

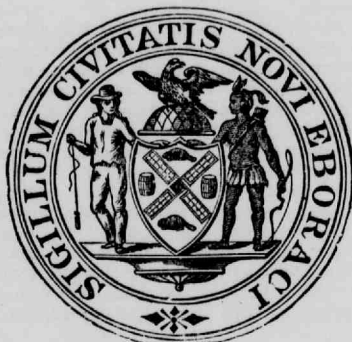
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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

MONDAY, January 6, 1879, {
11:30 o'clock A. M.

The Board met in their chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. William R. Roberts, President;

ALDERMEN

William Bennett,
Thomas Carroll,
Ferdinand Ehrhart,
Robert Foster,
William H. Gedney,
John W. Gunizer,

George Hall,
John W. Jacobus,
Terence Kiernan,
Samuel A. Lewis,
John J. Morris,

Henry C. Perley,
Lewis J. Phillips,
William Sauer,
Thomas Sheils,
James J. Slevin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, {
NEW YORK, December 31, 1878.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith return, without my approval, the resolution granting permission to R. P. Childs and other persons to lay wires for conducting electricity through the streets of the city.

As I have already approved one resolution granting permission to certain persons to lay wires for the same purpose as proposed by this resolution, I am unwilling to multiply the permissions to take up the public streets by granting any further permission of this kind at the present time.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted to R. P. Childs, George B. Melendy, John Nugent, Forbes Holland, John J. Hogan, John Woods, P. Malone, J. Shoemaker, P. Wall, John Blockhaus, William W. Cook, F. R. Lawrence, H. Campbell, their heirs and assigns, to lay wires for conducting electricity in and through the streets and highways of New York City, in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance entitled an "Ordinance to regulate the laying of subterranean telegraph wires and electric conductors in the streets of the city;" the above-mentioned parties to furnish a separate wire for the Police and Fire Departments, free of charge to the city.

Which was laid on the table.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, {
NEW YORK, January 6, 1879.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I herewith return, without my approval, the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen December 28, 1878, granting to William H. Webb, Joseph Haight and others, permission to use the streets, avenues, and public places of this city, for the purpose of laying mains and pipes therein, for the transmission of hot water, hot air or steam.

In my opinion, the Common Council has not the power to grant the privilege intended to be conferred by said resolution. If it have such power, it should itself have fixed the compensation, limitations, and conditions under which the privilege should be exercised.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William H. Webb, Joseph Haight, William R. Foster, William H. Guion, William C. Dewey, Samuel S. Wood, Jr., Frank E. Trowbridge, Edward L. Donnelly, Arthur F. Willmarth, John S. Foster, George W. Hughes, and William E. Prall, or their assigns, jointly, to use the streets, avenues, and public places of this city for the purpose of laying mains and pipes therein, and the necessary connections with the buildings on the said streets, avenues, or public places. That said mains and pipes shall be used for the transmission of hot water, hot air or steam, for the use of the city and its inhabitants for cooking, and heating purposes and motive power, and such other uses and purposes for which they may be required or employed. That this permission be given under such conditions and limitations as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may deem proper to protect the city from damage, and insure prompt action on the part of the above-named parties in laying said mains and pipes, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was, on motion of Alderman Sauer, referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Gedney—

Whereas, In severing the official relations that have existed for the past year between the Hon. William R. Roberts, President, and the members of this Board of Aldermen, it is eminently proper that expression should be given by the members of the Board to the exalted opinions they entertain for the courtesy, consideration, and impartiality extended to them by President Roberts in his decisions and rulings as presiding officer; be it therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this Board of Aldermen are due, and we hereby cordially tender them to the Hon. William R. Roberts, its presiding officer during the year 1878. We recognize in his rulings promptitude, dignity, firmness, and impartiality; in his daily intercourse with us, affability, kind consideration, and gentlemanly courtesy. As a legislator, he has secured for himself a reputation for honesty, capacity, and efficiency, and has exhibited qualities of the highest order, invaluable in a public officer. In now severing the pleasant official and personal relations that have so existed between us, we hereby take occasion to assure him that they are fully appreciated by us; that we sincerely trust such rare qualities will be brought into constant requisition by a grateful constituency, and that he carries with him our most fervent wishes for his future welfare.

The Clerk of the Board put the question whether the Board would agree with said preamble and resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, unanimously.

By Alderman Slevin—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due, and we hereby cordially tender them to Francis J. Twomey, Clerk of this Board and of the Common Council, for the efficient and faithful manner in which he has discharged the very arduous and multifarious duties incident to his office, during the past year; also, to the Assistant Clerks and other officers of the Board, respectively, for the faithful performance of their duties.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, unanimously.

By Alderman Bennett—

Resolved, That the reporters have merited the esteem of the members of this Board for the very faithful and impartial manner in which they have reported its proceedings in the newspaper press of

this city, and we hereby tender to them our grateful thanks for the services they have thus so ably rendered.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, unanimously.

The President here, in a feeling and an appropriate address, duly acknowledged the compliment paid him in the passage of the preamble and resolution offered by Alderman Gedney.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

Alderman Sauer moved that this Board do now adjourn sine die.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon the President decided the Board of Aldermen for the year 1878 adjourned sine die.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN—1879.

MONDAY, January 6, 1879, {
12 o'clock M.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, as amended by section 1, chapter 757, Laws of 1874, and section 1 of chapter 515, Laws of 1874, the Aldermen elected at the election held November 5, 1878, now alone constituting the Common Council of the City of New York, appeared in the chamber of the Board, No. 16 City Hall, at 12 o'clock M., precisely, having previously taken and filed the oath of office required by law.

Francis J. Twomey, Clerk of the Common Council, called the members of the Board to order, and read the following certificates from the County Clerk:

DECLARATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK IN RELATION TO VOTES GIVEN FOR ALDERMEN.

The Board of County Canvassers of the County of New York, having canvassed and estimated the votes given in the several Election Districts in each of the Assembly Districts of said County, at the General Election held on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1878, do hereby certify, determine, and declare:

ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE.

That Nicholas Haughton, Michael W. Burns, Frederick Finck, J. Graham Hyatt, Patrick Keenan, and William R. Roberts, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen-at-Large of the City and County of New York.

ALDERMEN.

That Thomas Sheils, James J. Slevin, and Matthew Stewart, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Fourth Senate District of the City and County of New York.

That John J. Morris, John W. Jacobus, and John Cavanagh, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Fifth Senate District of the City and County of New York.

That Bernard Kenney, Joseph P. Strack, and George Hall, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Sixth Senate District of the City and County of New York.

That William Sauer, Robert Foster, and Robert Hall, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Seventh Senate District of the City and County of New York.

That Henry C. Perley, Terence Kiernan, and Thomas Carroll, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Eighth Senate District of the City and County of New York.

That Jordan L. Mott, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York.

We certify this Declaration to be correct, and have caused the same to be attested by the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary of this Board, this twenty-first day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, Chairman.

HENRY A. GUMBLETON, Secretary.

State of New York, City and County of New York, { ss.:
County Clerk's Office.

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original Declaration on file in this office, and that it is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

Witness my hand and official seal at the New County Court-house, in the City and County of New York, this twenty-first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

HENRY A. GUMBLETON,
Clerk of the County of New York.

The Clerk then called the roll, and the following members answered to their names:

ALDERMEN.

Michael W. Burns,
Thomas Carroll,
John Cavanagh,
Frederick Finck,
Robert Foster,
George Hall,
Robert Hall,
Nicholas Haughton,
J. Graham Hyatt,
John W. Jacobus,
Patrick Keenan,

Bernard Kenney,
Terence Kiernan,
John J. Morris,
Jordan L. Mott,
Henry C. Perley,
William R. Roberts,
William Sauer,
Thomas Sheils,
James J. Slevin,
Matthew Stewart,
Joseph P. Strack.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Alderman Hyatt offered the following:

Resolved, That Alderman John J. Morris be and he is hereby appointed Temporary Chairman of this Board of Aldermen, for the purposes of organization.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Kenney moved that a Committee of two be appointed to conduct the Temporary Chairman to the chair.

The Clerk put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And Aldermen Kenney and Burns were appointed as such Committee.

Alderman Morris, on taking the chair, thanked the members of the Board for the honor conferred upon him in selecting him to preside temporarily over their deliberations.

He then instructed the Clerk to call the roll of members, as provided in section 6 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, when each one was to announce his choice for President of the Board.

Which proceeding resulted as follows:

For Jordan L. Mott—Aldermen Burns, Finck, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Stewart, and Strack—12.

For William R. Roberts—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—6.

Alderman Stewart moved that a Committee of two be appointed to conduct the President to the chair.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon he appointed as such Committee Aldermen Stewart and Haughton.

The President having taken the chair, addressed the Board.

By Alderman Strack—

Resolved, That Jacob M. Patterson, Jr., be and he is hereby elected Clerk of this Board of Aldermen.

Whereupon Alderman Cavanagh offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That Martin P. Killian be and he is hereby appointed Clerk of the Board of Aldermen for the year 1879.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said substitute.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Perley:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, Keenan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—8.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Finck, Robert Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Stewart, and Strack—13.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution of Alderman Strack.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Morris:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Finck, Robert Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Stewart, and Strack—13.

Negative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, Keenan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—8.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That Albert Osborne be and he is hereby elected Sergeant-at-Arms of this Board of Aldermen.

Whereupon Alderman Roberts offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That James Walsh be and he is hereby appointed Sergeant-at-Arms of the Board of Aldermen for the year 1879.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said substitute.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Roberts:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, George Hall, Keenan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—9.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Finck, Robert Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Stewart, and Strack—13.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution of Alderman Morris.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Finck, Robert Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Stewart, and Strack—13.

Negative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, George Hall, Keenan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—9.

By Alderman Haughton—

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon his Honor the Mayor, and inform him that the Board of Aldermen for the year 1879 is duly organized, as required by law, and prepared to receive any communication he may desire to transmit to the Board.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon he appointed as such Committee Aldermen Haughton, Perley, and Keenan.

Alderman Sauer moved that the Board take a recess for ten minutes.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

AFTER RECESS—12:35 P. M.

PRESENT:

Hon. J. L. Mott, President;

ALDERMEN

Michael W. Burns,
Thomas Carroll,
John Cavanagh,
Frederick Finck,
Robert Foster,
Robert Hall,
Nicholas Haughton,

J. Graham Hyatt,
John W. Jacobus,
Patrick Keenan,
Bernard Kenney,
Terence Kiernan,
John J. Morris,
Henry C. Perley,

William R. Roberts,
William Sauer,
Thomas Sheils,
James J. Slevin,
Matthew Stewart,
Joseph P. Strack.

The Committee appointed to wait upon his Honor the Mayor here appeared and reported that they had performed the duties assigned them, and that his Honor would communicate with the Board by message.

The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

By Alderman Robert Hall—

Resolved, That the Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen for the year 1878 be and they are hereby adopted as the Rules and Orders of this Board, until otherwise ordered.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, January 6, 1879.

To the Common Council:

It is the duty of the Mayor "to communicate to the Common Council, at least once a year, a general statement of the finances, government, and improvements of the city," and "to recommend all such measures as he shall deem expedient." This duty will be performed when I shall have been long enough in office to become familiar with the actual condition of the various departments of the city government. In the meantime it will not be out of place to make a few general suggestions, indicating the policy which it seems to me should be pursued in the municipal administration.

The public authorities are charged with the care of the property of the city, the protection of life and health, and the oversight of affairs which affect the well-being of the whole community.

The increase of population and resources which has characterized the city during the present century, should not be checked through the want of enterprise and wisdom in utilizing the natural advantages with which New York is favored.

By its commercial relations with all parts of the Union and with foreign peoples, by its manufactures, which have steadily grown to a very large volume, and by its subordinate industries, our city has thriven hitherto, and must continue to thrive. To develop these sources of wealth and prosperity, to invite and accommodate the interchange of the products of all countries, and to attract additional capital, skill, and labor, it is necessary that the burdens imposed upon commerce by tolls, charges, or exactions be lightened; that the facilities of our harbor and its docks and wharves be extended and adapted to modern cheap methods of handling bulky products; that our streets be kept clean and in proper condition for the passage of persons and merchandise; that life and property be protected; that the attractions of our parks and pleasure grounds be maintained; and that in the newer part of the city the plans for its extension be comprehensively and intelligently adjusted to the uses for which it will be occupied.

These objects I believe can be attained at a lower rate of taxation than is now imposed, and without any increase of debt.

The accomplishment of these ends is intrusted to various agencies, deriving their powers from multifarious statutes, the tendency of which, for many years, has been to take from the Common Council jurisdiction over one subject after another, and to vest it in divers departments, boards, and officers, in whom are now found combined both legislative and administrative functions.

The power of determining the amount to be raised by taxation, which, until recently, had been retained by the Legislature, is now vested in a body before unknown in our municipal affairs—the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. This body fixes the amount of annual taxation and the appropriations to be expended by the several boards and departments among which the executive and legislative functions have been distributed.

The result is a complex system, in which the limit of power is not always clearly defined and responsibility not always secured. Experience will probably suggest to us the necessity for modifications of this system, but at present we have to proceed in the discharge of our duties, under the laws as we find them.

The extent to which public works, paid for by the city and by assessments on property benefited, ought to be prosecuted, is a subject that will continually force itself upon our attention. It is for us to consider, in this time of financial depression and of heavy taxation, which of the improvements required in the upper part of the city have precedence in the order of public necessity.

Additional facilities for crossing the Harlem river, by bridges or tunnels, should be provided from time to time, as required. At some points this has long been a pressing public need.

The work of repairing and repaving the ways in those parts of the city where the business by which it is supported is transacted, and where people actually dwell, should be pushed more rapidly, and adequate appropriations should be made for this purpose.

An abundant supply of water is of vital importance. The great reservoir on the middle branch of the Croton, the construction of which has consumed nearly four years, is completed and filled. The aqueduct should be maintained in thorough repair, and timely consideration should be given to the increasing demand for water, as the city grows, and to measures for suppressing waste. The additional high-service works to be commenced forthwith will afford much needed relief to the elevated portions of the city, and should be prosecuted rapidly to completion.

There are too many city officials, and their salaries are in many instances excessive. To equalize compensations, to get rid of sinecures and unnecessary officials, is a duty demanding immediate attention. Compensations should be adjusted to the character of the labor and responsibilities imposed. Where a discretion is vested in the local authorities, that discretion should be exercised in the interest of the public. Where salaries and offices, needless though they may be, are anchored in provisions of law, legislation alone can bring relief. Where the compensation of present incumbents is protected by the Constitution, provision should be made for reducing the emoluments of their successors.

The heavy expenditures involved in the administration of justice in this city form a serious item in the burden of taxation. No good citizen will desire to embarrass the courts by insufficient appropriations, but these expenses can be reduced without detriment to the public service.

The question of excise is, in all its aspects, deeply important. The laws now in force, framed

for the State at large, should be so modified as to meet the requirements of a great metropolis, and secure, by the proper regulation of the traffic upon which they operate, a greater revenue in aid of our charities and in reduction of taxation.

The revenues of the city should be more efficiently collected. No lease, franchise or privilege should be granted without adequate return to the City Treasury. No interest or individual should be permitted to evade just and legal obligations to the city. But it is our duty to go further and ascertain to what extent new sources of income can be opened by imposing taxation upon all corporations and persons who enjoy special privileges and franchises, which do not contribute in the shape of taxation an amount fairly proportioned to the profit which they derive from the public bounty. Without discussing how far it is proper to grant exemption from taxation, or to compromise it for fixed or gross payments, it is clear that public opinion will not long justify the enjoyment of profitable privileges which escape their fair share of the necessary expenses of the government by which they are protected and their value is maintained.

To the annual budget of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, adopted December 31, 1878, I have not yet been able to give such examination as would warrant a review of its various items. In my judgment, however, the action of this Board in no wise relieves the heads of Departments from responsibility for strict economy. They are as truly bound to effect all practicable saving of expenditure within the maximum apportioned to them, as if that maximum had not been fixed.

To the extent of my power I shall hold to accountability all Departments and officers of the municipal government, requiring and expecting from all a hearty co-operation in the efficient discharge of their respective duties.

I do not deem it improper to remind you that the results of the late election were brought about by a deep-seated dissatisfaction in the community with the management of city affairs. To the extent of the power vested in us, we should remove the causes of this dissatisfaction. Where we do not possess the necessary power, proper representations should be made to the Legislature, in order to secure remedial measures. To the determination and the effort to secure an efficient, economical, and enlightened administration of the public business, we should subordinate questions of purely partisan politics, allowing no individual or political differences to interfere with the needed work of retrenchment and progress.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

The message having been read, Alderman Kiernan offered the following:

Resolved, That the message of his Honor the Mayor be entered at length in the Minutes; that five hundred copies be printed in document form, and that the several subjects referred to therein be referred, by the President, to the appropriate Committees of this Board, when appointed.

Alderman Sauer moved to amend by striking out the words "five hundred" before the word "copies," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "one hundred."

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

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Sauer:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, George Hall, Keenan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—9.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Finck, Robert Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Stewart, and Strack—13.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause glass dials, with black letters or figures on them, to be attached to the clock in the tower of the Jefferson Market Court-house, similar to the dials of the clock in the cupola of the City Hall, and direct the Janitor of the building to have them illuminated with gas every night, from sunset until sunrise.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works, when appointed.

By the same—

Resolved, That the street between the southerly end of the City Hall Park and the Post Office, extending from Park row to Broadway, shall be hereafter known and designated as Mail street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets, when appointed.

By Alderman Sheils—

Whereas, Great destitution and suffering now exists among the poor of this city; and

Whereas, The sum of \$40,000 is now available for the support of this unfortunate class of our population, having been appropriated for that purpose by the city authorities, to be disbursed by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of Charities and Correction be and is hereby requested to take immediate steps to afford the relief contemplated in making such appropriation to the poor of this city, by the distribution of coal, etc., as has heretofore been the annual custom.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That two lamp-posts be erected and boulevard lamps placed therein and lighted in front of the "First Mariners' Baptist Church," on the northwest corner of Henry and Oliver streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works, when appointed.

By Alderman Morris—

Whereas, The following appeared recently in one of the prominent daily newspapers of this city: "The conduct of the Park Commissioners, in the matter of the Riverside Drive contract, exhibits quite as brazen a disregard of public opinion as any transaction which is recorded of Commissioner Tweed and Commissioner Sweeney;" therefore, be it

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and is hereby respectfully requested to cause an immediate examination to be made into this contract, and the performance of the work under the same, and to take such prompt action in the matter as the facts of the case may justify.

Alderman Sauer moved that the resolution be laid over.

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

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Sauer:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, Keenan, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—10.

Negative—Aldermen Burns, Finck, Robert Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Morris, Perley, Stewart, and Strack—11.

Alderman Roberts moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Sauer:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, Keenan, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—12.

Negative—Aldermen Robert Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Morris, Perley, Stewart, and Strack—9.

PETITIONS.

By the President—

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

The undersigned, Jacob A. Hatzel, respectfully represents that at the election held on the 5th day of November last he was duly elected Alderman for the Sixth Senate District.

That the vote of said Sixth Senate District for the office of Alderman, according to the estimate and canvass made by the Board of County Canvassers, was as follows: Bernard Kenney, 12,608; Joseph P. Strack, 12,415; George Hall, 9,035; Jacob A. Hatzel, 8,923.

That in making such estimate and canvass the said Board of County Canvassers canvassed the vote of the Eleventh Election District of the Eighth Assembly District, as follows: George Hall, 200; Jacob A. Hatzel, 23; whereas the vote of said Election District was: George Hall, 130; Jacob A. Hatzel, 93.

That after the vote of said Eleventh Election District of the Eighth Assembly District had been officially canvassed and the result publicly announced by the District Inspectors as for George Hall 130, and for Jacob A. Hatzel 93, the said Inspectors fraudulently altered the vote of said district so as to make it appear that the said George Hall had received 200 votes and Jacob A. Hatzel 23.

That the 70 votes which the said George Hall thus received by the fraudulent changing of the votes of said district, being deducted from the vote of said George Hall, and the 70 votes fraudulently taken from the petitioner being added to his vote, makes the vote for Alderman in said Sixth Senate District as follows: Kenney, 12,608; Strack, 12,415; Hall, 8,965; Hatzel, 8,993.

Wherefore your petitioner asks that he may be awarded the seat in your Board to which he was lawfully elected, and which was wrongfully awarded to George Hall by the Board of County Canvassers.

Dated January 6, 1879.

JACOB A. HATZEL.

Alderman Sauer moved that the petition be placed on file.

Alderman Robert Hall moved to amend that the petition be referred to a Special Committee of three.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Jacobus:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Finck, Robert Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Stewart, and Strack—13.
Negative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, Keenan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—8.
Whereupon the President appointed as such Committee Aldermen Robert Hall, Stewart, and Slevin.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Morris moved that when the Board adjourns, it do so to meet on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.
The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

The President here appointed as the Committee on Finance:

Alderman Haughton,
Morris,
Robert Hall,
Burns, and
Roberts.

Alderman Roberts asked to be excused from serving on the Committee.
Whereupon the President appointed Alderman Sauer.

Who also declined, as did Aldermen Cavanagh, Slevin, Carroll, and Sheils.

Alderman Strack moved that the subject be laid over.

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

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Jacobus:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, Keenan, Robert, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Strack—9.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Finck, Robert Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, and Stewart—12.

Whereupon the President appointed Alderman Kenney as the fifth member to the Committee.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Robert Hall moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday, January 14, 1879, at 2 o'clock P. M.

JACOB M. PATTERSON, JR., Clerk.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor; GEORGE B. VANDERPOEL, Secretary.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 7 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
JOHN TYLER KELLY, First Marshal.

Permit and License Bureau Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
DANIEL S. HART, Registrar.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

No. 8 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, President; Board of Aldermen; FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner; HUBERT O. THOMPSON, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Water Register.

No. 10 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register; WILLIAM R. FARRELL, Deputy Register.

Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

No. 21 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets.

No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES J. MOONEY, Superintendent.

Bureau of Sewers.

No. 21 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEVENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 11½ City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE A. JEREMIAH, Superintendent.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

No. 18 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS KEECH, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor.

No. 4 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DANIEL O'REILLY, Water Purveyor.

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.

JOHN F. SLOPER, City Hall.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.

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

Bureau of Arrears.

No. 5 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ARTEMAS CADDY, Clerk of Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments.

No. 16 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD GILON, Collector.

Bureau of Markets.

No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOSHUA M. VARIAN, Superintendent of Markets.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

First floor, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park.
MARTIN T. MCMAHON, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED VREDENBURG, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau of City Revenue.

No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD F. FITZPATRICK, Collector of City Revenue.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

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

Office of the Public Administrator.

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

Office of the Corporation Attorney.

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

Attorney to Department of Buildings Office.

Corner Cortland and Church streets.
JOHN A. FOLEY, Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM F. SMITH, President; SETH C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office.

Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
TOWNSEND COX, President; JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Headquarters.

Nos. 153, 155, and 157 Mercer street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
VINCENT C. KING, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Central Office.

No. 36 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES F. WENMAN, President; WILLIAM IRWIN, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, 64th street and 5th avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES R. CROES, Engineer.

Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.

Fordham, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Central Office.

Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JACOB A. WESTERVELT, President; EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Central Office.

Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN WHEELER, President; ALBERT STORER, Secretary.

COMMISSION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE.

Central Office.

No. 28 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
WYLLIS BLACKSTONE, President; ISAAC EVANS, Secretary.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

Central Office.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
FREDERICK W. LOEW, Register; AUGUSTUS T. DOCHARTY, Deputy Register.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Central Office.

No. 27 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
LINDSAY I. HOWE, JOHN H. MOONEY.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Central Office.

No. 17 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS DUNLAP, Commissioner; ALFRED J. KEGAN, Deputy Commissioner.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Central Office.

Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HENRY A. GUMBLETON, County Clerk; J. FAIRFAX McLAUGHLIN, Deputy County Clerk.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Central Office.

Second floor, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
BENJAMIN K. PHELPS, District Attorney; MOSES P. CLARK, Chief Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE.

Central Office.

And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.
No. 2 City Hall, 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.; Saturdays, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
CHARLES F. WOOD, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Central Office.

Office, No. 114 White street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Central Office.

No. 2 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WALTER W. ADAMS, Superintendent.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Central Office.

Corner Mulberry and Houston streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
RICHARD J. MORRISON, President; J. B. ADAMSON, Chief Clerk.

SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

No. 236 West Forty-third street.
ELIJAH W. ROE.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
BERNARD REILLY, Sheriff; JOHN T. CUMMING, Under Sheriff.

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE obtained at No. 2 City Hall (northwest corner basement). Price three cents each.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS OF the Board of Aldermen will meet in Room No. 9 City Hall, every Monday at 1 o'clock P. M.

THOMAS SHEILS,
THOMAS CARROLL,
GEORGE HALL,
JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
BERNARD BIGLIN,
Committee on Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 AND 119 DUANE STREET,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1879.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR DREDGING AND PREPARING FOR AND BUILDING A RIP-RAP EMBANKMENT, WITH RUBBLE WALL ON TOP THEREOF, AND WOODEN PLATFORM IN FRONT OF THE SAME, FROM FIFTY-FIFTH TO FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET, NORTH RIVER; AND FOR REMOVING THE PIER AT FOOT OF FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET, NORTH RIVER.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DREDGING FOR and building a rip-rap embankment, with rubble wall on top thereof, and a wooden platform in front of the same, from Fifty-fifth to Fifty-eighth street, North river, and for removing the pier at foot of Fifty-seventh street, North river, indorsed as above, and with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, and the date of presentation, and addressed to "The President of the Department of Docks," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. of

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1879.

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

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be well prepared for the business, and shall give security for the faithful performance of his contract in the manner prescribed by ordinance, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

The Engineer's Estimate of the Quantities is as follows: Class 1. Dredging.—Material to be removed and deposited in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, about 95,000 cubic yards.

Class 2. Rip-rap stone for embankment, deposited in place, about 62,000 cubic yards.

Class 3. Rubble wall built upon the embankment, about 1,494 cubic yards.

Class 4. Wooden platform in front of the rubble wall. This item will require the following quantities:

448 yellow pine, cypress, spruce, or white pine piles, 10 oak fender piles.

24 mooring posts, of pine or spruce.

158 half-round oak or hickory fenders.

Mellow pine sawed timber, viz.: 12 in. x 12 in. about 87,731 feet, B. M., measured in the work.

6 in. x 12 in. about 756 feet, B. M., measured in the work.

5 in. x 10 in. about 13,344 feet, B. M., measured in the work.

5 in. plank about 125,305 feet, B. M., measured in the work.

Total sawed yellow pine, about 228,136 feet, B. M., measured in the work.

1½ in. and 1 in. wrought iron screw and strap bolts, wrought iron washers, round spike bolts, chain and staples, about 1,200 lbs.

26 in. x ¾ in., 22 in. x ¾ in., 16 in. x ¾ in., 12 in. x ¾ in., 11 in. x ¾ in., 10 in. x ¾ in., and 10 in. x ¾ in. square wrought iron spikes.

Pointed dock bolts, about 15,500.

The superficial area of this platform will be about 25,261 square feet.

Class 5. Removing all of Pier and its approach at the foot of Fifty-seventh street, North river. This pier, with its approach, has a superficial area of about 44,760 square feet.

The foregoing are the quantities which have been estimated approximately for the construction of the work.

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

The time allowed for the completion of all the work is within nine months from the date of the contract; and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract, or any part thereof, may be unfulfilled, after the time fixed for fulfillment has expired, Sundays and holidays not to be excepted, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at fifty dollars per day.

All the old material taken from said pier and its approach, at foot of Fifty-seventh street, North river, to be removed under this contract, will be relinquished to the contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such material when considering the price for which they will do the work under the contract.

Bidders will state in their proposals the prices for each separate class above specified of the work to be done in conformity with the annexed specifications, by which the bids will be tested. These prices are to cover the expenses of furnishing all the necessary materials and labor and the performance of all the work set forth in the agreement.

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

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

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

Each proposal shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the bid, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
NOS. 117 AND 119 DUANE STREET,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1879.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR REPAIRING PIER No. 7, EAST RIVER.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR MAKING REPAIRS to Pier No. 7, at the foot of Coenties Slip, E. R., indorsed as above, and with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, and the date of presentation, and addressed to "The President of

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

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SCHOOL SITE WANTED.

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, by the Trustees of Common Schools for the Seventeenth Ward of the City of New York, until 4 P. M. on Tuesday, January 14th, 1879, from the owners of real estate, for the sale of lots situated between Fourth and Tenth streets and Second and Fourth avenues, for Public School purposes; dimensions, about seventy-five (75) feet front and rear by one hundred (100) feet deep. Envelopes must be endorsed "Proposals for School Site in the Seventeenth Ward."

By authority of Board of Education,
R. A. BARKY, M. D.,
Chairman Board of Trustees.
F. C. WAGNER, Secretary.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

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

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment list was received this day in this Bureau for collection:
CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 20, 1878.
All payments made on the above assessment on or before February 21, 1879, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.
The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M., for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, December 6, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 3, 1878.
2d avenue, flagging, east side, between 64th and 65th streets.
4th avenue, regulating and paving, from 49th to 67th streets.
Washington street, sewer, between Perry and West 11th streets.
8th avenue, sewer, between 92d and 105th streets, with branches.
110th street, sewer, between 4th and 5th avenues, and in 4th avenue, etc.
124th street, fencing, northwest corner of Madison avenue.
24th street, fencing, south side, eighty-two feet east of 1st avenue.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 4, 1879, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.
The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M., for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, November 26, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED NOVEMBER 22, 1878.
22d street, regulating, grading, etc., between Avenue A and East river.
81st street, regulating, grading, etc., between 5th and 10th avenues.
107th street, regulating, grading, etc., between 5th avenue and Harlem river.
76th street, curb, gutter and flagging, between 1st avenue and Avenue A.
114th street, paving, from 2d to 4th avenue.
120th street, paving, from 1st avenue to Harlem river.
Nassau street, sewer, from Beekman to Spruce street.
Ann street, sewer, from William to Gold street.
132d and 133d streets, sewer, from 6th to 7th avenue.
17th avenue, sewer, from 60th to 64th street.
75th street, fencing, north side, between 2d and 3d avenues.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before January 25, 1879, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.
The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, December 20, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 17, 1878.
60th street sewer, between 1st and 2d avenues.
All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 18, 1879, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.
The Collector's office is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

REAL ESTATE RECORDS.

THE ATTENTION OF LAWYERS, REAL Estate Owners, Monetary Institutions engaged in making loans upon real estate, and all who are interested in providing themselves with facilities for reducing the cost of examinations and searches, is invited to these Official Indices of Records, containing all recorded transfers of real estate in the City of New York from 1653 to 1857 prepared under the direction of the Commissioners Records.

Grantors, grantees, suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriffs' sales, in 61 volumes, full bound, price, \$100 00
The same, in 25 volumes, half bound, price, 50 00
Complete sets, folded, ready for binding, 15
Records of Judgments, 25 volumes, bound, 10 00
Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house."

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, February 6, 1879.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, December 13, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 10, 1878.
93rd street, regulating, grading, etc., from Boulevard to 8th avenue.
115th street, regulating, grading, etc., from 8th avenue to Harlem river.
Waverly place, sewer, between West 10th street and Charles street.
Madison street, basin, northwest corner Birmingham street.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 11, 1879, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.
The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING Assessment Lists have been received by the Board of Assessors from the Commissioner of Public Works:

No. 1—Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging Fourth avenue, from One Hundred and Second to One Hundred and Tenth street, \$10,740 84
No. 2—Flagging north side of Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, 145 20
No. 3—Tree planting in Sixth avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, 4,353 75
Total, \$15,239 79

WM. H. JASPER,
Secretary.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 114 WHITE STREET (COR. OF CENTRE),
NEW YORK, December 18, 1878.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1879.

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

At Homoeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—William Tuttle, aged 50 years; transferred from Workhouse Nov. 26, 1878. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 3, 1879.

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

At Homoeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—George Egbert, aged 26 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; gray eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted brown coat, dark vest, black pants, blue overcoat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 28, 1878.

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

At Penitentiary Blackwell's Island—Mary Murray, alias Mary Vail, aged 45 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; brown hair; gray eyes. Had on when admitted plaid shawl and wrapper, muslin skirts, black calico sague, gaiter shoes. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At Almshouse, Blackwell's Island—George Lambert, admitted October 22, 1878. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR 3,000 TONS OF WHITE ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-DOOR POOR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Tuesday, January 14, 1879, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for 3,000 tons White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality; each ton to consist of two thousand pounds, to be well screened, and delivered in such quantities after the 14th day of January 1879, and in such parts of the city as may be required in specifications, and ordered from time to time in the following districts, viz.:

From Battery to Fortieth street, 1,800 tons.
From Fortieth street to Harlem river, 1,200 tons.

—to be subject to such inspection as the Commissioners may direct, and to meet their approval as to the quality, quantity, time, and manner of delivery in every respect.

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, LEATHER, ETC.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Tuesday, January 14, 1879, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering, at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, free of all expense to the Department—

DRY GOODS.
50,000 yards Brown Muslin.
20,000 " Bandage Muslin.
5,000 " Ticking.
5,000 " Hickory Stripes.
5,000 " Cottonades.
2,500 " Red Flannel.
1,000 " White Flannel.
5,000 " Canton Flannel.
5,000 " Farmers' Linen.
5,000 " Brown Denims.
5,000 " Jeans.
2,000 " Calico Prints.
250 " Linen Dowls.
100 Infantry Overcoats.

GROCERIES.
50,000 pounds Brown Sugar.
3,500 " Crushed Sugar.
3,500 " Granulated Sugar.
3,500 " Coffee Sugar.
3,500 gallons Molasses.
1,000 " Syrup.
40,000 pounds Hard Soap.
20,000 " Rice.
14,000 " Rio Coffee.
10,000 " Oolong Tea.
6,000 " Barley.
3,000 " Dried Apples.
2,000 " Chicory.
1,000 " Prunes.
1,000 " Black Pepper.
500 " Corn Starch.
300 " Prepared Cocoa.
50 boxes Laundry Starch.
50 " Raisins.
100 barrels Soda Crackers.
100 " Wheaten Grits.
100 " Hominy.
100 " Oatmeal.
20 " Pickles.
12 dozen Chow Chow (Pints).
6 " Gherkins (Pints).
6 " Worcestershire Sauce (Pints).

5,000 pounds Sweet Dairy Butter.
250 bushels Beans.
250 " Peas.
250 " Rye.

GRAIN, FEED, ETC.
2,500 bushels Oats.
500 bales Long Rye Straw.
200 bags Shorts.
250 " Coarse Meal.
250 " Fine Meal.
1,000 barrels Potatoes.

CODFISH AND SALT.
300 quintals Georges Bank Codfish.
100 sacks Salt.

LEATHER, ETC.
1,000 sides Sole Leather.
500 " Waxed Kip Leather.
100 gross Cotton Shoe Laces.
100 bunches Leather Shoe Laces.

CROCKERY.
5 gross Bed Chambers.
5 " Dinner Plates.

ROPE, ETC.
20 coils Manila Rope (9 thread)
20 bales broom Straw.

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

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

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

tion upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR 3,700 BARRELS OF FLOUR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Tuesday, January 14, 1879, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering, at the Bkeshouse, Blackwell's Island, free of all expense to the Department.

3,000 barrels Extra Wheat Flour.
500 " Fine Wheat Flour.
200 " Rye Flour.

—all to be equal in quality to the samples to be seen at this office, empty barrels to be returned and deducted in proposals from the price of flour, and to be delivered in quantities as required.

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

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR 18,000 TONS WHITE ASH COAL.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Tuesday, January 14, 1879, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering 18,000 tons of White Ash Coal, of the best quality; to be well screened and in good order. Each ton to consist of 2,240 pounds. None other will be accepted. All of said coal to be delivered as required, in about the following sizes and quantities, free of all expense, at the following places:

At Blackwell's Island.
5,500 tons, grate size.
250 " stove size.
At Ward's Island.
4,500 tons, grate size.
At Bellevue Hospital.
2,000 tons, grate size.
250 " stove size.
At Ninety-ninth street Hospital.
40 tons, egg size.
At Hart's Island.
750 tons eggs size.
At Randall's Island.
1,000 tons, egg size.
500 " stove size.
200 " nut size.
At steamboat Dock, foot of East Twenty-sixth street for use of steamboats, in cargoes of about 200 tons per month.
2,000 tons, grate size.
At Second District Prison.
350 tons, grate size.
At other City Prisons.
610 tons, egg size.
At No. 66 Third avenue.
50 tons, egg size.

Proposals to state the particular description of coal to be delivered as known in the market, from what mine produced, and all particulars, to enable the Board to arrive at a proper decision.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ROOM 39,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1879.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Municipal Police Department of the City of New York, 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Revolvers, clothing (male and female), two gold watches, towels, pails, locks, trunk and contents, two silver watches, ten pieces buckram, barrel beans, also small amount of cash taken from prisoners.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.