been in existence for some time prior to 1642, for wagons were not sent into barren country on aimless errands. Like many other old roads, this was probably developed by the Dutch from an Indian path.

No road within the borders of Kings County had a more fascinating history than the Gowanus road. It was doubtless along this road that the keen Labadist fathers, Dankers and Sluyter, made their memorable journey in 1679, the record of which is one of the most illuminating pages of early history now in existence. It was along this road that the left wing of the British Army, known as Grant's division, marched in 1776 from the Narrows and held the American forces in check while the plan of battle was developed by the other divisions. It was on this road, too, that later in the day, General Sterling finding his line of retreat cut off by Lord Cornwallis, savagely attacked the British, but was finally overwhelmed.

The purpose of this report, however, is not to review history; it is simply to show that the Gowanus road was of Dutch origin, and, under the law of Holland, the fee belonged absolutely to the Government.

The Borough President of Brooklyn has forwarded a report of his Topographical Bureau showing the portions of the Gowanus road closed by lawful authority. Following is a copy of said report:

"From the boundary line between New Utrecht and Brooklyn (Sixtieth street), to Forty-ninth street, and from the line between the farms of Bergen and Van Pelt (probably between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets), to its intersection with Third avenue (about Thirty-ninth street), the road was closed by resolution of the Common Council of the City of Brooklyn on March 30, 1840.

"The road from Third avenue to Fourth avenue was closed by the Common Council September 27, 1847; a parallel street (Thirty-sixth street), having been ceded, opened and accepted.

"From Third avenue, at its intersection with Twenty-sixth street, to the old blacksmith's shop at Thirty-sixth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, the road was closed by the Common Council February 23, 1846.

"The Committee on Streets reported to the Common Council at its meeting of April 25, 1853, on a petition to close the road from President street to Sackett street, that the Board had no power to close the road until Fourth avenue shall have been opened for travel. No record found of any further action.

"The following references apply to a branch of the main Gowanus road, known as Gowanus lane; also as Mill road or road to Freak's Mill, which extended from Gowanus road to Court street, near Baltic street:

"A petition to close this road from Court street to Freak's Mill was referred to the Street Committee October 19, 1835. No data found of any further action.

"The Street Commissioners of the Common Council, on July 5, 1836, reported on a petition to close the road from Warren street to Baltic street, stating that the power to close vests in the Commissioners appointed to lay out the street system for the City.

"At a meeting of the Common Council, held on May 13, 1839, the Street Committee of the Common Council reported on a petition to close the road from Court street to Hoyt street, stating that such petition was not in accordance with law.

"The Committee on Streets reported, April 29, 1844, to the Common Council on a proposition to close the road to Freak's Mill, stating that the road had been heretofore treated as private property and assessments have been levied thereon. The report was laid on the table.

"From Baltic street to Hoyt street, the road was closed by the Common Council June 30, 1845.

"The Common Council, on August 5, 1839, closed the road from Court street to Butler street.

"The road in the block bounded by Douglass street, Degraw street, Hoyt street and Bond street was closed by the Common Council November 27, 1848.

"From Butler street to Douglass street, the road was closed by the Common Council April 21, 1851."

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:
H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
March 10, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have the honor to present herewith a report dealing with the history of the Hunterfly road.

The status of this road differs from that of some others discussed in these reports, because many portions of the Hunterfly road are still unenclosed, and, therefore, claims of ownership through adverse possession are not likely to be seriously urged.

Searching through the remains of centuries that are gone is a work that cannot proceed with the rapidity that would be possible had our worthy forefathers foreseen such an investigation as this, and had left complete records of their roads. The report does not assume to be complete in all detail, but in its preparation many authorities have been consulted, and, as a result, I believe that the road known as the Hunterfly was originally an Indian trail leading to the wampum beds on the shores

of Jamaica Bay, was developed under the Dutch and used by them for various purposes, particularly as a hay path, and under the British continued in use as a road for general purposes, and in a period well within the memory of persons living now, was used as an avenue of communication from the main road (Jamaica turnpike) to the shore districts of Canarsie.

That the story may be presented in orderly fashion, it will be considered under three heads.

First—The Indian Times.

Second—Period of the Dutch Sovereignty.

Third—Period of British supremacy down to modern times.

The Indian Times.

Long Island was known in early times as Matanwake, Paymanake, Meitjwax, Sewanhacky, etc. The last name indicates in a measure the characteristic feature of Long Island as it appeared in Indian times. Sewan was a word practically synonymous with wampum, and the two are often used interchangeably. Sewanhacky means "Island of the Shells," from which it will be seen that the shell deposits on Long Island were unusually abundant. This circumstance is frequently mentioned in early history.

Wampum, the circulating medium of the Indians, was made from shells, and the shores of Long Island provided a natural mint. Jamaica Bay, and particularly about the shores of Canarsie, there were deposits of exceptional extent and value, hence it is not surprising to learn that the Indians established a headquarters at Canarsie for Indians, like their white brethren, liked to get as close as possible to the currency.

The Indians that inhabited this end of Long Island belonged to the Algonquin race, although referred to as Mohegans by Dutch writers. The Canarsies, a branch of the race, controlled all of what is now Kings County, and a portion of Queens County. The tribe was further subdivided under local names, and settlements existed at Brooklyn, Wallabout, etc., but the headquarters of the tribe appears to have been at Canarsie. A place of such importance, being the capital and financial centre, so to speak, necessarily had to be approachable, and the location of the Hunterfly road indicates that it was the route followed by braves of the local tribes when they visited headquarters at Canarsie.

The topography of the road indicates that it was originally an Indian trail. In regions of circumscribed area, such as islands, Indians, in making journeys, followed the line of least resistance; that is to say, they followed depressions in the land and skirted hills wherever possible, which accounts for the very crooked lines of many old paths. Being familiar with the entire country and having no resident enemies to fear, they might select the easiest line of communication. It has been stated by some writers that certain Indian trails followed the highest points, as a measure of military precaution, in order that they might command a view of the surrounding country and afford timely warning of an approaching enemy. These writers consider long trails passing far beyond settlements or camps and through country that was the common roving ground of hostile forces. The Hunterfly road followed the natural depressions through the hills and along the lines of least resistance in the valleys.

On this point the testimony of the late Tunis G. Bergen is appropriate. Mr. Bergen was a surveyor of wide experience and an antiquarian of note, as a member of one of the oldest families in Kings County, he had access to many private documents relating to the early affairs of the locality, and, being personally fond of research, the information which he gathered on such subjects was particularly valuable. In an old case which was tried before a jury, Mr. Bergen testified as follows in relation to the Hunterfly road:

"I know the topography of that section of the country over which the Hunterfly road ran. It is a kind of gorge in the hills, a depression—a general depression as a general thing, across the hills. It is the most easy passage for travel in that vicinity, and any other would be difficult—not impossible, but much more difficult. It is the easiest route in that locality."

Question: "What early settlements would find this passage through the hills the most convenient and suitable route for passing from one to the other?"

Answer: "It would connect New Lots and Canarsie and also Jamaica with the Brooklyn ferry. That portion of Flatlands known as Canarsie it would connect, and that portion called Keuters Hook, but not the Village of Flatlands. This settlement of Keuters Hook was located just after you pass the boundary of Brooklyn on the Hunterfly road near New Lots."

In this case all testimony tending to establish the existence of the Hunterfly road in Dutch times was excluded by the Court, although some testimony tending to establish it as an Indian trail was admitted. In this connection Mr. Bergen contributed an interesting bit of testimony which tends to show that Canarsie was a place of importance in Indian times, and was naturally reached by a road. He stated that rather recently heaps of shells had been found at Canarsie. These, Mr. Bergen testified, were "made generally by the Indians in the manufacture of wampum, and also by the early settlers for the same purpose. The most valuable wampum, the colored wampum, was made of the portion of the shell which is blue, broken off for the purpose of getting the blue portion. White wampum was not so valuable. The heel of the clam, where it is fastened, that portion of the shell is of a blue color. It was the fact that those shells that were found in heaps had that blue portion taken from them as a general thing."

Wampum was not only a medium of exchange; it was also highly prized as an article for personal adornment; indeed, wampum possessed such varied qualities of attractiveness that it was sought by every one. The mine which produced this desirable commodity was naturally the Mecca of Pilgrims from various districts, and pilgrimages make roads if they do not find them already made.

In our own day let gold be discovered in the heart of a tangled wilderness, and very shortly there will be a well trodden road marking the way to the treasure land.

Period of the Dutch Sovereignty.

By 1640 the Dutch had acquired title by purchase to all the land embraced within the present limits of Kings and Queens Counties. The title was secured under three separate purchases, which are noted here to show that all the land within the present limits of Kings County was held by the Dutch who exercised jurisdiction over it. This will, I trust, dispose of intimations that the Dutch exercised no authority in Kings County.

On August 1, 1638, Governor Kieft purchased from the Indians all the land embraced in the old town of Bushwick and a large portion of what was later known as Newtown.

On January 15, 1639, the same Governor purchased from the Indians all that portion of Long Island extending from Rockaway eastward to Sickteu-Kacky on the south side, and thence across to Martin Gerritsens or Cow Bay on the north shore. With the purchase mentioned above, this gave the Dutch title to all the land in the present County of Queens.

On May 10, 1640, Governor Kieft purchased from Penhawitz, the great chief of the Canarsies, all the land left to him by his father, with all his hereditary rights and titles thereto. The Canarsie tribe claimed the whole of the lands included within the limits of Kings County, and a part of the town of Jamaica.

As early as 1647 Kieft issued a patent to George Baxter and Richard Clof with their associates for a tract of land at Canarsie, "with the meadow lands thereto belonging."

Meadow lands deserve special comment because of the importance they achieved in pioneer days. Being valuable, they had to be accessible, and to be accessible by land they had to be approached by roads. These meadow lands derived their value from the grasses which were cut and dried for salt hay. In a primitive country, where the land was unsubdued, the cultivation of sweet hay in any considerable quantities involved much time and labor. Meanwhile the cattle had to be fed. The struggle for existence was severe enough of itself, so the bounty of the salt marshes was relied upon for hay to carry the cattle through the winter months.

While there were other salt marshes of limited area in other portions of what is now Kings County, the meadows which skirted Jamaica Bay were relied upon by the inhabitants of almost all the towns for the major supply. Residents of Brooklyn and Wallabout journeyed in their clumsy wagons to the distant marshes in order to secure fodder for the cattle.

From the main road, the Hunterfly provided an almost direct road to the shore district. The journeys, however, were so tedious and were attended by so much loss to the load en route, that the people of Brooklyn and Wallabout, in 1662, presented the following petition to Governor Stuyvesant:

"A friendly request to the Honorable Director General and Council of New Netherlands, whether they will please to grant us a piece of free woodland, situate in the rear of Joris Rapailje's land, along the old path to the bay. This done in the Wallebocht the 18th of March, 1662." Signed by Jan Joris Rapailje and five others.

It was answered:

"The desired piece of land is granted to the petitioners on condition that they remove their dwelling houses to one or the other settlement most convenient to them, and do not make a new settlement. Dated as above, March 30, 1662."

The old path to the bay referred to in the petition could hardly have been any other than the Hunterfly road. It is so identified by the experts of the Commissioner of Records' office in Kings County, after a careful and thorough search of the records, and the situation in the locality at that period supports the selection. Rapailje's land faced on Wallabout Bay, and extended back to a point bordering what is now known as the Bedford section. The rear of Rapailje's land would therefore be that territory which now lies in the Bedford section, and the only path leading through that section to the bay was the Hunterfly road. It will also be observed that in 1662 the path was referred to as "old," which indicated an existence long before that time, and describing it as the path "to the bay" indicates that it was an avenue through which the shore districts were connected with some of the settlements.

On May 26, 1663, the following petition was addressed to Governor Stuyvesant:

"May 26, 1663.

"We humbly and friendly present to the Honorable Director General and Council that we have lately obtained from your Honors the grant of a piece of land in the rear of the Wallebocht, near Marcies plantation, and as your petitioners have cleared their inclosed lots, some of them having already planted and sown, while others are beginning to plant, and as we would live very far from our property, we request all together that we may be allowed to form a hamlet there among ourselves to protect our property. Not doubting that your Honors will grant our request and do us a great favor, for which we shall always feel obliged, we await, etc.

"Signed—Thomas Lambertsen and 15 others.

"After reading the foregoing petition, it was decided: Fiat quod petitur. Date as above."

These two documents form the foundation of what later became the Village of Bedford. The first, it will be observed, was a grant of land, but the foundation of a new settlement was expressly prohibited. This restriction was no doubt placed in the grant for a military reason. With a burgher army numbering but a handful of men, it was necessary to keep settlements within the lines of "concentrations" as a measure of protection. The second document prays for permission to establish a hamlet, from which circumstances it would appear that a sufficient number of persons had become interested in the movement to provide self protection, and so, by granting the permission sought, Bedford sprang into existence as a political community.

Shortly after this, the Governor issued patents, each embracing about 20 morgen, or 40 acres of land, to several persons who formed the hamlet of Bedford. These grants have been carefully searched by the experts in the office of the Commissioner of Records in Kings County, and the result shows that they were bounded by the Clove and Hunterfly roads, which formed natural boundaries.

A petition which some of the settlers of Breuckelen addressed to Governor Stuyvesant on March 1, 1663, describes the difficulties which attended the handling of hay over an extended territory and seeks to minimize the difficulties by establishing a new settlement. The locality sought was probably Bedford, which would have lessened the distance for a considerable extent. The record does not show that this petition was granted, but the failure is explained by the fact that the people of Wallabout, and some from Brooklyn, already had claims which are set forth in their second petition.

Though somewhat out of the order of events, it will be appropriate to advert here to a conveyance date May 13, 1693, and recorded in Liber 1 at page 126, Register's office, Kings County. Under that date Hendrick Classen Vechten and John Garstae Dorlant, on behalf of the people of Breuckelen, conveyed to Jacobus Vandewater:

"All that piece or parcel of land with appurtenances lying, situate and being near Bedford, in the township of Broockland, in Kings County, upon the Island of Nassau, formerly Long Island, bounded by a black oak tree, marked N on the one side and W on the other side of said tree, on the south side of the land of William Poss, of Bedford, in the town aforesaid and beginning at said tree and stretching along the highway aforesaid to Flatbush, alias Midwouth, in the county aforesaid, to a like black oak tree, marked on the one side with N and on the other side with a W, lying, being and standing under the hills of the town of Broockland aforesaid in breadth and length of said piece or parcel of land with the same division line, soe as the lots of Bedford aforesaid are layd out stretches soe far as the hay path from Bedford aforesaid to the New lots of Flatbush aforesaid and therein equal breadth with the other end before amongst the high path from Bedford aforesaid to the New Lots of Flatbush aforesaid," etc. The consideration was one hundred and fifty pounds.

Here the hay path from Bedford to New Lots is the Hunterfly road of later times and the reference to the parcel as having the same boundaries as the lots laid out at Bedford would seem to establish beyond any reasonable doubt in the mind of a reasonable man the fact that this path—the Hunterfly road—provided the natural boundary of the Bedford plantations that were laid out under the Dutch sovereignty.

Additional evidence is afforded under date of 1693, when the people of Brooklyn divided the common lands into three divisions. Reliable historians and surveyors agree that the dividing line between the first and second divisions was the Hunterfly road, therein called the path of New Lots. The division is so shown on old maps.

This coupled with the deed cited above, and both considered in relation to the establishment of the Village of Bedford and the grant along the "old path to the hay" seem to establish the identity and existence of the Hunterfly road, in Dutch days, as the successor of an Indian path that was in existence long before that period.

Period of the British Sovereignty.

It is, perhaps, beyond the scope of this report to follow the fortunes of the Hunterfly road into the period of the British possession, having expressed the opinion that it was a Dutch road, but there occurs in this connection a point that may kindle the interest and arouse the ingenuity of legal minds.

New Netherland was surrendered to the British September 8, 1664. The terms of surrender provided that the Dutch should continue to enjoy property rights, customs and divers other things, all of which came about as a result of a grant made by Charles II. to "our dearest Brother" James, Duke of York. Charles II. was known as the merry monarch, which title was the result of certain amiable qualities. The royal attributes of the Merry Monarch did not, however, include any appreciable regard for the royal word, and so it came about that the grant which Charles made to "our dearest brother" was dated March 12, 1664, at which time the Dutch not only held the title, but actually occupied a considerable portion of the land which the Merry Monarch sought to bestow upon his kinsman. A portion of the tract had already been granted to John Winthrop, but that is a mere incident.

The practical effect was that Charles II. granted to the Duke of York something that did not belong to the Crown of England. To provide a shadow of legality to cover the land-grabbing operations which the English engaged in at that time, it was claimed that England had secured title to all of America by right of discovery, because the Cabots and Frobisher had sailed along the coast. This claim was wholly at variance with the recognized rule established by Queen Elizabeth, who declared that mere discovery without settlement carried no title. Had Charles been correct in his view both the Spanish and French could have proved title prior to the English through the discoveries of Verrazano in 1523 and a French trading settlement which existed in the heart of the present New York in 1540; and the Spanish through Estevan Gomez, who visited New York Harbor in 1525.

Acting under authority of this questionable grant, the Duke of York, through Richard Nicols, published a code known as the Duke's Laws. A convention at Hempstead went through the motions of ratifying this code, but they were not supported by the people, and the delegates became so unpopular that it was necessary for the Court of Assizes to threaten with a fine any one who should speak his opinion of the delegates.

It is a well settled principle of international law that the laws of a conquered country remain in full force and effect until altered by the new sovereign. In other words, sovereignty may pass without in any wise affecting the established law.

In view of the fact that all the authority under which the Duke's Laws were promulgated, and, indeed, under which the whole proceeding was conducted, are found in the grant of land which did not belong to the grantor, were any of these acts legal and was the English law really established here before 1674, when, by the provisions of the treaty which terminated the second occupation by the Dutch, New York was formally ceded to England? These are questions for legal minds to ponder.

The foregoing may seem rather distant from the Hunterfly road, but the connecting link is here. On May 14, 1670, representatives of Brooklyn purchased from the Indians a tract of land which was bounded on one of its courses by the "port or entrance" of a line of hills. While the searches to date are not entirely satisfactory, there is reason to believe that this port or entrance may have been the Hunterfly road, and if the Dutch law still prevailed at that time this would prove another link in the chain. The settlement of the point would also prove of value in the consideration of other roads.

It seems unnecessary to follow the history through later years. Advancement and enterprise are stretching their arms across the section traversed by this road, and now but few traces remain of the ancient highway that felt the stealthy tread of the moccasin and the jolt of primitive wheels, but slumbering in the pages of forgotten yesterdays is a story that leads back over the Hunterfly road to the dim period when the watch fires of the Indians first flung their ruddy flare across the dark waters of the bay.

The Topographical Bureau of the Borough President's office in Brooklyn reports that the following portions of the Hunterfly road have been closed:

"The Commissioners of Highways of the Towns of Flatbush and New Lots, on March 6, 1877, closed that part of Hunterfly road lying north of Rapelje avenue (now Riverdale avenue), and east of Rockaway avenue.

"On March 23, 1863, the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of New Lots closed certain parts of the old Hunterfly road, and laid out other connections of the road in place of the portions closed in the territory bounded approximately by East New York avenue, Barrett street, Dumont avenue and Tapscott street.

"The papers and maps relating to the above two (2) items are on file in the office of the Commissioner of Records.

"By an act of the Legislature, passed May 3, 1869 (chapter 506), all that part of Hunterfly road which lies north of Herkimer street and south of Bainbridge street was discontinued and closed.

"On page 24 of the Brooklyn Compendium there is a reference to the closing of Hunterfly road from Jamaica turnpike to the City line, to take effect whenever the eastern part of Fulton avenue and Howard avenue, from Fulton avenue south to the City line, shall be opened and fit for travel. This item is probably taken from the report of the Commissioners appointed under the act of the Legislature to lay out streets, avenues, etc., in the City of Brooklyn (chapter 132 of the Laws of 1835).

"Up to the present time I have been unable to locate a copy of the report of these Commissioners; and it seems to me to be somewhat doubtful just what these Commissioners did or intended should be done regarding these closings. The portion of the road closed by chapter 506 of the Laws of 1869 is included in the portion of the road referred to in the Compendium."

The records of the office of the Commissioner of Records in Kings County do not show any additional proceedings closing portions of the road.

The sum of those contained in the report of the Topographical Bureau does not embrace the entire road. Two sections of considerable area have not, apparently, been declared closed by legal authority, and one section was laid out in 1863 to take the place of the original line, hence that particular section was not Dutch.

In the preparation of this report many authorities have been consulted, but I desire to properly acknowledge a special indebtedness to the office of the Commissioner of Records of Kings County, and the Topographical Bureau of the office of the Borough President of Brooklyn, for information and suggestions drawn from an extensive knowledge of the subject.

- I append a list of some of the authorities consulted:
- Decisions, Supreme Court of the United States.
 - Gerard on Titles.
 - O'Callaghan's History of New Netherland.
 - Broadhead's History.
 - Furman's Antiquities.
 - Ostrander's History.
 - Stile's History of Kings County.
 - Publication of the Grollier Club.
 - Fiske's Dutch and Quaker Colonies.
 - Colonial documents published by authority of the Secretary of State.
 - Old maps, surveys and documents.
 - Various general and local histories and legal papers.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:
H. A. METZ, Comptroller.
Which were ordered printed in the minutes.

The Comptroller presented the following statement and offered the following resolution, relative to the refunding of croton water rents paid in error:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 26, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Applications have been made, as per statement herewith, for the refund of croton water rents paid in error.

The applications are severally approved by the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, or the Receiver of Taxes, and the amount so paid, nine hundred and seventy-six dollars and sixty-four cents (\$976.64) has been deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the Payment of the Interest on the City Debt.

Respectfully,
F. W. SMITH, Chief Accountant and Bookkeeper.

Approved:
H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Water Register.

General Theological Seminary of the P. E. Church.....	\$240 00
W. C. Kingsland, Manager of the Tax Registration Bureau of the Lawyers' Title Insurance and Trust Company.....	104 30
Joseph W. Tooker	21 00
New York City Church Extension and Missionary Society of the M. E. Church	47 00
Charles Lane	44 25
St. James' Lutheran Church.....	18 00
Israel Ratkowitz	42 20
Lawyers' Title Insurance and Trust Company.....	8 00
Joseph Otaman	10 00
Emanuel S. Cahn.....	35 60
St. Clemens' Church.....	22 00
Annie Forelich	16 00
Church of the Most Holy Redeemer.....	28 00
David J. Conroy.....	16 00
Harry Lehr	190 00
Harry Lehr	10 00
George S. Livingston.....	6 90
J. Romaine Brown Company.....	81 00
Fred. Pape	5 00
	\$945 25

Receiver of Taxes.

John McCarthy	20 00
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Collector of Assessments and Arrears.

Louis Weydanz	\$11 39
	\$976 64

Resolved, That a warrant payable from the Sinking Fund for the Payment of the Interest on the City Debt be drawn in favor of the Chamberlain, for the sum of nine hundred and seventy-six dollars and sixty-four cents (\$976.64) for deposit in the City Treasurer to the credit of Croton Water Rent Refunding Account for refunding erroneous and over-payments of croton water rents, as per statement submitted herewith.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following statement and offered the following resolution relative to the refunding of water rents, Borough of Brooklyn, paid in error:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 26, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Applications have been made as per statement herewith, for the refund of water rents, Borough of Brooklyn, paid in error.

The applications are approved by the Receiver of Taxes or the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, and the amount so paid, two hundred and ninety-four dollars and ten cents (\$294.10), is a proper charge against the Water Sinking Fund, City of Brooklyn.

Respectfully,
F. W. SMITH, Chief Accountant and Bookkeeper.

Approved:
H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Water Register.

Coombs Wilson	\$13 65
Mary B. La Sell.....	12 00
Abraham V. Kouwenhoven.....	10 00
Daniel Rowland	7 00
A. J. Koehler.....	13 65
Isaac Gilman	10 00
Benjamin Emmerman	70 00
Lizzie Stawitz	2 00
Edward Esterbrook	66 00
B. Monneuse	16 80
Louis Guzzo	8 00
James R. Cowing, Treasurer of Christ Church.....	24 00
James R. Cowing, Treasurer of Christ Church.....	18 00

\$271 10

Receiver of Taxes.

Benjamin Bloom	23 00
	\$294 10

Resolved, That a warrant payable from the Water Sinking Fund, City of Brooklyn, be drawn in favor of the Chamberlain, for the sum of two hundred and ninety-four dollars and ten cents (\$294.10), for deposit in the City Treasury to the credit of Water Rents, Borough of Brooklyn, Refunding Accounts, for the refunding of erroneous and over-payments of water rents as per statement submitted herewith.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following statement and offered the following resolution relative to the refunding of assessments overpaid on Prospect Park improvements:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 26, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The following installments of assessments 1906, for Prospect Park improvement were overpaid in error, viz.:

Date.	Owner.	Ward.	Block.	Lot.	Assessment.	Interest.	Total.
Jan. 18, 1907	Mrs. Kate Ashbury.....	22	161	106	\$5 36	\$0 04	\$5 40
Oct. 1, 1907	Elizabeth Moss.....	22	27	97	96	07	1 03
					\$6 32	\$0 11	\$6 43

The amounts so overpaid were deposited in the Sinking Fund of the City of Brooklyn; the refund will be made through the account "Refunding Assessments Paid in Error, Borough of Brooklyn."

The resolution herewith is necessary to reimburse the said account for amount of assessment and interest on same so to be refunded.

Respectfully,
F. W. SMITH, Chief Accountant and Bookkeeper.

Approved:
H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That a warrant payable from the Sinking Fund, City of Brooklyn, be drawn in favor of the Chamberlain for the sum of six dollars and forty-three cents. (\$6.43), to be deposited in the City Treasury to credit of "Refunding Assessments Paid in Error, Borough of Brooklyn," to refund Mrs. Kate Ashbury and Elizabeth Moss, through this account the amount of assessment and interest for Prospect Park improvement by them overpaid respectively in error.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following statement and offered the following resolution relative to a refund of amounts overpaid on permits to build street vaults:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
June 24, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The following applications for the refund of amount overpaid for street vault permits are herewith submitted, viz.:

Permit No.	Applicant and Location.	Amount.
1417.	Van Schaick Realty Company, southwest corner of Fifth avenue and Fourteenth street	\$45 00
1565.	Antonio Spinelli, No. 322 East One Hundred and Thirteenth street.....	18 75
	Total	\$63 75

With each application is filed an affidavit of the owner and the certificate of a City Surveyor. The amount to be refunded is certified by the Superintendent of Highways, approved by the Commissioner of Public Works and the President of the Borough of Manhattan.

The amount paid was deposited to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt No. 1.

Respectfully,

F. W. SMITH, Chief Accountant and Bookkeeper.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That warrants payable from the Sinking Fund for the "Redemption of the City Debt No. 1" be drawn in favor of the following parties refunding them the amount paid in error for street vault permits as per statement submitted.

Van Schaick Realty Company	\$45 00
Antonio Spinelli	18 75

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following statement and offered the following resolution relative to a refund to Prospeto Georgo, being the amount of fine imposed and collected and refunded by order of court:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 23, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—In City Magistrates' Court, First Division, Third District, April 23, 1908, one Prospeto Georgo was fined \$5 and said fine was paid to the Warden of the District Prisons and deposited to credit of the Sinking Fund for the Payment of the Interest on the City Debt.

By Court of General Sessions, June 6, 1908, the judgment of conviction of the lower court was reversed and the Comptroller ordered to return the amount of fine paid.

Respectfully,

F. W. SMITH, Chief Accountant and Bookkeeper.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That a warrant payable from the Sinking Fund for the Payment of the Interest on the City Debt, be drawn in favor of Prospeto Georgo for the sum of five dollars (\$5) being amount of fine imposed and collected from him in City Magistrates' Court, April 23, 1908, First Division, Third District, now refunded by order of Court of General Sessions, entered June 6, 1908.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following statement and offered the following resolution, relative to a refund to Eugene Christian, being the amount of fine imposed and collected and refunded by order of Court:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 24, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—In Court of Special Sessions, First Division, on April 4, 1907, one Eugene Christian was convicted and fined \$25 for illegally practicing medicine. The fine was paid into Court and duly deposited to credit of the Sinking Fund for the Payment of the Interest on the City Debt.

The case was taken on appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, where, by order entered December 20, 1907, the judgment of the lower court was reversed, and it was further "Ordered that the fine of \$25 * * * be remitted."

The Corporation Counsel, in letter, June 5, 1908, says:

"In my opinion, the said order was properly entered and its provisions should be complied with. If the fine in question has been paid by the City to a Medical Society, the amount should be deducted from the next future settlement with that society."

Respectfully,

F. W. SMITH,
Chief Accountant and Bookkeeper.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That a warrant payable from the Sinking Fund for the Payment of the Interest on the City Debt be drawn in favor of Eugene Christian, for the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25), amount of fine for illegally practicing medicine imposed upon and collected from him by Court of Special Sessions, First Division, April 4, 1907, now refunded by order, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, entered December 20, 1907.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report, with opinions of the Corporation Counsel, relative to the right of the Board of Water Supply to lease real estate without the consent of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 25, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—This office having received several vouchers prepared by the Board of Water Supply for the rent of various premises, pursuant to leases executed by that Board, at Poughkeepsie, Cornwall and other places outside of the city, a communication was addressed to the Corporation Counsel on June 3, 1908, asking whether said Board could execute leases without complying with section 217 of the Charter, requiring the consent of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Under date of June 18, 1908, George L. Sterling, Esq., Acting Corporation Counsel, writes that this Board has the power referred to, and refers to an opinion dated October 25, 1905, copy of which he inclosed, addressed to the Board of Water Supply, which communication is to the same effect.

It seems clear, therefore, that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have no power in this connection, but I would suggest that the Board of Water Supply be requested to furnish the Bureau of Real Estate with a copy of all leases executed by it, in order that a record may be made of the same in this Bureau.

Attached hereto are the two opinions of the Corporation Counsel dated June 18, 1908, and October 25, 1905, which I would respectfully suggest be printed in the minutes of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Respectfully,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
October 25, 1905. }

Board of Water Supply:

GENTLEMEN—I have received a letter from your Secretary, dated October 20, 1905, to the effect that it will be necessary to provide suitable offices at various points along the line of the work contemplated by your Board for the plotting of field notes, for storing valuable engineering instruments over nights and holidays, for the proper storing and caring of field maps and for the receiving of mail and supplies.

It is the desire of your Board to lease offices from time to time in villages along the route for this purpose, and the question upon which my advice is requested is

whether it will be necessary for your Board to make application to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund or whether there is sufficient authority for such leasing in the Board of Water Supply alone.

It is provided in section 44 of chapter 724 of the Laws of 1905, which is the act creating your Board, as follows:

"The Board of Water Supply is hereby authorized and empowered to provide suitable offices and conveniences for the transaction of its business and to provide proper and needful furniture and safes for the safekeeping of its documents and to incur other necessary expenses suitable and proper to enable it to carry out the provisions of this act."

There are also other provisions in the act giving the Board such general powers as may be requisite for the efficient performance of the duties imposed upon it by the act. It is true that in section 217 of the Charter there is a provision that all applications to lease any real estate for the purposes of the City must be presented to and passed upon by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

I hardly think that such leases as you evidently contemplate come within the meaning of this section of the Charter, but even if that is the case I am of the opinion that the act creating your Board supersedes or repeals by implication these provisions of the Charter. The expense of leasing these offices is for a necessary part of the work, the whole doing and management of which is entrusted to your Board, and authority of any other board or officer to interfere therewith is not to be inferred, nor is such a construction of the statutes as would bring about that result to be favored.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN J. DELANY,
Corporation Counsel.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
June 18, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of the communication of Deputy Comptroller Phillips, dated June 3, 1908, which reads as follows:

"This office is in receipt of several vouchers prepared by the Board of Water Supply for rent of various premises, pursuant to leases executed by that Board, at Poughkeepsie, Cornwall, New Paltz and other places outside of The City of New York. These vouchers contain a certificate as to the reasonableness and necessity of the proposed expenditure, executed pursuant to chapter 724 of the Laws of 1905. Section 44 of this act reads as follows:

"The Board of Water Supply is hereby authorized and empowered to provide suitable offices and conveniences for the transaction of its business, and to provide proper and needful furniture and safes for the safekeeping of its documents, and to incur every necessary expense suitable and proper to enable it to carry out the provisions of this act."

"The leases referred to have been executed by the Board of Water Supply without the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City, and the question I desire to present to you, therefore, is whether this Board can execute such leases without securing the consent of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. In this connection your attention is respectfully directed to your opinion of October 1, 1907, relative to the powers of the Public Service Commission for the First District, in which you state that that Commission has the right to lease premises for their offices without the consent of any board, body or officer of The City of New York. Sections 34 and 36 of chapter 724 would seem to give this Board similar power to that of the Public Service Commission."

On October 25, 1905, this Department advised the Board of Water Supply that it could lawfully execute leases without securing the consent of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under the authority granted it to provide suitable offices and conveniences for the transaction of its business. A copy of the opinion is herewith transmitted.

Respectfully yours,

G. L. STERLING,
Acting Corporation Counsel.

Which were ordered printed in the minutes.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution, relative to an amendment to resolution authorizing a lease of premises at No. 177 Avenue C, in the Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Fire Department:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 27, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on June 11, 1908, adopted a resolution as follows:

"Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City from Eugene Fay, Edward J. Fay, Elizabeth A. Fay and Loretto M. Fay, of the store premises No. 177 Avenue C, at the southwest corner of Eleventh street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Fire Department, for a period of eight months from the date of occupation, at a rental at the rate of thirteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1,320) per annum, payable quarterly; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deem the said rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter."

Since the adoption of said resolution, the said Eugene Fay has sold and conveyed all interest owned by him in said property to Edward J. Fay, which deed of conveyance is on record. I would therefore, in view of the above conditions, recommend that said resolution be amended to read as follows:

"Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from Edward J. Fay, Elizabeth A. Fay and Loretto M. Fay, of the store premises No. 177 Avenue C, at the southwest corner of Eleventh street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Fire Department, for a period of eight months from the date of occupation, at a rental at the rate of thirteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1,320) per annum, payable quarterly; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter."

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held June 11, 1908, authorizing a lease of premises at No. 177 Avenue C, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Fire Department, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from Edward J. Fay, Elizabeth A. Fay and Loretto M. Fay, of the store premises No. 177 Avenue C, at the southwest corner of Eleventh street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Fire Department, for a period of eight months from the date of occupation, at a rental at the rate of thirteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1,320) per annum, payable quarterly, and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same, when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution relative to the hiring of Room 212 at No. 215 Montague street, Borough of

Brooklyn, for use of the Department of Finance (Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears):

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 26, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Mr. Daniel Moynahan, Collector of Assessments and Arrears, in a letter under date of June 22, 1908, herewith calls attention to the fact that a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorizing the Comptroller to pay the rent of Room 212 in the Mechanics Bank Building, No. 215 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, occupied by the Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, will expire June 30, 1908, and states that the room will be needed for an additional six months.

I therefore respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopt a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to pay the rent of Room 212 in the Mechanics Bank Building, for a period of six months from July 1, 1908, to December 31, 1908, at a rental of \$1,010 a year, the rate being the same as now paid, payable quarterly, the renewal to be upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the original resolution.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the D. & M. Chauncey Real Estate Company, Limited, agents, the rental of Room 202 in the Mechanics Bank Building, No. 215 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, occupied by the Finance Department (Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears), for a period of six months from July 1, 1908, to December 31, 1908, at a rental at the rate of ten hundred and ten dollars (\$1,010) per annum, payable quarterly. The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Police Department, relative to a lease of premises at No. 36 East Ninth street, Borough of Manhattan:

POLICE DEPARTMENT, }
June 22, 1908.

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Police Commissioner this day

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested to authorize the Comptroller to execute lease of second floor of premises No. 36 East Ninth street, Manhattan, and the following information is given in pursuance of circular letter of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted by resolution October 22, 1902:

1. Full name of the owner or lessor? Charles Kaye, lessor, No. 12 West Twenty-first street.
2. Description of the property? Second floor of No. 36 East Ninth street, 25 by 95 feet.
3. Term of proposed lease, and if it includes the privilege of a renewal? One year and seven months from July 1, 1908, with privilege of renewal for one year on same terms.
4. Rental and how payable? \$1,400 per year, payable quarterly.
5. Particulars as to alterations and repairs? The Police Department to make all necessary repairs to the interior and the lessor to make all necessary repairs to the exterior.
6. Does the owner pay water rent? Yes.
7. Does the owner pay for light, heat and janitor service? Owner pays for heat, and the Police Department for light, no janitor service.
8. Necessity for the lease? Additional accommodations for Traffic Precinct B.
9. Are the premises recommended the most reasonable that can be secured in the neighborhood for the purposes desired? Yes.

Very respectfully,

THEO. A. BINGHAM, Police Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 24, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Theodore A. Bingham, Commissioner of the Police Department, in a communication to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under date of June 22, 1908, requests that a lease be authorized of the second floor, 25 by 96 feet, of the premises No. 36 East Ninth street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of Traffic Precinct B, for a period of one year and seven months from July 1, 1908, with the privilege of renewal for one additional year upon the same terms and conditions, at a rental of \$1,400, payable quarterly, the lessor to furnish heat and water and make outside repairs, the Police Department to furnish light and make all inside alterations and repairs. Lessor, Charles Kaye, No. 12 West Twenty-first street, Manhattan.

After an examination I find that this is the second floor, 25 by 96 feet, in the 5-story and basement building, No. 36 East Ninth street. The City recently rented for the use of the Police Department the first floor and basement of this building as a station house for Traffic Precinct B, at a rental of \$2,000 a year. The first floor is used for a station and offices of the Captain and Lieutenants, and the basement has in it one hundred and thirty-five lockers and the toilets. I am informed by Inspector Titus that the basement is quite damp and the present leased premises provide no sitting room for the men on reserve duty. He also informs me that it is proposed to increase the Force in this precinct by the addition of from fifty to seventy-five men, and it is the purpose of the Department to use the second floor for additional lockers and for sitting room for the men. This floor has gas and electric light fixtures in place and is in good repair. The rental asked, \$1,400 a year, is in my opinion fair and reasonable, and I therefore respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize a lease of the second floor of the premises No. 36 East Ninth street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Police Department, for a period of one year and seven months, from July 1, 1908, with the privilege of renewal for an additional year, upon the same terms and conditions, at a rental of \$1,400, payable quarterly, the lessor to furnish heat and water and make all necessary outside repairs, the City to furnish light and make all necessary inside alterations and repairs. Lessor, Charles Kaye.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Corporation Council be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from Charles Kaye, of the second floor of premises No. 36 East Ninth street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Police Department, for a period of one year and seven months from July 1, 1908, with the privilege of renewal for an additional year upon the same terms and conditions, at an annual rental of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400), payable quarterly; the lessor to furnish heat and water and make all necessary outside repairs; the City to furnish light and make all necessary inside alterations and repairs; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following was received from the Board of Education, relative to a renewal of the lease of premises at No. 446 East Seventy-second street, Borough of Manhattan:

BOARD OF EDUCATION }
June 26, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held on the 24th inst., relative to renewing the lease of the parlor floor of the premises No. 446 East Seventy-second street, Borough of Manhattan, together with copies of certificates from the Departments of Health and Buildings in regard to the sanitary and structural conditions at the said premises.

Respectfully yours,

A. EMERSON PALMER,
Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Buildings respectfully reports that the lease of the premises at No. 446 East Seventy-second street, Borough of Manhattan, occupied as an annex to Public School 82, will expire July 1, 1908; that the City Superintendent of Schools states that further occupancy after said date will be necessary; and that the Departments of Health and Buildings certify that the sanitary and structural conditions thereat are satisfactory.

The following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be, and they are hereby requested to approve of and consent to the execution by the Board of Education of a renewal of the lease to the City of the parlor floor of the premises No. 446 East Seventy-second street, Borough of Manhattan, occupied as an annex to Public School 82, for a period of one year from July 1, 1908, with the privilege of renewal for an additional year, at an annual rental of \$360, otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Owners, Associate Alumnae, Normal College, New York City.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on June 24, 1908.

A. EMERSON PALMER,
Secretary, Board of Education.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

June 29, 1908.

The rental being the same as heretofore paid, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of and consent to the execution by the Board of Education of a renewal of the lease to the City of the parlor floor of the premises No. 446 East Seventy-second street, Borough of Manhattan, occupied as an annex to Public School 82, for a period of one year from July 1, 1908, at an annual rental of \$360, payable quarterly, with the privilege of renewal for one year, upon the same terms and conditions, otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease. Owners, Associate Alumnae, Normal College, New York City.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

M. J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and consent to the execution, by the Board of Education, of a renewal of the lease to the City, of the parlor floor of premises No. 446 East Seventy-second street, Borough of Manhattan, occupied as an annex to Public School 82, for a period of one year from July 1, 1908, at an annual rental of three hundred and sixty dollars (\$360), payable quarterly, with the privilege of renewal for one year upon the same terms and conditions, otherwise upon the same terms as contained in the existing lease; lessors, Associate Alumnae, Normal College; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolutions relative to a renewal of the leases of premises at No. 215 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, occupied by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 26, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. Bird S. Coler, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, in a communication addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under date of June 24, 1908, requests a renewal of the leases of rooms in the Mechanics' Bank Building, No. 215 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, occupied by the Bureau of Sewers, for a period to expire May 1, 1913, at the present rental of \$9,603 per year.

After an examination I find that the lease of Room 912 expired May 1, 1908, and that the lease of the other rooms mentioned will expire July 1, 1908 (not August 1, as stated in the correspondence herewith).

The rent being the same as heretofore paid, I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize the execution of a lease for all of these rooms in the Mechanics' Bank Building, the lease of Room 912 to be for a period of five years from May 1, 1908, to May 1, 1913, at an annual rental of \$1,010, payable quarterly, and the lease of rooms 911, 916, 917, 918 and 919, and rooms 1011 to 1019, inclusive, to be for a period of four years and ten months from July 1, 1908, to May 1, 1913, at a total rental of \$8,683, payable quarterly, the lessor to furnish heat, light, water, elevator and janitor service. Lessor, Mechanics' Bank, by the Chauncey Real Estate Company, Limited, Agents.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City of Room No. 912 in the Mechanics' Bank Building, No. 215 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, for use of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, for a period of five years from May 1, 1908, at an annual rental of ten hundred and ten dollars (\$1,010), payable quarterly, otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; lessor, Mechanics' Bank, by the Chauncey Real Estate Company, Limited, Agents; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City, of rooms 911, 916, 917, 918 and 919, and rooms 1011 to 1019, inclusive, in the Mechanics' Bank Building, No. 215 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, for use of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, for a period of four years and ten months from July 1, 1908, at an annual rental of eight thousand six hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$8,683), payable quarterly; the lessor to furnish heat, water, light, elevator and janitor service; otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease; lessor, Mechanics' Bank, by the Chauncey Real Estate Company, Limited, Agents; the Commissioners of the

Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The report was accepted and the resolutions severally unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report relative to an offer of the Union Ferry Company to sell and convey to the City real estate and other property of the Ferry Company:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 29, 1908. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—This office is in receipt of a communication from the Union Ferry Company in the matter of their offer to sell and convey to the City real estate and other property of the Ferry Company plying between the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan.

The matter of the acquisition of the Ferry Company property was before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and was referred to a committee consisting of the Comptroller, the Corporation Counsel, the Chief Engineer of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

This matter is presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as all waterfront property has to be presented, and I would request that it be referred by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to the same committee as named by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Inasmuch as the Union Ferry Company has presented a definite proposition to the City for the sale of its property, and also an alternative proposition for the sale of a part of the property and the leasing of the same to the Ferry Company, I respectfully recommend that the Secretary of the Board be directed to request the Brooklyn Ferry Company, who also has an application before the same committee herein named, to transmit (if it has not heretofore done so) a definite proposition as to the sale of its real estate and other property.

I would further respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund request the Committee to report its conclusions to the Commissioners at the first meeting in September.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Comptroller, the Corporation Counsel, the Chief Engineer of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Commissioner of Docks, a communication from the Union Ferry Company in the matter of their offer to sell and convey to the City real estate and other property of the Ferry Company plying between the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Resolved, That the Chamberlain be and is hereby authorized and requested to represent the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the said Committee; that the Committee be and is hereby requested to report its conclusions to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at the first meeting in September.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred, at meeting held June 11, 1908, the matter of the proposed exchange of real estate in the Borough of Richmond between The City of New York and the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad Company, presented the following report (see page 859):

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 29, 1908. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a recent meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a communication was presented from the President of the Borough of Richmond requesting that action be taken in relation to certain exchanges of property between The City of New York and the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway Company, in the Borough of Richmond, together with a report presented thereon by an Appraiser of Real Estate of the Department of Finance, which communication and report was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Comptroller, the President of the Board of Aldermen and the City Chamberlain.

Your Committee begs to report that in accordance with the provisions of section 205-A of the amended Greater New York Charter, the Commissioners have the power of appointing three discreet and disinterested appraisers, who must reside in the Borough of Richmond, for the purpose of fixing a value upon the property of the City to be exchanged and the value of the property of the railroad company to be exchanged. They therefore beg to report the names of the three following gentlemen to act as such discreet and disinterested appraisers:

Thomas Kiernan, coal and real estate, Arrietta street, Tompkinsville, S. I.
John E. Minnehan, manager, Title Guarantee and Trust Company, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.
J. F. Smith, real estate and insurance, Castleton avenue, West New Brighton, S. I.

Respectfully,

H. A. METZ,

Comptroller.

JAMES J. MARTIN,

City Chamberlain.

P. F. MCGOWAN,

President, Board of Aldermen.

In connection therewith the Comptroller offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at meeting held June 12, 1908, adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, The President of the Borough of Richmond, in a communication dated October 17, 1907, has presented a proposition to this Board for the exchange of certain real estate belonging to the City for other real estate belonging to the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway Company, the exchange to be on even terms, provided the City will grant to the railroad company the right to cross certain streets in the Borough of Richmond with two additional tracks, and cross Richmond terrace in the Third Ward by a single track; the terms for such grant to be fixed by this Board; and

"Whereas, The Chief Engineer of this Board has this day presented a report in which it is recommended that the proposition be approved, and has proposed certain terms and conditions to govern the grant of the additional rights sought by the railroad company; now therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby recommends to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that they authorize the exchange between The City of New York and the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway Company, upon even terms, of the following parcels of land in the Borough of Richmond, City of New York:

"I. From the railroad company to The City of New York:

"(a) Two parcels of land on the easterly side of Jay street, north of South street, in the First Ward, as more particularly shown on a map marked 'Exhibit I., Parcels A and B,' signed by George W. Tuttle, Principal Assistant Engineer, and dated May 2, 1907; it being understood that the City already has a perpetual easement over Parcel B.

"(b) Two parcels of land, one at the northeast corner of Jay and South streets, and the second at the angle point on the northerly side of South street, east of Jay street, in the First Ward, as more particularly shown on a map marked 'Exhibit II.,' signed and dated as above.

"(c) The plot of land under water in front of land owned by the City on Richmond terrace at West New Brighton, in the First Ward, as more particularly shown on a map marked 'Exhibit III. A,' signed by George W. Tuttle, Principal Assistant Engineer, and dated February 25, 1908.

"II. From the City to the railroad company:

"(d) The plot of salt meadow land, containing about nine and one-fourth acres, at Old place, in the Third Ward, as more particularly shown on a map marked 'Exhibit IV.' signed by George W. Tuttle, Principal Assistant Engineer, and dated May 2, 1907.

"(e) The plot of upland on the northerly side of Richmond terrace, in the Third Ward, acquired by the City from Gilbert Merrill, excepting therefrom so much of said plot as falls between the existing northerly line of Richmond terrace and the new northerly line of Richmond terrace, as the same was adopted on December 14, 1906, and as more particularly shown on a map marked 'Exhibit V. A.,' signed by George W. Tuttle, Principal Assistant Engineer, and dated February 14, 1908.

"(f) The City's easement in a plot of land at the northeasterly corner of Jay street, as widened, and the viaduct approach to the ferry at St. George, in the First Ward, as more particularly shown on a map marked 'Exhibit VI.,' signed by George W. Tuttle, Principal Assistant Engineer, and dated May 2, 1907.

"And be it further

"Resolved, That when such exchange shall have been so authorized and made, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will, upon proper petition, grant to the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway Company the right to cross, with two additional tracks the following streets:

"(g) South street, in the First Ward, by under grade crossing;

"(h) South avenue, Harbor road, Union avenue and Central avenue, in the Third Ward;

—"and also to cross Richmond terrace with a single track at a point to the west of the property of Milliken Brothers (Inc.), in the Third Ward, the terms of such grant to be substantially as proposed in the report as presented this day by the Chief Engineer of this Board; and be it further

"Resolved, That the President of the Borough of Richmond and the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries be and they are hereby respectfully requested to turn over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund such of the aforesaid properties now owned by the City as are within their respective jurisdiction."

Resolved, That for the purposes of determining the value of the land of The City of New York and the land to be exchanged therefor, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in accordance with the provisions of section 205A of the Greater New York Charter, do hereby appoint Thomas Kiernan, John E. Minnehan and J. F. Smith, three discreet and disinterested appraisers residing in the Borough of Richmond, who are hereby authorized and directed to appraise the value of the lands hereinabove described and to report their appraisals to this Board before the first day of September, 1908.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report with opinion of the Corporation Counsel relative to an amendment to resolution adopted December 4, 1907, authorizing a lease of premises at Nos. 66 to 72 Lafayette street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the First District Municipal Court:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
May 2, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held December 4, 1907 (see Minutes, page 1312), in the matter of the lease by the City of the third floor and part of the sixth floor of the premises Nos. 66 to 72 Lafayette street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the First District Municipal Court, a report was presented, giving in detail the size of each of the rooms under the lease, and it was therein stated that the amount of floor space was 12,100 square feet, that the rent asked was \$15,500, which was approximately \$1.28 a square foot. The map from which these sizes were taken was signed by Justice Lynn.

Subsequently to the adoption of a resolution by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorizing this lease, the sizes of the rooms were modified—the size of some was increased, and of others decreased, but the total area in square feet remains the same.

Now, as to the total area: The figure given in my report at that time, 12,100 square feet, was an error. An examination shows that the space occupied by the City on the third floor contains 6,886 square feet, and the front portion of the sixth floor occupied by the City contains 3,250 square feet, making a total of 10,136 square feet, which at the rent charged is approximately \$1.53 a square foot.

In my original report I stated that in my opinion the rent asked, \$15,500, was reasonable and just, and recommended the adoption of the resolution. I am still of the opinion that the rent charged is reasonable and just, and is at a lower rate than the City is paying in this vicinity.

An examination of the proposition in detail shows:

That the annual rental charged for part of the sixth floor was.....	\$4,500 00
That the annual rental charged for the third floor was.....	7,500 00
That the annual rental charged for electric current for light was.....	700 00
For elevator service.....	700 00
That the alterations—dividing a floor which was built for loft purposes into rooms—cost, I am informed by the owners, \$8,000, which made the average per annum on a five year lease.....	1,600 00
That at the expiration of five years, or at the expiration of ten years, providing the City renewed the lease for five years additional, it would cost the owners \$5,000, I have been informed, to tear down the walls and reconstruct the floors, putting them in the same condition as they were prior to the lease, which would make an annual rental charge of	1,000 00
Making a total of.....	\$16,000 00

Under the agreement, the owners were to furnish light, heat and elevator service, but not the janitor, for the reason that the Judges had decided to furnish their own janitor.

In a communication dated April 23, 1908, the owners state that they had an offer for the third floor of \$7,200, without light or janitor service or any installation of additional improvements, and that it would have paid them better to have rented it that way than to have leased it to the City. That no electric light is furnished to any of the tenants in the building except to the City Departments. That the fourth floor is leased to the Consolidated Telegraph and Electric Subway Company at \$5,000 per annum, without light, janitor service or any improvements. That the Merchants' Association pays \$8,000 a year for the second floor without light.

The attention of the owners of the premises was called to the fact that having charged the City for alterations to the building suitable for the use of the court, and having also paid for putting the building in the same condition as it was before the City took possession, the City should not be charged for the extra rental. The owners have agreed to this.

I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopt a resolution amending the resolution adopted December 4, 1907, by striking out the words "containing about 8,700 square feet," and inserting therein the words "containing about 6,886 square feet." Also by striking out the words "containing 3,400 square feet," and inserting the words "containing 3,250 square feet."

Also by striking out the words "with the privilege of renewal for an additional five years upon the same terms and conditions," and inserting the words "with the privilege of renewal for an additional five years at an annual rental of \$14,000, payable quarterly, otherwise upon the same terms and conditions."

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
June 26, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of a communication from Deputy Comptroller Phillips dated June 11, enclosing a copy of a report made to you by Mortimer J. Brown, Appraiser of Real Estate, under date of May 2, 1908, with reference to the leasing by the City of the third floor and part of the sixth floor of Nos. 66 to 72 Lafayette street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the First District Municipal Court.

It appears from Mr. Brown's report that on December 4, 1907, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from Lippman & Eisman, of the entire third floor, containing about 8,700 square feet, and the front portion of the sixth floor, containing 3,400 square feet, in the building known as the Merchants' Association Building, Nos. 66 to 72 Lafayette street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the First District Municipal Court, for a period of five years from January 1, 1908, at an annual rental of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500), payable quarterly, with the privilege of renewal for an additional five years upon the same terms and conditions; the lessor to furnish light, heat and elevator service, to put up partitions, put in new toilet facilities and to make such alterations, additions and repairs as are designated and shown on a plan approved by the Justices of said court; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter." See Sinking Fund December 4, 1907, page 1313.

This resolution was adopted upon the report of Mortimer J. Brown, Appraiser of Real Estate, to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, giving in detail the size of each of the rooms to be leased, and it was therein stated that the amount of floor space was 12,100 square feet, and that the rent asked was \$15,500, which approximated \$1.28 per square foot, and that the map from which these sizes were taken was signed by Mr. Justice Linn.

Mr. Brown further says in his second report of May 2, 1908:

"Now, as to the total area—the figures given in my report at that time 12,100, was an error. An examination shows that the space occupied by the City on the third floor contains 6,886 square feet, and the portion of the sixth floor occupied by the City contains 3,250 square feet, making a total of 10,136 square feet, which, at the rate charged is approximately \$1.53 per square foot."

"In my original report, I stated that in my opinion the rent asked, \$15,500, was reasonable and just, and recommended the adoption of the resolution. I am still of the opinion that the rent charged is reasonable and just, and is at a lower rate than the City is paying in this vicinity."

It appears from the Deputy Comptroller's letter that about three months after the lease was executed, it was discovered that there was an error in designating the number of square feet, so that the total was 10,136 square feet instead of 12,100, a difference of approximately 2,100 square feet, this difference arising from an error in multiplying.

It further appears that the owners have consented to reduce the rent to \$14,000 per annum during the renewal period of the lease, which will begin on June 1, 1913.

I am requested to inform you if the City desired to abrogate the lease, whether there is anything in the resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund or in any act or any report upon which such resolution was based by which the lease could be abrogated.

On June 24, 1908, I was informed orally over the telephone by Mr. Brown that in the original agreement to lease, the lessees did not specify the number of square feet to be taken, but that they agreed to lease to the City the entire third floor of the premises and half of the sixth floor.

I am of the opinion that upon the facts stated in the report of the Appraiser of Real Estate and the Deputy Comptroller's letter, that the lease is a valid and binding one and cannot be abrogated by the City, and I would further advise you that the original resolution be amended so as to fix the rental for the renewal term at the sum agreed upon between your office and the lessors, to wit, \$14,000 per annum, and that an agreement be made between the City and the lessors to that effect.

Yours respectfully,

THEODORE CONNOLLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

In connection therewith the Comptroller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held December 4, 1907, authorizing a lease to the City, from Lippman & Eisman, of the entire third floor, containing about 8,700 square feet, and the front part of the sixth floor, containing 3,400 square feet, in the building known as the Merchants' Association Building, Nos. 66 to 72 Lafayette street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the First District Municipal Court, for a period of five years from January 1, 1908, at an annual rental of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500), payable quarterly, with the privilege of renewal for an additional five years, upon the same terms and conditions; the lessor to furnish light, heat and elevator service, to put up partitions, put in new toilet facilities and to make such alterations, additions and repairs as are designated and shown on a plan approved by the Justices of said court.

—be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "containing about 8,700 square feet" and inserting in place thereof the words "containing about 6,886 square feet," also by striking out the words "containing 3,400 square feet" and inserting in place thereof the words "containing 3,250 square feet," also by striking out the words "with the privilege of renewal for an additional five years upon the same terms and conditions," and inserting in place thereof the words, "with the privilege of renewal for an additional five years, at an annual rental of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000), payable quarterly, otherwise upon the same terms and conditions."

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain—3.

Negative—The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen—1.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution relative to an amendment to resolution authorizing the hiring of Riverdale Hall, on Riverdale avenue and Two Hundred and Sixtieth street, Borough of The Bronx, for lecture purposes by the Board of Education:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 30, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held June 11, 1908, a resolution was adopted by which the Comptroller was authorized to pay the rent of various school lecture halls without the necessity of entering into a lease. In the list, the rent of which was so authorized to be paid, was Riverdale Hall, Riverdale avenue and Two Hundred and Sixtieth street, Borough of The Bronx, one night a week, \$10.

The Board of Education at a meeting held June 10, 1908, adopted a resolution amending their resolution of May 27, 1908, which had been transmitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval, by substituting the words \$12 per night instead of \$10 per night. The resolution of the Board of Education is hereto annexed.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund amend the resolution of June 11, 1908, by striking out the words "\$10 per night"

for the rental of said Riverdale Hall, Riverdale avenue and Two Hundred and Sixtieth street, Borough of The Bronx, and substituting therefor the words "\$12 per night," as requested by the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held June 11, 1908, approving of the hiring by the Board of Education of halls for lecture purposes during the season from October 1, 1908, to May 1, 1909, in so far as it relates to the hiring of Riverdale Hall, Riverdale avenue and Two Hundred and Sixtieth street, one night per week at ten dollars (\$10) per night, be and the same is hereby amended by substituting as the rental "twelve dollars (\$12)" per night in place of \$10. The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following was received from the Corporation Counsel relative to an amendment to resolution authorizing a conveyance to the Hahnemann Hospital of property on the east side of Park avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Borough of Manhattan (see page 723):

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
June 29, 1908.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Esq., Secretary, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—Your communication of 27th May, transmitting certified copy of resolutions adopted that day by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, authorizing conveyance to the Hahnemann Hospital of ten City lots now occupied by that institution at Sixty-seventh street and Fourth avenue, was duly received, and has been the subject of conference between this office and the counsel for the institution.

I am of opinion that the discretion vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by the statute pursuant to which they adopted their resolution (chapter 345, Laws of 1905) must be completely exercised in one resolution; and that consequently the extension of the minimum service of 3,650 days to a longer period than three years—as proposed by the present resolutions—at the option of the next Sinking Fund Commission, might readily prove matter of valid objection to the title of the institution to the land in question when the provisions of the resolution have been fully observed and the title closed.

I enclose herewith copy of your resolution of 27th May with the clause to which I refer omitted.

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE CONNOLLY,

Acting Corporation Counsel.

In connection therewith the Comptroller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held May 27, 1908, authorizing a conveyance to the Hahnemann Hospital of the City's interest in certain land on the easterly side of Park avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Borough of Manhattan, for the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), upon condition that the said grantee shall covenant and agree as a condition of said grant that upon request of The City of New York any indigent sick shall be treated in said hospital in the same manner as other patients are treated, without charge, for an aggregate period of not less than 3,650 days annually for three years from the delivery of the deed of said property by the City to the Hahnemann Hospital, and 10,000 days per annum thereafter, unless at the end of said three years the time when said 10,000 days shall commence shall be extended by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "unless at the end of said three years the time when said 10,000 days shall commence shall be extended by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund."

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution relative to applications received for releases or quitclaims of the City's interest in old roads in which the City owns the fee and in which the interest of the City is declared to be nominal on the ground of adverse possession:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 24, 1908.

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I would respectfully request you to ask the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to fix some specific rule to be followed in determining the charge to be made for a release of the interest of the City in cases where the City originally owned the fee but has been divested of the title through adverse possession.

There does not seem to be any good reason why the City should perfect a title against itself without adequate compensation. The question is, how shall a general rule be framed?

As you are aware, the matter has been discussed with you and with Deputy Comptroller Phillips and the most reasonable and effective rule would seem to be for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to determine upon some definite percentage of the appraised value of the property.

Mr. Phillips is of the opinion that the percentage should not be less than 50 per cent. of the value of the property. My own opinion is that the percentage should be lower, but I take it that both opinions are more or less arbitrary.

Should the petitioners care to take the matter into court and seek to establish a title through adverse possession, they might be successful, but it would be an expensive operation.

If the rate fixed by the Commissioners is not too high, it would be a quicker and less tedious operation to perfect title by payment direct to the City. On the other hand, if made too high, it might be more economical for petitioners to bring an action and in case they were successful the City would not get anything.

Strenuous objection is being made by some attorneys to the payment of anything more than a nominal fee, on the ground that some people have in the past secured releases for a nominal sum and to now make a substantial change would amount to discrimination. It might as well be argued that because a building is started wrong the construction should be continued along the inaccurate lines.

You will recall discussing the subject with Deputy Comptroller N. Taylor Phillips and myself. The prevailing opinion was that 50 per cent. of the value of the property would be a fair charge to make in cases where an individual has secured an adverse title against the City.

The question is one of much importance, which should, I believe, be presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for their judgment.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

Resolved, That in every application for a release or quitclaim of the City's interest in old roads in which the City owns the fee, and in which the interest of the City is declared to be nominal on the ground of adverse possession, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby determine that the charge for the release or quitclaim of the City's interest in the property shall be 50 per cent. of the value of the property at the time application is made.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following petition was received from Emma L. Moller, Cortlandt Godwin, George G. Godwin, Raynor Godwin, Waldo S. Godwin and Ada Randall for a release

or quit-claim of the City's interest in two parcels of land forming a part of the bed of old Broadway or New York and Albany Old Post road:

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

The petition of Emma L. Moller, Cortlandt Godwin, George G. Godwin, Raynor Godwin, Waldo S. Godwin and Ada Randall, respectfully shows to your Honorable Board:

That heretofore and during his lifetime, Joseph H. Godwin, late of Kingsbridge, was the owner in fee of a certain parcel of land hereinafter described, together with the riparian rights appertaining thereto, between high water mark and the line heretofore known as the northerly pier and bulkhead line of that part of Spuyten Duyvil creek, upon which said parcel abutted.

The derivation of the petitioners' title is as follows:

In the year 1832, one Mary C. Macomb was the owner and in possession of a large tract of land of about ninety-five acres, including the premises in question and the lands adjoining.

On or about the 23d day of October, in the year 1832, the said Mary C. P. Macomb made a mortgage of a tract of land to Robert Ray, Richard Ray and John A. King, executors of the last will and testament of Cornelius Ray, deceased, to secure payment of the sum of eight thousand dollars, which mortgage was recorded November 5, 1832, in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County, in Liber 39 of Mortgages, page 416.

The said tract of land was therein described as follows:

"All that tract of land situate at Kingsbridge, in the Town of Yonkers, in the County of Westchester, and State of New York, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at Kingsbridge, and bounded by the old public road leading from New York to Albany, until it reaches land of Augustus Van Cortlandt; thence along the land of said Augustus Van Cortlandt until it reaches the creek which empties into Spuyten Duyvil Creek; thence along said creek until it reaches Spuyten Duyvil Creek at low water mark; thence easterly along the same to the place of beginning, containing ninety-five acres or thereabouts."

Thereafter the said Mary C. Macomb executed a deed to William Foster, Jr., which deed was dated May 31, 1847, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County, June 3, 1847, in Liber 119 of Deeds, page 94, which said deed conveyed the lands therein described by the same description above set forth, adding thereto the following exception: "Saving and excepting so much and such parts of said tract as upon the map thereof, recently made by Daniel Ewen, City Surveyor, are designated by Lots Nos. 1 to 94, and by parcels marked respectively, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I; the portions hereby conveyed of the said tract being nine acres and one-quarter of an acre, be the same more or less, and comprehending the mansion of the said Mary C. Macomb, with sundry outbuildings."

The said premises are shown upon the map hereto annexed, marked Exhibit B, which is a copy of a portion of the map referred to in said deed, which said map was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County on December 28, 1847.

Meantime proceedings were commenced for the foreclosure of the mortgage above set forth by suit in chancery, before the chancellor, brought by Robert Ray (for himself and as executor of Richard Ray, deceased), and John A. King, executors of Cornelius Ray, deceased, against Mary C. P. Macomb and others, in which bill was duly filed May 30, 1840, and his pendens filed June 3, 1840. All parties appeared and suffered the bill to be taken as confessed, and a decree of foreclosure and sale was duly rendered May 24, 1841. The premises were sold pursuant to said decree to William Foster, Jr., by Stephen Cambreling, Master in Chancery, and a deed was executed by him which was dated December 22, 1847, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County on December 23, 1847, in Liber 122 of Deeds, page 436. The premises conveyed by said deed were therein described as follows:

"All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being at Kingsbridge, in the Town of Yonkers, in the County of Westchester, and the State of New York, being part of the farm of Mary C. P. Macomb, laid out into lots by Daniel Ewen, City Surveyor, and a map thereof filed in the office of the Clerk of said County of Westchester, bounded, described and containing as follows, to wit:

"Beginning at the centre of the bridge which crosses the junction of the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, known as Kingsbridge, nearly opposite the Tenth avenue of The City of New York, in the centre of the channel of said river and creek; thence running northeasterly along the centre of a proposed road until it strikes the centre of another proposed road, laid down on said map, running from the creek, as laid down on said map, to the Post road from New York to Albany; thence running southeasterly along the centre of said last-mentioned proposed road to the centre of said Post road from New York to Albany; thence running along the centre line of said Post road southwardly and westwardly, to the point of beginning. The said piece or parcel of land being distinguished by the numbers 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and by the letter K; also the piece of land marked K, lying between the said Post road and the Harlem River; also the island marked K, lying in the Harlem River; also all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the said Town of Yonkers in the County and State aforesaid, and which is known and designated on said map by the letter A, and which is bounded and described as follows: Northerly, by the creek, northeasterly, partly by land of Augustus Van Cortlandt and partly by the said Post road between New York and Albany, being along said road 265 feet, and southerly, southwesterly and westerly by the said creek, subject nevertheless to the right of way through and upon all the roads laid down on said map of the owners of other lots purchased at the said sale; all the roads being intended to be kept open as public roads."

The said conveyance included the premises in question and the said William Foster, Jr., took possession thereof.

Thereafter the said William Foster, Jr., and Caroline M., his wife, conveyed a portion of said premises last above described, including the premises in question, to Joseph H. Godwin, by deed dated April 7, 1848, which was duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on the same day in Liber 127 of Deeds, page 170.

The premises thereby conveyed were described in said deed as follows:

"All those certain pieces of land, situate at Kingsbridge, in the Town of Yonkers aforesaid, being part of the farm lately belonging to Mary C. P. Macomb, laid out in lots of Daniel Ewen, City Surveyor, a map whereof is filed in the Clerk's office, of Westchester County aforesaid, and designated on said map by the letter K and the number fifty-two. Bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the centre of the bridge which crosses the junction of the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, known as Kingsbridge, nearly opposite to the Tenth avenue of The City of New York, in the centre of the channel of the said river and creek; thence running northeasterly along the centre of a proposed road leading from said bridge, and as laid down on said map, to a point in said centre line opposite to the southwesterly corner of a lot, number fifty-three on said map; thence southeasterly along the southerly line of said lot number fifty-three to the centre line of the Post road from New York to Albany, and thence running along the centre line of said Post road southerly and westerly, as its course runs to the place of beginning. Containing ten acres and a half of land, be the same more or less. And also the piece of land marked K on said map, and lying between the centre of said Post road and the Harlem River, and also the island in said Harlem River marked K on said map. Subject, nevertheless, to the right of way through and over all roads laid down on said map of the owners of the other lots, all the said roads being intended to be kept open as public roads."

Thereafter the said Joseph H. Godwin and Phebe Ann, his wife, conveyed the same premises by the same description as above set forth to Charles Lent, by deed dated August 2, 1852, and duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County on October 6, 1852, in Liber 211 of Deeds, page 127.

Thereafter the said Charles Lent and Margaret his wife conveyed the same premises, by the same description as above set forth to Silas Schofield, by deed dated October 1, 1853, and duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County on October 22, 1853, in Liber 248 of Deeds, page 205.

Thereafter, the said Silas Schofield, and Susan, his wife, conveyed the same premises, by the same description as above set forth, to Joseph H. Godwin, by deed, which was dated October 28, 1853, and duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on November 16, 1853, in Liber 253 of Deeds, page 44.

Thereafter the said Joseph H. Godwin acquired title to certain premises adjoining the above described and conveyed premises on the south and lying below high water mark in the Harlem River, by grant from the People of the State of New York,

dated July 2, 1861, and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, in Book 39 of Patents, at page 95.

The said premises were therein described as follows: "All that certain piece or parcel of land under the waters of the Harlem River in front and adjacent to lands of said Joseph H. Godwin, in the Town of Yonkers, County of Westchester, and described as follows, to wit:

"Beginning at a point at common high water mark on the northeasterly shore of Harlem River at the southerly side of a stone wall under a small house called the Oyster House, near the King's bridge over the Harlem River; thence running along the line of high water mark until it comes to a point which is distant 384 feet on a course bearing south 41 degrees and 15 minutes east measured along said stone walls being in front of lands of Joseph H. Godwin; thence still along said lands by the line of high water mark south 7 degrees 54 minutes east 141½ feet; thence still along said lands and along high water mark south 25 degrees east 130 feet; thence along said lands and by high water mark north 82 degrees and 10 minutes east 93 feet to a stake; thence leaving the line of high water mark and running south 70 degrees and 30 minutes west 120 feet to the pier line established by the Harbor Commissioners of New York; thence running along the said pier line the following courses and distances, to wit: North 22 degrees and 15 minutes west 76 feet; north 33 degrees west 100 feet; north 36 degrees west 50 feet; north 37 degrees and 45 minutes west 400 feet to the King's bridge aforesaid and lands of the said Joseph H. Godwin; thence along the same, north 27 degrees 15 minutes east 33 feet; thence still along the same 51½ degrees east 50 feet to the place of beginning, containing one acre and 11-100 of an acre."

Thereafter the said Joseph H. Godwin and Phebe Ann, his wife, conveyed the same premises to Margaret Russel by deed, dated January 1, 1866, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of the County of Westchester on January 5, 1866, in Liber 584 of Deeds, page 35.

The premises thereby conveyed were therein described as follows:

"All that certain piece or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situate and being in the Town of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York, and bounded and containing as follows: Southerly and easterly by the Post road from New York to Albany, westerly by a new road leading from Kingsbridge to Yonkers, northerly by lands now or late of William Ackerman, and also the piece of land with the buildings thereon, lying on the south of said Post road, extending to the Harlem River, and also all the right, title and interest of said parties of the first part in and to all the land under the waters of Harlem River in front of the land above described, being the same lands granted to said Joseph H. Godwin by the Commissioners of the land office, on the 2d day of July, A. D., 1861, and also all the right, title and interest of said parties of the first part in and to the oyster beds now owned by said Joseph H. Godwin. All of the lands referred to being the same as laid down on a map of lands belonging to Joseph H. Godwin made by Andrew Findlay, surveyor, October, 1860. Also, the privilege in perpetuity of conveying in pipes at least two and one-half feet under ground, water to the premises hereinbefore described from a certain spring situate on lands of said Joseph H. Godwin, lying to the east of said Post road and marked A, on said map."

Thereafter the said Margaret Russel conveyed the said premises to William G. Ackerman by the same description as above set forth, by deed dated April 10, 1868, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of the County of Westchester on April 20, 1868, in Liber 670 of Deeds, page 423.

Thereafter the said William G. Ackerman and Caroline M., his wife, conveyed the said premises by substantially the same description to said Joseph H. Godwin by deed dated July 14, 1868, duly recorded in the office of the Register of the County of Westchester on August 31, 1868, in Liber 688 of Deeds, page 1.

Thereafter the said Joseph H. Godwin and Phebe Ann, his wife, conveyed a portion of said premises to George H. Moller by deed dated September 10, 1868, and recorded in the office of the Register of Westchester County, February 2, 1869, in Liber 699 of Deeds, page 233. The premises thereby conveyed were described in said deed as follows:

"Beginning at a point which is the northeasterly corner of the stable now in process of erection by the said party of the second part, thence westerly along a prolongation of the same line to a new road from Kingsbridge to Yonkers, at a point nearly opposite of the Church of the Mediator; thence southerly along the said road until it strikes the Old Post road as widened; thence easterly along the said Old Post road until it strikes the line drawn along the easterly line of said stable; and a prolongation thereof, to the said Old Post road; thence northerly along the said prolonged line to the point or place of beginning."

Thereafter the said George H. Moller and Emma L., his wife, conveyed the said premises to the said Joseph H. Godwin, by deed dated June 3, 1875, and recorded in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, in Liber 1325 of Conveyances, page 377, on August 24, 1875.

Thereafter the said Joseph Godwin and Phebe Ann, his wife, conveyed a portion of said premises to Emma L. Moller by deed dated August 1, 1875, and recorded in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on August 31, 1875, in Liber 1349 of Conveyances, page 145.

The premises conveyed by said deed were therein described as follows: "All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Twenty-fourth Ward of The City of New York, and bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the premises in question, at a point formed by the intersection of the road leading from Kingsbridge to Yonkers and South Broadway, formerly the Albany Post road, running thence north, 44 degrees 39 minutes east 427 and 9/100 feet to land of said Joseph H. Godwin; thence south 49 degrees 7 minutes east 224 and 6/100 feet to land of Joseph H. Godwin; thence north 42 degrees and 66 minutes east 430 and 10/100 feet to South Broadway, formerly the Albany Post road; thence along South Broadway as it runs 243 and 6/100 feet to the point or place of beginning."

Thereafter the said Emma L. Moller conveyed the same premises to the said Joseph H. Godwin by deed dated June 18, 1875, and recorded in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York June 20, 1875, in Block Series Section 13 of Conveyances, Liber 3, page 258.

Your petitioners further show that said Joseph H. Godwin died on or about August 9, 1903, in The City of New York, seized and possessed in fee of said parcels of lands and made no disposition by will of said real estate and your petitioners who are the only heirs at law of said Joseph H. Godwin, deceased, are now the owners in fee, as tenants in common of said parcels of land.

The properties desired to be released are bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the westerly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, as legally opened, at the westerly end of the premises herein described, where the same intersects the westerly side of Old Broadway, sometimes called the Post road from New York to Albany; thence southerly, along the said westerly side of the Old Broadway, 123.02 feet to the pierhead line laid out pursuant to the provisions of chapter 763 of the Laws of 1857, and thence southeasterly, along said pierhead line to a point which intersects the westerly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, and thence northerly, along the westerly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street to the point or place of beginning. Said property lies in Block 3402 of Section 13 on the Land Map of the County of New York."

All that certain strip of land situate in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, at the southerly end of the premises herein described, where the said easterly side of Two Hundred and Thirtieth street is intersected by the easterly side of Old Broadway, sometimes called the Post road from New York to Albany, and running thence northerly, along said easterly side of Old Broadway, 327.27 feet to the point where said easterly side of Old Broadway again intersects the said easterly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence southerly along the said easterly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, 312.46 feet to the point or place of beginning."

Said property lies in Block 3404 of Section 13 on the Land Map of the County of New York.

That said Joseph H. Godwin, in his lifetime, so long as he was the owner of said parcel, paid taxes upon said property, which were imposed thereon by the authorities of said City, and since his death, your petitioners have paid taxes thereon which have

since been imposed by said authorities, and that the said property was assessed to said Joseph H. Godwin during his lifetime and to your petitioners since his death.

That by reason of the proceeding for the extending of the lines of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, from Broadway to Riverdale avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, your petitioners have been shut off of their frontage on Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, as will be more particularly shown on the annexed diagram, causing them irreparable damage.

That notwithstanding the proceedings taken as aforesaid, taking away the petitioners' frontage, it has been suggested that The City of New York may have some right in and to the fee of the land of said old road hereinbefore described. While your petitioners are advised that such a claim has no foundation in law or in fact, nevertheless it is believed to be a cloud upon the title of your petitioners, and is of but nominal value.

Your petitioners therefore pray that a release or quit-claim be made by The City of New York to your petitioners of all of that part of the old Broadway (Two Hundred and Thirtieth street), which has been closed as aforesaid, within the limits of the parcel now owned by your petitioners, upon such terms and conditions as, in the judgment of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York, shall seem proper, pursuant to the provisions of section 205 of chapter 466, of the Laws of 1901, as amended.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

EMMA L. MOLLER,
CORTLANDT GODWIN,
GEO. G. GODWIN,
WALDO S. GODWIN,
ADA G. RANDALL,
RAYNOR GODWIN.

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

Emma L. Moller, Cortlandt Godwin, George G. Godwin, Raynor Godwin, Waldo S. Godwin and Ada G. Randall being duly sworn, depose and say that they have read the foregoing petition, know the contents thereof and that the same is true of their own knowledge except as to the facts therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters they believe it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of September, 1907.

[SEAL.]

A. O. WHALEY,
Notary Public 62.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 5, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Emma L. Moller, Cortlandt Godwin, George G. Godwin, Raynor Godwin, Waldo S. Godwin and Ada Randall, in a petition addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, ask for a release of the interest of the City in and to two parcels of land forming a part of the bed of Old Broadway, or the New York and Albany Post road. The properties are more particularly described hereafter.

The old road follows a winding course in this locality (between Broadway and Kingsbridge avenue). Proceedings to lay out West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street and to acquire title thereto from Riverdale avenue to Broadway were confirmed on October 21, 1903. The line of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street as established in this proceeding follows a more uniform course than the old road, in consequence of which there are between the legal lines of the new street and the actual lines of the old road, two parcels of considerable extent, which these petitioners seek to have released to them as abutting owners.

While West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street is legally opened at this point, the change exists only on paper. As a matter of physical fact, the road is now open and in use according to the old winding lines. Were this release granted it would permit the adjoining owners to occupy up to the new line of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street. This is just about in the middle of the present road, so the effect would be to shut off at least half of an important highway and force the City into a very embarrassing situation. This alone should be reason enough for denying the application.

But there are other reasons, namely, that the Borough authorities in The Bronx are making studies which may further modify the street lines of this locality.

Also, section 205 of the Charter under which this application is made, provides, among other things, that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall have power to sell and convey the right, title and interest of the City in and to lands lying within any street, avenue, road, highway, alley, lane or public place or square that has been discontinued and closed in whole or in part by lawful authority, "provided the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall first determine that the said lands on the part thereof so sold and conveyed are not needed for any public use."

As long as the street is physically open and traveled, it is reasonable to assume that it is needed for some public use. But attention is called to the resolution below.

There has been a considerable amount of correspondence about these strips. A brief reference to this may prove instructive. On December 20, 1903, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the Two Hundred and Thirtieth street proceeding addressed a communication to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in which it was stated:

"On December 29, 1866, the Town of Yonkers acquired title to a road running from said Town of Yonkers to The City of New York, known as Broadway. By chapter 613 of the Laws of 1873 the Towns of Morrisania, West Farms and Kingsbridge were annexed to The City and County of New York and become known as the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards thereof."

The final maps of that section made by the Commissioners of Street Improvements and filed December 17, 1895, discontinued a portion of the said old road on Broadway lying on either side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Broadway and Kingsbridge avenue.

In the communication quoted the Commissioners asked the Board to state whether or not the City desired to retain the property. Under date of December 19, 1903, Mr. Nelson P. Lewis, Chief Engineer of the Board of Estimate, reported:

"The City cannot advantageously put to any public use that portion of the old street known as Broadway, lying on the northerly side of Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, between the present Broadway and Kingsbridge avenue."

The matter was referred to the President of the Borough of The Bronx and on January 18, 1904, F. Greifenburg, Principal Assistant Topographical Engineer, reported in part:

"The portions of old Broadway which lie outside the present West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street are practically useless to the City and should, therefore, be discontinued and sold."

The matter finally got before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and, on April 27, 1904, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby determine that the City does not desire to retain for public use the crescent-shaped strip of land, owned by the City, on the northerly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Broadway and Kingsbridge avenue, Borough of Manhattan, which was formerly a part of the street surface of the old road, or Broadway, before the laying out of Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the northeasterly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street distant 53.63 feet southeasterly from the southeasterly corner of Kingsbridge avenue and West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, and running thence southeasterly 71.84 feet; thence again southeasterly 240.62 feet all along the northeasterly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence northerly and northwesterly by a curved line along the old north line of old Broadway, or the old road, the following distances: 30.32 feet, 119.37 feet, 177.58 feet to the point or place of beginning, being the premises known as Lot No. 85, in Block 3404, Section 13, Volume 1, on the Land Map of the County of New York."

There was later some correspondence to the same effect regarding the southerly piece of the old road, but it does not seem to be necessary to discuss that in detail.

In all of the foregoing it will be noticed that no reference is made to the fact that the old road is actually and physically open on the old lines and that the land which is declared to be of no public use is to-day a part of the open road, and one of the busy highways of the City. Had this fact been before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the result might have been different.

It seems to me, in spite of the impressive array of opinions to the contrary, that it would be unwise for the City to release either of these properties to private owners before West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street comes into being physically. The fact that the road is open and traveled on the old lines seems to be a conclusive answer to the whole question.

When West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street is physically improved according to the lines legally laid down, it may be a very wise and desirable thing for the City to sell these portions of old Broadway for substantial amounts, but until that time arrives it is my judgment that the application for a release of these properties is premature and should be denied.

The properties involved are described in the petition as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the westerly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, as legally opened, at the westerly end of the premises herein described, where the same intersects the westerly side of old Broadway, sometimes called the Post road from New York to Albany; thence southerly along the said westerly side of the old Broadway 123.02 feet to the pierhead line laid out pursuant to the provisions of chapter 763 of the Laws of 1857, and thence southeasterly along said pierhead line to a point which intersects the westerly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, and thence northerly along the westerly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street to the point or place of beginning. Said property lies in Block 3402 of Section 13 on the Land Map of the County of New York.

"All that certain strip of land situate in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the easterly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, at the southerly end of the premises herein described, where the said easterly side of Two Hundred and Thirtieth street is intersected by the easterly side of old Broadway, sometimes called the Post road from New York to Albany, and running thence northerly along said easterly side of old Broadway 327.27 to the point where said easterly side of old Broadway again intersects the said easterly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence southerly along the said easterly side of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street 312.45 feet to the point or place of beginning.

"Said property lies in Block 3404 of Section 13 on the Land Map of the County of New York."

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of Emma L. Moller, Cortlandt Godwin, George G. Godwin, Raynor Godwin, Waldo S. Godwin and Ada Randall, for a release or quit-claim of the City's interest in two parcels of land forming a part of old Broadway or the New York and Albany Post road be and the same is hereby denied.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following petition was received from McDonald & Weales Company for a release or quitclaim of the City's interest in a portion of Lotts lane, in the Borough of Brooklyn:

In the Matter

of

The petition of MacDonald & Weales Company, to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York.

PETITION.

Whereas, Your petitioner the MacDonald & Weales Company, a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, is the owner in fee by deed bearing date the 11th day of November, 1907, and recorded in the Register's office of the County of Kings on the 6th day of January, 1908, of the following described premises:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York, in Section 16, Block 5388, Lot No. 37, on the tax map of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of East Fifth street, distant one hundred and ninety (190) feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East Fifth street with the northerly side of Ditmas avenue (formerly Avenue E), running thence northerly along the westerly side of East Fifth street, thirty (30) feet, thence westerly parallel with Ditmas avenue one hundred (100) feet; thence southerly parallel with East Fifth street thirty (30) feet; thence easterly parallel with Ditmas avenue one hundred (100) feet to the point or place of beginning, as shown on the survey by R. L. Williams, City Surveyor, dated September 11, 1907, and hereto annexed; and

Whereas, A highway known as Lotts lane formerly ran through a portion of said premises as shown on said survey; and

Whereas, This portion of said lane has been discontinued and closed and not used as a highway for a long period of time; and

Whereas, Your petitioner desires to remove any cloud upon its title to said premises that may exist by reason of the location of Lotts lane as aforesaid.

Now, Therefore, your petitioner respectfully requests and petitions that The City of New York release and convey to your petitioner, MacDonald & Weales Company, all its right, title and interest in and to that portion of Lotts lane included within the boundaries of the above described premises, to wit:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, in Section 16, Block 5388, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of East Fifth street, distant two hundred and seventeen (217) feet, four and one-half (4½) inches northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East Fifth street with the northerly side of Ditmas avenue (formerly Avenue E), running thence northerly along the westerly side of East Fifth street two (2) feet, seven and one-half (7½) inches; thence westerly parallel with Ditmas avenue seventy-four (74) feet, six and three-fourths (6¾) inches; thence southwesterly along the northerly line of Lotts lane fourteen-seven (27) feet seven (7) inches, to a point in the centre line of the block between East Fourth street and East Fifth street, distant two hundred and nine (209) feet, three and one-half (3½) inches from the northerly side of Ditmas avenue, measured on a line drawn at right angles therefrom, running thence southerly along the centre line of said block nineteen (19) feet, three and one-half (3½) inches; thence easterly parallel with Ditmas avenue thirty-four (34) feet, seven and five-eighths (7⅝) inches; thence northeasterly along the southerly line of Lotts lane on a straight line seventy (70) feet, ten and one-eighth (10⅛) inches to the point or place of beginning, as shown on the survey by R. L. Williams, City Surveyor, dated September 11, 1907, and hereto annexed.

In witness whereof, your petitioner has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and this petition to be signed by its President, this 6th day of January, 1908.

MACDONALD & WEALES COMPANY,

[SEAL.]

By ALEXANDER MACDONALD, President.

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

On the 6th day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight, before me personally came Alexander MacDonald, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York; that he is the President of the MacDonald & Weales Company, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knew the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument was such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

RALPH RAYMOND, Notary Public, Kings County, N. Y.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following report and offered the following resolution:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
January 27, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—The MacDonald & Weales Company, in a petition addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, asks for a release of the interest of The City of New York in and to a portion of Lotts lane. The property is more particularly described hereafter.

Lotts lane is a Dutch road. A special report dealing with its early history will be found in the minutes of the Sinking Fund January 22, 1908.

All portions of the road seem to have been open and in use within twenty years of the present date; the first closing resolution bears date of November 9, 1891, according to records of the Brooklyn Topographical Bureau. The house which stands on the land embraced in this petition was constructed in 1907.

The Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears reports that no unpaid charges appear against Lot No. 37, Block 5388, Section 16.

I would respectfully recommend that the Corporation Counsel be requested to advise if there is any reason why the City should not charge a sum approximating the actual value of the land for a release of its interests in the following described property:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, in Section 16, Block 5388, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of East Fifth street, distant two hundred and seventeen (217) feet four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) inches northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East Fifth street with the northerly side of Ditmas avenue (formerly Avenue E), running thence northerly along the westerly side of East Fifth street two (2) feet seven and one-half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) inches, thence westerly parallel with Ditmas avenue seventy-four (74) feet six and three-fourths ($6\frac{3}{4}$) inches, thence southwesterly along the northerly line of Lotts lane twenty-seven (27) feet seven (7) inches, to a point in the centre line of the block between East Fourth street and East Fifth street, distant two hundred and nine (209) feet three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) inches from the northerly side of Ditmas avenue measured on a line drawn at right angles therefrom, running thence southerly along the centre line of said block nineteen (19) feet three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) inches, thence easterly parallel with Ditmas avenue thirty-four (34) feet seven and five-eighths ($7\frac{5}{8}$) inches, thence northeasterly along the southerly line of Lotts lane on a straight line seventy (70) feet ten and one-eighth ($10\frac{1}{8}$) inches to the point or place of beginning, as shown on the survey by R. L. Williams, City Surveyor, dated September 11, 1907, and hereto annexed.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:

H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
April 21, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have a communication dated March 31, 1908, signed N. Taylor Phillips, Deputy Comptroller, which reads as follows:

"Within the last week or two several opinions have been received from you in relation to applications for releases of the City in portions of old roads.

"In many cases you have recommended that the applications be denied, and this recommendation has, in some instances, presented a new problem to which I would call your attention and ask for your opinion.

"In the matter of the application of the MacDonald & Weales Company for a release of a portion of Lotts lane, you state, under date of March 20, 1908, that there is nothing in the papers to show that the road has been legally closed or that the petitioner or its predecessors in title have been in possession, adverse or otherwise, for any time.

"In the report of the Examiner of the Finance Department, which accompanied the papers, reference was made to a special report on Lotts lane, printed in the minutes of the Sinking Fund, under date of January 22, 1908. The matter of the closing of the lane is considered there and it appears that all portions of this road have been open and in use within twenty years. The portion with which this petition is particularly concerned was closed on December 31, 1903. The report also shows that Lotts lane was a Dutch road.

"Am I to understand from your recommendation in the matter that no action is to be taken and that if you declare the interest of the City in this lane to be material, that the City may not, by charging a substantial amount, release its interest to the adjoining owners? I would thank you for an expression on this point and would also ask that you advise me whether the interest of the City in Lotts lane is material or nominal.

"In the matter of the application of John Z. Lott for a release of a portion of old East Clarkson street, you have advised me that the interest of the City in one portion of the property is nominal and in the other material.

"In all cases the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund require that the property in question be certified by metes and bounds, so in the Lott case may I ask you to so certify as to each portion. In many of the other opinions that have been returned, there has not been the customary certification by metes and bounds.

"It has also been customary in the past for the Corporation Counsel to prepare blank deeds in proper form for releasing the interest of the City in matters of this character. Such deeds were made in triplicate.

"If you will inform me as to the special points which you desire to have brought out in each case, I will endeavor to have the examinations conducted along the lines which you suggest.

"I am returning herewith the papers in several of the matters in case you desire to refer to them in the preparation of deeds."

Referring to the application of the MacDonald & Weales Company for a release of the interest of the City in certain land in Lotts lane, I beg to say that when, in my opinion of March 20, 1908, I said that

"in view of the failure of the petitioner to show facts which would entitle it to the release asked for, I advise you that the application should be denied,"

—I viewed the application as one for a release upon a nominal consideration only. I meant that the facts before me did not establish the applicant's right to a release upon such terms. I did not wish to be understood as advising that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may not sell and convey the interest of the City to the applicant, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as in their judgment shall seem proper, for this they undoubtedly have a right to do under section 205 of the Charter. This applies also to the cases of John F. Kucks and John W. Terry, in connection with whose applications I advised you under date March 26, 1908.

The land in Lotts lane referred to in the application of the MacDonald & Weales Company, the City's interest in which I certify to be material, is described as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Section 16, Block 5388, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the westerly side of East Fifth street, distant two hundred and seventeen (217) feet four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) inches northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East Fifth street with the northerly side of Ditmas avenue (formerly Avenue E); running thence northerly along the westerly side of East Fifth street two (2) feet seven and one-half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) inches; thence westerly parallel with Ditmas avenue seventy-four (74) feet six and three-fourths ($6\frac{3}{4}$) inches; thence southwesterly along the northerly line of Lotts lane twenty-seven (27) feet seven (7) inches to a point in the centre line of the block between East Fourth street and East Fifth street, distant two hundred and nine (209) feet three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) inches from the northerly side of Ditmas avenue, measured on a line drawn at right angles therefrom; running thence southerly along the centre line of said block nineteen (19) feet three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) inches; thence easterly parallel with Ditmas avenue thirty-four (34) feet seven and five-eighths ($7\frac{5}{8}$) inches; thence northeasterly along the southerly line of Lotts lane on a straight line seventy (70) feet ten and one-eighth ($10\frac{1}{8}$) inches to the point or place of beginning."

In reference to the application of John Z. Lott for a release of the interest of the City in a portion of Old or East Clarkson street, as to which I advised you under date

March 24, 1908, I beg to say that the portion of the street referred to therein, in which I hereby certify that the interest of the City is nominal and a mere cloud upon the title, is described as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the late Town of Flatbush (now the Twenty-ninth Ward of the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York), in the County of Kings and State of New York, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

"Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Old or East Clarkson street, distant three hundred and twenty-five (325) feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Old or East Clarkson street with the easterly side of Clove road (commonly called Poorhouse road); running thence northerly, parallel with Clove or Poorhouse road eleven (11) feet to the centre line of Old or East Clarkson street; thence easterly along said centre line sixty-five (65) feet; thence southerly again parallel with Clove or Poorhouse road eleven (11) feet to the southerly side of Old or East Clarkson street, and thence westerly along said southerly side sixty-five (65) feet to the point or place of beginning."

That part of the street in which the interest of the City is material is described as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the late Town of Flatbush (now the Twenty-ninth Ward of the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York), in the County of Kings and State of New York, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

"Beginning at a point on the centre line of Old or East Clarkson street, distant three hundred and twenty-five (325) feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Old or East Clarkson street with the easterly side of Clove road (commonly called Poorhouse road); running thence northerly parallel with Clove or Poorhouse road (1) foot three (3) inches to the southerly side of Clarkson avenue, as now laid out and open; thence easterly along said southerly side sixty-five (65) feet; thence southerly again parallel with Clove or Poorhouse road one (1) foot three (3) inches to the centre line of Old or East Clarkson street; thence westerly along said centre line sixty-five (65) feet to the point or place of beginning."

The land lying within the lines of the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike, referred to in the application of John F. Kucks, is described as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point where a line drawn parallel with Reid avenue, distant one hundred and forty-nine (149) feet and eight (8) inches easterly from the easterly side of Reid avenue, intersects the centre line of the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike; running thence southerly and parallel with Reid avenue thirty-three (33) feet eight and one-half ($8\frac{1}{2}$) inches to the southerly side of the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike; thence southeasterly or nearly so and along the southerly side of the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike twenty (20) feet and five (5) inches; thence northerly and parallel with Reid avenue thirty-three (33) feet eight and one-half ($8\frac{1}{2}$) inches to the centre line of the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike; thence northwesterly or nearly so and along the centre line of the said Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike, twenty (20) feet and five (5) inches to the point or place of beginning, be the said several dimensions more or less."

The land lying within the lines of the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike, referred to in the application of John W. Terry, is described as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point one hundred and sixty-nine (169) feet eight (8) inches east from Reid avenue and seventeen (17) feet one (1) inch south from Bainbridge street; running thence in a southerly direction and parallel with Reid avenue sixty-seven (67) feet three and one-quarter ($3\frac{1}{4}$) inches to the southerly side of the so-called Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike or Plank road; thence in a southeasterly direction along the said line of said road twenty (20) feet four and three-quarter ($4\frac{3}{4}$) inches; thence in a northerly direction and parallel with Reid avenue sixty-seven (67) feet three-quarter ($3\frac{1}{4}$) inch to the northerly side of said Turnpike road; thence in a northwesterly direction along the northerly side of said Turnpike road twenty (20) feet five and one-quarter ($5\frac{1}{4}$) inches to the point or place of beginning."

I inclose as requested proposed deeds in connection with the applications of the MacDonald and Weales Company, John Z. Lott, John F. Kucks and John W. Terry, and I return all the papers in connection with said applications transmitted to me with your communication of March 31, 1908.

Respectfully yours,

G. L. STERLING,
Acting Corporation Counsel.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
March 20, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—I have a communication dated January 28, 1908, signed N. Taylor Phillips, Deputy Comptroller, transmitting the petition of the MacDonald & Weales Company for a release of the City's interest in a part of Lotts lane, situate within the boundaries of a certain lot of land owned by petitioner on the westerly side of East Fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

A certified copy of the deed bearing date November 11, 1907, conveying said lot to the petitioner, a copy of a survey of said premises and a report upon the application by one of your Examiners, accompany the petition.

The question asked by your Examiner to be submitted to me is whether there is any reason why the City should not charge a sum approximating the actual value of the land for the release of its interest in the road asked for.

By the report of your Examiner it appears that Lotts lane was a Dutch road, all portions of which have been open and in use within twenty years last past, and that the house standing upon the land included in the petition was built in the year 1907. There is nothing in the papers before me to show that the lane or road has been legally closed or that the petitioner or its predecessors in title have been in possession, adverse or otherwise, for any time.

In view of the failure of the petitioner to show facts which would entitle it to the release asked for, I advise you that the application should be denied.

I return all papers submitted to me.

Respectfully,

G. L. STERLING, Acting Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
June 26, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—Some months ago the MacDonald & Weales Company filed a petition with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund asking for a release of the interest of the City in and to a portion of Lotts lane, in Brooklyn.

The matter was referred to the Corporation Counsel, and under date of April 21, 1908, he certified that the interest of the City in Lotts lane is material. The property was appraised by Mr. Mortimer J. Brown, and under date of May 5, 1908, he reported the property in the road worth \$800.

This figure was communicated to the petitioners and they were informed that if the terms were not accepted in writing on or before June 26 the application would be placed before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, with a recommendation that it be denied.

No word of reply has been received, and I would therefore respectfully recommend that the application be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JORDAN, Examiner.

Approved:
H. A. METZ, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
May 5, 1908. }

Hon. HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller:

SIR—This office is in receipt of a communication under date of April 29, 1908, which in substance requests that the Real Estate Bureau inform you as to the fair market value in January, 1908, of a certain plot of land included within the limits of

Lotts lane where said lane crossed a plot 30 by 100 feet on the west side of East Fifth street, 190 feet north of Avenue E, or Ditmas avenue, Borough of Brooklyn.

I have had an examination made and report that the plot in question, 30 by 100 feet, is known on the tax books as Lot No. 37 in Block 5388, Section 16 (old Ward 29, Block 135). The plot is now improved with a two-story frame dwelling, and is assessed, land, \$900, building, \$3,500; total, \$4,400. The street is 60 feet wide and has gas, water, sewer, granolithic sidewalk and curb but is not paved. The sewer assessment is yet to be paid.

The lot is located in what is to a certain extent a "stable block," which fact materially affects the value of property for residence purposes. Being in a "stable block" and being unpaved, with a sewer assessment yet to be paid, the fair market value of the plot, 30 by 100 feet, in January last was, in my opinion, not more than \$1,200.

Lotts lane was 33 feet wide and occupied 1,970 square feet, or a little less than two-thirds of the plot in question. In my opinion the fair market value of the portion of Lotts lane within this plot in January last was not above \$800.

In charging the full market value as of January, 1908, the City should assume the payment of all taxes, assessments and water rates which were a lien upon the property embraced in Lotts lane at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,

Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance.

Resolved, That the application of the MacDonald & Weales Company for a release or quitclaim of the City's interest in a portion of Lotts lane, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same is hereby denied.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

Adjourned.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

List of Changes in the Service of the Department of Public Charities During the Week Ending July 4, 1908.

July 1—Ahrweiler, Gustav A., appointed, Painter, Metropolitan Hospital, \$4 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Babin, Jeanne S., promoted, Pupil Nurse, Metropolitan Training School, \$144 to \$180 per annum.

July 1—Bilks, Samuel, appointed, Painter, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$4 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Blatchford, Wm. H., appointed, Carpenter, New York City Home, Blackwells Island, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 24—Boylan, James, reappointed, Hospital Helper, Randalls Island, \$240 per annum.

June 15—Brown, Georgiana, appointed, Cook, Cumberland Street Hospital, \$360 per annum; certified June 15.

June 16—Callahan, Nora, dropped, Waitress, Kings County Hospital, \$240 per annum; own request.

July 1—Callahan, Nora, restored to roll, Waitress, Kings County Hospital, \$240 per annum.

July 1—Campbell, Almina, salary increased, Hospital Helper, Kings County Hospital, \$120 to \$240 per annum; certified July 1.

July 1—Carabine, Arthur J., appointed, Carpenter, City Hospital, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 30—Carroll, Mary, dismissed, Hospital Helper, New York City Home, Blackwells Island, \$180 per annum; absence without leave.

July 1—Clarke, John F., appointed, Carpenter, Storehouse, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 3—Colbert, Maurice, appointed, Stoker, Steamboats, \$3 per diem; certified July 3.

July 1—Collisson, Martin F., appointed, Plumber, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Cote, Rosaire E., appointed, Carpenter, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Davis, Dominick A., appointed, Painter, Metropolitan Hospital, \$4 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Davis, John, appointed, Painter, Kings County Hospital, \$4 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Devin, Robert H., appointed, Carpenter, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Dillon, Margaret J., promoted, Pupil Nurse, Metropolitan Training School, \$144 to \$180 per annum.

July 1—Donnelly, James J., appointed, Painter, City Hospital, \$4 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 23—Doyle, Andrew, dismissed, Hospital Helper, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$240 per annum; inefficiency.

June 7—Dyde, Charles, appointed, Hospital Helper, Cumberland Street Hospital, \$216 per annum; certified June 7.

July 1—Ellerich, John, appointed, Painter, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$4 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Farrell, Patrick, appointed, Carpenter, New York City Farm Colony, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Fearnley, Wm. R., appointed, Painter, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$4 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 30—Fleming, Mary, dropped, Hospital Helper, Metropolitan Training School, \$360 per annum; absence without leave.

July 1—Fox, Thomas J., appointed, Steam and Gas Fitter (Pipefitter), New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Galvin, Joseph T., appointed, Steam and Gas Fitter (Pipefitter), New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Garvey, John T., appointed, Carpenter, City Hospital, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Gavin, Mary J., promoted, Pupil Nurse, Metropolitan Training School, \$144 to \$180 per annum.

July 1—Glasse, Joseph, appointed, Carpenter, Storehouse, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 19—Greeves, William, dropped 3 days, illness, Stoker, Randalls Island, \$2.50 per diem.

July 1—Haslin, Bernard, appointed, Carpenter, Storehouse, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 29—Hayes, George F., dropped, Hospital Helper, Metropolitan Training School, \$480 per annum; neglect of duty.

June 26—Healy, Jennie, appointed, Seamstress, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$250 per diem; certified June 26.

July 1—Hunt, Richard F., appointed, Plumber, Metropolitan Hospital, \$5 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 27—Jordan, William, resigned, Hospital Helper, Kings County Hospital, \$240 per annum.

July 1—Karnal, Morris, appointed, Painter, City Hospital, \$4 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Larkin, Thomas F., appointed, Painter, City Hospital, \$4 per diem; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 15—Lindsey, Patrick, promoted, Hospital Helper, Cumberland Street Hospital, from \$144 to \$300 per annum; certified June 15.

July 1—Logan, Anna, dropped, Cook, Metropolitan Training School, \$480 per annum; own request.

June 18—Martin, George, promoted, Hospital Helper, Randalls Island, from \$120 to \$180 per annum. (Note—This was reported as an appointment at \$180 per annum under date of June 30, week ending June 27.) Certified June 18.

July 1—Marron, Bernard, appointed, Painter, Kings County Hospital, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Martin, Patrick J., appointed, painter, Metropolitan Hospital, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Maycrink, Minnie E., salary increased, Junior Clerk, Bureau of Dependent Adults, Manhattan, from \$600 to \$750 per annum, and title changed to Clerk; certified by Civil Service July 1.

May 31—Meeker, Sidney, dropped, Hospital Helper, Reception Hospital, \$300 per annum; own request.

July 2—Merkle, Gustave F., resigned, Hospital Helper, steamboats, \$480 per annum.

July 1—Miller, John B., appointed, Carpenter, Metropolitan Hospital, \$5 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Mulligan, John J., appointed, Painter, Cumberland Street Hospital, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Murphy, John E., appointed, Carpenter, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$5 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 21—Nelson, Christopher, promoted, Hospital Helper, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, from \$120 to \$240 per annum; certified June 21.

July 1—Niclaus, Michael, appointed, Painter, New York City Farm Colony, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 30—Phelan, John, resigned, Hospital Helper, Metropolitan Hospital, \$180 per annum.

July 1—Rall, Charles S., appointed, Painter, City Hospital, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Reilly, Felix, dropped, Hospital Helper, steamboats, \$240 per annum; absence without leave.

June 6—Rodgers, John, discharged, Hospital Helper, Cumberland Street Hospital, \$216 per annum; absence without leave.

June 28—Schroeder, William, appointed, Assistant Cook, Metropolitan Hospital, \$360 per annum; certified June 28.

July 1—Schureman, Theodore W., appointed, Carpenter, Metropolitan Hospital, \$5 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Schwarz, Charles, appointed, Painter, Metropolitan Hospital, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Stotz, August G., appointed, Painter, storehouse, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 19—Tone, William, dropped five days, illness, Stoker, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$2.50 per day.

July 1—Tovey, Margaret, promoted, Pupil Nurse, Metropolitan Training School, from \$144 to \$180 per annum.

July 1—Vienot, Henry, appointed, Painter, New York City Children's Hospitals and Schools, Randalls Island, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Voigt, Adolph, appointed, Painter, Metropolitan Hospital, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

July 1—Waterbury, Norman, appointed, Painter, New York City Home, Blackwells Island, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 27—Weber, George, dismissed, Cook, Metropolitan Hospital, \$360 per annum; services unsatisfactory.

June 22—Williams, Thomas, resigned, Hospital Helper, Metropolitan Hospital, \$300 per annum.

June 30—Winter, William, dropped, Hospital Helper, City Hospital, \$240 per annum; replaced by Civil Service, Painter.

July 1—Wohlenberg, Fred., appointed, Painter, storehouse, \$4 per day; certified by Civil Service June 10.

June 29—Young, Margaret, dropped, Hospital Helper, Metropolitan Training School, \$300 per annum (temporarily), illness at home.

June 1—Gibbons, Christopher, promoted, Stoker, Kings County Hospital, from \$2 per day to \$3 per day, without maintenance.

June 1—Lewis, Thomas F., salary increased, Stoker, Cumberland Street Hospital, from \$2 per day to \$3 per day. (Note—Reported as Kings County Hospital, under date of June 30, week ending June 27.)

June 1—McCormick, Thomas, salary increased, Stoker, Cumberland Street Hospital, from \$2 per day to \$3 per day. (Note—Reported as Kings County Hospital, under date of June 30, week ending June 27.)

J. McKEE BORDEN, Secretary.

Department of Public Charities,
The City of New York.

The following proposal of June 30 was accepted July 1, 1908:

The Hall Safe Company, No. 393 Broadway, City:

Line No. 1142. One Safe..... \$270 50

Morgue,
Foot of East Twenty-sixth Street,
New York, July 1, 1908.

Description of unknown man from St. Vincent's Hospital—Age, about 55 years; height, 5 feet 4 inches; weight, about 140 pounds; color, white; eyes, blue; hair, gray, very bald; mustache, sandy and gray; beard, none. Clothing: Blue serge sack coat (tag marked Brokaw Bros.), vest same material, black and gray striped pants, slate color suspenders with white stripes, white shirt black figure stripes, white linen wing collar (laundry mark B-66), black and white block check necktie, tan socks, black lace shoes, gray soft hat, bandanna handkerchief. Condition of body: Good. Remarks: All upper teeth and nearly all lower back teeth missing. No. 7748. Coroner, Harburger. Geo. W. Meeks, Superintendent.

Morgue,
Foot of East Twenty-sixth Street,
New York, July 3, 1908.

Description of unknown man from foot Dyckman street, Hudson River—Age, about 25 years; height, 5 feet 10½ inches; weight, about 170 pounds; color, white; eyes, can't tell; hair, blond; mustache, none; beard, none. Clothing: Body nude. Condition of body: Decomposed. Remarks: About five days in water. No. 7751. Coroner, Harburger. Geo. W. Meeks, Superintendent.

Morgue,
Foot of East Twenty-sixth Street,
New York, July 4, 1908.

Description of unknown man from Pier 22, North River—Age, about 35 years; height, 5 feet, 8 inches; weight, about 130 pounds; color, white; eyes, brown; hair, dark brown; mustache, dark brown; beard, none. Clothing: Blue serge vest, dark striped pants, blue outing shirt, turndown celluloid collar, green necktie, red flowers; black socks, black lace oxford tie shoes, gray striped suspenders. Condition of body: Good. Remarks: Two teeth, upper jaw, right side, broken off; about one hour in water. No. 7754. Coroner, Harburger. Geo. W. Meeks, Superintendent.

Morgue,
Foot of East Twenty-sixth Street,
New York, July 4, 1908.

Description of unknown man from foot of One Hundred and Fiftieth street, East River—Age, about 35 years; height, 5 feet, 8 inches; weight, about 160 pounds; color, white; eyes, can't tell; hair, light brown; mustache, none; beard, none. Clothing: Blue and white check jumper, black cloth pants, gray suspenders, black stripes and green flowers; black outing shirt, white stripes; gray cotton sleeveless undershirt, black cotton socks, no shoes, black leather belt around body. Condition of body: Decomposed. Remarks: Part of upper and lower front teeth missing, leather strap on right wrist, horseshoe nail ring on little finger, right hand; about four days in water. No. 7755. Coroner, Harburger. Geo. W. Meeks, Superintendent.

Morgue,
Foot of East Twenty-sixth Street,
New York, July 5, 1908.

Description of unknown man from Speedway at High Bridge—Age, about 40 years; height, 5 feet 6 inches; weight, about 135 pounds; color, white; eyes, blue; hair, brown; mustache, none; beard, none. Clothing: Black cheviot sack coat and vest same material, dark pants, gray stripes; white suspenders, green stripes; blue outing shirt, blue cotton underwear, laundry mark 2251, black cotton socks, black lace (Waldorf) shoes, white straw hat. Condition of body: Good. Remarks: Upper teeth false, lower teeth missing, tattooed on right forearm a laurel wreath with initials "J. J." in centre. No. 7756. Coroner, Shradly, Geo. W. Meeks, Superintendent.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Supply of The City of New York,
Held June 16, 1908.

Present—Commissioners John A. Bense, President, and Charles N. Chadwick.
The minutes of June 9, 1908, were read and approved.
The following bills were approved and ordered forwarded to the Comptroller for payment:

Voucher No.	In Favor Of.	Amount.
Fifty Per Cent. Awards in Ashokan Reservoir and Northern Aqueduct Department.		
7390.	National Ulster County Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of the Ulster and Delaware Blue Stone Company, the First National Bank of Rondout and Edmund Riseley.....	\$150 00
7391.	National Ulster County Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Chauncey Teas, Arabella Teas and the Homeseekers' Co-operative Savings and Loan Association.....	215 00
7392.	State of New York National Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Elenor I. Stewart.....	475 00
7393.	National Ulster County Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Marshall Winn and Benjamin Van Steenburgh.....	125 00
7394.	National Ulster County Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Francis Winchell and Catharine Davis.....	200 00
7404.	National Ulster County Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Isaiah Wager and Eva Wager.....	575 00
7405.	Rondout National Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Frederick Hales, Jr., et al.....	165 00
7406.	Rondout National Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Thomas Whalen.....	125 00
7407.	Rondout National Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Edna May Boice, et al.....	600 00
7408.	Rondout National Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of John Pollyino.....	100 00
7409.	Rondout National Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Henry Snyder.....	610 00
7410.	Kingston National Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Elizabeth Hogan, et al.....	450 00
7411.	National Ulster County Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of William Votaw.....	150 00
7412.	Kingston National Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Edgar W. Barnes, et al.....	165 00
7413.	Huguenot National Bank of New Paltz, N. Y., to the credit of Roeliff DuBois et al.....	1,350 00
7414.	Huguenot National Bank of New Paltz, N. Y., to the credit of Mary L. Stephens.....	1,250 00
7415.	Kingston National Bank of Kingston, N. Y., to the credit of Daniel B. Deyo.....	1,800 00
General Bills.		
7416.	John R. Sullivan.....	20 96
7417.	John P. Mack.....	41 13
7422.	Banks Law Publishing Company.....	2 50
7423.	Buff & Buff Manufacturing Company.....	34 50
7424.	Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company.....	4 25
7425.	Martin B. Brown Company.....	35 00
7426.	Alfred J. Cammeyer.....	4 50
7427.	Crecent Towel Supply Company.....	48 71
7428.	George Douglass.....	13 75
7429.	E. Dietzgen Company.....	124 50
7430.	E. Dietzgen Company.....	37 38
7431.	Electric Cable Company.....	14 50
7432.	The Erkins Company.....	63 32
7433.	W. & L. E. Gurley.....	44 52
7434.	Hudson River Telephone Company.....	5 95
7435.	Hudson River Telephone Company.....	85 85
7436.	U. T. Hungerford Brass and Copper Company.....	15 45
7437.	E. Belcher Hyde.....	230 00
7438.	Charles Hart.....	439 25
7439.	Hale Desk Company.....	23 05
7440.	Keuffel & Esser Company.....	5 40
7441.	Kanouse Mountain Water Company.....	34 80
7442.	William Lawson.....	60 00
7443.	William Lawson.....	4 50
7444.	The Macey Company.....	4 00
7445.	Murtha & Schmohl Company.....	4 00
7446.	The New Process Lithographing Company.....	114 87
7447.	New York Blue Print Paper Company.....	161 62
7448.	Henry Romeike, Inc.....	2 22
7449.	Rapid Black Print Company.....	120 72
7450.	Reading Hardware Company.....	1 86
7451.	J. S. Rosecrans.....	15 00
7452.	Horace Sague & Son.....	60 00
7453.	Tribune Association.....	280 80
7454.	Tower Brothers Stationery Company.....	65 70
7455.	United Building Material Company.....	8 00
7456.	A. T. Wilson.....	4 05
7457.	Westchester and Bronx Title and Mortgage Guaranty Company.....	74 50
7458.	John Wiley & Sons.....	3 00
7459.	Lazarus White.....	29 06
7460.	Wilson Fitch Smith.....	22 06
7461.	Thomas H. Wiggins.....	12 76
7462.	Arthur Underhill.....	3 82
7463.	Charles E. Wells.....	16 19
7464.	L. C. Brink.....	17 40
7465.	Merritt H. Smith.....	56 50
7466.	Alex. Thomson, Jr.....	28 04
7467.	Walter LeC. Boyer.....	27 78
7468.	Carleton E. Davis.....	113 75
7469.	Sidney K. Clapp.....	229 88
7470.	Alfred D. Flinn.....	20 74
7471.	William E. Swift.....	82 19
7472.	Fred. K. Betts.....	36 25
7473.	Alton T. Roberts.....	9 01

Voucher No.	In Favor of.	Amount.
7474.	Roebuck Weather Strip and Wire Screen Company.....	23 25
7475.	Ernest F. Jonson.....	103 60
Acquisition of Property Taxed by the Court.		
7383.	Elliot S. Benedict.....	250 00
7384.	Burton C. Meighan.....	3,000 00
7385.	Willis B. Dowd.....	3,000 00
7386.	Benjamin Howe.....	3,100 00
7387.	John J. Linson.....	10,776 68
7395.	Gerald Fitzgerald.....	125 00
7396.	Peter Elbert Nostrand.....	3,296 66
7397.	Morton & Burritt.....	724 60
7398.	State Law Reporters.....	459 80
7476.	John J. Delany.....	3,886 61
7477.	William Wood.....	4,074 20
7478.	George F. Secor.....	3,805 90
7479.	James Jenkins.....	2,780 00
7480.	Joseph D. Baucus.....	2,900 00
7481.	Peter C. Black.....	2,585 00
Agreements.		
7418.	Harry M. Ripley.....	1,311 60
7419.	Arthur L. Washburne.....	2,055 50
7420.	Sprague & Henwood.....	6,358 14
7421.	Louis H. DuBois.....	916 31
Payrolls.		
7402.	Laborers, week ending June 3, 1908.....	1,475 81
7403.	Engineering, supplementary, May, 1908.....	675 31
Damages to Property.		
7399.	Mrs. Amelia Hasbrouck.....	50 00
General Bills.		
7388.	New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company.....	2,872 28
7389.	J. M. S. Millette.....	3 00
7400.	Town Board and Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, New York.....	42 00
7401.	The Legislative Index Publishing Company.....	75 00
		\$72,290 82

Financial Statement.		
The following weekly financial statement was read and filed:		
1905.		
June 16.	Corporate Stock authorized.....	\$100,000 00
Nov. 24.	Corporate Stock authorized.....	500,000 00
Dec. 8.	Corporate Stock authorized.....	1,002,000 00
1906.		
Nov. 23.	Corporate Stock authorized.....	10,000,000 00
1907.		
June 24.	Corporate Stock authorized.....	15,000,000 00
1908.		
Mar. 20.	Corporate Stock authorized.....	11,000,000 00
June 15.	Premium on sale of \$3,087,500 Water Bonds..	\$37,602,000 00
	Miscellaneous revenue.....	59,708 04
		884 10
June 15.	Vouchers Nos. 1 to 7481, both inclusive, registered from June 9, 1905, to June 15, 1908.....	\$4,226,345 14
	Estimated liabilities on open orders.....	\$26,168 81
	Registered contract liabilities..	16,672,862 85
	Estimated liabilities under special agreements.....	409,844 17
		17,108,875 83
		21,335,220 97
June 16.	Amount available.....	\$16,327,371 17

CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS.

Appointments.

On motion, the following appointments were made, to take effect upon assignment to duty by the Chief Engineer:

Eugene T. Lyon, Kitchawan, N. Y., Laborer; \$2 per day; Chief Engineer's number, 2547.

James J. Irving, Ossining, N. Y., Laborer; \$2 per day; Chief Engineer's number, 2547.

Allen D. Adams, Peekskill, N. Y., Laborer; \$2 per day; Chief Engineer's number, 2547.

Alfred Lennon, No. 259 West One Hundred and Forty-third street, Inspector of Masonry; \$4.50 per day; Chief Engineer's number, 2558.

Michael R. Stack, No. 81 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, Inspector of Masonry; \$4.50 per day; Chief Engineer's number, 2558.

Thomas W. Carr, No. 952 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., Inspector of Masonry; \$4.50 per day; Chief Engineer's number, 2558.

Thomas Turner, No. 82 Sterling place, Brooklyn, N. Y., Inspector of Masonry; \$4.50 per day; Chief Engineer's number, 2558.

Solon E. Nichols, No. 1112 Columbus avenue, Van Nest, New York City, Inspector of Masonry; \$4.50 per day; Chief Engineer's number, 2558. (On Transfer).

The Secretary reported that under date of June 10, 1908, he had written the Public Service Commission for the First District, requesting consent to the transfer of Alfred Lennon and Michael R. Stack, Inspectors of Masonry, and, on motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed. A communication was received from the Public Service Commission for the First District, consenting to the transfer to this Board of Alfred Lennon, Michael R. Stack, Thomas W. Carr, Thomas Turner and Solon E. Nichols, Inspectors of Masonry. Communications dated June 13, 1908, were received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission approving said transfers.

A communication was received from the Public Service Commission for the First District, dated June 11, 1908, consenting to the transfer to this Board of William E. Guilfoyle, Clerk, at \$2,500 per annum. A communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated June 15, 1908, approving said transfer. On motion, William E. Guilfoyle, Tarrytown, N. Y., was appointed Clerk, on transfer, with compensation at the rate of \$2,500 per annum, to take effect July 1, 1908, or when said Guilfoyle reports for duty.

The Secretary reported that under date of June 9, 1908, he had written the Municipal Civil Service Commission, requesting them to restore Mary E. Usher to the eligible list of Stenographer and Typewriter, said Commission having been notified, in error, that Miss Usher had failed to respond. On motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed.

The Secretary reported that the Tenement House Commissioner, under date of June 15, 1908, had declined to consent to the transfer to this Board of William H. Jones, Clerk, heretofore requested by this Board.

On recommendation of the Chief Engineer in his communication, 2550, June 13, 1908, the appointment of Daniel Lucy, as Laborer, made June 2, 1908, was rescinded, said Lucy having failed to respond.

A communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated June 12, 1908, stating that the request of this Board that an examination be held for the position of Inspector, the title to be without qualification, was referred to the Chief Examiner of said Commission for report.

Leave of Absence.

On recommendation of the Chief Engineer in his communication 2548, June 12, 1908, Robert Ridgway, Department Engineer, was granted leave of absence for a period not to exceed three weeks, commencing June 20, 1908.

Promotions.

Communication 2557, June 15, 1908, was received from the Chief Engineer, requesting increases of salaries for the following employees in the Northern Aqueduct Department, and, on motion, was referred to Commissioner Shaw:
William J. Buhrendorf, Statistician, \$1,500 to \$2,100 per annum.
Richard V. Somerville, Stenographer and Typewriter, \$900 to \$1,050 per annum.
Kenneth W. Romeyn, Stenographer and Typewriter, \$900 to \$1,050 per annum.
On recommendation of the Chief Engineer in his communication 2439, June 15, 1908, the title of Llewelyn J. Lewis, Superintendent of Underground Surveys, was changed to General Foreman, subject to the consent of the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Separations.

Benjamin A. Smith, Topographical Draughtsman, to take effect May 24, 1908; cause, transferred to President of Borough of Brooklyn; Chief Engineer's number, 2553.
Oscar R. Elting, Laborer, to take effect June 8, 1908; cause, appointed temporary Clerk (second grade); Chief Engineer's number, 2553.
Walter W. Crane, Clerk (first grade), to take effect June 8, 1908; cause, appointed temporary Clerk (second grade); Chief Engineer's number, 2553.
Chester A. Booth, Clerk (first grade), to take effect June 8, 1908; cause, appointed temporary Clerk (second grade); Chief Engineer's number, 2553.
Ezra J. Hunter, Cleaner, to take effect May 31, 1908; cause, removed, absence from duty without leave for more than five days; Chief Engineer's number, 2551.
On recommendation of the Chief Engineer in his communication 2554, June 15, 1908, the minutes of May 19, 1908, were amended so as to state that the separation of George W. Catey, Superintendent of Well Sinking, took effect May 31, 1908.
A communication was received from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, dated June 15, 1908, in reference to the transfer of said Catey, and was filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

Weekly Report.

144, June 8, 1908, was filed.

Agreement 37.

2546, June 9, 1908, in reference to valuation of the plant formerly used by the Cranford Company, was filed.

Sanitary Protection

2549, June 12, 1908, reported in reference to sanitary precautions necessary to be taken at the Croton Lake crossing, and, on motion, was referred to Commissioner Bensel.

Leases.

On recommendation of the Chief Engineer in his communication 2552, June 13, 1908, the Secretary was directed to notify Elizabeth Bernhard that this Board will have no further use after July 21, 1908, of the premises leased from her at Jamaica, Long Island.

Real Estate, Olive Bridge.

2555, June 15, 1908, recommended that the Board purchase, as a site for an office for Section 1, Esopus Division, a piece of real estate owned by Granville Davis, in the town of Olive, Ulster County, New York, and was referred to Commissioner Chadwick.

Real Estate, Easements.

2556, June 15, 1908, transmitted grants signed by Gertrude Ten Eyck Davis and David Sherman, dated May 26, 1908, and June 9, 1908, respectively, giving permission to erect and maintain an electric light and power line across their property to the High Falls office of this Board, and, on motion, was referred to Commissioner Chadwick.

Water Supply, Suffolk County.

2559, June 12, 1908, reported in reference to the water sources of Suffolk County, and was referred to Commissioner Chadwick.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

Real Estate, Expense of Acquisition.

No. 294, June 9, 1908, stated that on said date the Corporation Counsel had forwarded to the Comptroller certified copy of order of the Supreme Court, dated May 22, 1908, taxing the fees and disbursements of the Commissioners of Appraisal in Northern Aqueduct, Section 2, as follows:

John J. Delany—	
Fees	\$3,850 00
Disbursements	16 64
William Wood—	
Fees	4,000 00
Disbursements	74 20
George F. Secor—	
Fees	3,800 00
Disbursements	5 90

Said opinion forwarded copy of opinion rendered to the Comptroller advising the payment of said fees and disbursements as so taxed. A communication was received from the Comptroller, dated June 11, 1908, forwarding copy of opinion to the Comptroller (our number 293) and copy of order of the Supreme Court taxing fees and disbursements of the Commissioners of Appraisal in Ashokan Reservoir, Section 7, also forwarding copy of opinion to the Comptroller (our number 294) and copy of order of the Supreme Court taxing fees and disbursements of the Commissioners of Appraisal in Northern Aqueduct, Section 2. The Secretary reported that on June 13, 1908, all of these papers had been transmitted to the Auditor, with instructions to prepare the necessary vouchers and forward the same to the Comptroller when signed.

On motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed.

Real Estate, Possession, Ashokan Reservoir.

295, June 9, 1908, forwarded copies of orders of the Supreme Court directing the deposit, as follows, of one-half the assessed valuation for 1905 of the following parcels respectively:

Parcel.	Amount.	Where Deposited.	Parties Interested.
43.....	\$200 00	National Ulster County Bank.....	Francis Winchell and Catherine Davis.
50.....	125 00	National Ulster County Bank.....	Marshall Winn, Benjamin Van Steenburgh.
37.....	475 00	State of New York National Bank....	Eleanor I. Stewart.
63 and 196..	215 00	National Ulster County Bank.....	Chauncey K. Teas, Arabella Teas, Home Seekers' Co-operative Savings and Loan Association.
30, 31, 33, 34, 38 and 206.	150 00	National Ulster County Bank.....	Ulster and Delaware Bluestone Company, First National Bank of Rondout, Edmund Riseley.

The Secretary reported that on June 10, 1908, he had transmitted said opinion 295 and copies of orders to the Auditor.

On motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed, and the Auditor was directed to prepare vouchers for all of said payments, strictly in accordance with said orders, and to forward said vouchers to the Comptroller when signed, attaching the said copies of orders to the proper duplicate vouchers.

296, June 9, 1908, forwarded copies of orders of the Supreme Court directing the payment, as follows, of one-half the assessed valuation for 1905 of the following parcels, respectively:

Parcel.	Amount.	Where Deposited.	Parties Interested.
44.....	\$250 00	State of New York National Bank....	Jerome H. Buck, Alice Lounsbury, Willis Davis.
22 and 23....	1,300 00	National Ulster County Bank.....	John I. Boice, Jesse B. Boice, The Hudson River Wood Pulp Manufacturing Company, Clement Wilson, Ida A. Gillespie, Citizens' Standard Telephone Company, Hudson River Telephone Company.
41 and 200...	350 00	National Ulster County Bank.....	Frank Burhans, Edgar Teas, Augustus Hayes and Cornelius Dumond, Loan Commissioners of Ulster County.
19.....	1,050 00	Rondout National Bank.....	Jacob V. Merrihew, Mary Merrihew.
25 and 27....	275 00	Kingston National Bank.....	Lydia E. Winne, Charles O. Winne.
70.....	165 00	National Ulster County Bank.....	Orrin C. Brown.
62.....	25 00	State of New York National Bank....	Frank D. Elmendorf, Hudson River Telephone Company.
20 and 24....	300 00	Kingston National Bank.....	Florence L. Palen.
53 and 198...	350 00	State of New York National Bank....	Orville Coons, Lucinda Coons, Burton Coons, Ada Coons, Catherine Coons, Annie Sheldon, Sylvester Sheldon.
21.....	200 00	First National Bank of Rondout.....	Ephraim M. Bishop, Ann Ludlum, Louis F. Brennecke, Florence L. Palen, First National Bank of Rondout.
52 and 199...	275 00	State of New York National Bank....	William C. Schryver, Hudson River Telephone Company.
40, 204 and 210.....	375 00	Kingston National Bank.....	Marshall Winn and Benjamin Churchill, A. Perry Loomis, Burton B. Bloom, Elwyn Winchell, Jesse Boice, John J. Boice, James K. DuBois, as Trustees of the Reformed Church of Shokan.
30, 31, 33, 34, 38 and 206*	825 00	Ulster County Savings Institution....	Ulster County Savings Institution.

* Exclusive of property of Ulster and Delaware Bluestone Company.

The Secretary reported that on June 12, 1908, he had transmitted said opinion 296 and copies of orders to the Auditor.

On motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed, and the Auditor was directed to prepare vouchers for all of said payments strictly in accordance with said orders, and to forward said vouchers to the Comptroller when signed, attaching said copies of orders to the proper duplicate vouchers. The Secretary reported that on June 13, 1908, he had written the Corporation Counsel, requesting further advice in reference to the order of the Supreme Court directing the payment of one-half the assessed valuation for 1905 of parcels 30, 31, 33, 34, 38 and 206, and, on motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed.

Real Estate, Possession, Ashokan Reservoir and Northern Aqueduct.

297, June 9, 1908, forwarded copies of orders of the Supreme Court directing the payment of one-half the assessed valuation for 1905, as follows, of the following parcels, respectively:

Ashokan Reservoir.

Parcel.	Amount.	Where Deposited.	Parties Interested.
140.....	\$575 00	National Ulster County Bank.....	Isaiah Wager and Eva Wager.
191.....	165 00	Rondout National Bank.....	Frederick Hales, Jr., and The Home Seekers' Co-operative Savings and Loan Association.
142 and 144..	125 00	Rondout National Bank.....	Thomas Whalen.
148 and 167..	600 00	Rondout National Bank.....	Edna May Boice and George Silkworth.
188.....	100 00	Rondout National Bank.....	John Pollyino.
172, 193 and 211.....	610 00	Rondout National Bank.....	Henry Snyder.
85.....	450 00	Kingston National Bank.....	Elizabeth Hogan and Levi Elmendorf.
141.....	150 00	National Ulster County Bank.....	William Votee.
187.....	165 00	Kingston National Bank.....	Edgar Barnes and The Home Seekers' Co-operative Savings and Loan Association.

Northern Aqueduct.

Parcel.	Amount.	Where Deposited.	Parties Interested.
217.....	\$1,350 00	Huguenot National Bank of New Paltz.	Roeliff Dubois and Sarah Maria DuBois.
218.....	1,250 00	Huguenot National Bank of New Paltz.	Mary L. Stephens.
220.....	1,800 00	Kingston National Bank.....	Daniel B. Deyo.

The Secretary reported that on June 12, 1908, he had transmitted said opinion 297 and copies of orders to the Auditor.

On motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed, and the Auditor was directed to prepare vouchers for all of said payments strictly in accordance with said orders, and to forward said vouchers to the Comptroller when signed, attaching said copies of orders to the proper duplicate vouchers.

Contract 1.

298, June 15, 1908, returned approved as to form third agreement of modification of this contract, and was filed.

The Commissioners reported that the third agreement of modification of this contract had been duly executed by the Board and by the contractor, and that the consent of the surety had been duly executed.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit one copy of said agreement to the Comptroller and another copy to the contractor.

Real Estate, Expense of Acquisition.

The following bills were received, approved by the Corporation Counsel and taxed by the Supreme Court, and vouchers therefor were ordered to be prepared and forwarded to the Comptroller:

Northern Aqueduct, Section 1—	
George Bernard, stenographer.....	\$20 48
Michael J. Shanahan, clerk.....	25 46

Kensico Reservoir, Sections 3, 4, 7— "Yonkers Herald," advertising.....	787 50
Kensico Reservoir, Section 3— Arthur LeRoy Collins, appraiser.....	435 00
George Bernard, stenographer.....	52 62
Kensico Reservoir, Section 4— George Bernard, stenographer.....	103 18
Arthur LeRoy Collins, appraiser.....	165 00
Henry H. Risley, expert.....	120 00
Kensico Reservoir, Section 5— Arthur LeRoy Collins, Appraiser.....	\$360 00
Kensico Reservoir, Section 6— Arthur LeRoy Collins, Appraiser.....	105 00
State Law Reporters, Stenographers.....	195 80
State Law Reporters, Stenographers.....	112 20
Henry T. Dykman, abstracts.....	2,025 00
Kensico Reservoir, Section 8— Port Chester Publishing Company, advertising.....	130 90
Edwin W. Fiske, Expert.....	405 00
Ashokan Reservoir, Section 1— Walter S. Morton, Expert.....	724 60
Ashokan Reservoir, Sections 1 to 7; Northern Aqueduct, Sections 3, 4, 5— John J. Linson, Special Counsel, for February, 1908.....	10,776 68
Ashokan Reservoir, Sections 1 to 9; Northern Aqueduct, Sections 3, 4, 5— Gerald Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk.....	125 00
Ashokan Reservoir, Sections 1 to 7— Peter E. Nostrand, Expert.....	2,790 96
Peter E. Nostrand, Expert.....	1,180 70
Hill View Reservoir, Section 1— State Law Reporters, Stenographers.....	224 40
Hill View Reservoir, Section 2— State Law Reporters, Stenographers.....	123 20

OTHER MATTERS.

Police.

Special Order No. 16, June 11, 1908, was received, approved by Commissioner Shaw.

Real Estate, Ashokan Reservoir, Section 13, Parcels Nos. 651 and 652.

The report of Commissioner Chadwick, dated May 12, 1908, recommending the purchase of this property from Albert H. Barth for \$3,500 cash, which was laid over at the last meeting of the Board, was taken up, and, on motion, said recommendation was approved, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Water Supply, pursuant to the recommendation of Commissioner Chadwick and in accordance with chapter 724 of the Laws of 1905 as amended, and subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, hereby approves the purchase from Albert H. Barth, for three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) cash of Parcels Nos. 651 and 652, Section 13, Ashokan Reservoir, containing 17.697 acres, a large house containing sixteen rooms, a carriage house and stable, and an old barn; and that when and if said purchase shall be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the Corporation Counsel is hereby requested to prepare all necessary agreements and other instruments for the signatures of the Board of Water Supply and to take such other steps and proceedings as may be necessary and proper.

Real Estate, Possession, Northern Aqueduct.

The Secretary reported that on June 10, 1908, Commissioner Shaw verified petitions for leave to deposit one-half the assessed valuation for 1905 of Parcels Nos. 199 and 200, Northern Aqueduct.

Finances.

Commissioner Bensel reported that under date of June 9, 1908, he had written the New York Charter Commission, giving the information requested in letter of said Commission, dated May 25, 1908, and, on motion, this action of Commissioner Bensel was confirmed.

Real Estate, Expense of Acquisition.

A communication was received from the Windsor Trust Company, dated June 10, 1908, to the effect that said company had no claim upon the fees of Willis B. Dowd, Commissioner of Appraisal in Section 3, Kensico Reservoir. The Secretary reported that on June 11, 1908, the original of this letter was sent to the Auditor, and, on motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed.

Appropriations.

A communication was received from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated June 10, 1908, transmitting certified copy of resolution adopted by said Board June 5, 1908, amending its resolution of March 20, 1908, granting \$11,000,000 so that the same shall be for the uses and purposes of the Board of Water Supply, and, on motion, said resolution was ordered to be printed in the minutes, as follows:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment March 20, 1908, and which reads as follows:

"Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 724 of the Laws of 1905, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby authorizes the Comptroller to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter, to the amount of eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000), the proceeds whereof to be applied to the uses and purposes of the Board of Water Supply, in the matter of the construction of the siphons, or deep pressure tunnels, under the Rondout Creek and Wallkill River."

—be and the same is hereby amended by striking therefrom the following:

"in the matter of the construction of the siphons, or deep pressure tunnels, under Rondout Creek and Wallkill River."

Agreement No. 70.

The Secretary reported that this agreement had been duly executed by the Commissioners of this Board and the contractor, and that on June 15, 1908, it had been delivered to the Auditor.

Kensico Reservoir, Sections 9 and 10.

The Secretary reported that on June 12, 1908, page proofs of petitions for the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisal in these sections had been received from Mr. H. T. Dykman, Special Counsel, and that the same had been examined and corrected, and that on June 16, 1908, they had been returned to Mr. Dykman. On motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed.

Telephone Service.

The Secretary reported that on June 13, 1908, he had signed agreement, in triplicate, with the New York Telephone Company, for one additional extension station to be connected with the switchboard at No. 299 Broadway, New York City, to be paid for at the rate of \$6 per year, payable monthly. On motion, this action of the Secretary was confirmed.

Contract 2, Sanitary Protection.

Two communications, dated respectively June 11 and 13, 1908, were received from the State Department of Health, in reference to the case of smallpox at Garrison Tunnel, and were filed.

Real Estate, High Falls.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, dated June 10, 1908, in reference to the voucher for the payment of purchase price of property of Gertrude Ten Eyck Davis at High Falls, New York, and was filed.

Contract No. 3.

On motion, the Chief Engineer was requested to ascertain and report whether it is a fact that anyone is prevented from trading within the camp of MacArthur Brothers Company and Winston & Co., the contractors under this contract, on land acquired by the City for the Ashokan Reservoir, and also to report as to the stores maintained by said contractors.

Real Estate, Kensico Reservoir, Section 4, Parcel 217.

A communication was received from H. M. Norris, dated June 9, 1908, offering to rent this property, together with the frame dwelling thereon, for \$15 per month. On motion, this offer was accepted, and the Secretary was directed to write the Corporation Counsel, asking him to prepare the necessary lease, and the Secretary was authorized to execute and deliver the same in behalf of the Board when received.

Contract No. 12.

The Commissioners reported that this contract, for the construction of the Rondout siphon and one-half Bonticou grade tunnel, had been duly executed by this Board and by the contractor, and that the contractor and the sureties had duly executed the seven bonds attached thereto, the penalties of which aggregate \$800,000. On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit one copy of said contract to the Comptroller and another copy to the contractor, and to give the contractor the notice to commence work provided for in Article VI, of said contract.

THOS. HASSETT, Secretary.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Supply of The City of New York, Held June 18, 1908.

Present—Commissioners John A. Bensel, President, and Charles N. Chadwick.

Contract No. 2.

Opinion 299, June 18, 1908, was received from the Corporation Counsel, acknowledging receipt of letter of this Board, dated June 2, 1908, and the affidavits therewith submitted in reference to the complaint that the Labor Law, section 3, had been violated by the Thomas McNally Company, the contractor under this contract. Said opinion advised the Board that there was no sufficient evidence available to justify the City's representatives in treating the contract as null and void or in refusing payment of the money that may become due thereunder.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution of this Board, adopted April 14, 1908, be and the same hereby is rescinded in so far as it certifies that this Board believes that the provisions of Contract No. 2 in so far as the Labor Law is concerned, have been violated, and in so far as it directs that no further payments be made under said contract; and that the Chief Engineer is hereby instructed to prepare and forward to the Board estimates for the work already done under said contract in accordance with the usual procedure.

Real Estate, Northern Aqueduct, Section 1, Parcel 39.

A communication was received from C. A. Pugsley, of Peekskill, dated June 18, 1908, offering to rent the Cornell House on Section 1, Parcel 39, Northern Aqueduct, for three or five months, at a rental of \$15 per month, or to purchase said house and remove it.

On motion, this matter was referred to Commissioner Chadwick.

Real Estate, Ashokan Reservoir, Section 9, Parcel 424; Section 1, Parcels 29 and 39.

A communication was received from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting certified copy of resolution of said Board adopted June 12, 1908, approving the purchases of these properties. Said resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 724, Laws of 1905, as amended, hereby approves of the action taken by the Board of Water Supply, relative to the acquisition of the following property, and authorizes the purchase thereof:

Parcel 424, Section 9, Ashokan Reservoir, containing about one-half acre of land with a dwelling house thereon, at a price not exceeding.....	\$4,900 00
Parcels 29 and 39, Section 1, Ashokan Reservoir, containing 76.759 acres of land, a stone house and outbuildings, at a price not exceeding.....	7,500 00

THOS. HASSETT, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, July 2, 1908.

Stated meeting, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Smith (President), Berry, Kennedy.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the estimates or proposals received in pursuance of duly published advertisements, were opened and read, as follows:

For Furnishing and Delivering One Thousand Barrels of Crude Oil, Borough of Manhattan.

Bidders' Names.	Price Per Gallon.	Amount.
E. A. Lyon.....	\$0 04¼	\$2,125 00
Standard Oil Company of New York.....	03¾	1,875 00
The Texas Company.....	0395	1,975 00

For Furnishing and Delivering 35,550 Pounds of Beef (225 Pounds Per Day for 158 Days) for the Central Park Menagerie, Borough of Manhattan.

Bidders.	Price Per Pound.	Amount.
Atlantic Hotel Supply Company.....	\$0 0742	\$2,637 81
Aaron Buchsbaum Company.....	0624	2,218 32
Sayles-Zahn Company.....	075	2,666 25
Schwarzschild-Sulzberger Company.....	0698	2,481 39

For Furnishing and Delivering Coal for Parks in Manhattan.

Items and Quantities.	Burns Bros.		William Farrell & Son.		John H. Meyer.	
	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
First quality broken coal, 1,000 tons.....	\$4 89	\$4,890 00	\$4 80	\$4,800 00	\$4 81	\$4,810 00
First quality egg coal, 400 tons.....	5 49	2,196 00	5 47	2,188 00	5 37	2,148 00
First quality stove coal, 12 tons.....	5 49	65 88	5 47	65 64	5 37	64 44
First quality nut coal, 10 tons.....	5 49	54 90	5 47	54 70	5 37	53 70
First quality Cumberland coal, 10 tons.....	4 25	42 50	5 14	51 40	5 00	50 00
		\$7,249 28		\$7,159 74		\$7,126 14

For Furnishing and Delivering Forage Required for Parks in Manhattan.

Items and Quantities.	Frank J. Lennon Company.		George O'Beirne.	
	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Prime sweet timothy hay, 400,000 pounds....	\$0 80	\$3,200 00	\$1 00	\$4,000 00
2. Red clover hay, 70,000 pounds.....	75	525 00	85	595 00
3. No. 1 long rye straw, 50,000 pounds.....	80	400 00	90	450 00
4. No. 1 white clipped oats, 11,375 bushels.....	*60	6,825 00	*68	7,735 00
5. First quality bran, 6,200 pounds.....	1 30	80 60	1 50	93 00
6. No. 2 yellow corn, 16,000 pounds.....	1 45	232 00	1 55	248 00
7. First quality ground oats, 600 pounds.....	1 50	9 00	2 00	12 00
8. Oil meal, 1,000 pounds.....	1 50	15 00	1 90	19 00
9. Fine salt, 1,000 pounds.....	50	5 00	1 00	10 00
10. Red Liverpool rock salt, 1,500 pounds.....	50	7 50	1 00	15 00
Total.....		\$11,299 10		\$13,177 00

* Per bushel; all other prices are per hundredweight.

For Furnishing and Delivering Five Hundred Cubic Yards of Blue Limestone Screenings as Required on the Harlem River Driveway, Borough of Manhattan.

Bidder's Name.	Price Per Cubic Yard.	Amount.
Clinton Point Stone Company.....	\$1 65	\$825 00
The Cedarcliff Stone Company.....	2 50	1,250 00
Chas. J. Dempsey.....	1 60	800 00
Hugh Thomas	1 75	875 00

For Furnishing All the Labor and Materials for Reconstructing the Roadway of the Eastern Boulevard in Pelham Bay Park, Including Surfacing With Asphaltic Mixture, from the Split Rock Road to the Northern Boundary of Pelham Bay Park, in the Borough of The Bronx.

(Quantity, 20,000 Square Yards.)

Bidder's Name.	Price Per Square Yard.	Amount.
Gore Engineering and Contracting Company.....	\$1 99	\$39,800 00
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	1 70	34,000 00
Uvalde Asphalt Paving Company.....	2 10	42,000 00

For Furnishing All the Labor and Materials for Completely Erecting and Constructing the Concrete Wall, Piers and Footing and Reinforced Concrete Posts, Surmounted by an Electrically Welded Wire Fence, on the Easterly Extension of Bronx Park, Borough of The Bronx.

Bidder's Name.	Amount.
Haggerty Contracting Company.....	\$17,500 00
Thomas M. Hart.....	13,995 00
*Peter Kieran Company.....	14,000 00
John F. O'Heir.....	14,900 00

*Offers only \$5,000 surety; \$10,000 required.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved:

Commissioner Berry offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder "For furnishing and delivering one twelve-ton three-wheel steam road roller for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received June 18, 1908, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Kennedy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract dated September 25, 1907, with Henry J. Mullen for furnishing all the labor and materials necessary to lay cement sidewalk around Rainey and Ashmead Parks, Borough of Queens, be and the same hereby is extended to June 30, 1908, as recommended by the Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Kennedy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract dated April 3, 1908, with Edward Theriault for repairs and alterations to and painting of fences around parks and on parkways in the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, be and the same hereby is extended to June 30, 1908, as recommended by the Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Berry offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for erecting concrete wall, piers, etc., surmounted by an electrically welded iron fence on the eastern extension of

Bronx Park in the Borough of The Bronx, for which bids have been this day received, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Berry offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for reconstructing the roadway of the Eastern boulevard in Pelham Bay Park, including surfacing with asphaltic mixture from the Split Rock road to the northern boundary of said park in the Borough of The Bronx, for which bids have been this day received, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering one thousand barrels of crude oil for parks in Manhattan, for which bids have been this day received, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering five hundred cubic yards of blue limestone screenings for parks in Manhattan, for which bids have been this day received, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering beef for the Central Park Menagerie, for which bids have been this day received, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering coal for parks in Manhattan, for which bids have been this day received, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering forage for parks in Manhattan, for which bids have been this day received, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That Roswell D. Williams be and he hereby is this day removed from the position of Secretary of the Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

Commissioner Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That William J. Fransoli be and he hereby is appointed Secretary of the Board at a salary of \$4,800 per annum.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Smith, Berry, Kennedy—3.

On motion, at 3.35 p. m., the Board adjourned.

CLINTON H. SMITH, Assistant Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES.

New York, April 17, 1908.

The following communications were received, action being taken thereon as noted, to wit:

From the Municipal Civil Service Commission:

1 (76460). Authorizing the temporary employment of Thomas F. Woods and Thomas F. Barry as Dockmasters. Both appointed at \$1,800 per annum, to take effect upon assignment to duty.

2 (76579). Authorizing the appointment of James M. Mullen as Watchman in this Department. Mullen appointed at 25 cents per hour, while employed.

3 (76580). Submitting list of persons eligible for appointment as Stenographer and Typewriter. William A. Ross appointed at \$1,200 per annum, to take effect upon assignment to duty.

From the Bureau of Highways for the Borough of Manhattan (76515)—Requesting that the bulkheads foot of Jefferson and Rutgers streets and James slip, East River, be placed in proper condition, so that the Bureau may prosecute its work of paving thereat. Requested to proceed with the paving of South street at the points mentioned, as far as practicable, and advised that when the work of improving the localities under the new plan is completed, this Department will lay a temporary pavement to adjoin the pavement laid by the Bureau.

From J. M. Huber (76544)—Requesting permission to dump refuse material in rear of ferry terminal foot of Thirty-ninth street, Brooklyn. Permit granted, work to be done under supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief.

From the New York Wholesale Fish Dealers' Association (76542)—Requesting permission to place six hatches and ladders and platforms on the ground floor of the building to be constructed between Piers 18 and 19, East River, for the use of the Firemen in case of fire. Permit granted, work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief.

From W. H. Hiltz Company (76525)—Requesting permission to place a tar kettle on the upland area foot of Desbrosses street, North River, and one at the approach to Pier 5, North River. Permit granted, on the usual terms, the kettles to remain only during the time repairs are being made to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's sheds at the localities in question.

From J. Love & Co. (76520)—Requesting permission to replace a few old timbers with new ones on the bulkhead foot of Fortieth street, North River. Permit granted, work to be kept within existing lines, and to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief.

From M. Blasius (76543)—Requesting permission to land his boat "Arion" at the Battery Landing. Privilege granted, to continue during the pleasure of the Commissioner, but not longer than the close of the steamboat season of 1908, rental to be at the regular wharfage rate of \$1.06 per day for each day on which landings are made, payable at the end of each week to the Dockmaster.

From William J. Hyland (76514)—Requesting permission to use and occupy the bulkhead foot of Seventh street, Unionport, Borough of The Bronx. Privilege granted, to commence May 1, 1908, and to continue during the pleasure of the Commissioner, but not longer than April 30, 1909, rental to be at the rate of \$300 per annum, payable quarterly in advance to the Cashier.

From William Engel (76519)—Requesting permission to occupy Lot No. 10 of Block 109, at Broad Channel, Jamaica Bay, Borough of Queens. Privilege granted to occupy the area, 2,084 square feet, to commence May 1, 1908, and to continue during the pleasure of the Commissioner, but not longer than May 1, 1912, rental to be at the rate of \$25 per annum, payable in advance to the Cashier.

From Philip Schappert (76485)—Relinquishing his interest in Lot No. 10, Block 109, at Broad Channel, Jamaica Bay, Borough of Queens. Permit for Lots Nos. 10 and 11 revoked, to take effect May 1, 1908; permit granted to cover Lot No. 11, an area of 2,083 square feet, to commence May 1, 1908, and to continue during the pleasure of the Commissioner, but not longer than May 1, 1912, rental to be at the rate of \$25 per annum, payable in advance to the Cashier.

From Max Rubinger (76540)—Requesting permission to maintain candy and fruit stand at the foot of West Twenty-third street, North River. Denied.

From the Engineer-in-Chief—
1 (76516). Recommending that the Erie Railroad Company, lessee, be directed to make the necessary repairs, in accordance with the terms of its lease, to the side bearing piles and fender system on Piers 20 and 21, North River. Company notified as recommended.

2 (76517). Recommending that an order be issued for necessary repairs to pier foot of Forty-seventh street, North River. Order issued to Engineer-in-Chief.

3 (76533). Recommending that the Continental Asphalt Paving Company be directed to proceed more expeditiously with the removal of its material from between Seventeenth and Nineteenth streets, North River. Company notified.

4 (76535). Recommending that he be authorized to destroy the ferry bridge, which is in bad shape, now stored at the West Fifty-seventh Street Yard. Order issued to Engineer-in-Chief to destroy the bridge.

5 (76532). Recommending that the order for dredging on the request of the Department of Public Charities at Randall's Island, East River, be canceled, the character of the river bottom making such dredging impossible. Order canceled. Department of Public Charities notified.

From the Superintendent of Docks (76518). Recommending that the permit to the New York State Construction Company for a portion of the pier foot of Fifty-second street, Brooklyn, be revoked as of February 23, 1908, the date on which the use of the premises was discontinued. Revoked as recommended.

A communication (76529) was received from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, requesting the establishment of a recreation pier in the vicinity of Forty-eighth street, East River. Answered it is deemed unnecessary and inadvisable to set apart a recreation pier in the vicinity in question.

The following Department orders were issued:

No.	Issued to and For.	Price.
23826.	James Shewan & Sons, repairs to ferryboat "Manhattan".....	\$509 75
23827.	P. H. Nannery, fifty days' use of horse, harness and driver, per day.	3 25
23828.	P. J. Nilsson, fifty days' use of horse, harness and driver, per day.	3 25
23829.	P. J. O'Connor, fifteen days' use of horse, sprinkler and driver, per day	5 25
23830.	T. J. Quinlan, awning covers.....	110 00
23831.	Peter McGlynn, thirty days' use of horse, cart and driver, per day.	3 50
23832.	Peter McGlynn, thirty days' use of horse, cart and driver, per day.	3 50

DENIS A. JUDGE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

New York, April 18, 1908.

The following communications were received, action being taken thereon as noted, to wit:

From the Municipal Civil Service Commission—
1 (76589). Authorizing the reinstatement of Edward Murtha, Dock Laborer. Murtha reinstated as Dock Laborer at 31¼ cents per hour, while employed.
2 (76406). Giving notice of examinations to be held for changes of titles in Schedule "G" of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Commission requested to examine James F. Cosgrove, Dockbuilder, for the position of Pipe Fitter.

The Cashier reported that moneys were received and deposited for the week ending April 18, 1908, amounting to \$21,518.08.

The Auditor reported that the following were audited and forwarded to the Finance Department for payment:

1. Payroll of the Municipal ferry force for the week ending April 17, 1908, amounting to \$2,829.73.
2. Payroll for Construction and Repairs Force for the week ending April 17, 1908, amounting to \$28,427.70.
3. Claims for the week ending April 18, 1908, amounting to \$18,245.10.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment was requested to discontinue the condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property in the Borough of Brooklyn, located as follows:

1. Between the centre line of Twenty-eighth street, prolonged, the southerly line of Thirty-sixth street, prolonged, the westerly line of Second avenue and the pierhead line approved by the Secretary of War in 1890.
2. Between the centre line of Fifty-seventh street, prolonged, the centre line of Sixty-first street, prolonged, the westerly line of First avenue and the pierhead line approved by the Secretary of War in 1890.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund (76419) were requested to approve a lease to the Consolidated Gas Company of the bulkhead foot of East Fourteenth street, East River, for a term of five years, from May 1, 1908, or as soon thereafter as said lease shall be approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at a rental of \$500 per annum, the remaining terms and conditions of the lease to be similar to those contained in leases of property now in use by this Department.

A communication (76524) was received from W. A. Kane, stating that owing to the berthing of boats on the north side of the Thirty-seventh street pier, East River, he is unable to make use of his land under water between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, and complaining of the amount of tax he is compelled to pay for the property in question. Answered that an investigation will be made, but that any request for a reduction of tax should be made to the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

A communication (76541) was received from Gustav H. Schwab, representing the Ogden estate, suggesting that the matter of the City's claim to the land under water outside of the line of the grant of A. H. Lowery, between East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street and Depot place, Harlem River, Borough of The Bronx, be referred to the Corporation Counsel for advice. Matter referred to Corporation Counsel.

Report of a Committee (76394), consisting of the Commissioner of Docks and the Chief Engineer of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, was forwarded to said Board, in accordance with its request, relative to the status of the proceedings for the acquirement of land required for the improvement of the Whale Creek Canal, Borough of Brooklyn.

The Engineer-in-Chief was directed to report as to the condition of the various derricks and hoisting appliances in use on private property under the jurisdiction of this Department.

A communication (75805) was received from Michael Kirtland, attorney for the estate of George Law, making an offer for lease of the piers foot of East Tenth and Eleventh streets, East River. Answered that as the Department contemplates the building of a new pier foot of East Tenth street, it is deemed inadvisable to grant the lease applied for.

DENIS A. JUDGE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

New York, April 20, 1908.

The following communications were received, action being taken thereon as noted, to wit:

From the Board of Aldermen (76572)—Transmitting resolution adopted April 7, 1908, providing that the heads of Departments be requested to grant leave of absence, with pay, on Memorial Sunday, May 24, and Memorial Day, May 30, 1908, to all employees of The City of New York who are members of regularly incorporated associations of veterans, upon application by their department, garrison or post commanders. Order issued for compliance with resolution.

From John H. Starin (76619)—Requesting permission to dredge at the foot of Cortlandt street, North River. Permit granted, work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief.

From James W. Corrigan (76553)—Requesting permission to use and occupy the bulkhead foot of Voorhees lane, Sheepshead Bay, Borough of Brooklyn. Denied.

From James A. Deering, attorney for the New York Contracting and Trucking Company (76510)—Presenting proposition, for submission to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the settlement of the litigation pending between the company and the City since 1902, relative to the pier foot of West Seventy-ninth street, North River. Commissioners of the Sinking Fund requested to adopt a resolution approving of and authorizing a settlement of the litigation between the City and the company, and authorizing the execution of a new lease upon the following terms:

1. All litigation between the City and the New York Contracting and Trucking Company in relation to the pier at the foot of West Seventy-ninth street, North River, is to be discontinued without costs to either party as against the other, and the company is to offer no opposition to the continuation of the building and the completion of the new pier at the foot of said street by the City in accordance with the amended plan approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the improvement of the water-front thereof.

2. The present lease of the old pier as it formerly existed is to be canceled and surrendered, and the company is to accept in lieu of the said existing lease a new lease of the right to occupy one-half the length of the southerly side of the West Seventy-ninth street pier, as now laid out on the amended plans, with the privilege of maintaining either a covered or uncovered dumping board on the said new area. The portion of the southerly half of the pier to be included by the new lease will be the inner half. The company is to pay the City one-half of all the rentals under the present lease since October 31, 1904, and the full rental up to that date, such payment to be made upon the execution and delivery of the new lease. The new lease is to be upon the same conditions and terms as are contained in the present lease as to rental, duration of term, renewal privileges, etc.

3. The new dumping board within the new leased area is to be built by the company at its own cost and expense, in accordance with plans and specifications to be first submitted to and approved by this Department.

4. During the completion of the pier, the work is to be so conducted by the City as not to interfere any more than is necessary with the operation of the dumping board as it now exists and as it will be built.

The terms and conditions of the lease, other than those outlined above, will be similar to those contained in the existing lease of the old pier.

From the Deputy Commissioner (76561)—Submitting list of permits to be issued to the various permittees for the maintenance of derricks, tally houses, etc., on Piers 5 and 6, East River. The following permits were issued, without compensation, to commence May 1, 1908, and to continue during the pleasure of the Commissioner, the structures not to be for the exclusive use of the permittee, it being understood that the derrick may be used by anyone occupying the pier and paying the regular rate of wharfage; the regular rate of wharfage is to be paid by the permittee to the Dockmaster for the use of the berth whenever the same is occupied by said permittee:

Western Transit Company, one derrick, one tally house, two tool boxes and one scale at Berth No. 1, at inshore end of the easterly side of Pier 6, East River.

Pacific Despatch, one derrick, one tally house, one tool box and one scale at Berth No. 3, on the easterly side of Pier 6.

Lehigh Valley Transportation Company, one derrick, one tally house, one tool box and one scale at Berth No. 2, on the easterly side of Pier 6.

Western States Line, two derricks, two tool boxes, one tally house and one scale at Berths Nos. 1 and 2, at the inner end of the easterly side of Pier 5, East River.

Syracuse and New York Canal line, two derricks, one tally house and one tool box at Berths Nos. 2 and 3, on the westerly side of Pier 6.

Erie Railroad Company, two dock boxes, one derrick, one tally house and one scale at Berth No. 1, at the inshore end of the westerly side of Pier 6.

Surrny Canal line, one derrick, one tally house, one tool box and one scale at Berth No. 4, at the outer end of the westerly side of Pier 6.

Murray's line, one derrick, one tally house, one tool box and one scale at the two berths at the outer end of the easterly side of Pier 5.

From the Superintendent of Ferries (76546)—Reporting that Contract No. 1065, for painting the superstructures of the Municipal ferryboats, was commenced April 13, 1908, by William Flanagan & Co. Comptroller notified.

From the Engineer-in-Chief—

1 (76555). Recommending that, in order to proceed with the construction of the bulkhead or river wall at the locality, the permit to the Merchants' Union Ice Company for 88 feet of bulkhead easterly of Clinton street, East River, be revoked, as of May 1, 1908. Permit revoked as recommended.

2 (76554). Submitting report of work done under his charge and supervision for the week ending April 4, 1908. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Docks—

Recommending that the following permits be revoked as of the dates noted:

1 (76353). Bernard Campbell & Co., for berth on north side of pier foot of West Fortieth street, North River, as of March 15, 1908, date on which premises were vacated.

2 (76521). F. H. Chapman, to unload material on bulkhead between Piers 11 and 12, East River, as of April 1, 1908, date on which premises were vacated.

3 (76548). Mrs. O'Connor, for milk stand foot of West One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North River, as of date of issuance, permittee not having availed herself of the privilege.

4 (76549). United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps, for boathouse at West One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street, North River, as of date of issuance, permittees not having availed themselves of the privilege.

5 (76550). Peter Dalton, for office foot of West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, North River, as of date of issuance, he not having availed himself of the privilege.

6 (76551). Burns Brothers, for movable coal hoist on south side of pier foot of West One Hundred and Thirty-third street, North River, as of the date of issuance, they not having availed themselves of the privilege.

7 (76552). Cosmas Vilias, fruit stand between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, North River, as of April 1, 1908.

James Turner, fruit stand at approach to Hoboken ferry house, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, North River, as of April 1, 1908.

John Brown, flower stand between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, North River, as of April 1, 1908.

E. J. Alferris, fruit stand in the vicinity of Twenty-third street, North river, as of April 1, 1908.
All revoked as recommended.

The pay of Frank Deady, Stoker, was fixed at the rate of 43¾ cents per hour while employed, to take effect April 21, 1908.

The Municipal Civil Service Commission was requested to authorize the transfer of John Ahern from the position of Dockbuilder to that of Stoker.

In answer to its request for additional wharfage facilities in the vicinity of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, North River (76587), the Fort Washington Coal Company was advised that the Department proposes to construct a platform extending southerly from the present pier at the foot of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, North River.

The following Department orders were issued:

No.	Issued To and For.	Price.
23833.	Montross & Clarke Company, stationery supplies.....	\$42 45
23834.	C. H. Pepper, linoleum.....	132 30

J. R. Wortendyke (76594), having complained against the charge of one cent per running foot for his canalboats, the Corporation Counsel was requested to advise whether this charge of one cent per foot on canal boats engaged in lightering freight in the harbor of New York is legal.

In response to its inquiry (76597), the Farmers' Feed Company was advised that the Department is not prepared to consent to the cancellation of the company's lease of the southerly half of the block between Sixty-second and Sixty-third streets, East River, until the work of improving the waterfront on the entire block between the said streets can be begun.

DENIS A. JUDGE,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

In accordance with the provisions of section 1546, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, as amended by chapter 466, Laws of 1901, section 383, I transmit the following report of the transactions of this office for the week ending July 8, 1908, exclusive of Bureau of Buildings:

Permits Issued.

Sewer connections and repairs.....	18
Water connections and repairs.....	58
Laying gas mains and repairs.....	25
Placing building material on public highway.....	12
Removing building on public highway.....	1
Crossing sidewalk with team.....	12
Miscellaneous permits.....	58

Total.....184

Number of permits renewed, 32.

Money Received for Permits.

Sewer connections.....	\$295 68
Restoring and repaving streets.....	578 50

Total deposited with the City Chamberlain.....\$874 18

Laboring Force Employed During the Week Ending July 4, 1908.

Bureau of Highways—

Foremen.....	53
Assistant Foremen.....	33
Teams.....	129
Carts.....	24
Inspectors.....	15
Mechanics.....	58
Laborers.....	650
Drivers.....	24

Total.....986

Bureau of Sewers—

Foremen.....	10
Assistant Foremen.....	13
Carts.....	26
Mechanics.....	4
Laborers.....	110
Drivers.....	10

Total.....179

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President of the Borough of The Bronx.



CHANGES IN DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

July 13—

Appointed Park Laborers, at \$2 Per Day, July 10, 1908.

John J. Gaynor, No. 45 Cherry street.

Max Kaufman, No. 127 Broome street.

George McLaughlin, No. 2021 Lexington avenue.

Philip Steinfeld, No. 68 East Third street.

Francesco Pavese, No. 13 Spring street.

Thomas Fleming, No. 452 West Thirty-sixth street.

Antonio Caise, No. 185 Elizabeth street.

Bartolemo Durante, No. 1 Catharine slip.

Antonio De Leo, No. 318 East One Hundred and Ninth street.

Michael J. Higgins, No. 1639 Lexington avenue.

Michael J. Sexton, No. 221 William street.

Patrick Baker, No. 89 Market street.

Richard Furniss, No. 73 Montgomery street.

James R. Sharp, No. 639 Eleventh avenue.

William Wigdorowitz, No. 406 East Seventy-fourth street.

Patrick Ronan, No. 1275 Third avenue.

Louis Gandi, No. 161 West One Hundred and Sixth street.

James J. Manning, No. 330 Monroe street.

Appointed July 6, 1908.

William Brown, team, No. 426 West Fifty-first street, \$4.50 per day.

Resigned July 11, 1908.

E. Edith Mead, School Farm Attendant, No. 365a Monroe street, Brooklyn.

Died.

August Schmidt, Gardener, No. 2094 Third avenue, July 7, 1908.

Philip Krass, Laborer, No. 1681 Avenue A, July 10, 1908.

Borough of The Bronx.

July 13—

Appointment of James H. Evans, One Hundred and Seventy-second street, east of Jerome avenue, Driver, with wagon and team, at a compensation at the rate of \$4.50 per diem, to take effect July 14, 1908.

Appointment of Patrick Corcoran, No. 1982 Belmont avenue, Driver, with wagon and team, at a compensation at the rate of \$4.50 per diem, to take effect this date.

July 11—Appointment of John Eagan, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street and Sedgwick avenue, Driver, with horse and cart, at a compensation at the rate of \$3 per diem, to take effect July 11, 1908.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY.

July 13—Michael H. Feeney, temporary Patrolman on Aqueduct, has resigned from the force of this Board, to take effect July 7, 1908.

Notice was given under date of July 7, 1908, that John Crowley, temporary Patrolman, had been dismissed, to take effect July 4, 1908. This was an error, Crowley's resignation having been accepted July 7, 1908, to take effect July 4, 1908.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

July 13—Supplementing notice of July 10, 1908, Seymour Lyvere, Patrolman, Eighty-first Precinct, was retired and placed on the roll of the Police Pension Fund, to take effect 12 midnight, June 25, 1908; and also William J. Unger, Patrolman, First Precinct, was dismissed from the Police Force, charged with neglect of duty.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office—Bureau of Licenses, }
New York, July 14, 1908. }

Number of licenses issued and amounts received therefor in the week ending Saturday, July 11, 1908:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

Date.	Number of Licenses.	Amounts.
Monday, July 6.....	147	\$478 75
Tuesday, July 7.....	114	489 00
Wednesday, July 8.....	96	429 25
Thursday, July 9.....	131	430 50
Friday, July 10.....	90	805 00
Saturday, July 11.....	56	204 50
Totals.....	634	\$2,837 00

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Date.	Number of Licenses.	Amounts.
Monday, July 6.....	43	\$184 50
Tuesday, July 7.....	30	166 50
Wednesday, July 8.....	31	260 00
Thursday, July 9.....	36	180 00
Friday, July 10.....	38	156 00
Saturday, July 11.....	86	297 50
Totals.....	264	\$1,244 50

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

Date.	Number of Licenses.	Amounts.
Monday, July 6.....	18	\$94 50
Tuesday, July 7.....	10	81 50
Wednesday, July 8.....	10	81 50
Thursday, July 9.....	26	77 00
Friday, July 10.....	12	41 00
Saturday, July 11.....	12	41 00
Totals.....	66	\$294 00

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

Date.	Number of Licenses.	Amounts.
Monday, July 6.....	5	\$20 50
Tuesday, July 7.....	1	12 50
Wednesday, July 8.....	1	12 50
Thursday, July 9.....	4	9 50
Friday, July 10.....	1	8 00
Saturday, July 11.....	11	39 00
Totals.....	22	\$89 50

GAETANO DAMATO,
Acting Chief of Bureau of Licenses.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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 Edmond J. Butler, Commissioner.
 Harry G. Darwin, First Deputy Commissioner.
 Brooklyn Office (Boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond), Temple Bar Building, No. 44 Court street.
 Telephone, 3825 Main.
 John McKeown, Second Deputy Commissioner.
 Bronx Office, Nos. 2804, 2806 and 2808 Third Avenue.
 Telephone, 667 Melrose.
 William B. Calvert, Superintendent.

BOROUGH OFFICES.**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.**

Office of the President, corner Third avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street; 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Louis F. Haffen, President.
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 John F. Murray, Commissioner of Public Works.
 John A. Hawkins, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works.
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 Thomas H. O'Neil, Superintendent of Sewers.
 Samuel C. Thompson, Engineer of Highways.
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 Peter J. Stumpf, Superintendent of Highways.
 Albert H. Liebenau, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Offices.
 Telephone, 66 Tremont.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

President's Office, Nos. 15 and 16 Borough Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

Office of the President, Nos. 14, 15 and 16 City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
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 Bernard Downing, Secretary.
 John Cloughen, Commissioner of Public Works.
 James J. Hagan, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works.
 Edward S. Murphy, Superintendent of Buildings.
 George F. Cannell, Superintendent of Highways.
 Frank J. Goodwin, Superintendent of Sewers.
 John R. Voorhis, Superintendent of Buildings and Offices. Telephone, 6725 Cortlandt.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

President's Office, Borough Hall, Jackson avenue and Fifth street, Long Island City; 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Lawrence Gresser, President.
 John M. Cragen, Secretary.
 Alfred Denton, Commissioner of Public Works.
 Harry Sutphin, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works.
 James P. Hicks, Superintendent of Highways.
 Carl Berger, Superintendent of Buildings.
 John J. Halleran, Superintendent of Sewers.
 James E. Clonin, Superintendent of Street Cleaning.
 Edward F. Kelly, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Offices.
 Telephone, 1000 Greenpoint.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

President's Office, New Brighton, Staten Island.
 George Cromwell, President.
 Maybury Fleming, Secretary.
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 John Seaton, Superintendent of Buildings.

H. E. Buel, Superintendent of Highways.
 John T. Fetherston, Superintendent of Street Cleaning.
 Ernest H. Seehusen, Superintendent of Sewers.
 John Timlin, Jr., Superintendent of Public Buildings and Offices.
 George W. Tuttle, Principal Assistant Engineer Bureau of Engineering—Topographical.
 Theodore S. Oxholm, Principal Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Engineering—Construction.
 Offices—Borough Hall, New Brighton, N. Y., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Telephone, 1000 Tompkinsville.

CORONERS.

Borough of The Bronx—Corner of Third avenue and Tremont avenue. Telephone, 1250 Tremont and 1402 Tremont.
 Robert F. McDonald, A. F. Schwannecke.
 William T. Austin, Chief Clerk.
 Borough of Brooklyn—Office, Rooms 1 and 3 Municipal Building. Telephone, 4004 Main and 4005 Main.
 Henry J. Brewer, M. D., John F. Kennedy.
 Joseph McGuinness, Chief Clerk.
 Open all hours of the day and night.
 Borough of Manhattan—Office, Criminal Courts Building, Centre and White streets. Open at all times of the day and night.
 Coroners: Julius Harburger, Peter P. Acritelli, George F. Shradly, Jr., Peter Dooley.
 Julius Harburger, President Board of Coroners.
 Jacob E. Bausch, Chief Clerk.
 Telephones, 1094, 5057, 5058 Franklin.
 Borough of Queens—Office, Borough Hall, Fulton street, Jamaica, L. I.
 Samuel D. Nutt, Alfred S. Ambler.
 Martin Mager, Jr., Chief Clerk.
 Office hours, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.
 Borough of Richmond—No. 44 Second street, New Brighton. Open for the transaction of business all hours of the day and night.
 Matthew J. Cahill.
 Telephone, 7 Tompkinsville.

COUNTY OFFICES.**NEW YORK COUNTY.****COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.**

Room 127, Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Thomas Allison, Commissioner.
 Matthew F. Neville, Assistant Commissioner.
 Frederick P. Simpson, Assistant Commissioner.
 Frederick O'Byrne, Secretary.
 Telephone, 241 Worth.

COMMISSIONER OF RECORDS.

Office, Hall of Records.
 William S. Andrews, Commissioner.
 James O. Farrell, Superintendent.
 James J. Fleming, Jr., Secretary.
 Telephone, 3900 Worth.

COUNTY CLERK.

Nos. 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11 New County Court-house
 Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Peter J. Dooling, County Clerk.
 John F. Curry, Deputy.
 Joseph J. Glennen, Secretary.
 Telephone, 870 Cortlandt.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Building for Criminal Courts, Franklin and Centre streets.
 Office hours from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Wm. Travers Jerome, District Attorney.
 John A. Henneberry, Chief Clerk.
 Telephone, 2304 Franklin.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

No. 119 Nassau street, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 William M. Hoeg, Public Administrator.
 Telephone, 6376 Cortlandt.

REGISTER.

Hall of Records. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m. During the months of July and August the hours are from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
 Frank Gass, Register.
 William H. Sinnott, Deputy Register.
 Telephone, 3900 Worth.

SHERIFF.

No. 299 Broadway, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Thomas F. Foley, Sheriff.
 John F. Gilchrist, Under Sheriff.
 Telephone, 4984 Worth.

SURROGATES.

Hall of Records. Court open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., except Saturday, when it closes at 12 m. During the months of July and August the hours are from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
 Abner C. Thomas and Charles H. Beckett Surrogates; William V. Leary, Chief Clerk.

KINGS COUNTY.**COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.**

County Court-house.
 Jacob Brenner, Commissioner.
 Jacob A. Livingston, Deputy Commissioner.
 Albert B. Waldron, Secretary.
 Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Office hours during July and August, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Telephone, 1454 Main.

COMMISSIONER OF RECORDS.

Hall of Records.
 Office hours, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., excepting months of July and August, then 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 D. H. Ralston, Deputy Commissioner.
 Telephone, 1114 Main.
 Thomas D. Mossrop, Superintendent.
 William J. Beattie, Assistant Superintendent.
 Telephone, 1028 Main.

COUNTY CLERK.

Hall of Records, Brooklyn. Office hours, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; during months of July and August, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Frank Ehlers, County Clerk.
 Robert A. Sharkey, Deputy County Clerk.
 John Cooper, Assistant Deputy County Clerk.
 Telephone call, 4930 Main.

COUNTY COURT.

County Court-house, Brooklyn, Rooms 10, 17, 18, 22 and 23. Court opens at 10 a. m. daily and sits until business is completed. Part I., Room No. 23;

Part II., Room No. 10, Court-house. Clerk's Office, Rooms 17, 18 and 22, open daily from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 12 m.
 Norman S. Dike and Lewis L. Fawcett, County Judges.
 Charles S. Devoy, Chief Clerk.
 Telephone, 4154 and 4155 Main.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Office, County Court-house, Borough of Brooklyn.
 Hours, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
 John F. Clarke, District Attorney.
 Telephone Number, 2955-6-7—Main.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

No. 44 Court street (Temple Bar), Brooklyn.
 a. m. to 5 p. m.
 Charles E. Teale, Public Administrator.
 Telephone, 2840 Main.

REGISTER.

Hall of Records. Office hours, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., excepting months of July and August; then from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., provided for by statute.
 William A. Prendergast, Register.
 Frederick H. E. Ebstein, Deputy Register.
 Telephone, 2830 Main.

SHERIFF.

County Court-house, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 12 m.
 Alfred T. Hobbey, Sheriff.
 Lewis M. Swasey, Under Sheriff.
 Telephone, 6845, 6846, 6847, Main.

SURROGATE.

Hall of Records, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Herbert T. Ketcham, Surrogate.
 Edward J. Bergen, Chief Clerk and Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.
 Court opens at 10 a. m. Office hours 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Telephone, 3954 Main.

QUEENS COUNTY.**COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.**

Office hours, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; July and August, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.; Saturdays 9 a. m. to 12 m. Queens County Court-house, Long Island City.
 John P. Balbert, Commissioner of Jurors.
 Rodman Richardson, Assistant Commissioner.
 Telephone, 455 Greenpoint.

COUNTY CLERK.

Jamaica, Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York.
 Office open, April 1 to October 1, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., October 1 to April 1, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Saturdays throughout the year until 12 noon.
 John Niederstein, County Clerk.
 Henry J. Walter, Jr., Deputy County Clerk.
 Frank C. Klingenberg, Secretary.
 Telephone, 151 Jamaica.

COUNTY COURT.

Temporary County Court-house, Long Island City. County Court opens at 10 a. m. Trial Terms begin first Monday of each month, except July, August and September. Special Terms each Saturday, except during August and first Saturday of September. County Judge's office always open at No. 336 Fulton street, Jamaica, N. Y.
 Bart J. Humphrey, County Judge.
 Telephone, 286 Jamaica.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Office, Queens County Court-house, Long Island City, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
 Ira G. Darrin, District Attorney.
 Telephone, 39 Greenpoint.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

No. 17 Cook avenue, Elmhurst.
 John T. Robinson, Public Administrator, County of Queens.
 Telephone, 335 Newtown.

SHERIFF.

County Court-house, Long Island City, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Herbert S. Harvey, Sheriff.
 John M. Phillips, Under Sheriff.
 Telephone, 43 Greenpoint (office).
 Henry O. Schleth, Warden, Queens County Jail.
 Telephone, 372 Greenpoint.

SURROGATE.

Daniel Noble, Surrogate.
 Office at Jamaica.
 Except on Sundays, holidays and half holidays, the office is open between March 31 and July 1, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; on Saturdays, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.; between July 1 and September 1, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; on Saturdays, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 The calendar is called on Tuesday of each week at 10 a. m., except during the month of August, when no court is held, and the court sits every day thereafter until all contested cases have been disposed of.
 Telephone, 397 Jamaica.

RICHMOND COUNTY.**COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.**

Village Hall, Stapleton.
 Charles J. Kullman, Commissioner.
 John J. McCaughey, Assistant Commissioner.
 Office open from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m.; Saturday from 9 a. m. to 12 m.
 Telephone, 81 Tompkinsville.

COUNTY CLERK.

County Office Building, Richmond, S. I., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 C. L. Bostwick, County Clerk.
 County Court-house, Richmond, S. I., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Telephone, 28 New Dorp.

COUNTY JUDGE AND SURROGATE.

Terms of Court, Richmond County, 1908.
 County Courts—Stephen D. Stephens, County Judge.
 First Monday of June, Grand and Trial Jury.
 Second Monday of November, Grand and Trial Jury.
 Fourth Wednesday of January, without a Jury.
 Fourth Wednesday of February, without a Jury.
 Fourth Wednesday of March, without a Jury.

Fourth Wednesday of April, without a Jury.
 Fourth Wednesday of July, without a Jury.
 Fourth Wednesday of September, without a Jury.
 Fourth Wednesday of October, without a Jury.
 Surrogate's Court—Stephen D. Stephens, Surrogate.
 Mondays, at the Borough Hall, St. George, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.
 Tuesdays, at the Borough Hall, St. George, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.
 Wednesdays, at the Surrogate's Office, Richmond, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Corn Exchange Bank Building, St. George, S. I.
 Samuel H. Evins.
 Telephone, 50 Tompkinsville.

SHERIFF.

County Court-house, Richmond, S. I.
 Office hours, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Joseph J. Barth.

THE COURTS.**APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT.****FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.**

Court-house, Madison avenue, corner Twenty-fifth street. Court opens at 1 p. m.
 Edward Patterson, Presiding Justice, George L. Ingraham, Chester B. McLaughlin, Frank C. Laughlin, John Proctor Clarke, James W. Houghton, Francis M. Scott, Justices; Alfred Wagstaff, Clerk; William Lamb, Deputy Clerk.
 Clerk's Office opens at 9 a. m.
 Telephone, 3840 Madison Square.

SUPREME COURT—FIRST DEPARTMENT.

County Court-house, Chambers street. Court open from 10.15 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Special Term, Part I. (motions), Room No. 16.
 Special Term, Part II. (ex-parte business), Room No. 13.
 Special Term, Part III., Room No. 14.
 Special Term, Part IV., Room No. 22.
 Special Term, Part V., Room No. 6.
 Special Term, Part VI. (Elevated Railroad cases) Room 31.
 Trial Term, Part II., Room No. 34.
 Trial Term, Part III., Room No. 22.
 Trial Term, Part IV., Room No. 21.
 Trial Term, Part V., Room No. 24.
 Trial Term, Part VI., Room No. 18.
 Trial Term, Part VII., Room No. —.
 Trial Term, Part VIII., Room No. 23.
 Trial Term, Part IX., Room No. 35.
 Trial Term, Part X., Room No. 20.
 Trial Term, Part XI., Room No. 27.
 Trial Term, Part XII., Room No. —.
 Trial Term, Part XIII., and Special Term, Part VII., Room No. 36.
 Trial Term, Part XIV., Room No. 28.
 Trial Term, Part XV., Room No. 37.
 Trial Term, Part XVI., Room No. —.
 Trial Term, Part XVII., Room No. 20.
 Trial Term, Part XVIII., Room No. 29.
 Appellate Term, Room No. 20.
 Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 38, third floor.
 Assignment Bureau, room on mezzanine floor, northeast.
 Clerks in attendance from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Clerk's Office, Special Term, Part I. (motions) Room No. 15.
 Clerk's Office, Special Term, Part II. (ex-parte business), ground floor, southeast corner.
 Clerk's Office, Special Term, Calendar, ground floor, south.
 Clerk's Office, Trial Term, Calendar, room northeast corner, second floor, east.
 Clerk's Office, Appellate Term, room southwest corner, third floor.
 Trial Term, Part I. (criminal business).
 Criminal Court-house, Centre street.
 Justices—Charles H. Truax, Charles F. MacLean, Henry Bischoff, Jr., Leonard A. Giegerich, P. Henry Dugro, Henry A. Gildersleeve, James Fitzgerald, James A. O'Gorman, James A. Blanchard, Edward S. Clinch, Samuel Greenbaum, Edward E. McCall, Edward B. Amend, Vernon M. Davis, Victor J. Dowling, Joseph Newburger, John W. Goff, Samuel Seabury, M. Warley Platzeck, Peter A. Hendrick, John Ford, Charles W. Dayton, John J. Brady, Mitchell L. Erlanger, Charles L. Guy, James W. Gerard.
 Peter J. Dooling, Clerk, Supreme Court.
 Telephone, 4580 Cortlandt.

SUPREME COURT—SECOND DEPARTMENT.

Kings County Court-house, Borough of Brooklyn N. Y.
 Court open daily from 10 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. Seven jury trial parts. Special Term for Trials. Special Term for Motions.
 James F. McGee, General Clerk.
 Telephone, 5460 Main.

CRIMINAL DIVISION—SUPREME COURT.

Building for Criminal Courts, Centre, Elm, White and Franklin streets.
 Court opens at 10.30 a. m.
 Peter J. Dooling, Clerk; Edward R. Carroll, Special Deputy to the Clerk.
 Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Telephone, 6064 Franklin.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held in the Building for Criminal Courts, Centre Elm, White and Franklin streets.
 Court opens at 10.30 a. m.
 Thomas C. T. Crain, Otto A. Rosalsky, Warren W. Foster, Thomas C. O'Sullivan, Edward Swann, Joseph F. Mulqueen, James T. Malone, Judges of the Court of General Sessions. Edward R. Carroll, Clerk. Telephone, 1201 Franklin.
 Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 During July and August Clerk's Office will close at 2 p. m., and on Saturdays at 12 m.

CITY COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

No. 32 Chambers street, Brownstone Building, City Hall Park, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Part I.
 Part II.
 Part III.
 Part IV.
 Part V.
 Part VI.
 Part VII.
 Part VIII.
 Special Term Chambers will be held from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Edward F. O'Dwyer, Chief Justice; Lewis J. Conlan, Francis B. Delehanty, Joseph I. Green, Alexander Finelite, Thomas F. Donnelly, John V. McAvoy, Peter Schmuck, Justices. Thomas F. Smith, Clerk.
 Telephone, 6142 Cortlandt.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Building for Criminal Courts, Centre street between Franklin and White streets, Borough of Manhattan.

Court opens at 10 a. m.
Justices—First Division—William E. Wyatt, Wilford H. Olmsted, Joseph M. Deuel, Lorenz Zeller, John B. Mayo, Franklin Chase Hoyt, Charles W. Cullen, Clerk; William M. Fuller, Deputy Clerk.
Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Telephone, 2092 Franklin, Clerk's office.

Second Division—Trial Days—No. 171 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 o'clock; Town Hall, Jamaica, Borough of Queens, Tuesday at 10 o'clock; Town Hall, New Brighton, Borough of Richmond, Thursday at 10 o'clock.

Justices—Howard J. Forker, Patrick Keady, John Fleming, Morgan M. L. Ryan, Robert J. Wilkin, George J. O'Keefe, Joseph L. Kerrigan, Clerk; John J. Dorman, Deputy Clerk.

Clerk's Office, No. 171 Atlantic avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

CHILDREN'S COURT.

First Division—No. 66 Third avenue, Manhattan. Edmund C. Lee, Clerk.

Second Division—No. 122 Court street, Brooklyn. William F. Delaney, Clerk.
Telephone, 627 Main.

CITY MAGISTRATES' COURT.

First Division.

Court opens from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
City Magistrates—Robert C. Cornell, Leroy B. Crane, Peter T. Barlow, Matthew P. Breen, Joseph F. Moss, James J. Walsh, Henry Steinert, Daniel E. Finn, Charles G. F. Wahle, Frederick B. House, Charles N. Harris, Frederick Kernochan, Arthur C. Butts, Otto H. Droege, Joseph E. Corrigan, Moses Herrman.

Philip H. Bloch, Secretary, One Hundred and Twenty-first street and Sylvan place.

First District—Criminal Court Building.

Second District—Jefferson Market.

Third District—No. 69 Essex street.

Fourth District—No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street.

Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeastern corner of Sylvan place.

Sixth District—One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Brook avenue.

Seventh District—No. 314 West Fifty-fourth street.

Eighth District—Main street, Westchester.

Second Division.

Borough of Brooklyn.

City Magistrates—Edward J. Dooley, James G. Tighe, John Naumer, E. G. Higginbotham, Frank E. O'Reilly, Henry J. Furlong, Alfred E. Steers, A. V. B. Voorhees, Jr., Alexander H. Geismar, John F. Hylan.

President of the Board, Edward J. Dooley, No. 318 Adams street.

Secretary to the Board, Charles J. Flanagan, Myrtle and Vanderbilt avenues.

Courts

First District—No. 318 Adams street.

Second District—Court and Butler streets.

Third District—Myrtle and Vanderbilt avenues.

Fourth District—No. 6 Lee avenue.

Fifth District—No. 249 Manhattan avenue.

Sixth District—No. 495 Gates avenue.

Seventh District—No. 31 Snider avenue (Flatbush).

Eighth District—West Eighth street (Coney Island).

Ninth District—Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street.

Tenth District—No. 133 New Jersey avenue.

Borough of Queens.

City Magistrates—Matthew J. Smith, Joseph Fitch, Maurice E. Connolly, Eugene C. Gilroy.

Courts.

First District—St. Mary's Lyceum, Long Island City.

Second District—Town Hall, Flushing, L. I.

Third District—Central avenue, Far Rockaway, L. I.

Borough of Richmond.

City Magistrates—Joseph B. Handy, Nathaniel Marsh.

Courts.

First District—Lafayette place, New Brighton, Staten Island.

Second District—Village Hall, Stapleton, Staten Island.

MUNICIPAL COURTS.

Borough of Manhattan.

First District—The First District embraces the territory bounded on the south and west by the southerly and westerly boundaries of the said borough, on the north by the centre line of Fourteenth street and the centre line of Fifth street from the Bowery to Second avenue, on the east by the centre lines of Fourth avenue from Fourteenth street to Fifth street, Second avenue, Chrystie street, Division street and Catharine street.

Wanhope Lynn, William F. Moore, John Hoyer Justices.

Thomas O'Connell, Clerk; Francis Mangin, Deputy Clerk.

Location of Court—Merchants' Association Building, No. 54-60 Lafayette street. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

An additional Part of Court is now held in Tenth street and Sixth avenue.

Telephone, 6030 Franklin.

Second District—The Second District embraces the territory bounded on the south by the centre line of Fifth street from the Bowery to Second avenue and on the south and east by the southerly and easterly boundaries of the said borough, on the north by the centre line of East Fourteenth street, on the west by the centre lines of Fourth avenue from Fourteenth street to Fifth street, Second avenue, Chrystie street, Division street and Catharine street.

George F. Roesch, Benjamin Hoffman, Leon Sanders, Thomas P. Dinnean, Justices.

James J. Devlin, Clerk; Michael H. Looney, Deputy Clerk.

Location of Court—Nos. 264 and 266 Madison street. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone, 2590 Orchard.

Third District—The Third District embraces the territory bounded on the south by the centre line of Fourteenth street, on the east by the centre line of Seventh avenue from Fourteenth street to Fifty-ninth street and by the centre line of Central Park West from Fifty-ninth street to Sixty-fifth street, on the north by the centre line of Sixty-fifth street and the centre line of Fifty-ninth street from Seventh to Eighth avenue, on the west by the westerly boundary of the said borough.

Thomas E. Murray, James W. McLaughlin, Justices.

Michael Skelly, Clerk; Henry Merzbach, Deputy Clerk.

Location of Court—No. 314 West Fifty-fourth street. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone number, 5450 Columbus.

Fourth District—The Fourth District embraces the territory bounded on the south by the centre line of East Fourteenth street, on the west by the centre line of Lexington avenue and by the centre line of Irving place, including its projection through Gramercy Park, on the north by the centre line of Fifty-ninth street, on the east by the easterly line of said borough; excluding, however, any portion of Blackwell's Island.

Michael F. Blake, William J. Boyhan, Justices.

Abram Bernard, Clerk; James Foley, Deputy Clerk.

Location of Court—Part I, No. 407 Second avenue, northwest corner of Second avenue and Twenty-third street. Part II, No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone, 4570 Gramercy.

Fifth District—The Fifth District embraces the territory bounded on the south by the centre line of Sixty-fifth street, on the east by the centre line of Central Park West, on the north by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the west by the westerly boundary of said borough.

Alfred P. W. Seaman, William Young, Frederick Spiegelberg, Justices.

James V. Gilloon, Clerk; John H. Servis, Deputy Clerk.

Location of Court—Broadway and Ninety-sixth street. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone, 4005 Riverside.

Sixth District—The Sixth District embraces the territory bounded on the south by the centre line of Fifty-ninth street and by the centre line of Ninety-sixth street from Lexington avenue to Fifth avenue, on the west by the centre line of Lexington avenue from Fifty-ninth street to Ninety-sixth street and the centre line of Fifth avenue from Ninety-sixth street to One Hundred and Tenth street, on the north by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the east by the easterly boundary of said borough, including, however, all of Blackwell's Island and excluding any portion of Ward's Island.

Herman Joseph, Jacob Marks, Justices.

Edward A. McQuade, Clerk; Thomas M. Campbell, Deputy Clerk; John J. Dietz, Frederick J. Stroh, Assistant Clerks.

Location of Court—Northwest corner of Third avenue and Eighty-third street. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone, 4343 79-St.

Seventh District—The Seventh District embraces the territory bounded on the south by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the east by the centre line of Fifth avenue to the northerly terminus thereof, and north of the northerly terminus of Fifth avenue, following in a northerly direction the course of the Harlem river on a line continuous with the easterly boundary of said borough, on the north and west by the northerly and westerly boundaries of said borough.

Phillip J. Sinnott, David L. Weil, John R. Davies, Justices.

Heman B. Wilson, Clerk; Robert Andrews, Deputy Clerk.

Location of Court—No. 70 Manhattan street. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Eighth District—The Eighth District embraces the territory bounded on the south by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the west by the centre line of Fifth avenue, on the north and east by the northerly and easterly boundaries of said borough, including Randall's Island and the whole of Ward's Island.

Joseph P. Fallon, Leopold Prince, Justices.

William J. Kennedy, Clerk; Patrick J. Ryan, Deputy Clerk.

Location of Court—Sylvan place and One Hundred and Twenty-first street, near Third avenue. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone, 3950 Harlem.

Ninth District—The Ninth District embraces the territory bounded on the south by the centre line of Fourteenth street and by the centre line of Fifty-ninth street from the centre line of Seventh avenue to the centre line of Central Park West, on the east by the centre line of Lexington avenue and by the centre line of Irving place, including its projection through Gramercy Park, and by the centre line of Fifth avenue from the centre line of Ninety-sixth street to the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the north by the centre line of Ninety-sixth street from the centre line of Lexington avenue to the centre line of Fifth avenue and by One Hundred and Tenth street from Fifth avenue to Central Park West, on the west by the centre line of Seventh avenue and Central Park West.

Edgar J. Lauer, Frederick De Witt Wells, Frank D. Sturges, William C. Wilson, Justices.

William J. Chamberlain, Clerk; Charles Healy, Deputy Clerk.

Location of Court—Southwest corner of Madison avenue and Fifty-ninth street. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone, 3873 Plaza.

Borough of The Bronx.

First District—All that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward which was lately annexed to the City and County of New York by chapter 934 of the Laws of 1895, comprising all of the late Town of Westchester and part of the Towns of Eastchester and Pelham, including the Villages of Wakefield and Williams, bridge, Court-room, Town Hall, Main street, Westchester Village. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Trial of causes, Tuesday and Friday of each week.

Peter A. Shell, Justice.

Stephen Collins, Clerk.

Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, closing at 12 m.

Telephone, 457 Westchester.

Second District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, except the territory described in chapter 934 of the Laws of 1895. Court-room, southeast corner of Washington avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-second street. Office hours, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Court opens at 9 a. m.

John M. Tierney, Justice. Thomas A. Maher, Clerk.

Telephone, 3043 Melrose.

Borough of Brooklyn.

First District—Comprising First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Tenth and Twelfth Wards and that portion of the Eleventh Ward beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Hudson and Myrtle avenues, thence along the centre line of Myrtle avenue to North Portland avenue, thence along the centre line of North Portland avenue to Flushing avenue, thence along the centre line of Flushing avenue to Navy street, thence along the centre line of Navy street to Johnson street, thence along the centre line of Johnson street to Hudson avenue, and thence along the centre line of Hudson avenue to the point of beginning, of the Borough of Brooklyn. Court-house, northwest corner State and Court streets.

John J. Walsh, Justice. Edward Moran, Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Second District—Seventh Ward and that portion of the Twenty-first and Twenty-third Wards west of the centre line of Stuyvesant avenue and the centre line of Schenectady avenue, also that portion of the Twentieth Ward beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of North Portland and Myrtle avenues, thence along the centre line of Myrtle avenue to Waverly avenue, thence along the centre line of Waverly avenue to Park avenue, thence along the centre line of Park avenue to Washington avenue, thence along the centre line of Washington avenue to Flushing avenue, thence along the centre line of Flushing avenue to North Portland avenue, and thence along the centre line of North Portland avenue to the point of beginning.

Court-room, No. 495 Gates avenue.

Gerard B. Van Wart and Edward C. Dowling, Justices.

Franklin B. Van Wart, Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Third District—Embraces the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards, and that portion of the Twenty-seventh Ward lying northwest of the centre line of Starr street between the boundary line of Queens County and the centre line of Central avenue, and northwest of the centre line of Suydam street between the centre lines of Central and Bushwick avenues, and northwest of the centre line of Willoughby avenue between the centre lines of Bushwick avenue and Broadway. Court-house, Nos. 6 and 8 Lee avenue, Brooklyn.

Philip D. Meagher and William J. Bogenschutz, Justices.

John W. Carpenter, Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Court opens at 9 a. m.

Fourth District—Embraces the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Wards, that portion of the Twenty-first and Twenty-third Wards lying east of the centre line of Stuyvesant avenue and east of the centre line of Schenectady avenue, and that portion of the Twenty-seventh Ward lying southeast of the centre line of Starr street between the boundary line of Queens and the centre line of Central avenue, and southeast of the centre line of Suydam street between the centre lines of Central and Bushwick avenues, and southeast of the centre line of Willoughby avenue between the centre lines of Bushwick avenue and Broadway.

Court-room, No. 14 Howard avenue.

Thomas H. Williams, Justice. G. J. Wiederhold, Clerk.

Milton I. Williams, Assistant Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Fifth District—Contains the Eighth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first Wards, and so much of the Twenty-second Ward as lies south of Prospect avenue. Court-house, northwest corner of Fifty-third street and Third avenue.

Cornelius Furguson, Justice. Jeremiah J. O'Leary, Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone, 407 Bay Ridge.

Sixth District—The Sixth District embraces the Ninth and Twenty-ninth Wards and that portion of the Twenty-second Ward north of the centre line of Prospect avenue; also that portion of the Eleventh and Twentieth Wards beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Bridge and Fulton streets; thence along the centre line of Fulton street to Flatbush avenue; thence along the centre line of Flatbush avenue to Atlantic avenue; thence along the centre line of Atlantic avenue to Washington avenue; thence along the centre line of Washington avenue to Park avenue; thence along the centre line of Park avenue to Waverly avenue; thence along the centre line of Waverly avenue to Myrtle avenue; thence along the centre line of Myrtle avenue to Hudson avenue; thence along the centre line of Hudson avenue to Johnson street; thence along the centre line of Johnson street to Bridge street, and thence along the centre line of Bridge street to the point of beginning.

Lucien S. Bayliss and George Fielder, Justices.

Charles P. Bible, Clerk.

Court-house, No. 611 Fulton street.

Seventh District—The Seventh District embraces the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-eighth and Thirty-second Wards.

Alexander S. Rosenthal and Edward A. Richards, Justices.

Samuel F. Brothers, Clerk.

Court-house, corner Pennsylvania avenue and Fulton street (No. 31 Pennsylvania avenue).

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m. Trial Days, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Jury Days, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Telephone, 904 East New York.

Borough of Queens.

First District—First Ward (all of Long Island City formerly composing five wards). Court-room, St. Mary's Lyceum, Nos. 115 and 117 Fifth street, Long Island City.

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. each day, excepting Saturdays, closing at 12 m. Trial days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All other business transacted on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thomas C. Kadien, Justice. Thomas F. Kennedy, Clerk.

Telephone, 2376 Greenpoint.

Second District—Second and Third Wards, which include the territory of the late Towns of Newtown and Flushing. Court-room in Court-house of the late Town of Newtown, corner of Broadway and Court street, Elmhurst, New York. P. O. Address, Elmhurst, Queens County, New York.

William Rasquin, Jr., Justice. Luke I. Connor, Clerk.

William Repper, Assistant Clerk.

James B. Snediker, Stenographer.

Trial days, Tuesdays and Thursdays; Fridays (for Jury Trials only).

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone, 87 Newtown.

Third District—Fourth and Fifth Wards, comprising the territory of the former Towns and Villages of Jamaica, Far Rockaway and Rockaway Beach.

James F. McLaughlin, Justice. George W. Damon, Clerk.

Court-house, Town Hall, Jamaica.

Telephone, 189 Jamaica.

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Court held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a. m.

Borough of Richmond.

First District—First and Third Wards (Towns of Castleton and Northfield). Court-room, former Village Hall, Lafayette avenue and Second street, New Brighton.

Thomas C. Brown, Justice. Anning S. Prall, Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 8:45 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Telephone, 503 Tompkinsville.

Second District—Second, Fourth and Fifth Wards (Towns of Middletown, Southfield and Westfield). Court-room, former Edgewater Village Hall, Stapleton.

George W. Stake, Justice. Peter Tiernan, Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Court opens at 9 a. m. Calendar called at 10 a. m.

Court continued until close of business. Trial days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Telephone, 313 Tompkinsville.

OFFICIAL BOROUGH PAPERS.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

"The Bronx Star," "North Side News," "Bronx Independent."

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

"Staten Island World," "Richmond County Herald."

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

"Long Island Star" (First and Second Wards), "Flushing Evening Journal" (Third Ward), "Long Island Farmer" (Fourth Ward), "Rockaway News" (Fifth Ward).

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

"Brooklyn Eagle," "Brooklyn Times," "Brooklyn Citizen," "Brooklyn Standard-Union," "Brooklyn Free Press."

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

"Real Estate Record and Guide" (Harlem District), "Manhattan and Bronx Advocate" (Washington Heights, Morningside Heights and Harlem Districts).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, CORNER OF FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AND SIXTH AVENUE, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Board of Health of the Department of Health until 10 o'clock a. m. on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1908.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY OR REQUIRED TO FURNISH AND INSTALL TWO NEW BOILERS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY ALTERATIONS AND OTHER WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO IN THE BOILER HOUSE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE KINGSTON AVENUE HOSPITAL, AT KINGSTON AVENUE AND FENIMORE STREET, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is 100 consecutive working days.

The amount of security required is fifty per cent. (50%) of the amount of the bid.

Bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the Chief Clerk of the Department of Health southwest corner of Fifty-fifth street and Sixth avenue, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

THOMAS DARLINGTON, M. D., President;

ALVAH H. DOTY, M. D.,

THEODORE A. BINGHAM, Board of Health.

Dated July 13, 1908.

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BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, BOROUGH HALL, ST. GEORGE, STATEN ISLAND.

The amount of security to guarantee the faithful performance of the work will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

The right is reserved by the Commissioner to reject all the bids should he deem it to be to the interest of the City so to do.

Blank forms and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Department of Bridges.
J. W. STEVENSON,
Commissioner.

Dated July 10, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Bridges at the above office until 2 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1908.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING YELLOW PINE, WHITE PINE, OAK AND SPRUCE LUMBER TO THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

Deliveries shall be made from time to time as required during the remainder of the year.

The quantities shall not be exceeded by more than five per cent (5%).

The amount of security to guarantee the faithful performance of the work will be Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000).

The right is reserved by the Commissioner to reject all the bids should he deem it to be to the interest of the City so to do.

Blank forms and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Department of Bridges.

JAMES W. STEVENSON,
Commissioner.

Dated July 1, 1908.

jy2.16

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DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Bridges at the above office until 2 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1908.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING 400,000 FEET (B. M.) OF SPRUCE PLANK TO THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

Deliveries shall be made from time to time as required during the remainder of the year.

The amount of security to guarantee the faithful performance of the work will be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

The right is reserved by the Commissioner to reject all the bids should he deem it to be to the interest of the City so to do.

Blank forms and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Department of Bridges.

JAMES W. STEVENSON,
Commissioner.

Dated July 1, 1908.

jy2.16

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Bridges at the above office until 2 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1908.

FOR THE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND THE LAYING OF SEWERS, WATER PIPES AND TRACKS, AND THE GRADING AND PAVING OF THE PLAZA, IN THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, OF THE BLACKWELL ISLAND BRIDGE OVER THE EAST RIVER, BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND QUEENS.

The contractor will be required to begin work within five days of the date of certification of the contract by the Comptroller, and will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Commissioner and in accordance with the plans and specifications by October 31, 1908.

The amount of security to guarantee the faithful performance of the work will be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

The right is reserved by the Commissioner to reject all the bids should he deem it to be to the interest of the City so to do.

Blank forms and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Department of Bridges.

JAMES W. STEVENSON,
Commissioner of Bridges.

Dated June 30, 1908.

jy1.16

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, No. 299 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, June 17, 1908.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications will be received from

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, UNTIL 4 P. M. WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1908,

for the position of

INSTRUMENT MAKER, FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The examination will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 1908, at 10 a. m.

(NO APPLICATION RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, BY MAIL OR OTHERWISE, AFTER 4 P. M. ON JULY 1, WILL BE ACCEPTED.)

The subjects and weights of the examination are as follows:

Technical	5
Experience	4
Mathematics	1

The percentage required is 75 on the technical paper and 70 on all.

Candidates should be able to make repairs to all the electrical instruments in use in the Fire Department, as transmitters, registers, gongs, fire alarm signal boxes; also keyless doors and combination fire alarm lamp-posts. They should also be able to make adjustments on engine house equipments and be able to make either permanent or temporary repairs in order to keep same in working order; should be familiar with the winding and rewinding of magnets, and able to do lathe work as regards the manufacture and repairs of instruments.

It will be a waste of time for candidates to apply who cannot meet the above requirements.

There are two vacancies.

The salary is \$1,200 per annum.

The minimum age is 21 years.

F. A. SPENCER,
Secretary.

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MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, No. 299 BROADWAY, CITY OF NEW YORK.

PUBLIC NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN OF all competitive examinations two weeks in advance of the date upon which the receipt of applications for any scheduled examination will close. Applications will be received for only such examinations as are scheduled. No application will be accepted at the office of the Commission, by mail or otherwise, after the closing hour for the receipt of same set forth in the advertisement.

When an examination is advertised, a person desiring to compete in the same may obtain an application blank upon request made in writing or by personal application at the office of the Commission, Room 1119.

All notices of examinations will be posted in the office of the Commission, and advertised in the CITY RECORD for two weeks in advance of the date upon which the receipt of applications will close for any stated position.

Public notice will also be given by advertisement in most of the City papers.

Wherever an examination is of a technical character, due notice is given by advertisement in the technical journals appertaining to the particular profession for which the examination is called.

Such notices will be sent to the daily papers as matters of news. The scope of the examination will be stated, but for more general information application should be made at the office of the Commission.

Specimen questions of previous examinations may be obtained at Room 1108.

Unless otherwise specifically stated, the minimum age requirement for all positions is 21.

FRANK L. POLK,
President;

R. ROSS APPLETON,
ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE,
Commissioners.

FRANK A. SPENCER,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, ARSENAL BUILDING, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at the above office of the Department of Parks until 3 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1908.

Borough of The Bronx.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN THE NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL PARK, IN BRONX PARK, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The time for full performance of the contract is two hundred (200) days.

The amount of security required is Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000).

The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Parks, Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park, Borough of The Bronx.

HENRY SMITH,
President;

JOSEPH I. BERRY,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.

Dated July 14, 1908.

jy14.30

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, ARSENAL BUILDING, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at the above office of the Department of Parks until 3 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.

Borough of The Bronx.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR REPAIRING AND SURFACING WITH ASPHALTIC EARTH THE BRONX AND PELHAM PARKWAY, FROM THE WILLIAMSBRIDGE ROAD TO THE EASTCHESTER ROAD, IN THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The time for full performance of the contract is eighty (80) days.

The amount of security required is Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000).

The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Parks, Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park, Borough of The Bronx.

HENRY SMITH,
President;

JOSEPH I. BERRY,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.

Dated July 13, 1908.

jy13.23

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, ARSENAL BUILDING, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at the above office of the Department of Parks, until 3 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.

Borough of Manhattan.

FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR FURNISHING AND INSTALLING NEW STEAM SUPPLY AND RETURN MAINS AND OTHER WORK IN CONNECTION THEREWITH FOR THE MENAGERIE BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL PARK, OPPOSITE EAST SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

The time for the completion of the contract is within fifty (50) consecutive working days.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

The contracts must be bid for separately. The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Plans may be seen and blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Parks, Borough of Manhattan, Arsenal, Central Park.

HENRY SMITH,
President;
JOSEPH I. BERRY,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.

Dated July 13, 1908.

jy13.23

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OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, ARSENAL BUILDING, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at the above office of the Department of Parks until 3 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.

Borough of The Bronx.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TWO (2) THREE-HORSE POWER MOUNTED SPRAYING OUTFITS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

The time for delivery of articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is thirty (30) days.

The amount of security is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

The bids will be compared and the contracts awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Parks, Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park, Borough of The Bronx, The City of New York.

HENRY SMITH,
President;

JOSEPH I. BERRY,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.

jy11.23

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, ARSENAL BUILDING, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at the above office of the Department of Parks until 3 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.

Borough of The Bronx.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING IN PLACE TEN THOUSAND (10,000) GALLONS OF CRUDE OIL MIXTURE HAVING AN ASPHALTIC BASE, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

The time for delivery of articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is thirty (30) days.

The amount of security is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

The bids will be compared and the contracts awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Parks, Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park, Borough of The Bronx, The City of New York.

HENRY SMITH,
President;

JOSEPH I. BERRY,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, ARSENAL BUILDING, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at the above office of the Department of Parks until 3 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.

Borough of Manhattan.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING 10,000 FEET OF WATER HOSE.

The time for the delivery of the materials and the performance of the contract is as required.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Dollars.

The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Parks, Arsenal, Central Park, Manhattan.

HENRY SMITH,
President;

JOSEPH I. BERRY,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.

Dated July 13, 1908.

jy11.23

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, ARSENAL BUILDING, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at the above office of the Department of Parks until 3 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1908.

Borough of Manhattan.

FOR WORK AND MATERIAL FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE APPROACH WORK EXTERIOR TO THE BUILDING OF THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, ASTOR, LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS, FIFTH AVENUE, FORTIETH AND FORTY-SECOND STREETS.

The security required will be Fifty Thousand Dollars.

The time allowed for doing and completing the work will be two years after notice to begin work at the building has been given by the Commissioner.

The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Plans may be seen and blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Parks, Arsenal, Central Park, New York City, and also at the office of the Architects, Carrere & Hastings, No. 225 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan.

HENRY SMITH,
President;

JOSEPH I. BERRY,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.

Dated July 10, 1908.

jy10.30

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, ARSENAL BUILDING, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at the above office of the Department of Parks until 3 o'clock p. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1908.

Borough of Manhattan.

FOR PAINTING WROUGHT IRON RAILING ALONG HARLEM RIVER DRIVEWAY, FROM ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIFTH STREET TO DYCKMAN STREET.

The time for completion of work, sixty days.

The amount of security is Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

The bids will be compared and the contracts awarded at a lump or aggregate sum for each contract.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Parks, the Arsenal, Central Park, Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York.

HENRY SMITH,
President;

JOSEPH I. BERRY,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.

Dated July 3, 1908.

jy6.16

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Police Commissioner of the Police Department of The City of New York at the Bookkeeper's Office, Central Department, until 10 o'clock a. m. on

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1908.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND ERECTING ALL THE MATERIALS NECESSARY TO BUILD AND COMPLETE THE NEW STATION HOUSE, PRISON AND STABLE FOR THE SECOND PRECINCT, ON THE GROUND AND PREMISES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK ON THE WEST SIDE OF GREENWICH STREET, 79 FEET 5 1/2 INCHES SOUTH OF CORTLANDT STREET, KNOWN AS NOS. 156 AND 158 GREENWICH STREET, RUNNING THROUGH TO AND INCLUDING NOS. 163 AND 165 WASHINGTON STREET.

The time allowed for the erection and completion of the entire work will be three hundred and twenty-five (325) working days.

The surety required will be Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000).

Bidders are particularly requested to examine the plans, specifications and location of the work before bidding, and they are expressly notified that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless the same has been previously authorized by a written permission therefor obtained from the Police Commissioner.

For particulars as to the quantity and quality of the supplies or of the nature and extent of the work required or of the materials to be furnished, bidders are referred to the specifications and lists of materials, supplies and apparatus to be furnished, and to the plans on file at the office of Stockton B. Colt and Thornton Chard, associated architects, No. 39 West Thirty-eighth street, Borough of Manhattan, where blank forms for making bids or estimates may be obtained.

The bidder shall state one aggregate price for the whole work described and specified, as the contract is entire and for a complete job.

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

Dated July 11, 1908.

THEODORE A. BINGHAM,
Police Commissioner.

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See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Police Commissioner of the Police Department of The City of New York at the Bookkeeper's office until 10 o'clock a. m. on

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1908.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS AND MAKING AND COMPLETING ALTERATIONS, GENERAL REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH, THIRTY-SIXTH AND FORTIETH PRECINCT STATION HOUSES, ETC., IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN; THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH AND ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH PRECINCT STATION HOUSES, ETC., IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN; AND THE TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH AND TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH PRECINCT STATION HOUSES, ETC., IN THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is ninety days.

The amount of security required will be fifty per cent (50%) of the amount of the bid or

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Police Commissioner of the Police Department of the City of New York at the Bookkeeper's office, Central Department, until 10 o'clock a. m. on

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1908.

FOR INSTALLING GASOLINE ENGINES, WITH TANKS AND FULL EQUIPMENT, IN LAUNCHES 3, 4 AND 5 OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The time allowed for making and completing the repairs and alterations will be 60 days.

The amount of security required will be fifty per cent. (50%) of the amount of bid or estimate.

The bids will be compared and award made to the lowest bidder.

The bidder will state the price for which he will do all the work and provide, furnish and deliver all the labor and materials mentioned and described in said contract and specifications.

For particulars as to the nature and extent of the work required or of the materials to be furnished, bidders are referred to the specifications and to the plans on file in the office of the Inspector of Repairs and Supplies of the Police Department, No. 300 Mulberry street, City of New York.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the Central Office of the Police Department, No. 300 Mulberry street, Borough of Manhattan.

THEODORE A. BINGHAM,
Police Commissioner.

Dated July 11, 1908.

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See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 9, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc.; also small amount of money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.

THEODORE A. BINGHAM,
Police Commissioner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York—Office, No. 209 State street, Borough of Brooklyn—for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc.; also small amount of money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.

THEODORE A. BINGHAM,
Police Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Superintendent of School Buildings at the above office of the Department of Education until eleven o'clock a. m. on

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1908.

Borough of Brooklyn.

No. 1. **FOR INSTALLING ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL 54, ON THE EAST SIDE OF WALWORTH STREET AND THE WEST SIDE OF SANFORD STREET, ABOUT 112 FEET SOUTH OF MYRTLE AVENUE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be on or before the 10th day of September, 1908, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Dollars.

No. 2. **FOR FURNITURE FOR ADDITION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL 75, ON EVERGREEN AVENUE, CORNER OF GROVE STREET, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 60 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:
Item 1.....\$800 00
Item 2.....1,000 00
Item 3.....700 00
Item 4.....700 00

A separate proposal shall be submitted for each item, and award will be made thereon.

No. 3. **FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, ETC., OF ADDITIONS TO AND ALTERATIONS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL 84, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GLENMORE AVENUE, BETWEEN WATKINS STREET AND STONE AVENUE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 300 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

No. 4. **FOR INSTALLING HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS IN NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL 93, ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HERKIMER STREET AND NEW YORK AVENUE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be on or before the 10th day of September, 1908.

The amount of security required is Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

No. 5. **FOR FURNITURE FOR NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL 159, ON PITKIN AVENUE, BETWEEN CRESCENT AND HEMLOCK STREETS, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 60 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:
Item 1.....\$1,000 00
Item 2.....800 00
Item 3.....800 00

A separate proposal must be submitted for each item, and award will be made thereon.

No. 6—Item 2. **FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT OF NEW OFFICE AND STORAGE BUILDING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, ON NORTH SIDE OF LIVINGSTON STREET, 22 1/4 FEET EAST OF RED HOOK LANE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 60 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars.

On Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6 the bids will be compared, and the contract will be awarded in a

lump sum to the lowest bidder on each contract.

On Nos. 2 and 5 the bidders must state the price of each item, by which the bids will be tested.

Blank forms, plans and specifications may be obtained or seen at the office of the Superintendent at Estimating Room, ninth floor, Hall of the Board of Education, Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street, Borough of Manhattan, and also at No. 131 Livingston street, Borough of Brooklyn.

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Dated July 15, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Superintendent of School Buildings at the above office of the Department of Education until 11 o'clock a. m. on

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1908.

Borough of The Bronx.

No. 7. **FOR ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, ETC., AT PUBLIC SCHOOL 26, ANDREWS AND BURNSIDE AVENUES, MORRIS HEIGHTS, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 55 working days.

The amount of security required is Nine Hundred Dollars.

Borough of Manhattan.

No. 8. **FOR REPAIRS TO HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL 77, FIRST AVENUE AND EIGHTY-FIFTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be until September 1, 1908, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is One Thousand Dollars.

Borough of Queens.

No. 9. **FOR ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, ETC., TO JAMAICA TRAINING SCHOOL, BRYANT HIGH SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS 4, 9, 12, 15, 26, 27, 31, 37, 40, 50, 53, 54, 57, 59, 75, 76, BOROUGH OF QUEENS.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work on each school will be until August 24, 1908, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:
Jamaica Training School.....\$4,000 00
Bryant High School.....400 00
Public School 4.....700 00
Public School 9.....700 00
Public School 12.....900 00
Public School 15.....1,800 00
Public School 26.....1,400 00
Public School 27.....3,500 00
Public School 31.....6,000 00
Public School 37.....1,200 00
Public School 40.....1,800 00
Public School 49.....1,800 00
Public School 53.....1,200 00
Public School 54.....1,300 00
Public School 57.....1,800 00
Public School 59.....4,500 00
Public School 75.....2,200 00
Public School 76.....700 00

A separate proposal must be submitted for each school and award will be made thereon.

No. 10. Item 4. **FOR REPAIRING FURNITURE, ETC., IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS, BOROUGH OF QUEENS.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be until August 31, 1908, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

On Nos. 7, 8 and 10 the bids will be compared and the contract will be awarded in a lump sum to the lowest bidder on each contract.

On No. 9 the bidders must state the price of each item, by which the bids will be tested.

Blank forms, plans and specifications may be obtained or seen at the office of the Superintendent at Estimating Room, ninth floor, Hall of the Board of Education, Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street, Borough of Manhattan, and also at No. 60 Broadway, Flushing, Borough of Queens, for work for their respective boroughs.

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Dated July 16, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Normal College, at the above office of the Department of Education, until 11 o'clock a. m. on

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1908.

Borough of Manhattan.

FOR NEW PLASTIC SLATE ROOFS (ITEM 1), NEW METAL CEILINGS, PAINTING, ETC. (ITEM 2), AT THE NORMAL COLLEGE, PARK AND LEXINGTON AVENUES, SIXTY-EIGHTH AND SIXTY-NINTH STREETS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

The time allowed to complete the work will be thirty-five (35) working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:
Item 1, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000); Item 2, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

A separate proposal must be submitted for each item and award will be made thereon.

Blank forms may be obtained and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, at Estimating Room, Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street, Borough of Manhattan.

HENRY H. SHERMAN,
Chairman, Executive Committee.

Dated July 14, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Superintendent of School Buildings at the above office of the Department of Education until 11 o'clock a. m. on

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1908.

Borough of The Bronx.

No. 5. **FOR ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, METAL CEILINGS, ETC., IN PUBLIC SCHOOL 1, COLLEGE AVENUE, ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH AND ONE HUN-**

DRED AND FORTY-SIXTH STREETS; PUBLIC SCHOOL 18, CORTLANDT AVENUE, NEAR ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH STREET; PUBLIC SCHOOL 38, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREETS, THIRD AND BROOK AVENUES, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

The time allowed to complete the whole work on each school will be 40 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:
Public School 1.....\$800 00
Public School 18.....700 00
Public School 38.....800 00

A separate proposal must be submitted for each school and award will be made thereon.

Borough of Manhattan.

No. 6. **FOR FURNITURE FOR ADDITION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL 4, ON RIVINGTON, PITT AND RIDGE STREETS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 60 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:
Item 1.....\$1,600 00
Item 2.....500 00
Item 3.....600 00
Item 4.....1,200 00

A separate proposal must be submitted for each item and award will be made thereon.

No. 7. **FOR METAL CEILINGS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS 13, 71, 75 AND 180, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work on each school will be 30 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:
Public School 13.....\$1,200 00
Public School 71.....2,000 00
Public School 75.....2,000 00
Public School 180.....2,000 00

A separate proposal must be submitted for each school and award will be made thereon.

No. 8. **FOR REPAIRS TO ROOF, ETC., AT PUBLIC SCHOOL 20, RIVINGTON, FORTY-SEVENTH AND ELDRIDGE STREETS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 30 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is Six Hundred Dollars.

No. 9. **FOR NEW FIREPROOF MAIN STAIRS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS 28, 32, 35, 48, 53, 54, 57, 59, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 80, 112, 113, 125, 126, 130, 161, 180, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work on each school will be 55 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:
Public School 28.....\$3,600 00
Public School 32.....2,000 00
Public School 35.....2,000 00
Public School 48.....2,600 00
Public School 53.....2,000 00
Public School 54.....2,000 00
Public School 57.....2,000 00
Public School 59.....1,800 00
Public School 70.....1,800 00
Public School 72.....2,000 00
Public School 73.....2,000 00
Public School 74.....2,000 00
Public School 75.....1,800 00
Public School 76.....1,800 00
Public School 78.....1,800 00
Public School 80.....2,000 00
Public School 112.....3,600 00
Public School 113.....1,400 00
Public School 125.....1,600 00
Public School 126.....2,400 00
Public School 130.....2,400 00
Public School 161.....2,000 00
Public School 180.....2,200 00

A separate proposal must be submitted for each school and award will be made thereon.

No. 10. **FOR TERRAZZO FLOORS AT WADLEIGH HIGH SCHOOL, ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVENTH AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH STREETS, NEAR SEVENTH AVENUE, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 30 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is Five Hundred Dollars.

No. 11. **FOR ERECTING IRON GATES, RAILINGS AND BRONZE TABLETS AT DE WITT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL, TENTH AVENUE, FIFTY-EIGHTH AND FIFTY-NINTH STREETS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 70 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Dollars.

Borough of Queens.

No. 12. **FOR ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS, ETC., TO PUBLIC SCHOOL 14, CHICAGO AVENUE AND GROVE STREET, ELMHURST, BOROUGH OF QUEENS.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be until August 24, 1908, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Dollars.

No. 13. **FOR HEATING REPAIRS, ETC., OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS 27, 34, 45, 52 AND JAMAICA TRAINING SCHOOL, BOROUGH OF QUEENS.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work on each school will be 40 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:
Public School 27.....\$300 00
Public School 34.....400 00
Public School 45.....400 00
Public School 52.....2,000 00
Jamaica Training School.....3,000 00

A separate proposal must be submitted for each school and award will be made thereon.

On Nos. 8, 10, 11 and 12 the bids will be compared and the contract will be awarded in a lump sum to the lowest bidder on each contract.

On Nos. 6, 7, 9 and 13, the bidders must state the price of each item, by which the bids will be tested.

Blank forms, plans and specifications may be obtained or seen at the office of the Superintendent, at Estimating Room, ninth floor, Hall of the Board of Education, Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street, Borough of Manhattan, and also at Branch Office, No. 69 Broadway, Flushing, Borough of Queens, for work for their respective Boroughs.

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Dated July 8, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Superintendent of School Buildings at the above office of the Department of Education until 11 o'clock a. m. on

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1908.

Borough of Brooklyn.

No. 1. **FOR THE SALE OF USED AND DISCHARGED FURNITURE, LATHES, FORGES, BENCHES, ETC.**

The articles to be sold are now on storage on the first floor of storehouse, at No. 131 Livingston street, Borough of Brooklyn, where they may be seen and are marked as intended for sale.

The removal of said articles from the premises where they are now stored must be made within ten days from the opening of bids.

The amount of security required is One Hundred Dollars.

No bid will be considered which does not include all of the articles mentioned in the following list:

Twenty-six sash doors, 17 large sashes, 5 doors, 26 large sliding doors, 18 carpenter benches, lot of galvanized pipes, 10 forges and hoods, 21 lathes, shafting and pulleys, old iron, old camp stools, umbrella stands, lot of broken desks, Venetian blinds, lot of school slates, one oak extension table, lot of broken chairs, lecture room chairs, 2 tables and 1 iron blower.

Cash payment must be made at the time and the place of sale by the successful bidder, in addition to submitting the bond heretofore set forth in the sum of \$100.

Should the successful bidder fail to remove the goods or articles within ten days, the said bidder will be considered as having forfeited ownership of said articles and the money paid therefor, and the articles will be resold for the benefit of the City.

In the event of the successful bidder failing to remove the articles within the time limited, the security above mentioned will be considered as forfeited and will be retained by The City of New York.

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Dated July 8, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Superintendent of School Buildings at the above office of the Department of Education until eleven o'clock a. m. on

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1908.

Borough of Brooklyn.

No. 2. **FOR FIRE PROTECTION, ETC., AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS 3, 9, 15, 16, 23 (N. B.), 31, 35 (N. B.), 36, 40, 107, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work on each school will be 55 working days as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:

Public School 3.....\$4,500 00
Public School 9.....6,000 00
Public School 15.....3,000 00
Public School 16.....3,500 00
Public School 23 (N. B.).....4,500 00
Public School 31.....4,200 00
Public School 35 (N. B.).....1,600 00
Public School 36.....2,600 00
Public School 40.....4,200 00
Public School 107.....6,000 00

A separate proposal must be submitted for each school and award will be made thereon.

No. 3. **FOR INSTALLING ELECTRIC LIGHT WIRING, FIXTURES AND FIRE-SIGNAL SYSTEM, ETC., IN PUBLIC SCHOOL 43, ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF BOERUM STREET AND THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF JOHNSON AVENUE, BETWEEN MANHATTAN AVENUE AND LEONARD STREET, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be on or before August 31, 1908, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is Four Thousand Dollars.

No. 4. **FOR ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, ETC., AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS 60, 62, 149, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

The time allowed to complete the whole work on each school will be 55 working days, as provided in the contract.

The amount of security required is as follows:

Public School 60.....\$600 00
Public School 62.....4,000 00
Public School 149.....2,800 00

A separate proposal must be submitted for each

sides of Beck street, from Longwood avenue to Intervale avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

BARRETTO STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING, LAYING CROSSWALKS, BUILDING APPROACHES AND ERECTING FENCES, between Simpson street and Southern boulevard. Area of assessment: Both sides of Barretto street, from Simpson street to Southern boulevard, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

KELLY STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING, LAYING CROSSWALKS, BUILDING APPROACHES, ERECTING FENCES AND PAVING, from Longwood avenue to Intervale avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Kelly street, from Longwood avenue to Intervale avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD, SECTION 11.
LORILLARD PLACE—REGULATING, CURBING AND PAVING, between Third avenue and Pelham avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Lorillard place, from Third avenue to Pelham avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

LORING PLACE—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING, LAYING CROSSWALKS, BUILDING APPROACHES AND ERECTING FENCES, from Burnside avenue to West One Hundred and Eightieth street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Loring place, from Burnside avenue to West One Hundred and Eightieth street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

—that the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessors on July 14, 1908, and entered on July 14, 1908, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides, in part, that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides: "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, in the Municipal Building, corner of One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Third avenue, Borough of The Bronx, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before September 12, 1908, will be exempt from interest, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when the above assessments became liens to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,
Comptroller.

City of New York, Department of Finance,
Comptroller's Office, July 14, 1908.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessment for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS in the BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN:

TWENTY-SECOND WARD, SECTION 4.
WEST SEVENTY-FIRST STREET—ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO SEWER, between Broadway and Columbus avenue, and to curves at Columbus avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Seventy-first street, from Broadway to Central Park West; both sides of Central Park West, and both sides of Columbus avenue, from Seventieth to Seventy-second street.

—that the same was confirmed by the Board of Assessors on July 14, 1908, and entered July 14, 1908, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter.

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The above assessment is payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, Room H, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before September 12, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when assessment became a lien to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,
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City of New York, Department of Finance,
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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS in the BOROUGH OF QUEENS:

SECOND WARD.
GATES AVENUE—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND PAVING, from Woodward avenue to Kings County line. Area of assessment: Both sides of Gates avenue, from Woodward avenue to Kings County line, and to

the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

RALPH STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND PAVING, from Grandview avenue to Kings County line. Area of assessment: Both sides of Ralph street, from Grandview avenue to Kings County line, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

—that the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessors July 14, 1908, and entered on July 14, 1908, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides, in part, that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides: "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, at the Hackett Building, No. 51 Jackson avenue, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before September 12, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when above assessments became liens to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,
Comptroller.

City of New York, Department of Finance,
Comptroller's Office, July 14, 1908.

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CORPORATION SALE OF BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CITY REAL ESTATE.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE BRIDGE Commissioner, public notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, will offer for sale at public auction the buildings now standing on property owned by The City of New York, acquired for bridge purposes in the

Borough of Manhattan

acquired by it for the Manhattan Bridge, said buildings being situated upon land more particularly described as follows:

Being all those buildings, parts of buildings, etc., lying within the block bounded by Chrystie, Forsyth, Canal and Bayard streets; also that portion of the block bounded by the Bowery, Chrystie, Canal and Bayard streets, known and designated as Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48, in Block 290, Section 1, on the Tax Maps of the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, all of which are more particularly described on a certain map on file in the office of the Collector of City Revenue, Department of Finance, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the sale of the above described buildings and appurtenances thereto will be held, by the direction of the Comptroller, on

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1908

at 10 o'clock a. m., on the premises, upon the following

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The buildings and appurtenances thereto will be sold to the highest bidder, who must pay immediately cash or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, and must also at the time of sale give a certified check or cash in half the amount of the purchase price as security for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of the sale. Where the amount of the purchase price does not equal or exceed the sum of fifty dollars, the sum of fifty dollars shall be the amount of the security to be deposited. This security may at any time after the expiration of the contract period be applied by the City to the cost of completing any of the work required under the contract, but unfinished at the expiration of the contract period.

All the material of the buildings, sheds, walks, structures and cellars of whatsoever nature, with their exterior and interior fixtures, appurtenances and foundations of all kinds, except the sidewalk and curb in front of said buildings, extending within the described area and down to the level of the cellar bottom, shall be torn down and removed from the premises. None of the dirt, debris or waste resulting from demolition shall be allowed to remain on the premises, except old mortar or plaster only, which may be left, but not higher at any point than two feet below the curb opposite that point; also the foundation walls of all classes shall be taken down only to a plane whose elevation shall be the level of the curb in front of the building.

The purchaser at the sale shall also withdraw and remove all abandoned water taps and old service mains, and in place thereof cause to be inserted a brass plug in the main water pipe in the street, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity that this has been performed.

The purchaser at the sale shall also remove all house sewer connections to the main sewer in the street, and the opening of the main sewer in street shall be properly closed in compliance with the directions of the Bureau of Sewers, Borough of Manhattan, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Bureau of Sewers that the work has been properly performed.

The permit for all opening in the street to be obtained by and at the expense of the purchaser of the building.

Failure to remove said buildings, appurtenances, or any part thereof, within sixty days from the day of the sale will work forfeiture of ownership of such buildings, appurtenances, or portion as shall then be left standing, together with all moneys paid by said purchaser on account thereof at the time of sale, and the bidder's assent to the above conditions being understood to be implied by the act of bidding, and the City of New York will, without notice to the purchaser, cause the same to be removed, and the costs and expense thereof charged against the security above mentioned.

The work of removal must be carried on in every respect in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and must be completed within sixty days from the day of sale, and the successful bidder will provide and furnish all materials of labor and machinery necessary thereto, and will place proper and sufficient guards and fences and warning signs by day and night for the prevention of accidents, and will indemnify and save harmless The City of New York, its officers, agents and servants, and each of them, against any and all suits and actions, claims and demands of every name and description brought against it, them or any of them, and against and from all damage and costs to which it, they or any of them be put by reason of injury to the person or property of another, resulting from negligence or carelessness in the performance of the work, or in guarding the same, or from any improper or defective materials or machinery, implements or appliances used in the removal of said buildings.

Party walls and fences, when existing against adjacent property not sold, shall not be taken down. All furrings, plaster, chimneys, projecting brick, etc., on the faces of such party walls, are to be taken down and removed. The walls shall be made permanently self-supporting, beamholes, etc., bricked up, and the wall painted and made to exclude wind and rain and present a clean exterior. The roofs of adjacent buildings shall be properly flashed and painted and made watertight where they have been disturbed by the operations of the contractor.

The Comptroller of The City of New York reserves the right on the day of sale to withdraw from sale any of the buildings, parts of buildings and machinery included therein, or to reject any and all bids; and it is further

Resolved, That, while the said sale is held under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Comptroller is authorized to cause the sale to be advertised and to direct the sale thereof as financial officer of the City.

H. A. METZ,
Comptroller.

Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office,
July 11, 1908.

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CORPORATION SALE OF BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CITY REAL ESTATE.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF Education, public notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, will offer for sale all the buildings, parts of buildings, etc., standing within the lines of property owned by The City of New York, acquired by it for school purposes, in the

Borough of Brooklyn.

Being all those buildings, parts of buildings, etc., situated on the proposed school site on Rockaway avenue and Sumpter street, adjoining Public School 73, Borough of Brooklyn, and which are more particularly described on a certain map on file in the office of the Collector of City Revenue, Department of Finance, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at a meeting held June 11, 1908, the sale of the above described buildings and appurtenances thereto will be held, under the direction of the Comptroller,

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1908.

at 10.30 a. m. on the premises, upon the following

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The buildings and appurtenances thereto will be sold to the highest bidder, who must pay immediately cash or a certified check drawn to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, and must also at the time of sale give a certified check or cash in half the amount of the purchase price as security for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of the sale. Where the amount of the purchase price does not equal or exceed the sum of fifty dollars the sum of fifty dollars shall be the amount of the security to be deposited. This security may at any time after the expiration of the contract period be applied by the City to the cost of completing any of the work required under the contract, but unfinished at the expiration of the contract period.

All the materials of the buildings, sheds, walks, structures and cellars of whatsoever nature, with their exterior and interior fixtures, appurtenances and foundations of all kinds, except the sidewalk and curb in front of said buildings extending within the described area and down to the level of the cellar bottom, shall be torn down and removed from the premises. None of the dirt, debris or waste resulting from demolition shall be allowed to remain on the premises, except old mortar or plaster only, which may be left, but not higher at any point than two feet below the curb opposite that point; also the foundation walls of all classes shall be taken down only to a plane whose elevation shall be the level of the curb in front of the building.

The purchaser at the sale shall also withdraw and remove all abandoned water taps and old service mains, and in place thereof cause to be inserted a brass plug in the main water pipe in the street, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity that this has been performed.

The purchaser at the sale shall also remove all house sewer connections to the main sewer in the street, and the opening of the main sewer in street shall be properly closed, in compliance with the directions of the Bureau of Sewers, Borough of Manhattan, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Bureau of Sewers that the work has been properly performed.

Failure to remove said buildings, appurtenances, or any portion thereof, within sixty days from the day of the sale, will work forfeiture of ownership of such buildings, appurtenances, or portion as shall then be left standing, together with all moneys paid by said purchaser on account thereof at the time of the sale, and the bidder's assent to the above conditions being understood to be implied by the act of bidding, and The City of New York will, without notice to the purchaser, cause the same to be removed and the costs and expense thereof charged against the security above mentioned.

The work of removal must be carried on in every respect in a thorough and workmanlike manner and must be completed within sixty days from the day of sale, and the successful bidder will provide and furnish all materials of labor and machinery necessary thereto, and will place proper and sufficient guards and fences and warning signs by day and night for the prevention of accidents, and will indemnify and save harmless The City of New York, its officers, agents and servants, and each of them, against any and all suits and actions, claims and demands of every name and description brought against it, them or any of them, and against and from all damage and costs to which it, they or any of them be put by reason of injury to the person or property of another, resulting from negligence or carelessness in appliances used in the removal of said buildings.

The Comptroller of The City of New York reserves the right on the day of sale to withdraw from sale any of the buildings, parts of buildings and machinery included therein, or to reject any and all bids; and it is further

Resolved, That while the said sale is held under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Comptroller is authorized to cause the sale to be advertised and to direct the sale thereof as financial officer of the City.

H. A. METZ,
Comptroller.

Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office,
June 29, 1908.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS in the BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN:

EIGHTH AND THIRTEENTH WARDS, SECTIONS 3 AND 17.

FIFTY-FOURTH STREET—CURBING AND RECURBING, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, and laying CEMENT SIDEWALKS between Sixth and Fort Hamilton avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Fifty-fourth street, between Sixth and Fort Hamilton avenues.

EIGHTH WARD, SECTION 3; EIGHTEENTH WARD, SECTION 10, AND TWENTY-SECOND WARD, SECTION 4.

LAYING CEMENT SIDEWALKS ON FORTY-SIXTH STREET, south side, between Sixth and Seventh avenues; on GRAND STREET, south side, between Waterbury street and Morgan avenue; on WATERBURY STREET, east side, between Mauger and Grand streets; on CATHERINE STREET, east side, between Devoe street and Metropolitan avenue; on FIFTH STREET, north side, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, and on FIFTH STREET, north side, between Eighth avenue and Prospect Park West. Area of assessment: South side of Forty-sixth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues; north side of Waterbury street, between Mauger and Grand streets; east side of Grand street, between Waterbury street and Morgan avenue; east side of Catherine street, between Devoe street and Metropolitan avenue, and north side of Fifth street, between Seventh and Ninth avenues.

EIGHTH WARD, SECTION 3; TENTH WARD, SECTION 2; FOURTEENTH WARD, SECTION 8; FIFTEENTH WARD, SECTION 9, AND TWENTY-FIRST WARD, SECTION 6.

FENCING VACANT LOTS ON SEVENTEENTH STREET, south side, between Third and Fourth avenues; on THIRTY-SEVENTH STREET, both sides, between Third and Fourth avenues; on FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET, north side, between Second and Third avenues; on PRESIDENT STREET, north side, between Third and Fourth avenues; on DOUGLASS STREET, south side, between Hoyt and Bond streets; on ELLERY STREET, south side, between Tompkins and Marcy avenues; on METROPOLITAN AVENUE, south side, between Kent and Wythe avenues; on RICHARDSON STREET, south side, between Graham and Manhattan avenues. Area of assessment: South side of Seventeenth street, between Third and Fourth avenues; both sides of Thirty-seventh street, between Third and Fourth avenues; north side of Fifty-seventh street, between Second and Third avenues; north side of President street, between Third and Fourth avenues; south side of Douglass street, between Hoyt and Bond streets; south side of Ellery street, between Marcy and Tompkins avenues; south side of Metropolitan avenue, between Kent and Wythe avenues; south side of Richardson street, between Graham and Manhattan avenues.

EIGHTH WARD, SECTION 3; TENTH WARD, SECTION 2; FOURTEENTH WARD, SECTION 8; TWENTY-FIRST WARD, SECTION 6; TWENTY-SECOND WARD, SECTION 4, AND TWENTY-SIXTH WARD, SECTION 12.

FENCING VACANT LOTS ON THIRTY-SECOND STREET, south side, between Fourth and Fifth avenues; on FIFTH AVENUE, west side, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets; on THROOP AVENUE, southeast corner of Pulaski street; on ROEBLING STREET, east side, between North Seventh and North Eighth streets; on ST. MARKS PLACE (AVENUE), between Third and Fourth avenues; SIXTH AVENUE and TWENTY-FIRST STREET, northeast corner; SIXTH STREET, north side, and THIRD STREET, south side, between Third and Fourth avenues; on FOURTH AVENUE, west side, from Third to Sixth street; on STONE AVENUE, west side, between Belmont and Sutter avenues; on KNICKERBOCKER AVENUE, north side, between Gates and Linden avenues, and southeast corner of TROY AVENUE and PACIFIC STREET. Area of assessment: South side of Thirty-second street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues; west side of Fifth avenue, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets; southeast corner of Throop avenue and Pulaski street; east side of Roebling street, from North Seventh to North Eighth street; north side of St. Marks place (avenue), between Third and Fourth avenues; northeast corner of Twenty-first street and Sixth avenue; north side of Sixth street and south side of Third street, between Third and Fourth avenues; west side of Fourth avenue, between Third and Sixth streets; west side of Stone avenue, between Belmont and Sutter avenues; north side of Knickerbocker avenue, between Linden and Gates avenues; southeast corner of Troy avenue and Pacific street.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD, SECTION 5; TWENTY-NINTH WARD, SECTIONS 15 AND 16; THIRTY-SECOND WARD, SECTION 15.

LAYING CEMENT SIDEWALKS ON PACIFIC STREET, north side, between Rochester and Utica avenues; on TROY AVENUE, west side, between St. Marks avenue and Park place; on EAST FIFTH STREET, both sides, between Vanderbilt street and Greenwood avenue; on PROSPECT PLACE, both sides, between Schenectady and Utica avenues; on STERLING PLACE, north side, and on PARK PLACE, south side, between Brooklyn and Kingston avenues; on KINGSTON AVENUE, west side, from Sterling place to Park place; on ALBANY AVENUE, east side, from Prospect place to Park place; both sides of EAST THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, between Farragut road and Glenwood road; on TILDEN AVENUE, south side, from Nostrand to New York avenue. Area of assessment: North side of Pacific street, between Rochester and Utica avenues; west side of Troy avenue, from St. Marks avenue to Park place; both sides of East Fifth street, between Vanderbilt street and Greenwood avenue; both sides of Prospect place, between Schenectady and Utica avenues; north side of Sterling place and south side of Park place, between Brooklyn and Kingston avenues; west side of Kingston avenue, from Sterling place to Park place; east side of Albany

avenue, from Park place to Prospect place; both sides of East Thirty-fourth street, between Farragut and Glenwood roads, and south side of Tilden avenue, between New York avenue and Nostrand avenue.

TWENTY-SIXTH WARD, SECTION 13, AND TWENTY-EIGHTH WARD, SECTION 11.

LAYING CEMENT SIDEWALKS on north-west side of GATES AVENUE and southeast side of LINDEN STREET, between Knickerbocker and Irving avenues; southwest side of IRVING AVENUE and northeast side of KNICKERBOCKER AVENUE, between Linden street and Gates avenue; on LIBERTY AVENUE, north side, between Crystal street and Euclid avenue. Area of assessment: Northeast side of Knickerbocker avenue, between Gates avenue and Linden street, and southwest side of Irving avenue, between Gates avenue and Linden street; northwest side of Gates avenue, between Knickerbocker and Irving avenues, and north side of Liberty avenue, between Crystal street and Euclid avenue.

THIRTIETH WARD, SECTION 18.

FOURTH AVENUE—LAYING CEMENT SIDEWALKS, both sides, between Eighty-sixth street and Shore road. Area of assessment: Both sides of Fourth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Shore road.

THIRTY-FIRST WARD, SECTION 21.

WEST SEVENTEENTH STREET—CURBING AND LAYING CEMENT SIDEWALKS, between Surf avenue and Coney Island Creek. Area of assessment: Both sides of West Seventeenth street, between Surf avenue and Coney Island Creek.

—that the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessors on July 7, 1908, and entered July 7, 1908, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides, in part, that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides: "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes, Assessments and Water Rents, in the Mechanics' Bank Building, Court and Montague streets, Borough of Brooklyn, between the hours of 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before September 5, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum, from the date when such assessments became liens to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,

City of New York, Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office, July 7, 1908.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS in the BOROUGH OF QUEENS:

FIRST WARD.

WILLOW STREET—GRADING, FLAGGING AND CURBING, from Main street to Hoyt avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Willow street, from Main street to Hoyt avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

FIFTH AVENUE (BRIELL STREET)—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING, from Broadway to Graham avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Fifth avenue, from Broadway to Graham avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

SIXTH STREET—GRADING, CURBING AND PAVING, from Vernon avenue to Jackson avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Sixth street from Vernon avenue to Jackson avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

SECOND WARD.

GROVE STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, FLAGGING AND CURBING, from a point 200 feet north of Onderdonk avenue to Woodward avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Grove street, from a point 200 feet north of Onderdonk avenue to Woodward avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

THIRD WARD.

MADISON AVENUE (north side)—GRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING, from Boerum avenue to Murray street. Area of assessment: North side of Madison avenue from Boerum avenue to Murray street and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

—that the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessors July 7, 1908, and entered on July 7, 1908, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides, in part, that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides: "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, at the Hackett Building, No. 51 Jackson avenue,

Long Island City, Borough of Queens, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. until 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before September 5, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when above assessments became liens to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,

City of New York, Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office, July 7, 1908.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF THE Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessment for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS in the BOROUGH OF THE BRONX:

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD, SECTION 11.

GRAND AVENUE—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING, LAYING CROSSLAKES, BUILDING APPROACHES AND ERECTING FENCES, from Fordham road to St. James street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Grand avenue, from Fordham road to St. James street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

—that the same was confirmed by the Board of Assessors on July 7, 1908, and entered July 7, 1908, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides, in part, that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides: "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessment is payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, in the Municipal Building, corner of One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Third avenue, Borough of The Bronx, between the hours of 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before September 5, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when the above assessment became a lien to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,

City of New York, Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office, July 7, 1908.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS in the BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN:

SIXTH WARD, SECTION 2.

CONGRESS STREET—SEWER, between Columbia street and the East River. Area of assessment: Both sides of Congress street, between Columbia street and the East River, and west side of Columbia street, between Congress and Amity streets.

EIGHTH WARD, SECTION 3.

FORTY-FIRST STREET—GRADING LOT on north side, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. Area of assessment: North side of Forty-first street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, Lot No. 65, Block 918.

TENTH WARD, SECTION 2.

SACKETT STREET AND THIRD AVENUE—SEWER BASIN at the southeast corner. Area of assessment: South side of Sackett street, from Third to Fourth avenue.

SEVENTEENTH WARD, SECTION 9.

CALVER STREET—SEWER, between Oakland and Newell streets, and CALVER STREET—OUTLET SEWER, between Jewell and Newell streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Calver street, from Oakland to Jewell street; both sides of Diamond street, between Meserole and Calver streets.

ECKFORD STREET—SEWER, between Engert and Driggs avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Eckford street, from Engert to Driggs avenue.

INDIA STREET—SEWER, from a point about 300 feet east of Oakland street to Provost street. Area of assessment: Both sides of India street, between Oakland and Provost streets.

TWENTY-SECOND WARD, SECTION 4.

EIGHTH STREET—SEWER, between Second avenue and the existing sewer east thereof. Area of assessment: Both sides of Eighth street, between Second and Third avenues.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD, SECTION 5.

ALBANY AVENUE—SEWER, between St. Marks avenue and Prospect place. Area of assessment: West side of Albany avenue, between St. Marks avenue and Prospect place.

DEAN STREET—SEWER, from Saratoga avenue to the summit east of Saratoga avenue, and SARATOGA AVENUE—OUTLET SEWER, from Dean to Pacific street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Saratoga avenue, from Pacific to Dean street, and both sides of Dean street, between Saratoga and Hopkinson avenues.

TWENTY-FIFTH WARD, SECTION 6.

ATLANTIC AVENUE AND RUSSELL PLACE—SEWER BASIN at the northeast corner. Area of assessment: East side of Russell place, between Atlantic avenue and Herkimer street, and north side of Atlantic avenue, from Russell to Radde place.

PRESCOTT PLACE—PAVING, from Herkimer street to Atlantic avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Prescott place, from Herkimer street to Atlantic avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

TWENTY-SIXTH WARD, SECTION 12.

PITKIN AVENUE—SEWER, south side, between Powell street and Van Sinderen avenue.

Area of assessment: South side of Pitkin avenue, between Powell street and Van Sinderen avenue.

SUTTER AVENUE—SEWER, between Rockaway avenue and Chester street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Sutter avenue, from Chester street to Rockaway avenue.

TWENTY-SIXTH AND TWENTY-NINTH WARDS, SECTION 12.

EASTERN PARKWAY EXTENSION—SEWER, southerly side, from Pitkin avenue to Degraw street, and DEGRAU STREET—OUTLET SEWER, from Eastern Parkway Extension to Howard avenue. Area of assessment: South side of Eastern Parkway Extension, from Pitkin avenue to Howard avenue.

TWENTY-SIXTH WARD, SECTION 13.

RAILROAD AND RIDGEWOOD AVENUES—SEWER BASIN at the southeast corner. Area of assessment: South side of Ridgewood avenue, from Railroad avenue to Lincoln avenue, and east side of Railroad avenue, between Fulton street and Ridgewood avenue.

GRANT AND UNION AVENUE—SEWER BASINS at the northeast and northwest corners. Area of assessment: North side of Havens place (Union avenue), between Nichols and Grant avenues; both sides of Grant avenue, between Etna street and Ridgewood avenue, and east side of Nichols avenue, between Havens place and Etna street.

DUMONT AVENUE AND HENDRIX STREET—SEWER BASINS at the northeast and northwest corners. Area of assessment: Both sides of Hendrix street, from Dumont to Blake avenue; north side of Dumont avenue, from Van Sicklen to Schenck avenue.

TWENTY-SEVENTH WARD, SECTION 11.

JEFFERSON STREET—SEWER, between Irving and Wyckoff avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Jefferson street, between Irving and Wyckoff avenues, and west side of Troutman street, between Irving and Wyckoff avenues.

JEFFERSON STREET—SEWER, between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Jefferson street, between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas avenues.

TWENTY-EIGHTH WARD, SECTION 11.

DECATUR STREET—SEWER, from Knickerbocker avenue to the Borough line of Queens, and DECATUR STREET—OUTLET SEWER, from Knickerbocker to Hamburg avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Decatur street, from Hamburg avenue to the Borough line of Queens, and both sides of Knickerbocker avenue, between Decatur street and Schaefer street.

WEIRFIELD STREET—SEWER, between Knickerbocker avenue and the boundary line between the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. Area of assessment: Both sides of Weirfield street, between Knickerbocker avenue and the Borough line of Queens.

PALMETTO STREET AND EVERGREEN AVENUE—SEWER BASIN at the westerly corner. Area of assessment: Northeast side of Bushwick avenue, from Gates avenue to Palmetto street; north side of Palmetto street, from Bushwick avenue to Evergreen avenue, and southwest side of Evergreen avenue, from Gates avenue to Palmetto street.

TWENTY-NINTH AND THIRTY-SECOND WARDS, SECTION 12.

GRAFTON STREET—SEWER, between Pitkin and Sutter avenues, and SUTTER AVENUE—OUTLET SEWER, between Grafton street and Saratoga avenue. Area of assessment: East side of Tapscott street, between Blake and Sutter avenues; both sides of Howard avenue, Grafton street and Barrett street, and west side of Saratoga avenue, from Pitkin avenue to Blake avenue.

—that the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessors June 30, 1908, and entered June 30, 1908, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of the Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides, in part, that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides: "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes, Assessments and Water Rents, in the Mechanics' Bank Building, Court and Montague streets, Borough of Brooklyn, between the hours of 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before August 29, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when above assessments became liens to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,

City of New York, Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office, June 30, 1908.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS in the BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN:

FOURTH, SIXTH AND FOURTEENTH WARDS, SECTIONS 1 AND 2.

REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING (NEW) ELM STREET, from City Hall place to Great Jones street, and REREGULATING, REGRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING PEARL STREET, from 200 feet west of (Old) Elm street to Centre street; LEONARD STREET, from 190 feet west of Elm street to Centre street; (OLD) ELM STREET, from Duane to Worth street, and CATHERINE LANE, from Elm street 100 feet west, and (NEW) ELM STREET—PAVING, from City Hall place to Great Jones street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Elm street (Lafayette street), from Centre street to Great Jones street; both sides of (Old) Elm street, from Reade street to Worth street; east side of Broadway, from Eighth street to Chambers street; both sides of Benson place, extending about 150 feet north of Leonard street; both sides of Cortland alley, from Franklin street to Canal street; both sides of Crosby street, from

Howard street to Bleecker street; both sides of a new street on the west side of the Hall of Records, from Chambers street to Reade street; both sides of Lafayette place, from Great Jones street to Eighth street; both sides of Centre street, from Park row to Broome street; both sides of Marion street, from Broome street to Spring street; both sides of Mission place, from Park street to Worth street; both sides of Baxter street, from Park row to Grand street; both sides of Centre Market place, from Grand street to Broome street; both sides of Mulberry street, from Bayard street to Bleecker street; both sides of Mott street, from Hester street to Bleecker street; both sides of Elizabeth street, from Spring street to Bleecker street; both sides of the Bowery and Fourth avenue, from Bleecker street to Astor place; both sides of Frankfort street, from Park row to William street; both sides of William street, from Frankfort street to Pearl street; both sides of North William street, from Frankfort street to Park row; both sides of Park row, from Frankfort street to Roosevelt street; both sides of Chambers street and New Chambers street, from Broadway to William street; both sides of Reade street, from Broadway to Duane street; both sides of Republican alley, extending about 271 feet west of (Old) Elm street; both sides of Duane street, from Broadway to Chambers street; both sides of Pearl street, from Broadway to William street; both sides of City Hall place, from Duane street to Pearl street; both sides of Park street, from Centre street to Baxter street; both sides of Worth street, from Broadway to Baxter street; both sides of Catherine lane, from Broadway to Elm street (Lafayette street); both sides of Leonard, Franklin, White and Walker streets, from Broadway to Baxter street; both sides of Bayard street, from Baxter to Mulberry street; both sides of Canal street, from Broadway to Mulberry street; both sides of Howard street, from Broadway to Centre street; both sides of Hester street, from Centre street to Mott street; both sides of Grand and Broome streets, from Broadway to Mott street; both sides of Spring street, Prince street and East Houston street, from Broadway to Elizabeth street; both sides of Bleecker street, Bond street, Great Jones street and Fourth street, from Broadway to the Bowery; both sides of Astor place, from Broadway to Fourth avenue; both sides of Eighth street, from Broadway to Lafayette place; both sides of Jersey street, from Crosby street to Mulberry street.

TWELFTH WARD, SECTION 6.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD STREET—PAVING, CURBING AND RECURBING, between Lenox avenue and the easterly line of Fifth avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-third street, from Lenox avenue to Fifth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOURTH STREET—PAVING, CURBING AND RECURBING, between Lenox avenue and the westerly line of Exterior street along the Harlem River. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Lenox avenue to Harlem River, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating avenues.

TWELFTH WARD, SECTION 8.

SEAMAN AVENUE—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING AND CONSTRUCTING NECESSARY MASONRY WALL AND CULVERT, from Academy street to Isham street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Seaman avenue, from Academy street to Isham street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating streets and avenues.

—that the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessors on June 30, 1908, and entered June 30, 1908, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides, in part, that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides: "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, Room H, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before August 29, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when above assessments became liens to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,

City of New York, Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office, June 30, 1908.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessment for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS in the BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN:

TWENTIETH WARD, SECTION 3.

WEST THIRTY-SEVENTH STREET—RESTORING ASPHALT PAVEMENT in front of premises Nos. 413 and 415. Area of assessment: North side of Thirty-seventh street, 175 feet west of Ninth avenue, known as Lot No. 25 in Block 735.

The above assessment was certified to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, under the provisions of section 391 of the Greater New York Charter.

—that the same was entered on June 30, 1908, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides, in part, that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assess-

ments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides * * * "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessment is payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, Room H, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before August 29, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when above assessment became a lien to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,
Comptroller.

City of New York, Department of Finance,
Comptroller's Office, June 30, 1908.

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR OPENING STREETS AND PARKS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1005 OF the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York hereby gives public notice of the confirmation by the Supreme Court and the entering in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of the assessment for OPENING AND ACQUIRING TITLE to the following named avenue in the BOROUGH OF RICHMOND:

THIRD WARD.

CHARLES AVENUE—OPENING, from Richmond avenue to Nicholas avenue. Confirmed June 8, 1908; entered June 29, 1908. Area of assessment includes all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Richmond, in The City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly prolongation of the middle line of the blocks between Charles avenue and Hatfield place, and a line parallel to and distant one hundred (100) feet west of the westerly line of Nicholas avenue, running thence northerly along said parallel line to its intersection with the westerly prolongation of the middle line of the blocks between Charles avenue and Hatfield place; thence easterly along said westerly prolongation and middle line to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant one hundred (100) feet west of the westerly line of Richmond avenue; thence northerly along said parallel line to its intersection with the westerly prolongation of a line parallel to and distant one hundred (100) feet north of the northerly line of Mersereau avenue; thence easterly along said prolongation and parallel line to its intersection with the middle line of the blocks between Richmond avenue and Herberton avenue; thence southerly along said middle line to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant one hundred (100) feet north of the northerly line of Albion place; thence easterly along said last-mentioned parallel line to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant one hundred (100) feet east of the easterly line of Herberton avenue; thence southerly along said parallel line to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant one hundred (100) feet south of the southerly line of Albion place; thence westerly along said parallel line to its intersection with the middle line of the blocks between Richmond avenue and Herberton avenue; thence southerly along said middle line to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant one hundred (100) feet south of the southerly line of Post avenue; thence westerly along said last-mentioned parallel line and its westerly prolongation to its intersection with the middle line of the block between Charles avenue and Hatfield place; thence westerly along said last-mentioned middle line and its westerly prolongation to the point or place of beginning.

The above-entitled assessment was entered on the date hereinbefore given in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents. Unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1006 of the Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides * * * "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessment is payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, Borough Hall, St. George, Borough of Richmond, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before August 28, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when above assessment became a lien to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,
Comptroller.

City of New York, Department of Finance,
Comptroller's Office, June 29, 1908.

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR OPENING STREETS AND PARKS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1005 OF the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York hereby gives public notice of the confirmation by the Supreme Court and the entering in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of the assessment for OPENING AND ACQUIRING TITLE to the following named street in the BOROUGH OF THE BRONX:

TWENTY-THIRD WARD, SECTION 10.

BECK STREET—OPENING, from Prospect avenue to Leggett avenue. Confirmed June 3, 1908; entered June 29, 1908. Area of assessment includes all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of The Bronx, in The City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line parallel to and distant 100 feet westerly of the westerly line of Wales avenue, and a line parallel to and distant 100 feet northerly of the northerly line of Fox street; running thence northerly along said parallel line to Wales avenue to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet northerly of the northerly line of Beck street; thence easterly along said parallel line to Beck street to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet easterly of the easterly line of Longwood avenue; thence southerly along said parallel line to Longwood avenue to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet northerly of the northerly line of Fox street; thence westerly along said last mentioned parallel line to Fox street to the point or place of beginning.

The above-entitled assessment was entered on the date hereinbefore given in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents. Unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1006 of the Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides * * * "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessment is payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, in the Municipal Building, corner of One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Third avenue, Borough of The Bronx, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before August 28, 1908, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when above assessment became a lien to the date of payment.

HERMAN A. METZ,
Comptroller.

City of New York, Department of Finance,
Comptroller's Office, June 29, 1908.

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CORPORATION SALE OF BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CITY REAL ESTATE.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT of the Borough of Queens, public notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, will offer for sale all the buildings, parts of buildings, etc., standing within the lines of property owned by The City of New York, acquired by it for street opening purposes in the

Borough of Queens.

Being all buildings, parts of buildings, etc., situated on Washington avenue, from Vernon avenue to the East River, First Ward, Borough of Queens, and which are more particularly described on a certain map on file in the office of the Collector of City Revenue, Department of Finance, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at a meeting held May 27, 1908, the sale of the above-described buildings and appurtenances thereto will be held, under the direction of the Comptroller, on

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1908.

at 2 p. m., on the premises, upon the following

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The buildings and appurtenances thereto will be sold to the highest bidder, who must pay immediately cash or a certified check drawn to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, and must also at the time of sale give a certified check or cash in half the amount of the purchase price as security for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of the sale. Where the amount of the purchase price does not equal or exceed the sum of fifty dollars, the sum of fifty dollars shall be the amount of the security to be deposited. This security may, at any time after the expiration of the contract period be applied by the City to the cost of completing any of the work required under the contract, but unfinished at the expiration of the contract period.

All the materials of the buildings, sheds, walks, structures and cellars of whatsoever nature, with their exterior and interior fixtures, appurtenances and foundations of all kinds, except the sidewalk and curb in front of said buildings extending within the described area and down to the level of the cellar bottom, shall be torn down and removed from the premises. None of the dirt, debris or waste resulting from demolition shall be allowed to remain on the premises, except old mortar or plaster only, which may be left, but not higher at any point than two feet below the curb opposite that point; also the foundation walls of all classes shall be taken down only to a plane whose elevation shall be the level of the curb in front of the building.

Failure to remove said buildings, appurtenances, or any portion thereof, within sixty days from the day of the sale, will work forfeiture of ownership of such buildings, appurtenances or portion as shall then be left standing, together with all moneys paid by said purchaser on account thereof at the time of the sale, and the bidder's assent to the above conditions being understood to be implied by the act of bidding, and The City of New York will, without notice to the purchaser, cause the same to be removed and the costs and expense thereof charged against the security above mentioned.

The work of removal must be carried on in every respect in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and must be completed within sixty days from the day of sale, and the successful bidder will provide and furnish all materials of labor and machinery necessary thereto, and will place proper and sufficient guards and fences and warning signs by day and night for the prevention of accidents, and will indemnify and save harmless The City of New York, its officers, agents and servants, and each of them, against any and all suits and actions, claims and demands of every name and description brought against it, them or any of them, and against and from all damage and costs to which it, they or any of them be put by reason of injury to the person or property of another, resulting from negligence or carelessness in appliances used in the removal of said buildings.

The Comptroller of The City of New York reserves the right on the day of sale to withdraw from sale any of the buildings, parts of buildings and machinery included therein, or to reject any and all bids; and it is further

Resolved, That while the said sale is held under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Comptroller is authorized to cause the sale to be advertised and to direct the sale thereof as financial officer of the City.

H. A. METZ,
Comptroller.

Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office,
June 29, 1908.

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CORPORATION SALE OF BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CITY REAL ESTATE.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT of the Borough of Brooklyn, public notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, will offer for sale all the buildings, parts of buildings, etc., standing within the lines of property owned by The City of New York, acquired by it for street opening purposes in the

Borough of Brooklyn.

Being all those buildings, parts of buildings, etc., upon Seventy-first street, extending from Sixth to Seventh avenue, in the Thirty-first Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, and which are more particularly described on a certain map on file in the office of the Collector of City Revenue, Department of Finance, No. 280 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a meeting held May 27, 1908, the sale of the above-described buildings and appurtenances thereto will be held under the direction of the Comptroller, on

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1908,

at 11.30 a. m., on the premises, upon the following

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The buildings and appurtenances thereto will be sold to the highest bidder, who must pay immediately cash or a certified check drawn to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, and must also at the time of sale give a certified check or cash in half the amount of the purchase price as security for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of the sale. Where the amount of the purchase price does not equal or exceed the sum of fifty dollars, the sum of fifty dollars shall be the amount of the security to be deposited. This security may, at any time after the expiration of the contract period be applied by the City to the cost of completing any of the work required under the contract, but unfinished at the expiration of the contract period.

All the materials of the buildings, sheds, walks, structures and cellars of whatsoever nature, with their exterior and interior fixtures, appurtenances and foundations of all kinds, except the sidewalk and curb in front of said buildings extending within the described area and down to the level of the cellar bottom, shall be torn down and removed from the premises. None of the dirt, debris or waste resulting from demolition shall be allowed to remain on the premises, except old mortar or plaster only, which may be left, but not higher at any point than two feet below the curb opposite that point; also the foundation walls of all classes shall be taken down only to a plane whose elevation shall be the level of the curb in front of the building.

Failure to remove said buildings, appurtenances, or any portion thereof, within sixty days from the day of the sale, will work forfeiture of ownership of such buildings, appurtenances, or portion as shall then be left standing, together with all moneys paid by said purchaser on account thereof at the time of the sale, and the bidder's assent to the above conditions being understood to be implied by the act of bidding, and The City of New York will, without notice to the purchaser, cause the same to be removed and the costs and expense thereof charged against the security above mentioned.

The work of removal must be carried on in every respect in a thorough and workmanlike manner and must be completed within sixty days from the day of sale, and the successful bidder will provide and furnish all materials of labor and machinery necessary thereto, and will place proper and sufficient guards and fences and warning signs by day and night for the prevention of accidents, and will indemnify and save harmless The City of New York, its officers, agents and servants, and each of them, against any and all suits and actions, claims and demands of every name and description brought against it, them or any of them, and against and from all damage and costs to which it, they or any of them be put by reason of injury to the person or property of another, resulting from negligence or carelessness in appliances used in the removal of said buildings.

The Comptroller of The City of New York reserves the right on the day of sale to withdraw from sale any of the buildings, parts of buildings and machinery included therein, or to reject any and all bids; and it is further

Resolved, That while the said sale is held under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Comptroller is authorized to cause the sale to be advertised and to direct the sale thereof as financial officer of the City.

H. A. METZ,
Comptroller.

Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office,
June 29, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CITY OF NEW YORK,

December 14, 1906.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND UNLESS otherwise directed in any special case surety companies will be accepted as sufficient upon the following contracts to the amounts named:

Supplies of Any Description, including Gas and

Electricity—

One company on a bond up to \$50,000.

Two companies on a bond up to \$125,000.

Three companies on a bond up to \$200,000.

Asphalt, Asphalt Block and Wood Block Pavements—

Two companies on a bond up to \$50,000.

Three companies on a bond up to \$125,000.

Regulating, Grading, Paving, Sewers, Water

Mains, Dredging, Construction of Parks,

Parkways, Etc.—

One company on a bond up to \$25,000.

Two companies on a bond up to \$75,000.

Three companies on a bond up to \$150,000.

Four companies on a bond up to \$250,000.

New Docks, Buildings, Bridges, Aqueducts,

Tunnels, Etc.—

One company on a bond up to \$25,000.

Two companies on a bond up to \$75,000.

Three companies on a bond up to \$150,000.

Four companies on a bond up to \$250,000.

Repairs, Ventilating, Heating, Plumbing, Etc.—

One company on a bond up to \$25,000.

Two companies on a bond up to \$75,000.

Three companies on a bond up to \$150,000.

Four companies on a bond up to \$250,000.

On bonds regarded as hazardous risks additional surety will be required as the Comptroller sees fit in each instance.

All bonds exceeding \$250,000 will by that fact alone be considered hazardous risks, no matter what the nature of the work.

H. A. METZ,
Comptroller.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

Morning—"The Sun," "The New York Times."

Evening—"The Globe," "The Evening Mail."

Weekly—"Democracy," "Tammany Times."

German—"Staats-Zeitung."

Designated by the Board of City Record, January 22, 1906. Amended March 1, 1906; November 20, 1906, February 20, 1907, and March 5, 1908.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, THIRD FLOOR OF THE BOROUGH HALL, FIFTH STREET AND JACKSON AVENUE, LONG ISLAND CITY, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the President of the Borough of Queens at the above address until 11 o'clock a. m. on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1908.

No. 1. FOR REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH GRANITE BLOCK PAVEMENT ON A BROKEN STONE AND CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF JAMAICA AVENUE, FROM VAN WYCK AVENUE TO THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH LINE, FOURTH WARD.

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

70,755 square yards of new granite block pavement, including sand bed laid with sand joints.

1,000 square yards of macadam, to be relaid as foundation.

1,000 square yards of concrete foundation.

3,200 linear feet of old bluestone curbstone, redressed, rejointed and reset.

The time allowed for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is one hundred (100) working days.

The amount of security required is Forty Thousand Dollars.

No. 2. FOR REGULATING, GRADING AND REPAVING WITH MACADAM PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF METROPOLITAN AVENUE, FROM DRY HARBOR ROAD TO JAMAICA AVENUE, SECOND AND FOURTH WARDS.

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

35,000 square yards of macadam pavement, including all necessary grading of street and roadway.

1,000 cubic yards of earth excavation.

1,000 cubic yards of earth filling, to be furnished.

The time allowed for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is sixty (60) working days.

The amount of security required is Ten Thousand Dollars.

No. 3. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TO THE BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (200,000) SECOND-HAND GRANITE PAVING BLOCKS; FIFTY THOUSAND (50,000) BLOCKS ARE TO BE DELIVERED AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CORPORATION YARDS: FIRST WARD, SECOND WARD, THIRD WARD AND FOURTH WARD, ALL SITUATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

The time allowed for the furnishing and delivering of the above will be thirty (30) days.

The amount of security required is Four Thousand Dollars.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per square yard, linear foot or other unit of measure by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from a total.

Bids will be compared and contracts awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blanks and further information may be obtained at the office of the President of the Borough of Queens.

LAWRENCE GRESSER.

President of the Borough of Queens.

Dated Long Island City, July 1, 1908.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION—

FIRST DISTRICT.

THE SALE OF BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, ON CITY REAL ESTATE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Service Commission for the First District, by authority of the powers vested in it by law, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund having duly given their approval, will offer for sale at public auction the buildings now standing on certain parcels of property owned by The City of New York or on certain parcels in which The City of New York has acquired certain easements, which said parcels of property and said easements were acquired for Rapid Transit purposes in The City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, being so much of a three story brick building or buildings as stands on a part of two certain lots, known as Nos. 154 and 156 Elizabeth Street, said part of said lots being situated on the southeast corner of Delancey Street Extension and Elizabeth Street, being one hundred (100) feet four and seven-eighths (4 $\frac{7}{8}$) inches on the southerly side of Delancey Street Extension, eleven (11) feet six and one-eighth (6 $\frac{1}{8}$) inches on Elizabeth Street, eleven (11) feet nine and three-eighths (9 $\frac{3}{8}$) inches on the easterly side thereof and one hundred and one (101) feet on the southerly side thereof, be said several dimensions more or less; a three story brick building standing on part of a lot known as Lot No. 31, Nos. 170 and 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bowery, being approximately fifty-seven (57) feet two and seven-eighths (2 $\frac{7}{8}$) inches on the southerly side of Delancey Street, its most easterly point being forty-two (42) feet five and one-half (5 $\frac{1}{2}$) inches westerly from the intersection of the southerly side of Delancey Street Extension with the westerly side of the Bowery; running thence southerly from its most

westerly point along the boundary line between lot No. 8 and lot No. 31, a distance of seven (7) feet nine and three-eighths (9 $\frac{3}{8}$) inches, and thence running easterly along the boundary line between lot No. 31 and lot No. 32, a distance of fifty six (56) feet seven and one quarter (7 $\frac{1}{4}$) inches to the point or place of beginning, he said several dimensions more or less; a four story brick building standing on lot known as Lot No. 32, No. 168 Bowery, situated on the southwesterly corner of the Bowery and Delancey Street Extension, being nineteen (19) feet five and one half (5 $\frac{1}{2}$) inches on the Bowery, twenty-five (25) feet in the rear, forty-two (42) feet five and one half (5 $\frac{1}{2}$) inches on the southerly side of Delancey Street Extension and fifty six (56) feet seven and one quarter (7 $\frac{1}{4}$) inches on said boundary line between Lot No. 31 and Lot No. 32, and being on the southerly side ninety eight (98) feet two and one half (2 $\frac{1}{2}$) inches, he said several dimensions more or less.

A three story brick building standing on lots known as Lot No. 29 and Lot No. 28, Nos. 174 and 176 Bowery, said lots being situated on the northeasterly corner of Delancey Street Extension and the Bowery, and being twenty-five (25) feet two and one quarter (2 $\frac{1}{4}$) inches on the Bowery eleven (11) feet seven and one half (7 $\frac{1}{2}$) inches on the easterly side, ninety-nine (99) feet seven (7) inches on the northerly side of Delancey Street Extension and one hundred (100) feet three and three eighths (3 $\frac{3}{8}$) inches on the northerly side; so much of a six-story building as stands on lots known as Lot No. 11 and Lot No. 12, known as Nos. 162 and 164 Elizabeth Street, described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of the northerly side of Delancey Street Extension and the easterly side of Elizabeth Street, running thence easterly along the northerly side of Delancey Street Extension, ninety-nine (99) feet five-eighths (9 $\frac{5}{8}$) inches, thence running northerly along the boundary line between Lot No. 11 and Lot No. 28, and 27, a distance of sixteen (16) feet seven and one half (7 $\frac{1}{2}$) inches; thence running westerly a distance of ninety-eight (98) feet two and one half (2 $\frac{1}{2}$) inches to a point on the easterly side of Elizabeth Street distant eleven (11) feet seven (7) inches northerly from the intersection of the easterly side of Elizabeth Street with the northerly side of Delancey Street; and thence running southerly along the easterly side of Elizabeth Street to the point or place of beginning, he said several dimensions more or less, said parcels of property being more particularly described on certain maps or plans and a memorandum on file in the office of the Register of the County of New York, which are marked as follows: "Public Service Commission for the First District, Chief Engineer's Office, Loop 9-0-4, Drawing No. 13, February 28, 1908. Henry B. Seaman, Chief Engineer."

Pursuant to a resolution of the Public Service Commission for the First District adopted on June 16, 1908, the sale of the above described buildings will be held by said Commission on July 16, 1908, at eleven o'clock A. M., upon the following terms and conditions and subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The buildings and appurtenances thereto will be sold to the highest bidder, who must pay immediately cash or a certified check drawn to the order of the Comptroller of the City of New York, and must also, at the time of the sale, give a certified check or cash in half the amount of the purchase price as security for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of the sale. Where the amount of the purchase price does not equal or exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars the sum of fifty dollars shall be the amount of the security to be deposited. This security may at any time after the expiration of the contract period be applied by the City of New York to the cost of completing any other work required under the contract, but unfinished at the expiration of the contract period.

All the materials of the buildings, sheds, walks, structures and cellars of whatsoever nature, with their exterior and interior fixtures, appurtenances and foundations of all kinds, except the sidewalk and curb in front of said buildings extending within the described area and down to the level of the cellar bottom, shall be torn down and removed from the premises. None of the dirt, debris or waste resulting from demolition shall be allowed to remain on the premises except old mortar or plaster only which may be left, but not higher at any point than two feet below the curb opposite that point; also the foundation walls of all classes shall be taken down only to a plane whose elevation shall be the level of the curb in front of the building.

The purchaser at the sale shall also withdraw and remove all abandoned water taps and old service mains, and in place thereof cause to be inserted a brass plug in the main water pipe in the street, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity that this has been performed.

The purchaser at the sale shall also remove all house sewer connections to the main sewer in the street, and the opening of the main sewer in street shall be properly closed in compliance with the direction of the Bureau of Sewers, Borough of Manhattan, and furnish the Department of Finance with a certificate from the Bureau of Sewers that the work has been properly performed.

The permits for all openings in the street to be obtained by and at the expense of the purchaser of the building.

Failure to remove said buildings, appurtenances, or any portion thereof within sixty days from the day of the sale, will work forfeiture of ownership of such buildings, appurtenances or portion as shall then be left standing, together with all moneys paid by said purchaser on account thereof at the time of the sale, and the bidders' assent to the above conditions being understood to be implied by the act of bidding, and the City of New York will, without notice to the purchaser, cause the same to be removed and the costs and expense thereof charged against the security above mentioned.

The work of removal must be carried on in every respect in a thorough and workmanlike manner and must be completed within sixty days from the day of sale, and the successful bidder will provide and furnish all materials of labor and machinery necessary thereto, and will place proper and sufficient guards and fences and warning signs by day and night for the prevention of accidents, and will indemnify and save harmless the City of New York, its officers, agents and servants and each of them, against any and all suits and actions, claims and demands of every name and description brought against it, them or any of them, and against and from all damage and costs to which it, they or any of them be put by reason of injury to the personal property of another, resulting from negligence or carelessness in the performance of the work, or in guarding the same, or from any improper or defective materials or machinery, implements or appliances used in the removal of the said buildings.

Party walls and fences, when existing against adjacent property not sold, shall not be taken down. All furrings, plaster, chimneys, projecting brick, etc., on the faces of such party walls are to be taken down and removed. The walls

shall be made permanently self-supporting, beam-holes, etc., ripped up, and the wall pointed and made to exclude wind and rain and present a clean exterior. The roofs of the adjacent buildings shall be properly flashed and painted and made water tight where they have been disturbed by the operation of the contractor.

The Public Service Commission for the First District reserves the right on the day of sale to withdraw from sale any of the buildings, parts of buildings and machinery included therein, or to reject any and all bids.

New York, June 16, 1908.
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT.
By (Signed) EDWARD M. BASSETT, Acting Chairman;
By (Signed) TRAVIS H. WHITNEY, Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, PIER "A," FOOT OF BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Docks at the above office until 12 o'clock m. on

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1908.

CONTRACT NO. 1140.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TWO AUTOMOBILES.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is on or before the expiration of thirty calendar days.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

Bidders will state one price for furnishing and delivering the two automobiles and accessories, as called for in the specifications, by which price the bids will be tested, and according to which price any award of the contract will be made.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the said Department.

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner of Docks.

Dated July 3, 1908.

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, PIER "A," FOOT OF BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Docks at the above office until 12 o'clock m. on

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1908.

CONTRACT NO. 1146.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ABOUT 10,000 TONS OF ANTHRACITE COAL.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is on or before the expiration of one hundred and fifty calendar days.

The amount of security required is Twelve Thousand Dollars.

Bidders will state a price per ton for furnishing the coal, as called for in the specifications, by which price the bids will be tested, and according to which price any award of the contract will be made.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the said Department.

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner of Docks.

Dated July 3, 1908.

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, PIER "A," FOOT OF BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Docks at the above office until 12 o'clock m. on

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1908.

CONTRACT NO. 1139.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING LUMBER.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract and the amount of security required are as follows:

Class 1. Yellow pine or Oregon pine lumber, 270 days...	\$40,000 00
Class 2. Spruce lumber, 60 days...	3,000 00
Class 3. Miscellaneous lumber, 90 days	2,500 00

Class 1. Bidders under Class 1 will state a price per 1,000 feet, board measure, by which price the bids will be tested and according to which price any award of this class of the contract will be made.

Class 2. Bidders under Class 2 will state a price per 1,000 feet, board measure, by which price the bids will be tested and according to which price any award of this class of the contract will be made.

Class 3. Bidders under Class 3 will state a price for furnishing and delivering all the material called for under this class, by which price the bids will be tested and according to which price any award of this class of the contract will be made.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the said Department.

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner of Docks.

Dated July 3, 1908.

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, PIER "A," FOOT OF BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Docks at the above office until 12 o'clock m. on

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1908.

CONTRACT NO. 1143.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING MANILA ROPE.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is on or before the expiration of 180 calendar days.

The amount of security required is Three Thousand Dollars.

Bidders will state a price per pound for furnishing all the rope called for in the specifications.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the said Department.

ALLEN N. SPOONER, Commissioner of Docks.

Dated July 3, 1908.

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, PIER "A," FOOT OF BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SALE OF OLD MATERIAL.

JOSEPH P. DAY, AUCTIONEER, WILL sell, on behalf of the Department of Docks and Ferries, on

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1908,

and on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1908,

commencing at 10.30 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, July 14, 1908, at the Department Yard, foot of West Eighth street, North River, and continuing at Timber Basin, foot of West Seventy-fifth street, North River; at the Pile Basin, at Shermans Creek, Harlem River; at the Department's Yard, foot of Twenty-fourth street, East River; at Wallabout Basin, Brooklyn; at the ferry terminal at Thirty-ninth street, Brooklyn, and at the ferry terminal at St. George, Borough of Richmond, the following lots of old material:

At the Department Yard, Foot of West Eighth street, North River.

Lot No. 1. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 30 inches in diameter by about 10 feet long.

Lot No. 2. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 72 inches in diameter by about 18 feet long.

Lot No. 3. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 72 inches in diameter by about 18 feet long.

Lot No. 4. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 54 inches in diameter by about 16 feet long.

Lot No. 5. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 48 inches in diameter by about 12 feet long.

Lot No. 6. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 60 inches in diameter by about 14 feet long.

Lot No. 7. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 54 inches in diameter by about 15 feet long.

Lot No. 8. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 36 inches in diameter by about 12 feet long.

Lot No. 9. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 42 inches in diameter by about 10 feet long.

Lot No. 10. One horizontal return tubular boiler, about 54 inches in diameter by about 16 feet long.

Lot No. 11. Miscellaneous pieces of boiler fronts and flues.

Lot No. 12. Four vertical boilers—

One, about 36 inches by 84 inches.

Two, about 42 inches by 90 inches.

One, about 48 inches by 102 inches.

Lot No. 13. Five engine frames, with miscellaneous parts (engines are not complete)—

One, about 8-inch by 16-inch horizontal single cylinder steam.

One, about 18-inch by 24-inch horizontal single cylinder steam.

One, about 7-inch by 10-inch horizontal single cylinder steam.

One, about 12-inch by 24-inch horizontal single cylinder steam.

One, about 9-inch by 16-inch White & Middleton gas engine.

Lot No. 14. Five pumps, as follows:

One single cylinder artesian well pump, manufactured by A. T. Cooke, steam cylinder and frame.

One single cylinder horizontal, manufactured by Blake.

One Knowles duplex horizontal.

One Foster single cylinder horizontal.

One belt driven vertical single cylinder.

Lot No. 15. One single cylinder horizontal pump, manufactured by Foster Pump Works, about 15-inch by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch by 14-inch.

Lot No. 16. One Worthington horizontal duplex pump, about 12-inch by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch by 10-inch.

Lot No. 17. One lot of machinery, as follows:

One belt driven air compressor, about 6-inch by 8-inch.

One belt driven Sturtevant blower, fan 3-foot by 14-inch.

One belt driven high pressure blower, built by American Gas Furnace Company.

Lot No. 18. One lot of machinery (machines not complete), as follows:

One punch, about 20-inch throat.

One punch, about 32-inch throat.

One punch, about 14-inch throat.

One horizontal punch.

One bending roll, rolls about 6 feet long.

One post drill, cone pulley, belt drive, hand feed, spindle about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter.

Lot No. 19. One bevel shearing machine, 8-inch blades.

Lot No. 20. One swing saw frame, made by Connell & Dangler, Rochester, N. Y., about 5-foot 6-inch swing.

Lot No. 21. One resawing machine, manufactured by Connell & Dangler, Rochester, N. Y., about 42-inch saw.

Lot No. 22. One wood planer, manufactured by A. S. Wood Company, top, bottom and side cutters, over all dimensions about 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet by 5 feet.

Lot No. 23. One rip saw, table and frame for saw about 16 inches in diameter.

Lot No. 24. One pile of freezing cans, about 22 by 24 by 12 feet.

Lot No. 25. One lot of machinery, as follows:

Two Pratt & Whitney No. 3 turret machines.

One two-spindle drill Pratt & Whitney vertical rotary table for drilling bicycle rims.

One engine lathe, 8 inches by 22 inches.

Lot No. 26. One lot of iron pipe fittings, valves, etc., principally ammonia fittings, about 25 by 13 by 2 feet high.

Lot No. 27. One lot of tanks, etc., as follows:

One tank about 3 feet in diameter by about 8 feet.

One tank about 4 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet.

Two tanks about 10 inches in diameter by about 5 feet.

Three tanks about 16 inches by 7 feet by 7 inches.

One tank about 48 inches in diameter by 34 inches high.

One tank about 3 feet in diameter by 6 feet.

One tank 48 inches in diameter by 34 inches high.

One tank 3 feet 3 inches by 4 feet 6 inches.

Two open boxes 16 inches by 2 feet by 4 feet.

One steam box with legs about 17 inches in diameter by 34 inches.

Lot No. 28. One lot of shafting, pulleys and hangers, as follows:

Shafting, 1 15-16 inches to 3 3-16 inches in diameter, about 400 feet total.

Pulleys, faces from 3 inches to 30 inches, as follows:

12 inches to 24 inches in diameter, about 27 pieces.

24 inches to 36 inches in diameter, about 29 pieces.

36 inches to 48 inches in diameter, about 9 pieces.

Over 48 inches in diameter, about 3 pieces.

Hanger frames of miscellaneous sizes and patterns, about 100 pieces.

Lot No. 29. Six elevator cages, with counter-weights and parts of equipment.

Lot No. 30. One lot of wooden doors sheathed with light iron, in four piles, as follows:

About 19 feet by 15 feet by 2 feet 4 inches high.

About 19 feet by 15 feet by 4 feet high.

About 8 feet by 13 feet by 9 feet 6 inches high.

About 11 feet by 15 feet by 5 feet high.

Lot No. 31. One pile of old tin, about 8 feet by 4 feet by 2 feet 6 inches.

Lot No. 32. About 16 iron hose reels.

Lot No. 33. One lot of 12 slate slabs, about 5 feet 6 inches by 2 feet.

Two ice boxes and one drinking tank.

Two broken porcelain urinals.

Two semi-porcelain wash tubs.

One marble basin top.

Seven flush tanks for toilets.

Lot No. 34. About eleven tons of scrap iron.

Lot No. 35. About 2,000 pounds of old rope.

Lot No. 36. About 36 pairs of old rubber boots and three second-hand diving dresses.

Lot No. 37. One phoenix column used for mast, 42 feet long by 12 inches in diameter.

Lot No. 38. One double cylinder, four drum hoisting engine; two drums operated by one cylinder.

Lot No. 39. Three feed water heaters—one about 15 inches diameter by 7 feet high, one about 12 inches by 14 inches, one about 18 inches by 24 inches.

Lot No. 40. One pile of 12-inch channel iron, about 40 feet by 11 feet by 4 feet.

Lot No. 41. One pile of miscellaneous iron shapes.

Lot No. 42. One lot of awning frames.

Lot No. 43. Four piles of old wooden doors, sashes, window lights, etc.

Lot No. 44. One lot of flat iron plates.

At Timber Basin, Foot of West Seventy-fifth Street, North River.

Lot No. 45. Raft 25 feet square, seven courses 4 inches by 10 inches plank.

At Shermans Creek, Harlem River.

Lot No. 46. One wrecked steam launch.

At East Twenty-fourth Street Yard.

Lot No. 47. Raft 20 feet by 30 feet, 4 inches by 10 inches yellow pine, twelve courses.

Lot No. 48. Heap of junk containing about 60 sewer bands, about 60 feet of 2-inch pipe, about 600 pounds of screw bolts, about 250 pounds of miscellaneous iron, about 300 linear feet of 2-inch wire cable, about 300 pounds of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch and 2-inch water pipe, about 100 pounds of wire.

Lot No. 49. About 52 pairs of old rubber boots, about 8 diver's dresses, one length of cotton fire hose.

Lot No. 50. About 16 old shovels, about 7 old wheelbarrows, about 160 old wheelbarrow wheels.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NOS. 157 AND 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Fire Commissioner at the above office until 10.30 o'clock a. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.
Borough of Queens.

No. 1. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING HAY, STRAW, OATS AND BRAN FOR COMPANIES IN ROCKAWAY, ARVERNE AND FAR ROCKAWAY, BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

The time for the delivery of the articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is by or before March 31, 1909.

The amount of security required is fifty per cent. (50%) of the amount of the bid or estimate.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per pound, ton, dozen, gallon, yard or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total.

The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, Manhattan.

NICHOLAS J. HAYES,
Fire Commissioner.

Dated July 11, 1908.

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BOARD MEETINGS.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment meets in the Old Council Chamber (Room 16), City Hall, every Friday, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

JOSEPH HAAG,
Secretary.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund meet in the Old Council Chamber (Room 16), City Hall, at call of the Mayor.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS,
Deputy Comptroller, Secretary.

The Board of Revision of Assessments meets in the Old Council Chamber (Room 16), City Hall, every Thursday at 11 a. m., upon notice of the Chief Clerk.

HENRY J. STORRS,
Chief Clerk.

The Board of City Record meets in the Old Council Chamber (Room 16), City Hall, at call of the Mayor.

PATRICK J. TRACY,
Supervisor, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

MAIN OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, ROOM 1403, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning at the above office until 12 o'clock m. on

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1908.

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIFTEEN (15) SCOWS.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is as follows: Two scows to be delivered within ninety (90) working days and the remaining thirteen (13) scows to be delivered as fast as they are completed; the entire number of fifteen scows to be delivered within two hundred (200) working days.

The amount of security is fifty per centum (50%) of the amount bid for the construction of the fifteen (15) scows.

The bidder will state the price per scow, per horse, per pound, per hundred pounds, ton, dozen, gallon, by which the bids will be tested. The bids will be read from the total and awards made to the lowest bidder.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row.

FOSTER CROWELL,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated July 6, 1908.

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MAIN OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, ROOM 1403, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning at the above office until 12 o'clock m. on

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1908.

Borough of Brooklyn.

CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING 50 DRAFT HORSES AND 10 DRIVING HORSES.

The time for the delivery of the articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is by or before 30 days.

The amount of security required is fifty per cent. (50%) of the amount of the bid or estimate.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per horse, by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total and awards made to the lowest bidder.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row.

FOSTER CROWELL,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated July 6, 1908.

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MAIN OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, ROOM 1403, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning at the above office until 12 o'clock m. on

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1908.

Borough of Brooklyn.

CONTRACT FOR THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF ALL ASHES, STREET SWEEPINGS AND RUBBISH COLLECTED IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The period of the above contract will be five (5) years beginning with the 29th day of December, 1908.

The amount of security required is One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

The bidder will state the compensation to be paid to him, which shall be a price per cubic yard, and this price must be written out in full in the bid or estimate, and must also be given in figures.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on a solvent banking corporation in The City of New York, payable to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, for five (5) per centum of the amount for which the work bid for is proposed to be performed in the first year of this contract.

The said check should be inclosed in the same bid with the envelope.

The Commissioner of Street Cleaning (pursuant to section 544 of the Greater New York Charter) reserves the right to select from the bids the bid the acceptance of which will, in his judgment, best secure the efficient performance of the work, or he may reject any or all of the bids.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row.

FOSTER CROWELL,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated July 2, 1908.

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MAIN OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, ROOM 1403, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning at the above office until 12 o'clock m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

No. 1. CONTRACT FOR THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF ALL ASHES, STREET SWEEPINGS AND RUBBISH THAT MAY BE DELIVERED ON BOARD OF DECK SCOWS OR OTHER VESSELS AT THE WATER-FRONT DUMPS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BOROUGH OF THE HARBOR AND ON THE EAST RIVER, EXCEPTING THE DUMP AT THE FOOT OF CLINTON STREET, EAST RIVER.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) years.

The amount of security required is One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on a solvent banking corporation in The City of New York, payable to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, for five per centum of the amount for which the work bid for is proposed to be performed in the first year of the contract.

The compensation to be paid to the contractor will be at prices per scowload, the loads being classified in four classes, with special prices not to exceed thirty-five per centum (35%) in addition to the prices for the same classes of scows, whenever, in emergency caused by ice in the harbor or other conditions, the Commissioner requires the contractor to tow some or all of the materials to sea and there unload them.

These prices must be written out in full by the bidder and must also be written in figures.

The Commissioner reserves the right to select from the bids the bid the acceptance of which will, in his judgment, best secure the efficient performance of the work, or he may reject any or all bids, pursuant to section 544 of the Greater New York Charter.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row.

FOSTER CROWELL,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated June 26, 1908.

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MAIN OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, ROOM 1403, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning at the above office until 12 o'clock m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.

Borough of Manhattan.

No. 2. CONTRACT FOR THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF ALL ASHES, STREET SWEEPINGS AND RUBBISH THAT MAY BE DELIVERED ON BOARD OF DECK SCOWS OR OTHER VESSELS AT THE WATER-FRONT DUMPS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, ON THE HUDSON RIVER, AND CLINTON STREET DUMP ON THE EAST RIVER.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) years.

The amount of security required is One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on a solvent banking corporation in The City of New York, payable to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, for five per centum of the amount for which the work bid for is proposed to be performed in the first year of the contract.

The compensation to be paid to the contractor will be at prices per scow load, the loads being classified in four classes, with special prices not to exceed thirty-five per centum (35%) in addition to the prices for the same classes of scows, whenever, in emergency caused by ice in the harbor or other conditions, the Commissioner requires the contractor to tow some or all of the materials to sea and there unload them.

These prices must be written out in full by the bidder and must also be written in figures.

The Commissioner reserves the right to select from the bids the bid the acceptance of which will, in his judgment, best secure the efficient performance of the work, or he may reject any or all bids, pursuant to section 544 of the Greater New York Charter.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row.

FOSTER CROWELL,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated June 26, 1908.

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ASHES, ETC., FOR FILLING IN LANDS.

PERSONS HAVING LANDS OR PLACES in the vicinity of New York Bay to fill in can procure material for that purpose—ashes, street sweepings, etc., collected by the Department of Street Cleaning—free of charge by applying to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row, Borough of Manhattan.

FOSTER CROWELL,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY, ROOM 1536, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity at the above office until 2 o'clock p. m. on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1908.

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

FOR FURNISHING, DELIVERING AND INSTALLING ONE HAND-OPERATED TRAVELING CRANE IN THE HIGH PRESSURE PUMPING STATION LOCATED AT GANSEVOORT AND WEST STREETS, AND FURNISHING, DELIVERING AND INSTALLING ONE HAND-OPERATED TRAVELING CRANE IN THE HIGH PRESSURE PUMPING STATION LOCATED AT OLIVER AND SOUTH STREETS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

The time allowed for completing the work will be ninety (90) working days.

The security required will be Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000).

The bidders will state the price per unit of each item of work or supplies contained in the specifications or schedule, by which the bids will be tested.

The bids will be compared and the contract awarded for all the work, articles, materials and supplies contained in the specifications or schedules attached thereto, to the lowest bidder.

Bidders are requested to make their bids or estimates upon the blank form prepared by the Department, a copy of which, with the proper envelope in which to inclose the bid, together with a copy of the contract, including the specifications, in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and any further information may be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Chief Engineer, Room 922, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row, Borough of Manhattan.

JOHN H. O'BRIEN,
Commissioner of Water Supply,
Gas and Electricity.

The City of New York, June 30, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY, ROOM 1536, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity at the above office until 2 o'clock p. m. on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1908.

Borough of Brooklyn.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING, ERECTING AND CONNECTING ONE PUMP-ENGINE, WITH ALL ITS APPLIANCES, FOUNDATIONS AND APPURTENANCES COMPLETE AND IN PLACE, AT THE MT. PROSPECT PUMPING STATION, UNDER HILL AVENUE AND PROSPECT PLACE, IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, TOGETHER WITH THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED OLD MATERIALS AT THE SAME STATION.

The time allowed for doing and completing the entire work is one hundred and twenty-five (125) working days.

The security required will be Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000).

Bidders are particularly cautioned that a provision in the contract requires the maintenance of pumping engine and all its appurtenances in good condition for the period of one year from the final completion and acceptance of the work.

The bidder will state the price, per unit, of each item of work or supplies contained in the specifications or schedule, by which the bids will be tested.

The bids will be compared and the contract awarded for all the work, articles, materials and supplies contained in the specifications or schedule attached thereto.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row, and at Room 28, Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn.

JOHN H. O'BRIEN,
Commissioner of Water Supply,
Gas and Electricity.

The City of New York, June 30, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY, ROOM 1536, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity at the above office until 2 o'clock p. m. on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1908.

FOR FURNISHING, PUTTING IN PLACE AND MAINTAINING ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE GAS REGULATORS, FROM JULY 15, 1908, TO DECEMBER 31, 1908, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

For furnishing gas regulators in public buildings to the Borough of Brooklyn, The City of New York.

The amount of security required for furnishing gas regulators is fifty per cent. (50%) of the amount of the bid or estimate.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules, per regulator, in the contract for gas regulators.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department, Room 1536.

JOHN H. O'BRIEN,
Commissioner.

New York, June 29, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY, BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

WATER RATES FOR 1908-9 WILL BE due and payable

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1908.

If not paid before August 1, 1908, a penalty of five per cent. will be added, and if not paid before November 1, 1908, an additional penalty of ten per cent. (a total of fifteen per cent.) will be added.

Bills for water rates may be obtained on and after May 1 on personal application.

For the convenience of taxpayers and to facilitate the business of the Department, it is requested that application be made by mail for such bills at once.

Address: Charles C. Wissel, Deputy Commissioner, Room No. 2, Hackett Building, Long Island City.

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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, ROOM 2, BOROUGH HALL, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn at the above office until 11 o'clock a. m. on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1908.

No. 1. FOR REGULATING, RELAYING BRICK GUTTERS AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON A CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF EAST FOURTEENTH STREET (RUGBY ROAD), FROM DORCHESTER ROAD TO DITMAS AVENUE, TOGETHER WITH ALL WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

Engineer's estimate of the quantities is as follows:

2,215 square yards asphalt pavement, including binder course.
310 cubic yards concrete.
30 cubic yards concrete, under brick gutters, not to be bid for.
270 square yards brick gutters, to be relaid on a concrete foundation.

Time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is twenty (20) working days.

The amount of security required is One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700).

No. 2. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON A CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF HEMLOCK STREET, FROM JAMAICA AVENUE TO ETNA STREET, TOGETHER WITH ALL WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

Engineer's estimate of the quantities is as follows:

3,130 square yards asphalt pavement, including binder course.

435 cubic yards concrete.

Time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is twenty (20) working days.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500).

No. 3. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON A CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF JEWEL STREET, FROM NORMAN AVENUE TO MESEROLE AVENUE, TOGETHER WITH ALL WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

Engineer's estimate of the quantities is as follows:

1,635 square yards asphalt pavement, including binder course.

230 cubic yards concrete.

Time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is twenty (20) working days.

The amount of security required is Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200).

No. 4. FOR CONSTRUCTING CEMENT CONCRETE SIDEWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF FIFTIETH STREET, BETWEEN EIGHTH AND FORT HAMILTON AVENUES, AND ON VARIOUS OTHER STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Engineer's estimate of the quantity is as follows:

20,448 square feet cement concrete sidewalk, 5 feet in width.

Time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is forty (40) working days.

The amount of security required is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

No. 5. FOR FENCING VACANT LOTS ON THE EAST SIDE OF UNDERHILL AVENUE, BETWEEN ST. MARKS AVENUE AND PROSPECT PLACE, AND ON VARIOUS OTHER STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Engineer's estimate of the quantity is as follows:

1,808 linear feet fence, 6 feet in height.

Time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is thirty (30) working days.

The amount of security required is Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

No. 6. FOR GRADING A LOT LYING ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF GREENE AVENUE, BETWEEN IRVING AND WYCKOFF AVENUES AND ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF BLEEKER STREET, BETWEEN IRVING AND WYCKOFF AVENUES, KNOWN AS LOT NO. 26, BLOCK 3301.

Engineer's estimate of the quantity is as follows:

279 cubic yards earth excavation.
Time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is fifteen (15) working days.

The amount of security required is One Hundred Dollars (\$100).

No. 7. FOR GRADING LOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MONTGOMERY STREET, BETWEEN ROGERS AND NOSTRAND AVENUES, KNOWN AS LOT NO. 29, BLOCK 1305.
Engineer's estimate of the quantities is as follows:

1,352 cubic yards earth excavation.
559 cubic yards earth filling, not to be bid for.

Time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is thirty (30) working days.

The amount of security required is Six Hundred Dollars (\$600).

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per linear foot, square foot, square yard or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested. The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum for each contract.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the Bureau of Highways, the Borough of Brooklyn, No. 15 Municipal Building, Brooklyn.

BIRD S. COLER,
President.

Dated July 8, 1908.

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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY HALL, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the President of the Borough of Manhattan, at the City Hall, Room 16, until 2 o'clock p. m. on

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1908.

No. 1. FOR WIDENING THE ROADWAY AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE WIDENED ROADWAY OF FIFTH AVENUE, FROM THE NORTH CURB LINE OF FORTIETH STREET TO THE SOUTH CURB LINE OF FORTY-SECOND STREET.

Engineer's estimate of amount of work to be done:

820 square yards of asphalt pavement, including binder course.

115 square yards of asphalt pavement to be taken up and relaid. Not to be bid for, but to be paid for at the original contract price for pavement on Fifth avenue.

190 cubic yards of concrete.

100 linear feet of new bluestone curbstone, furnished and set.

940 linear feet of old bluestone curbstone, re-jointed and reset.

2 catch basins to be reset.

1 noiseless cover, complete, for sewer man-hole, furnished and set.

150 cubic yards of earth filling (furnished).

200 square feet of new cement sidewalks.

Time allowed for doing and completing the above work is 30 working days.

The amount of security required is One Thousand Dollars.

No. 2. FOR REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, FROM ABOUT 360 FEET EAST OF THE EAST HOUSE LINE OF FIRST AVENUE TO THE BULKHEAD LINE OF THE EAST RIVER.

Engineer's estimate of amount of work to be done:

1,220 square yards of asphalt pavement, including binder course.

250 cubic yards of concrete.

600 linear feet of new bluestone curbstone, furnished and set.

130 linear feet of old bluestone curbstone, re-dressed, re-jointed and reset.

3 noiseless covers, complete, for sewer man-holes, furnished and set.

1 noiseless cover, complete, for water man-holes, furnished and set.

835 cubic yards of filling to furnish.

2,400 square feet of old flagstone to retrim and relaid.

8,500 square feet of new cement sidewalks.

Time allowed for doing and completing the above work is 60 working days.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Dollars.

No. 3. FOR REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON A CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH STREET, FROM SECOND AVENUE TO THIRD AVENUE.

Engineer's estimate of amount of work to be done:

2,150 square yards of asphalt pavement, including binder course.

2,150 square yards of old stone blocks to be purchased by contractor and removed by him.

425 cubic yards of concrete.

1,260 linear feet of new bluestone curbstone, furnished and set.

20 linear feet of old bluestone curbstone, re-dressed, re-jointed and reset.

6 noiseless covers, complete, for sewer man-holes, furnished and set.

2 noiseless covers, complete, for water man-holes, furnished and set.

Time allowed for doing and completing above work is 40 working days.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Dollars.

No. 4. FOR REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH GRANITE BLOCK PAVEMENT ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF THIRTY-SECOND STREET, FROM FIRST AVENUE TO THE EAST RIVER.

Engineer's estimate of amount of work to be done:

1,400 square yards of granite block pavement, with paving cement joints.

1,400 square yards of old stone blocks to be purchased by contractor and removed by him.

275 cubic yards of Portland cement concrete.

800 linear feet of new bluestone curbstone, furnished and set.

25 linear feet of old bluestone curbstone, re-dressed, re-jointed and reset.

Time allowed for doing and completing above work is 30 working days.

The amount of security required is One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per yard, square yard or other unit of measure, or article by

which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total.

Blank forms may be had and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row, Bureau of Highways, Borough of Manhattan.

JOHN CLOUGHEN,

Acting President, Borough of Manhattan.
The City of New York, July 10, 1908.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY HALL, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the President of the Borough of Manhattan, at the City Hall, Room 16, until 2 o'clock p. m. on

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1908.

No. 1. FOR MAINTAINING THE ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS, WHERE THE ORIGINAL CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED, IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK:

First avenue, between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-third streets, Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets, Fifty-fourth and Fifty-sixth streets, Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets, Seventy-second and Seventy-fourth streets, Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets, Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets, Ninety-first and Ninety-second streets.

First avenue, Twentieth to One Hundred and Ninth street, excepting those portions lying within the limits of grants of land under water; also between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-eighth streets (where already paved with asphalt), and between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-third streets, Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets, Fifty-fourth and Fifty-sixth streets, Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets, Seventy-second and Seventy-fourth streets, Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets, Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets and Ninety-first and Ninety-second streets.

One Hundred and Twentieth street, from Fifth avenue to East River.

One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, from Fourth avenue to Fifth avenue, and Seventh avenue to St. Nicholas avenue.

One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from Fifth avenue to Sixth avenue, and Seventh avenue to Eighth avenue.

Park street, from Mott to Centre street.

Baxter street, from Park row to Grand street.

Mott street, from Park row to Hester street.

Mulberry street, from Park row to Broome street.

Hester street, from Bowery to Centre street.

Bayard street, from Baxter to Division street.

Franklin street, from Baxter to Centre street.

Twenty-first street, from Fourth avenue to Eighth avenue (except Fifth to Sixth avenue).

Twenty-second street, from First avenue to Second avenue, and Eighth avenue to Eleventh avenue.

Third street, from Second avenue to Lewis street.

Fourth street, from Second avenue to Lewis street.

Engineer's estimate of amount of work to be done:

48,000 square yards of asphalt paving.

500 square yards of old stone pavement.

Time allowed to complete the work will be one year from date of contract.

The amount of security required for the faithful performance of this contract is Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

No. 2. FOR MAINTAINING THE ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS, WHERE THE ORIGINAL CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED, IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK:

One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, from St. Nicholas avenue to Lawrence street, and Lawrence street to the Boulevard.

One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, from Boulevard to Manhattan street.

Eighth avenue (Central Park West), from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Tenth street.

Avenue D, from Houston to Eleventh street.

Twenty-ninth street, from Fifth to Lexington avenue.

Sixtieth street, from First avenue to Third avenue.

Engineer's estimate of amount of work to be done:

18,700 square yards of asphalt paving.

500 square yards of old stone pavement.

Time allowed to complete the work will be one year from date of contract.

The amount of security required for the faithful performance of this contract is Six Thousand Dollars.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per foot, yard or other unit of measure, or article, by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total.

Blank forms may be had at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row, Bureau of Highways, Borough of Manhattan.

JOHN CLOUGHEN,

Acting President, Borough of Manhattan.
The City of New York, July 10, 1908.

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BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR PROPOSALS WILL BE received by the Board of Water Supply, in the office of the Board, No. 299 Broadway, New York, Room 910, ninth floor, until 11 a. m. on

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF THE CATSKILL AQUEDUCT, CONSISTING OF ABOUT 6½ MILES OF PLAIN CONCRETE CONDUIT, KNOWN AS CUT-AND-COVER AQUEDUCT, 17 FEET HIGH BY 17 FEET 6 INCHES WIDE AND ABOUT 3,470 FEET OF TUNNEL, 17 FEET HIGH BY 13 FEET 4 INCHES WIDE, ON THE HYDRAULIC GRADIENT, AND KNOWN AS PEAK TUNNEL, SITUATED WEST OF THE HUDSON RIVER, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ESOPUS CREEK VALLEY, IN THE TOWNS OF OLIVE AND MARBLETOWN, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK.

An approximate statement of the quantities of the various classes of work and further information are given in the Information for Bidders.

At the above place and time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The award of the con-

tract, if awarded, will be made by the Board of Water Supply as soon thereafter as practicable.

Two or more bonds, the aggregate amount of which shall be Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. Each bond must be signed by the contractor and the sureties. The name and address of each surety offered must be stated in the bid or proposal, together with the amount in which each surety will qualify. The sureties and the amount in which each will qualify must be satisfactory to the Board.

No bid will be received and deposited unless accompanied by a certified check upon a national or State bank, drawn to the order of the Comptroller of the City of New York, to the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000).

Time allowed for the completion of the work is 48 months from the service of notice by the Board to begin work.

Pamphlets containing information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and bond, approved by the Corporation Counsel, and specifications, and pamphlets containing contract drawings, can be obtained at the office of the Board of Water Supply, Room 1515, at the above address, upon application in person or by mail, by depositing the sum of ten dollars (\$10) in currency, or check drawn to the order of the Board of Water Supply, for each pamphlet, or twenty dollars (\$20) for each set. This deposit will be refunded upon the return of the pamphlets in acceptable condition within thirty days from the date on which bids are to be opened.

JOHN A. BENSEL,

President;
CHARLES N. CHADWICK,
CHARLES A. SHAW,
Commissioners of the
Board of Water Supply.

J. WALDO SMITH,
Chief Engineer;
THOMAS HASSETT,
Secretary.

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CHANGE OF GRADE DAMAGE COMMISSION.

TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF chapter 537 of the Laws of 1893 and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, notice is hereby given that meetings of the Commissioners appointed under said Acts will be held at the office of the Commission, Room 138, No. 280 Broadway (Stewart Building), Borough of Manhattan, New York City, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week, at 2 o'clock p. m., until further notice.

Dated New York City, October 12, 1907.
WILLIAM E. STILLINGS,
GEORGE C. NORTON,
LEWIS A. ABRAMS,
Commissioners.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN,
Clerk.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

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

Borough of Brooklyn.

List 9863, No. 1. Regulating, grading, curbing, laying cement sidewalks on Ashford street, between Pitkin and Livonia avenues.

List 9872, No. 2. Regulating, grading, curbing and laying cement sidewalks on East Nineteenth street, between Avenue L and Avenue M.

List 9910, No. 3. Regulating, grading, curbing, laying brick gutters and cement sidewalks on Sixty-second street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

List 9914, No. 4. Curbing, laying brick gutters and cement sidewalks on Eighty-fourth street, between Fourth and Seventh avenues.

List 9930, No. 5. Regulating, grading, curbing, laying cement sidewalks on East Third street, between Ditmas avenue and a point about 120 feet north of Avenue F.

List 9931, No. 6. Regulating, grading, curbing and laying cement sidewalks on East Fourth street, between Vanderbilt street and Fort Hamilton avenue.

List 9996, No. 7. Regulating, grading, curbing and laying cement sidewalks on Christopher street, between Livonia and Riverdale avenues.

List 9998, No. 8. Regulating, grading, curbing and laying cement sidewalks on East Seventh street, between Church avenue and Johnson street.

The limits within which it is proposed to lay the said assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Ashford street, from Pitkin avenue to Livonia avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 2. Both sides of East Nineteenth street, from Avenue L to Avenue M, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 3. Both sides of Sixty-second street, from Fifth to Sixth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 4. Both sides of Eighty-fourth street, from Fourth to Seventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 5. Both sides of East Third street, between Ditmas avenue and Avenue F, and to the extent of half the block on Ditmas avenue.

No. 6. Both sides of East Fourth street, between Vanderbilt street and Fort Hamilton avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

No. 7. Both sides of Christopher street, from Livonia avenue to Riverdale avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 8. Both sides of East Seventh street, between Johnson street and Church (lane) avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above named proposed assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Secretary of the Board of Assessors, No. 320 Broadway, New York, on or before August 11, 1908, at 11 a. m., at which time and place the said objections will be heard and testimony received in reference thereto.

ANTONIO ZUCCA,

PAUL WEIMANN,

JAMES H. KENNEDY,

Board of Assessors.

WILLIAM H. JASPER,

Secretary.

No. 320 Broadway.

City of New York, Borough of Manhattan,
July 9, 1908.

jy9,20

SUPREME COURT—FIRST DEPARTMENT.

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of Docks, relative to acquiring right and title to and possession of the wharfage rights, terms, easements, emoluments and privileges appurtenant to the dock or wharf property known as PIER (OLD) NO. 53, near the foot of Jackson street, East River, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, not now owned by The City of New York, and all right, title and interest in and to said pier or any portion thereof not now owned by The City of New York, for the improvement of the water-front of The City of New York, on the East River, pursuant to the plan heretofore adopted by the Board of Docks, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE bill of costs, charges and expenses, incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held at the County Court House in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on the 27th day of July, 1908, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended.

Dated New York, July 14, 1908.

JOHN W. RUSSELL,

Chairman;
PATRICK J. CONWAY,
LOUIS LEAVITT,

Commissioners.

jy15,25

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of the addition to CORLEARS HOOK PARK, as laid out by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May 26, 1905, in the Seventh Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE bill of costs, charges and expenses, incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held at the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 27th day of July, 1908, at 10.30 o'clock in forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, July 14, 1908.

PATK J. O. BEIRNE,

ROBERT E. DEVO,
W. T. McMANIS,

Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

jy14,24

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of WEST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Broadway to Riverside drive, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE supplemental and additional bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held at the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 27th day of July, 1908, at 10.30 o'clock in forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, July 13, 1908.

DANIEL O'CONNELL,

HENRY CAMPBELL,
PHILIP F. DONOHUE,

Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

jv13,18

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required

during the space of five days, as required by law.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, July 13, 1908.

JOHN H. JUDGE,
THOMAS SUTHERLAND SCOTT,
ROBT. J. DALY,
Commissioners of Estimate.

JOHN H. JUDGE,
Commissioner of Assessment.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

jy13,23

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York relative to acquiring title wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of WEST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Broadway to Riverside drive, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE supplemental and additional bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held at the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 23d day of July, 1908, at 10.30 o'clock in forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, July 10, 1908.

JOHN B. TRAINER,
MICHAEL T. DALY,
THOMAS S. SCOTT,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

jy10,21

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired for the same purpose in fee, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of MOHEGAN AVENUE, from East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street to East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons interested in the above-entitled proceeding, and to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots and improved and unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate have completed their estimate of damage, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, having any objection thereto, do file their said objections, in writing, duly verified, with them at their office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of July, 1908, and that the said Commissioners will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at their said office on the 21st day of September, 1908, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Second—That the undersigned Commissioner of Assessment has completed his estimate of benefit and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, having any objection thereto, do file their said objections, in writing, duly verified, with him at his office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of July, 1908, and that the said Commissioner will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at his said office on the 21st day of September, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Third—That the Commissioner of Assessment has assessed any or all such lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises as are within the area of assessment fixed and prescribed as the area of assessment for benefit by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 10th day of April, 1907, and that the said area of assessment includes all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situate and being in the Borough of the Bronx, in the City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz.:

Bounded on the northwest by a line midway between Mohegan avenue and Marmion avenue, and by the prolongation thereof; on the northeast by a line 100 feet distant northeasterly from the northeasterly side of East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street and parallel therewith, said distance being measured at right angles to the line of East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street; on the southeast by a line midway between Mohegan avenue and Waterloo place and by the prolongation of the said line, and on the southwest by a line 100 feet distant southwesterly from the southwesterly side of East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street and parallel therewith, the said distance being measured at right angles to the line of East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street.

Fourth—That the abstracts of said estimate of damage and of said assessment for benefit, together with the damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by the Commissioners of Estimate and by the Commissioner of Assessment in making the same, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said City, there to remain until the 10th day of August, 1908.

Fifth—That, provided there be no objections filed to either of said abstracts, the reports as to awards and as to assessments for benefit herein will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part III., to be held in the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of November, 1908, at the opening of the Court on that day.

Sixth—In case, however, objections are filed to the foregoing abstracts of estimate and assessment, or to either of them, the motion to confirm the reports as to awards and as to assessments shall stand adjourned to the date to be hereafter specified in the notice provided in such cases to be given in relation to filing the final reports, pursuant to sections 981 and 984 of the Greater

New York Charter, as amended by chapter 658 of the Laws of 1906.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, July 3, 1908.

F. W. HOTTENROTH,
Chairman;
ALBERT ELTERICH,
Commissioners of Estimate.
F. W. HOTTENROTH,
Commissioner of Assessment.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

jy10,28

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening GROTE STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Eighty-second street to Southern boulevard, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, City of New York.

In re applications for damages by reason of the discontinuance, abandonment and closing in front thereof of former KINGSBRIDGE ROAD, from Crotona avenue to Prospect avenue, and from Prospect avenue to Southern boulevard, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, The City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held at the County Court House, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 22d day of July, 1908, at 10.30 o'clock in forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, July 9, 1908.

FRANK D. ARTHUR,
HENRY H. SHERMAN,
RODERICK J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

jy9,20

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the same purpose in fee, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of WEST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Amsterdam avenue to St. Nicholas avenue, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY orders of the Supreme Court, bearing dates the 26th day of July, 1907, and the 29th day of May, 1908, and duly entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York at his office in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 1st day of August, 1907, and the 2d day of June, 1908, a copy of the order bearing date the 26th day of July, 1907, was duly filed in the office of the Register of the County of New York, we, Thomas O'Callaghan, Ferdinand Levy and Thomas S. Scott, were appointed Commissioners of Estimate for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening and extending the above mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, on the 1st day of August, 1907, and the said Thomas O'Callaghan, was appointed Commissioner of Assessment, for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of the said street or avenue so to be opened and extended, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises situated within the area of assessment adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and not required for the purpose of opening and extending the same but benefited thereby, the said area of assessment being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York on the 1st day of August, 1907, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 17, title 4, of the Greater New York Charter, as amended, and the acts or parts of acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening and extending the said street or avenue and affected thereby, are hereby required to present the same duly verified to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate, at our office, ninth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, with such affidavit or other proof as the owners or claimants may desire, within ten days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 17th day of September, 1908, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto. And at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The City of New York.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, July 8, 1908.

THOS. O'CALLAGHAN,
FERDINAND LEVY,
THOMAS S. SCOTT,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

jy8,20

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of WEST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Broadway to Riverside drive, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE supplemental and additional bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held at the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 17th day of July, 1908, at 10.30 o'clock in forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, July 3, 1908.

EUGENE A. KENNEDY,
JAMES T. MEEHAN,
MICHAEL W. RAYNS,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

jy3,15

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of the strip of land on the east side of BOULEVARD LAFAYETTE, at or near Durandos lane, as laid out for use as a public park, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held at the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 17th day of July, 1908, at 10.30 o'clock in forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, July 3, 1908.

DANIEL P. HAYS,
ALEXANDER SCHLESINGER,
WILLIAM H. F. WOOD,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

jy3,15

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the Application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of HAVEN AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from West One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to West One Hundred and Eighty-first street, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 23d day of July, 1908, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on the 17th day of September, 1908, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Second—That the abstracts of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by us in making the same, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said City, there to remain until the 3d day of August, 1908.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz.:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line parallel to and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly line of Fort Washington avenue, and a line parallel to and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly line of West One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street; running thence westerly along said line parallel to West One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and its westerly prolongation to its intersection with the southerly prolongation of a line parallel to and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly line of Buena Vista avenue; thence northerly along said southerly prolongation and parallel line and its northerly prolongation to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet northerly from the northerly line of West One Hundred and Eighty-first street; thence easterly along said line parallel to West One Hundred and Eighty-first street to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly line of Northern avenue; thence northerly along said last mentioned parallel line to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 400 feet

northerly from the northerly line of West One Hundred and Eighty-first street; thence easterly along said last mentioned line parallel to West One Hundred and Eighty-first street to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly line of Northern avenue; thence southerly along said last mentioned parallel line to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet northerly from the northerly line of West One Hundred and Eighty-first street; thence easterly along said last mentioned line parallel to West One Hundred and Eighty-first street to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly line of Fort Washington avenue; thence southerly along said last mentioned parallel line to the point or place of beginning; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened as such area is shown upon our benefit maps deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That, provided there be no objections filed to either of said abstracts, our final report herein will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part III., to be held in the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of November, 1908, at the opening of the Court on that day.

Fifth—In case, however, objections are filed to either of said abstracts of estimate and assessment, the notice of motion to confirm our final report herein will stand adjourned to the date to be hereafter specified, and of which notice will be given to all those who have theretofore appeared in this proceeding, as well as by publication in the CITY RECORD, pursuant to sections 981 and 984 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 658 of the Laws of 1906.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, June 23, 1908.

EDWARD J. McGEAN,
Chairman;
EDWARD D. FARRELL,
JOHN J. O'CONNELL,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

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FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired for the same purpose in fee, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of WEST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD STREET, between Amsterdam avenue and St. Nicholas avenue, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons interested in the above entitled proceeding, and to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots and improved and unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate have completed their estimate of damage, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, having any objection thereto, do file their said objections in writing, duly verified, with them at their office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 18th day of July, 1908, and that the said Commissioners will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at their said office on the 17th day of September, 1908, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Second—That the undersigned Commissioner of Assessment has completed his estimate of benefit and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, having any objection thereto, do file their said objections in writing, duly verified, with him at his office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 18th day of July, 1908, and that the said Commissioner will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at his said office on the 17th day of September, 1908, at 12 o'clock m.

Third—That the Commissioner of Assessment has assessed any or all such lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises as are within the area of assessment fixed and prescribed as the area of assessment for benefit by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 8th day of March, 1907, and that the said area of assessment includes all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situate and being in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz.:

Bounded on the north by a line midway between the southerly side of West One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street and the northerly side of West One Hundred and Sixty-third street on the east by a line 100 feet east of the easterly side of Edgecombe road; on the south by a line midway between the northerly side of West One Hundred and Sixty-second street and the southerly side of West One Hundred and Sixty-third street; and on the west by a line 100 feet west of the westerly side of Broadway.

Fourth—That the abstracts of said estimate of damage and of said assessment for benefit, together with the damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by the Commissioners of Estimate and by the Commissioner of Assessment in making the same, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said City, there to remain until the 28th day of July, 1908.

Fifth—That, provided there be no objections filed to either of said abstracts, the reports as to awards and as to assessments for benefit herein will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part III., to be held in the County Court House, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of November, 1908, at the opening of the Court on that day.

Sixth—In case, however, objections are filed to the foregoing abstracts of estimate and assessment, or to either of them, the motion to confirm the reports as to awards and as to assessments shall stand adjourned to the date to be hereafter specified in the notice provided in such cases to be given in relation to filing the final reports, pursuant to sections 981 and 984 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 658 of the Laws of 1906.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, June 22, 1908.

JOHN C. FITZGERALD,
PHILIP F. DONOHUE,
Commissioners of Estimate;
JOHN C. FITZGERALD,
Commissioner of Assessment.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

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FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired for the same purpose, in fee, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of BOSTON ROAD, between Bronx Park and the White Plains road, and BEAR SWAMP ROAD, between Boston road and White Plains road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate of damage, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on or before the 16th day of July, 1908, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on the 17th day of July, 1908, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate of damage, together with our damage maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by us in making the same, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings, in the Law Department of The City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said City, there to remain until the 16th day of July, 1908.

Third—That, provided there be no objections filed to said abstract, our final report herein will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held in the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on the 31st day of July, 1908, at the opening of the Court on that day.

Fourth—In case, however, objections are filed to said abstract of estimate of damage, the notice of motion to confirm our final report herein will stand adjourned to the date to be hereafter specified and of which notice will be given to all those who have theretofore appeared in this proceeding, as well as by publication in the City Record, pursuant to sections 981 and 984 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 658 of the Laws of 1906.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, June 24, 1908.

JOSEPH J. MARRIN,
Chairman;
MICHAEL RAUCH,
WILLIAM G. FISHER,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

j26,jy15

SUPREME COURT—SECOND DEPARTMENT.

COUNTY OF KINGS.

In the matter of acquiring title by The City of New York to certain lands and premises situated on the easterly side of STILLWELL AVENUE, 80 feet north of AVENUE S, in the Borough of Brooklyn, duly selected as a site for school purposes, according to law.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES in such case made and provided notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Corporation Counsel of The City of New York to make application to the Supreme Court at a Special Term for the hearing of motions, to be held at the County Court House in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on the 23d day of July, 1908, at the opening of Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Appraisal in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The City of New York to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the easterly side of Stillwell avenue, 80 feet north of the intersection of the easterly side of Stillwell avenue with the northerly side of Avenue S, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used for school purposes, according to law.

Said lands and premises so to be acquired are bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Stillwell avenue, distant 80 feet north of the intersection of the easterly side of Stillwell avenue with the northerly side of Avenue S; running thence northerly along the easterly side of Stillwell avenue 120 feet; thence easterly and parallel with Avenue S 100 feet; thence southerly and parallel with Stillwell avenue 120 feet; thence westerly and parallel with Avenue S 100 feet to the point or place of beginning, together with all the right, title and interest of the owners of said premises, of, in and to the streets in front thereof to the centre thereof."

Dated New York, July 11, 1908.

FRANCIS K. PENDLETON,
Corporation Counsel.
Hall of Records, Centre and Chambers streets,
Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

jy11,22

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening BEDFORD AVENUE, from a point in the Eastern parkway, where said Bedford avenue is already opened and extending in a southerly direction to Flatbush avenue, in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-ninth Wards of the Borough of Brooklyn, The City of New York.

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

First—That on the 22d day of April, 1908, an order was duly made and entered herein by the Supreme Court directing that the order of said Court made and entered herein on the 16th day of December, 1905, confirming the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment herein be vacated and set aside in so far as it confirmed the district of assessment fixed by the Commissioners therein, and the said report was returned to said Commissioners for revision and correction and Daniel M. Tredwell was appointed a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment in the place and stead of John A. Quintard, deceased. That said order directed said Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to revise and correct their said report by fixing the district of assessment for benefit for the opening, extending, laying out and improving of Bedford avenue in accordance with the provisions of chapter 764 of the Laws of 1900, as amended by chapter 590 of the Laws of 1907.

Second—That we have completed our revision and correction of said report and that all persons interested in this proceeding or in any of the lands, tenements and premises affected thereby and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 166 Montague street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, The City of New York, on or before the 29th day of July, 1908, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear said parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on the 31st day of July, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Third—That the abstract of the said area of assessment as laid out by us has been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department of The City of New York, No. 166 Montague street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, The City of New York, there to remain until the 10th day of August, 1908.

Fourth—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Eastern parkway distant 250 feet easterly of the easterly side of Bedford avenue; running thence southerly and parallel with Bedford avenue to the northerly side of Flatbush avenue; running thence northwesterly along the northerly side of Flatbush avenue to a point where a line drawn parallel with Bedford avenue and distant 250 feet westerly therefrom would intersect the same; running thence northerly and parallel with Bedford avenue to the southerly side of Eastern parkway at a point 250 feet westerly of the westerly side of Bedford avenue; running thence easterly along the southerly side of Eastern parkway to the point or place of beginning.

Fifth—That the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, so amended as to the district of assessment, will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department, at a Special Term thereof for the hearing of motions to be held in and for the County of Kings at the County Court House, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on the 24th day of September, 1908.

Dated Borough of Brooklyn, The City of New York, July 7, 1908.

JOHN M. ZURN,
Chairman;
DANIEL M. TREDWELL,
Commissioners.

JAMES F. QUIGLEY,
Clerk.

jy10,27

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of RALPH AVENUE, from Remsen avenue to Avenue N, in the Thirty-second Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 166 Montague street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on or before the 28th day of July, 1908, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on the 30th day of July, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Second—That the abstracts of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by us in making the same, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, No. 166 Montague street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in said City, there to remain until the 8th day of August, 1908.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of East Fifty-ninth street with the southwesterly side of Remsen avenue; running thence southerly and along the easterly side of East Fifty-ninth street to the southerly side of Avenue N; running thence easterly and along the southerly side of Avenue N to the easterly side of Ralph avenue; running thence northerly along the easterly side of Ralph avenue to the northerly side of Avenue N; running thence easterly along the northerly side of Avenue N to a point distant 200 feet easterly of the easterly side of Ralph avenue; running thence northerly and parallel with Ralph avenue and always distant 200 feet easterly therefrom to the southwesterly side of Remsen avenue; running thence northwesterly along the southwesterly side of Remsen avenue to the point of beginning.

Fourth—That, provided there be no objections filed to either of said abstracts, our final report herein will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department, at a Special Term thereof for the hearing of motions, to be held in the County Court House in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on the 19th day of October, 1908, at the opening of the Court on that day.

Fifth—In case, however, objections are filed to either of said abstracts of estimate and assessment, the notice of motion to confirm our final report herein will stand adjourned to the date to be hereafter specified, and of which notice

will be given to all those who have theretofore appeared in this proceeding, as well as by publication in the City Record and in the corporation newspapers, pursuant to sections 981 and 984 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 658 of the Laws of 1906.

Dated Borough of Brooklyn, New York, June 18, 1908.

M. F. MCGOLDRICK,
Chairman;
RICHARD DIXON,
HENRY MARSHALL,
Commissioners.

JAMES F. QUIGLEY,
Clerk.

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SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of JAMAICA AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Old Bowery Bay road to the East River, in the First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 252 Jackson avenue, in the Borough of Queens, in The City of New York, on or before the 30th day of July, 1908, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on the 17th day of September, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Second—That the abstracts of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by us in making the same, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, No. 252 Jackson avenue, in the Borough of Queens, in said City, there to remain until the 9th day of September, 1908.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situated, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, in The City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the middle line of the Old Bowery Bay road and a line parallel to and distant one hundred (100) feet north of the northerly line of Jamaica avenue; running thence westerly along said parallel line to its intersection with the low-water line of the East River; thence southerly along said line to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant one hundred (100) feet south of the southerly line of Jamaica avenue; thence easterly along said last mentioned parallel line to its intersection with the middle line of the Old Bowery Bay road; thence northerly along said middle line to the point or place of beginning, excepting from such area all streets, avenues or roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit maps deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That, provided there be no objections filed to either of said abstracts, our final report herein will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department, at a Special Term thereof, for the hearing of motions, to be held in the County Court House, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on the 16th day of November, 1908, at the opening of the Court on that day.

Fifth—In case, however, objections are filed to any of said abstracts of estimate and assessment, the notice of motion to confirm our final report herein will stand adjourned to the date to be hereafter specified, and of which notice will be given to all those who have theretofore appeared in this proceeding, as well as by publication in the City Record, pursuant to sections 981 and 984 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 658 of the Laws of 1906.

Dated Borough of Manhattan, New York, June 16, 1908.

HENRY W. SHARKEY,
Chairman;
JAMES J. WHITE,
WILLIAM W. GILLEN,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.

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SUPREME COURT—THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

ULSTER COUNTY.

Ashokan Reservoir, Section 6, Town of Hurley, Ulster County.

In the matter of the application and petition of J. Edward Simmons, Charles N. Chadwick and Charles A. Shaw, constituting the Board of Water Supply of The City of New York, to acquire real estate for and on behalf of The City of New York, under chapter 724 of the Laws of 1905, and the acts amendatory thereof, in the Town of Hurley, Ulster County, N. Y., for the purpose of providing an additional supply of pure and wholesome water for the use of The City of New York.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the order of confirmation of the first separate report of Edgar L. Fursman, Edward H. Nicoll and Charles B. Cox, who were appointed Commissioners of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter, by an order of this Court, made at a Special Term thereof, held at the Court House, in the City of Kingston, Ulster County, N. Y., June 29, 1907, was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Ulster, at Kingston, N. Y., on the 17th day of April, 1908, and affects Parcels Nos. two hundred and twenty-four (224), two hundred and twenty-six (226), two hundred and twenty-eight (228), two hundred and thirty (230), two hundred and thirty-seven (237), two hundred and forty-six (246), two hundred and forty-seven (247), two hundred and forty-nine (249), two hundred and fifty (250), two hundred and fifty-three (253),

two hundred and fifty-six (256), two hundred and sixty-seven (267), shown on the map in this proceeding.

Dated New York, June 19, 1908.
FRANCIS KEY PENDLETON,
Corporation Counsel.
Hall of Records, New York City.
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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

ULSTER COUNTY.

Ashokan Reservoir, Section No. 3.

Ulster County, Towns of Olive, Marletown and Hurley.

In the matter of the application and petition of J. Edward Simmons, Charles N. Chadwick and Charles A. Shaw, constituting the Board of Water Supply of The City of New York, to acquire real estate for and on behalf of The City of New York, under chapter 724 of the Laws of 1905, and the acts amendatory thereof, in the Towns of Olive, Marletown and Hurley, Ulster County, New York, for the purpose of providing an additional supply of pure and wholesome water for the use of The City of New York.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the order of confirmation of the first separate report of George Holmes Smith, Henry Smith and Josiah J. Hasbrouck, who were appointed Commissioners of Appraisal in the above entitled matter by an order of this Court, made at a Special Term thereof, held at the Court House in the City of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, April 20, 1907 (except in so far as said report affects Parcel No. 124-A, shown on the map in this proceeding), was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Ulster, at Kingston, N. Y., on the 13th day of April, 1908, and affects parcels numbers one hundred and twenty-two (122), ninety-six (96), one hundred and twenty-nine (129), ninety (90), ninety-four (94), one hundred and seventeen (117), one hundred and twenty-four B (124-B), one hundred and twenty-five (125), one hundred and twenty-seven (127), one hundred and thirty (130), one hundred and nineteen (119), one hundred and twenty-six (126), one hundred and six A (106-A), one hundred and twenty-one (121), eighty-five (85), eighty-nine (89), eighty-three (83) and one hundred and thirty-four (134), shown on the map in this proceeding.

Dated New York, June 19, 1908.

FRANCIS KEY PENDLETON,
Corporation Counsel,
Hall of Records,
New York City.
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PROPOSALS FOR BIDS AND ESTIMATES FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

The person or persons making a bid or estimate for any services, work, materials or supplies for The City of New York, or for any of its departments, bureaus or offices, shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed with the title of the supplies, materials, work or services for which the bid or estimate is made, with his or their name or names and the date of presentation to the President or Board or to the head of the Department at his or its office, on or before the date and hour named in the advertisement for the same, at which time and place the estimates received will be publicly opened by the President or Board or head of said Department and read, and the award of the contract made according to law as soon thereafter as practicable.

Each bid or estimate shall contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, and names of all persons interested with him therein, and, if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also, that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Board of Aldermen, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of The City of New York is, shall be or become interested, directly or indirectly, as contracting party, partner, stockholder, surety or otherwise in or in the performance of the contract, or in the supplies, work or business 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 herein are in all respects true.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in The City of New York, or of a guaranty or surety company duly authorized by law to act as surety, and shall contain the matters set forth in the blank forms mentioned below.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless, as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposal, it be accompanied by a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the bond required, as provided in section 420 of the Greater New York Charter.

The certified check or money should not be inclosed in the envelope containing the bid or estimate, but should be either inclosed in a separate envelope addressed to the head of the Department, President or Board, or submitted personally upon the presentation of the bid or estimate.

For particulars as to the quantity and quality of the supplies, or the nature and extent of the work, reference must be made to the specifications, schedules, plans, etc., on file in the said office of the President, Board or Department.

No bid shall be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to The City of New York upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the City.

The contract must be bid for separately. The right is reserved in each case to reject all bids or estimates if it is deemed to be for the interest of the City so to do.

Bidders will write out the amount of their bids or estimates in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Bidders are requested to make their bids or estimates upon the blank forms prepared and furnished by the City, a copy of which, with the proper envelope in which to inclose the bid, together with a copy of the contract, including the specifications, in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department for which the work is to be done. Plans and drawings of construction work may also be seen there.