

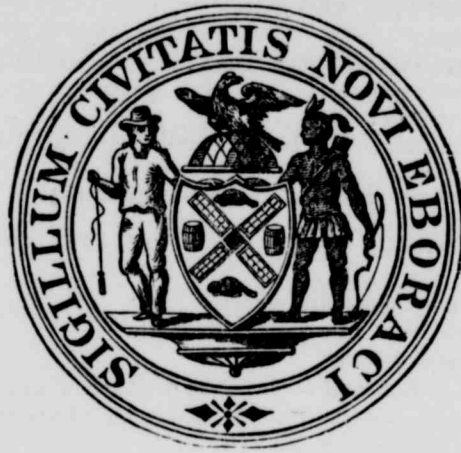
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DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1875.

NEW YORK, January 5, 1876.

To the Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, Mayor, etc.:

SIR—Pursuant to the requirements of section 27 of the City Charter, this report of the "Operations and Action" of the Department is made.

The assessments upon the real and personal estates in this city are substantially completed, and the Books of Annual Record will be opened for public inspection on the second Monday (10th) of January, as required by law.

Assessment of Bank Shares.

In the report of this Department for the quarter ending September 30, reference was made to the necessity imposed by a recent judicial construction of the law, of adopting a different method from that heretofore used in assessing the stockholders of banks.

This announcement has given rise to a good deal of discussion, based in part upon a misapprehension. All other corporations are assessed specifically upon their surplus earnings, and an impression has obtained that the stockholders of banks were to be assessed in like manner. It is not proposed to assess the surplus earnings of banks, but to assess the shares of stock at their value, the surplus being simply the measure by which the value may be determined.

The Associated Banks have considered the subject in council, and have expressed their sentiments and purposes in resolutions. The utterances of so large and influential a body of capitalists are entitled to consideration. The declaration that the liability of the banks and their stockholders to indefinite taxation by the general and State governments, renders an appeal to both governments a necessity, is one with which no fault need be found.

The further declaration, however, that "the banks agree together that they will henceforth decline further voluntary payment of taxes, assessed upon the holders of their shares," * * "and leave the taxes to be collected, under the operation of existing laws," is one which might occasion some solicitude in the minds of those not familiar with the provisions of "existing laws." Section 6, chapter 761 of the Laws of 1866, provides: "For the purpose of collecting such taxes, and in addition to any other laws of this State, not in conflict with the Constitution of the United States, relative to the imposition of taxes, it shall be the duty of every such bank or banking association, and the managing officer or officers thereof, to retain as much of any dividend or dividends, belonging to such stockholders, as shall be necessary to pay any taxes assessed in pursuance of this act, until it shall be made to appear to such officers that such taxes have been paid."

From this it will be seen that, after the confirmation of the taxes, the banks will be at liberty to pay very few, if any, of their twenty-five thousand stockholders a dividend, until the stockholders shall present to the bank officer a receipt for the tax upon his shares.

That is a matter entirely between the institutions and the stockholders. The City Treasury will probably be the gainer rather than the loser by this process. Heretofore the banks have paid the tax in bulk, generally, soon after the books were opened to receive taxes, obtaining thereby a rebate or discount, at a rate often in excess of the rate which the city was paying for temporary loans. By the method proposed the amount of this rebate will be largely reduced, and probably equalled by the penalty at the rate of one per cent. per month, which many stockholders will incur by neglecting to make an early payment.

It is certainly unfortunate for the banking interest that litigation between two banks should have evoked the dictum of the Supreme Court which has compelled the Commissioners to adopt the present course at a time so unpropitious, when taxes are at their highest, and profit on capital at their lowest mark.

It is probable that the representatives of the banking capital of this city will subject the law under which the tax is to be levied to the severest possible test in the highest courts. The Commissioners have met that interest with courtesy and firmness, and avowed their purpose to discharge their duties without the agency of any annoyance of detail, which can properly be avoided, without conceding any point which may jeopard the rights of the city. Although the course of the Board has been criticised by the representatives of the associated banks with unnecessary acrimony, the Commissioners do not intend that a single grain of resentment shall fall into the balance which it is their duty to poise.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN WHEELER,
JOHN N. HAYWARD,
GEO. H. ANDREWS,
Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Ordinances, Resolutions, etc., approved by the Mayor during the week ending January 8, 1876.

Resolved, That Cornelius J. Kane be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John T. Cuming, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 27, 1875.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1875.

Resolved, That John D. Quincy be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Sheldon B. Shaw, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 30, 1875.
Approved by the Mayor, December 31, 1875.

Resolved, That Jacob A. Cantor be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Gilbert F. Hays, Jr., whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 30, 1875.
Approved by the Mayor, December 31, 1875.

Resolved, That Jacob M. Hertz be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Frederic W. Ford, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 30, 1875.
Approved by the Mayor, December 31, 1875.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of—

W. T. A. Hart, undertaker, for the sum of.....	\$70 35
C. S. Grafulla, Seventh Regiment Band, for the sum of.....	470 00
Philip Loesch, Eleventh Regiment Band, for the sum of.....	324 00
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	\$864 35

And be it further

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to pay the following bills, upon being certified as to their correctness by the commandants of the respective regiments:

M. J. O'Brien, Sixty-ninth Regiment Band.....	\$208 00
D. L. Downing, Ninth Regiment Band.....	487 00
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	\$695 00

amounting in all to the sum of one thousand five hundred and fifty-nine dollars and thirty-five cents (\$1,559.35), and charge the same to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 30, 1875.

Approved by the Mayor, January 3, 1876.

AN ORDINANCE to amend section 6 of chapter XLIV. of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, entitled "Of provisions concerning dogs."

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of the above-entitled ordinance is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

§ 6. It shall not be lawful for any person to own or keep upon his or her premises any dog or other animal whose barking, howling, or other offensive noise in any out-house, yard, or in the street, may be annoying, disagreeable, or injurious to any person or persons residing in the vicinity, under a penalty of five dollars for every such offense, to be imposed by any Police Magistrate; provided, however, that it be made to appear before such magistrate that a written notice was, as a condition precedent to the imposition of such penalty, first served upon the owner or keeper of such dog or other animal, requiring him to abate or discontinue the nuisance in such notice particularly stated and set forth. Such Police Magistrate may order the removal from within the city limits, or the killing of any such animal, upon complaint being made before him by any two or more reputable citizens or householders, that they are seriously annoyed or injured, or that such noise is injurious or annoying to any sick person or persons convalescent resident in the vicinity as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 30, 1875.

Approved by the Mayor, December 31, 1875.

AN ORDINANCE to regulate permits for street-stands, show-cases, signs, stairways, and hoistways.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. All power and authority heretofore possessed or exercised by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, or by the Mayor, or the Street Commissioner, or the Commissioner of Public Works, in granting permits for show-cases or stands for the sale of newspapers, fruit, books, or other merchandise, article or thing whatsoever, incumbering the streets or sidewalks, or for putting out signs, or for the erection of stairways or hoistways over the sidewalks is hereby vested in a Bureau of Permits, the head of which shall be called "Registrar of Permits." Said Registrar of Permits, and the clerks and subordinates necessary to aid him in the discharge of his duties, shall be appointed by and shall be removable at the pleasure of the Mayor, and, subject to the appropriation for said Bureau, shall, respectively, receive such compensation as shall, from time to time, be fixed and established by the Mayor. Every application for such permits shall be approved by an Alderman at Large, or of the district in which the premises may be located, and shall be accompanied by the consent of the person or persons occupying the premises in front of which it is proposed to locate under such permission.

Sec. 2. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as in any case requiring the Registrar of Permits to grant such permits in the absence of objections, unless he shall, in his discretion, be satisfied that it is desirable and proper that the same should be granted.

Sec. 3. Said Registrar of Permits is hereby invested with full authority and power to enforce the removal of all privileges, stands, signs, stairways, or hoistways which may have been erected without a permit under the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 4. Whenever notice is required by this ordinance, it shall be sufficient service to leave a copy of the same with any person in charge of the premises.

Sec. 5. Every grantee of a privilege, under this ordinance, for a show case, sign, stairway, or hoistway, shall pay the sum of one dollar for each, and grantees of all other privileges the sum of one dollar, towards the expense of executing this ordinance, to be accounted for to the city. It is hereby understood and expressed that for the receiving and delivering of goods no fee shall be charged, and the Corporation Attorney shall not hereafter institute suits for alleged obstructions occasioned by the receipt or delivery of merchandise in the ordinary course of business; but no person shall deposit any article or articles, upon any street or sidewalk in the city, in such manner as to obstruct the free use thereof by the public. The aggregate sum for any one permit containing all or any portion of the privileges expressed in this section, shall not exceed the sum of three dollars, and all may be granted for that fee; but in no case is permission to be given to place any sign upon the top, or from in front, above the second floor of any building that shall project into the street or over the sidewalk, from any such building, in any street or avenue in the City of New York.

Sec. 6. All privileges granted under the provisions of this ordinance shall continue in force for one year, unless revoked by said Registrar of Permits, dating from the first day of May, 1876, or until the first day of May succeeding the issue of the permit; and no permit shall continue in force beyond the first day of May succeeding the issue thereof.

Sec. 7. All privileges which may be granted between the adoption of this ordinance and the first day of May, 1876, shall continue in force until May 1, 1877.

Sec. 8. Said Registrar of Permits shall cause to be provided a record book of all permits granted under this ordinance, in which shall be entered the names and location of all persons, and the privileges granted in said permits, and such book shall be open to the inspection of the public at all reasonable times during business hours.

Sec. 9. All privileges and permits heretofore granted by the Mayor which are covered by the provisions of this ordinance, shall continue in force until the expiration of the full period for which the same were granted.

Sec. 10. The Registrar of Permits shall render to the Common Council, on the first day of May and the first day of November in each year, semi-annual reports containing the amount of money received and collected for permits and the privilege granted under such permits, and also the expenses incurred in the office of said Registrar.

Sec. 11. The ordinance to regulate permits for street-stands, show-cases, signs, stairways, hoistways and deliveries, approved February 24, 1866; the resolution giving discretionary power to the Mayor, as regards changing the license fee for signs, approved March 8, 1866; the resolution requiring reports from the Mayor to the Common Council, approved April 24, 1866; the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend an ordinance to regulate permits for street-stands, show-cases, signs, stairways, hoistways, and deliveries," approved February 24, 1866, which became adopted July 27, 1874; and the ordinance amending said last mentioned ordinance, approved October 4, 1875, and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances conflicting with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 30, 1875.

Approved by the Mayor, January 3, 1876.

Resolved, That One Hundred and Ninth street, from Third to Fifth avenue, be regulated and graded, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 9, 1875.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, January 3, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, under the provisions of section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That Thomas A. Lathrop be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John S. Hanson, who has failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 3, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, January 4, 1876.

Resolved, That P. H. A. Robert be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of James J. Renson, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 6, 1876.
Approved by the Mayor, January 7, 1876.

Resolved, That Patrick J. Scully be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Montgomery A. Kellogg, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 6, 1876.
Approved by the Mayor, January 7, 1876.

Resolved, That George D. Rollwagen be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Michael Shelby, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 6, 1876.
Approved by the Mayor, January 7, 1876.

Resolved, That William R. Farrell be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of David K. Shuster, who failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 6, 1876.
Approved by the Mayor, January 7, 1876.

Resolved, That Herman Stietel be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of William Rothschild, resigned.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 6, 1876.
Approved by the Mayor, January 7, 1876.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,
Clerk of the Common Council.

BOARD OF CITY RECORD.

The Board designated by section 111 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, met in the Mayor's office, at 1 P. M., Tuesday, January 4, 1876.

All the members were present, viz.: William H. Wickham, Mayor; William C. Whitney, Counsel to the Corporation, and Fitz John Porter, Commissioner of Public Works.

The minutes of December 7, 1875, were read and approved.

The Supervisor of the City Record presented bills of W. C. Bryant & Co., for printing minutes of Park Commissioners, for the months of March, June, and August, 1875, amounting to \$812, which were, on motion, referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

The resignation of A. B. Caldwell, Bookkeeper in the office of the CITY RECORD, was presented by the Mayor, and, on motion, accepted, to date from January 1, 1876.

The Mayor presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That all expenditures for advertising, printing, stationery, and blank books for the several Departments and offices of the City Government be and they are hereby placed under the direction of the Supervisor of the City Record, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by this Board.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until 1 P. M., January 5, 1876.

RICHARD J. MORRISON, Secretary.

January 5, 1876.

The Board designated by section 111 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, met in the office of the Mayor, at 1 P. M., Wednesday, January 5, 1876.

All the members were present, viz.: William H. Wickham, Mayor; William C. Whitney, Counsel to the Corporation, and Fitz John Porter, Commissioner of Public Works.

The Mayor presented a communication from the Comptroller, dated January 4, 1876, asking authority to publish a notice of the sale of lands and tenements for unpaid taxes for the years 1871 and 1872, and Croton water rents for the years 1870 and 1871, in accordance with section 3, chapter 381 of the Laws of 1871, and for printing 6,000 copies of the detailed statement of the sale in pamphlet form, which communication was directed to be placed on file.

In connection therewith the Counsel to the Corporation offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That authority be and it is hereby given for the publication, by the Clerk of Arrears, under the direction of the Comptroller, of the notice of sale of lands and tenements for unpaid taxes for the years 1871 and 1872, and Croton water rents for the years 1870 and 1871, once in each week successively for three months in the following daily newspapers of the City of New York:

The New York World,	The Commercial Advertiser,
" New York Tribune,	" Evening Express,
" Journal of Commerce,	" Evening Mail,
" Staats Zeitung,	" Daily News,
" Evening Post,	" Sun,

and also for the printing of six thousand (6,000) copies of the detailed statement of the sale in pamphlet form, under contract let by the Comptroller upon sealed bids publicly advertised as required by the provisions of the Charter.

The Chairman put the question upon agreeing with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion of the Mayor, the salary of the Supervisor of the City Record was fixed at the rate of \$3,500 per annum, to date from January 1, 1876.

On motion of the Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. R. P. H. Abell was appointed as Bookkeeper and General Clerk in the office of the CITY RECORD, at an annual salary of \$1,500, to date from January 1, 1876.

The meeting then adjourned.

RICHARD J. MORRISON, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF NEW YORK, December 30, 1875.

The Board of Commissioners convened this day.

Present—President Joseph L. Perley, in the chair, and Commissioners Roswell D. Hatch, and Vincent C. King.

The minutes of meetings held on the 22d, 24th, and 29th instant, were read and approved.

Trials

were held with the following result:

Fireman John McDewitt, of Engine Co. No. 16, charged with "absence without leave," was found guilty, and fined three days' pay.

Assistant Foreman John J. Mulligan, of Engine Co. No. 5, charged with "violation of General Order No. 13, O. B. C., 1868, was found guilty, reduced to rank of Fireman, and transfer ordered.

Communications

were received and disposed of, as follows:

From—

Chief of Department, returning communication of the American District Telegraph Co., with report and recommendations approved and directed to be communicated to the Company. Filed.

Inspector of Combustibles—Report of operations for week ending 28th instant. Filed.

Same—Lists of applicants for licenses for sale of kerosene oil, dated 22d, 23d, 27th, and 28th instant. Filed, and following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the applications for licenses for the sale and keeping of kerosene oil, presented by the Inspector of Combustibles, at this meeting, be and the same are hereby granted.

Same, reporting violations of law, and recommending that proceedings be discontinued in certain cases. Filed, and following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the following named persons be and are hereby fined five dollars each, for violation of section 9, chapter 742, Laws of 1871, and that the Inspector of Combustibles be and is hereby directed to enforce the collection of the penalty, viz.:

Daniel Levi, 136 Delancey street.

Christian Thompson, 6 West Twenty-first street.

Resolved That the proceedings for the enforcement of the collection of the penalties imposed on the following named parties, be and the same are hereby discontinued upon the recommendation of the Inspector of Combustibles, viz.:

Mary Heitman, No. 111 Hester street.

Barbara Mangold, No. 414 West Fifty-third street.

John White, No. 61 Watts street.

Burghart Weiditz, No. 315 West Thirty-eighth street.

George Whitford, No. 18 Downing street.

Patrick Shay, No. 77 East Broadway.

Martin Maher, First avenue, between One Hundred and Ninth and One Hundred and Tenth streets.

Michael Donlon, No. 419 East One Hundred and Fifteenth street.

August Brietkopf, No. 43 First avenue.

Thomas McDermott, No. 303 Seventh avenue.

G. H. Burmeister, No. 625 Eleventh avenue.

Mrs. Sarah Rodie, No. 426 West Thirty-first street.

Frederick Hegelmann, No. 242 West Thirty-second street.

Allen Cummings, No. 442 Fourth avenue.

Same—Requisition for supplies. Referred to Trustees of Relief Fund.

Examining Board—Reports of examinations of applicants for promotion, viz.:

Fireman William R. Ferris, of Engine Co. No. 18.

" George W. Gilmore, of Engine Co. No. 20.

" Augustus H. Wright, of Engine Co. No. 21.

" William F. McGlone, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.

" Hugh J. Golden, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3.

" James J. Gerity, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 5.

" William Kline, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 8.

Filed.

Medical Officer, returning communication relative to leave of absence to Fireman W. Gallagher, of Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, with report. Filed, and leave of absence extended to 23d proximo.

Superintendent of Supplies, forwarding estimates for painting signs for telegraph poles, as follows:

No. 1—From Rinehart & McIntyre, for \$225, and \$75 extra for placing on poles.

No. 2—From Joseph Waters, for \$120, and \$20 extra for placing on poles.

No. 3—From Conklin & Kerr, for \$110, and \$20 extra for placing on poles.

Filed, and following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the President, in directing the award for furnishing this Department with 400 tin signs for telegraph poles, to Conklin & Kerr, for \$110, in accordance with sample and list, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

Same, relative to resolution authorizing purchase of hose, and inclosing communication in reference to said hose. Filed, and following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the meeting held on the 22d instant, authorizing the purchase of 1,000 feet of hose of Whitehead Bros., of Trenton, N. J., be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Same, recommending purchase of three pairs of large doors for engine houses, at a cost of \$47 per pair. Referred back, with directions to purchase.

Same—Estimate of articles required for immediate issue; cost \$70. Referred back, with directions to purchase.

Superintendent of Horses, recommending purchase of three horses. Filed, with directions to purchase.

Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops, returning communication relative to painting, and submitting additional estimates, as follows:

Quarters Hook and Ladder Co. No. 8—

From Warren H. Rose, for \$158.

From G. C. Lugar, for \$219.

Premises No. 106 East Thirteenth street—

From Warren H. Rose, for \$53.

From John T. Ryan, for \$75.

From G. C. Lugar, for \$85.

For the two buildings jointly—

From Thomas F. Mc Bride, for \$350.

Filed, with directions to award to Warren H. Rose.

Same, recommending that necessary repairs be made to company quarters, at an estimated cost of \$220. Filed, with directions to have the repairs made.

Same—Estimate of articles required for use in the Building Bureau; cost \$794. Filed.

Same—Estimate of articles required for use; cost \$224. Filed.

Same—Estimate of articles required for use; cost \$155. Laid over.

Same—Estimate of articles required for use; cost \$338. Laid over.

Same—Estimate of articles required for use in the Building Bureau; cost \$130. Filed.

Assistant Telegraph Operator Isaac G. Seixas, requesting extension of leave of absence. Granted for one month, and filed.

Foreman of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 7, reporting loss of cap device. Filed, and a fine of five dollars imposed on Fireman Charles Callahan of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 7.

Fireman John Pigott of Engine Co. No. 4, tendering resignation. Accepted and filed.

His Honor the Mayor, referring request for the loan of 600 feet of hose, for use at Hastings, N. Y., with recommendation to grant if possible. Which had been referred to the Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops, by order of the President, with directions to loan and take receipt; the action of the President was approved. Filed.

Secretary of Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting resolution authorizing advertisement for hose. Filed, and following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for furnishing to this Department 10,000 feet—with the privilege of increasing the quantity to any amount not exceeding 15,000 feet—of 2½ inch, three or four ply hose, suitable for the use and purposes of this Department, in lengths of fifty feet each, with New York thread couplings attached, to be capable of resisting a pressure test of four hundred pounds to the square inch, and to be warranted to bear the wear and tear of this Department for a term of two years.

Comptroller, relative to bell-tower corner of Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street. Filed.

Commissioner of Public Works, relative to condition of Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues. Filed.

American Fire Insurance Company, calling attention to manufacture of gasoline at No. 10 Cortlandt street. Referred to the Chief of Department for investigation and report.

Baker, Smith & Co.—Estimate for heating Repair Shops, \$592. Contract awarded, and filed.

Eureka Fire Hose Co., applying for a badge. Filed.

John Gallagher, submitting propositions for supply of nozzles, or for sale of patent. Laid over.

John W. Hoyt, desiring to purchase a second-hand apparatus. Filed, with directions to reply. "Herald," requesting issue of badges. Filed.

A. J. Morse & Son, relative to hose couplings. Filed.

National Fire Insurance Co., applying for a badge. Granted, and filed.

Communications Laid Over

at previous meetings were disposed of, as follows:

From—

Chief of Department—Report of test of "Clemens' Improved Controlling Nozzle." Filed.

Same—Report of bedsteads, bedding, etc., required by the Department. Filed.

Same, recommending that four-wheel hose-tenders be built and placed in service. Filed.

Same—Report of test of "Victor Fire Hydrant." Filed.

Same, relative to condition of telegraph signs. Filed.

Superintendent of Horses, recommending the purchase of three horses. Filed, with directions to purchase.

Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops—Report of test of steam-packing. Filed.

Same—Report of inspection of quarters of Engine Company No. 5. Filed.

Same, recommending that quarters of Hook and Ladder Company No. 8 be repainted. Filed.

Same—Estimate of articles required for extending hose wells. Filed.

Same, relative to heating apparatus for Repair Shops. Filed.
 Superintendent of Supplies, relative to claim of Mallory & Co. Filed.
 Superintendent of Horses, recommending purchase of "Gordon's Food." Filed.
 W. O. Davis, relative to deposit on badge. Filed.
 Assistant Engineer of Steamer William Reed, of Engine Co. No. 29, and Fireman Joseph R. Harway, of Engine Co. No. 30, requesting transfer. Filed.
 Hoseman William H. Renoud, of Chemical Engine Co. No. 3, applying for promotion. Filed.
 F. D. Farrington, J. Cohen, and C. E. Hartshorne, Jr.—Applications for badges. Filed.
 Stephen English, requesting reinstatement of Frank Foley, ex-Fireman. Filed.
 James B. Farrier, relative to "Patent Hose Anchor." Filed.
 C. E. Gildersleve, stating that deposits for badges were paid to Treasurer. Filed.
 P. McDermott—Proposal for rent of stable on One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street. Filed.
 A. J. Morse & Son, requesting that hose be furnished with "Morse Couplings." Filed.
 J. J. Safely, offering to furnish artificial fuel. Filed.

Resolutions

were adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That to appropriately commemorate the beginning of the centennial year, the fire bells of this department be struck at the hour of midnight, on the 31st instant, as follows: 1-7-7-6—1-8-7-6.
 Resolved, That the pay-rolls of this department for the current month, when duly approved and signed, be transmitted to the Comptroller for payment, as follows:

For the current year—

SCHEDULE NO. 51.

Headquarters Pay-roll, December.....	\$4,054 04
Telegraph Force Pay-roll, December.....	2,498 65
Repair Shops Pay-roll, December.....	4,966 23
Bureau of Combustibles Pay-roll, December.....	1,915 48
Bureau of Fire Marshal Pay-roll, December.....	754 29
Bureau of Chief of Department Pay-roll, December.....	2,449 97
Engine and Hook and Ladder Cos. Pay-roll, December.....	73,593 76
Total.....	\$90,231 42

Resolved, That to conform to the reductions in the estimates of this Department for the year 1876, the following discharges are hereby ordered to take effect on the 31st instant:

David Graham, Clerk.

Headquarters Pay-roll.

James McGee, Clerk.
 Patrick Cleary, Messenger.
 William Stevenson, Oil Collector.
 Joseph Southworth, "

Bureau of Combustibles Pay-roll.

George W. Wheeler, Oil Collector.
 Patrick Burns, "
 Michael McCue, Stableman.

Bureau of Fire Marshal Pay-roll.

Manuel N. Phillips, Clerk.
 William Banham, Assistant to Fire Marshal.

Michael Smith, Assistant to Fire Marshal.

Repair Shop Pay-roll.

Charles A. Marrder, Machinist.
 Martin McGrath, "
 Patrick Hughes, "
 Philip Hellevig, Blacksmith.
 Henry Prescott, "
 Richard Cuddihy, Helper.
 Patrick McNally, "
 John C. Wieland, Wheelwright.
 Thomas L. Leonard, Painter.
 Lorenzo D. Thompson, Harness maker.
 Bernard-Brady, Day Watchman.

Thomas Lavy, Laborer.
 Thomas Hanglon, Laborer.
 John H. Brady, Foreman of Carpenters.
 James D. Hawes, Carpenter.
 Michael Bowe, "
 Charles E. White, "
 Michael Leonard, "
 Andrew Dorsay, "
 Charles Heath, Calker.
 Daniel Kelly, Driver.

Telegraph Force Pay-roll.

Julius Fennels, Lineman.

Resolved, That to conform to the reductions in the estimate of this Department for the year 1876, the salaries of the following-named employees are hereby fixed at the rate per annum set opposite their respective designations and names, to take effect from the 1st proximo, as follows:

Headquarters Pay-roll.

Secretary, two thousand five hundred dollars.....	\$2,500 00
Messenger, eight hundred dollars.....	800 00
Two Night Watchmen, each, eight hundred dollars.....	800 00

Bureau of Combustibles Pay-roll.

Inspector of Combustibles, two thousand five hundred dollars.....	\$2,500 00
Oil Surveyor, one thousand three hundred dollars.....	1,300 00
Clerk William H. James, one thousand two hundred dollars.....	1,200 00
Janitor, two dollars per day.....	2 00

Bureau of Fire Marshal Pay-roll.

Assistant to Fire Marshal, John Royal, eight hundred dollars.....	\$800 00
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Repair Shop Pay-roll.

Messenger, eight hundred dollars.....	\$800 00
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Resolved, That in conformity with the action taken by this Board on the 25th day of August, 1875, providing for the establishment of a pay-roll to be known as the Superintendent of Horses Pay-roll, for the year 1876, the same is hereby established, and that the salaries of the employees designated to be borne thereon, be fixed at the rate set opposite their respective designations, as follows, to take effect from the 1st proximo:

Superintendent of Horses, two thousand dollars per annum.....	\$2,000 00
Foreman Hospital Stables, one thousand two hundred dollars per annum.....	1,200 00
Four Stablemen, each, two dollars per day.....	2 00
Cartman, two dollars and fifty cents per day.....	2 50

Resolved, That to conform to the estimates of this Department for the year 1876, the salaries of the following-named employees are hereby fixed at the rate per annum set opposite their respective designations, to take effect from the 1st proximo, as follows:

Headquarters Pay-roll.

Librarian, one thousand five hundred dollars.....	\$1,500 00
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Bureau of Chief of Department Pay-roll.

Assistant Chief of Department, three thousand dollars.....	\$3,000 00
Ten Chiefs of Battalion, each, two thousand five hundred dollars.....	2,500 00

Resolved, That the Chief of Department be directed to detail two Firemen to report to the Fire Marshal for the performance of such duty as he may direct.

Appointments

were made, to take effect 1st proximo, as follows:

Richard Hamblin, as Stableman, at a salary of two dollars per day.
 John C. Bates (relieved from duty as Driver), as Lineman, at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum.
 George C. Morris (relieved from duty as Clerk), as Messenger in the Repair Shops, at a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum.
 William O. Davis (relieved from duty as Messenger), as Clerk in the Repair Shops, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum.

Transfers

were ordered, to take effect 1st proximo, as follows:

Foreman Patrick Donohue, Engine Co. No. 41 to Engine Co. No. 22.
 " Thomas Judge, Engine Co. No. 22 to Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3.
 " Hugh Kitson, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3 to Engine Co. No. 41.
 Assistant Foreman John D. Sullivan, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 8 to Engine Co. No. 5.
 Fireman John J. Mulligan, Engine Co. No. 5 to Engine Co. No. 4.
 " Owen Hart, Engine Co. No. 21 to Engine Co. No. 7.

Bills

were audited and ordered to be transmitted to the Comptroller for payment, as follows:

For the current year—

SCHEDULE NO. 50.

Amoskeag Manuf. Co., new apparatus, etc.....	\$591 44	Jussen, Carl, new apparatus, etc.....	\$57 72
Barber, M., & Nephew, new apparatus, etc.....	75 00	Hayman, C. & H., ".....	880 00
Chovey, Chas. L. & Co., new apparatus, etc.....	176 25	Humphrey's Spec. Homeo. Med. Co., new apparatus, etc.....	11 00
Claffin, H. B. & Co., new apparatus, etc.....	64 00	Lafin & Rand Powder Co., new apparatus, etc.....	603 00
Composite Iron Works Co., buildings.....	222 00	Lee, William H., new apparatus, etc.....	33 87
Davidson, Alexander, new apparatus, etc.....	23 40	Mallory & Co., ".....	237 76
Davidson, Alexander, new apparatus, etc.....	95 00	McKeel, James, ".....	1,600 00
Devoe, F. W. & Co., buildings.....	67 50	Mulford & Underwood, buildings.....	58 31
Gorton, William, ".....	152 36	Rogers, Robert, new apparatus, etc.....	10 80
Gorton, William, new apparatus, etc.....	49 81	Sheridan, Bernard, buildings.....	84 40
Gregory, James, ".....	19 50	Smith, Woodbridge, new apparatus, etc.....	900 00
Guental, Geo. & Son, ".....	45 00	Swett, Moses, ".....	168 72
Gutta Percha and Rubber Manuf. Co., new apparatus, etc.....	229 40	Tillotson, L. G. & Co., ".....	68 90
		Wright, Robert J., ".....	900 00
			\$7,425 14

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Acting Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

117 AND 119 DUANE STREET.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 22, 1875 (present—the full Board), the following action was had:

Organization, Appointments, Etc.

December 22.—Resignation of W. N. Radenhurst, Clerk to Engineer-in-Chief, accepted to take effect January 1, 1876.

Applications for Leases, Etc.

December 22.—David Tracy advised that the Department will accept from him the surrender of the lease of the pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, H. R., purchased by him in March last, there not being a sufficient depth of water thereat.

Repairs Ordered, Etc.

December 22.—Engineer-in-Chief directed to repair outer end of new Pier 45 North river, damaged by steamer "Claribel," of Atlas Line, and to forward to the Board an accurate account of the cost of doing the work.

Dredging Ordered, Etc.

December 22.—Engineer-in-Chief directed to cause such dredging to be done as will give a depth of ten feet at low water, at Pier 61 and bulkhead north of Rivington street, and at south side and outer end of pier at Thirty-eighth street, East river, being premises leased to H. A. Peck & Co.

Miscellaneous.

December 22.—Counsel to the Corporation requested to attend meeting of creditors of E. E. Morgan's Sons, and take such measures as will protect the interests of the city.

December 22.—Engineer-in-Chief directed to furnish Mr. Qviaginzeff, Engineer to the Russian government, with copies of tracings, etc., requested by him, upon the payment of the cost thereof.

December 22.—Counsel to the Corporation requested to advise the Department of the present condition of certain claims for unpaid rent of wharf-property transmitted to the Law Department for collection, and to commence proceedings against Jos. Ketchum and others, and R. E. Allen & Co., for unpaid rent charged for the use of wharf-property leased to them.

December 22.—Secretary directed to notify certain parties that, unless the rent due from them for use of wharf-property is paid without delay, the Counsel to the Corporation will be directed to commence proceedings to collect the same by suit.

December 22.—Fifteen communications and one report were received and read, and two communications were taken from the table; of which nine were placed on file, no further action thereon being required, seven were referred to the Executive Committee, and two were laid on the table for consideration and report.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
 No. 301 MOTT STREET,
 NEW YORK, January 4, 1876.

The Board of Health met this day.

Present—The President, Commissioners Janeway and Vanderpoel, and Commissioner Wm. F. Smith, recently elected President of the Department of Police.

Orders.

221 orders for the abatement of nuisances were made.

Suits for Penalties.

The Attorney was directed to commence suits for non-compliance with the orders of the Board in 19 cases.

Reports Received.

From the Sanitary Superintendent: On operations of the Sanitary Bureau; on contagious diseases; on slaughter-houses.

From Riverside Hospital: On work performed by Disinfecting Corps; on work performed by Vaccinating Corps; on receptacles for ashes and garbage; on contagious diseases during the year 1875; on certain defective street pavement; on suspension of certain orders.

From the Register of Records: Weekly letter on mortality; weekly mortuary statement.

From the Attorney and Counsel: Monthly report, etc.

Bills Audited.

N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co.....	\$18 15	Stechert & Wolf.....	\$23 25
John Thompson.....	22 40	John Conway.....	12 00
Thos. D. Yates.....	50 00	Marsh & Nolan.....	53 00
Wm. Reynolds.....	50 00	D. Appleton & Co.....	14 00
Matt. Drum.....	50 00	M. Nussbaum.....	20 00
B. McGowan.....	50 00	Swift & White.....	3,333 34
Wm. Wood & Co.....	12 30	Wm. Wood Co.....	8 65
H. Endemann.....	25 62	Amer. Co. Milk Co.....	177 84
C. Goldermann.....	144 93	Lehman, Samuels & Bro.....	514 56
I. J. Nealis.....	13 00	James R. Griswold.....	200 00
E. McNamara.....	61 07		

Communications from City Departments.

From the Police Department: Weekly report from the Sanitary Co. of Police.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment: Copy of apportionment to the Health Department for the year 1876.

Communications Received.

Application from Geo. F. Langbein, for suspension of certain suits.

From J. Bradley & Co., inclosing circular of National Odorless Excavating Co.

From Thomas Patten, for permission to fill in space at foot of East Forty-sixth street with ashes.

From Peter Dumser, for permission to empty privy vault.

From Inspector Russell, for leave of absence.

From Dr. Cornell, in respect to order on 68 Bayard street.

Communications referred to other Departments for the necessary action.

To the Department of Public Works: On street pavement in Roosevelt street, between New Chambers and Cherry streets; on street pavement in Batavia street; on street pavement in Forty-fourth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

Resolutions.

That the salaries of the officers, clerks, and employees of this Department, for the year 1876, be reduced and fixed as follows:

NAME.	RANK.	RESIDENCE.	REDUCED FROM	FIXED AT
W. De F. Day	Sanitary Superintendent	56 East 34th street	\$5,500	\$5,000
E. H. Jones	Assistant Sanitary Superintendent	208 West 42d street	3,000	2,700
J. D. Bryant	Sanitary Inspector	28 West 36th street	1,800	1,600
W. A. Ewing	"	154 West 48th street	1,800	1,600
A. McL. Hamilton	"	117 East 26th street	1,800	1,600
B. Hughes	"	133 East 43d street	1,800	1,600
C. E. Lookwood	"	66 West 30th street	1,800	1,600
W. H. B. Post	"	335 West 28th street	1,800	1,600
C. F. Roberts	"	607 Second avenue	1,800	1,600
C. P. Russell	"	223 West 34th street	1,800	1,600
R. S. Tracy	"	103 West 29th street	1,800	1,600
A. Veile	"	579 Lexington avenue	1,800	1,600
C. H. Atwater	Assistant Sanitary Inspector	108 East 31st street	1,500	1,350
J. E. Confort	"	109th street and Franklin avenue	1,500	1,350
A. B. Judson	"	111 West 34th street	1,500	1,350
S. F. Morris	"	168 Lexington avenue	1,500	1,350
T. J. Nealis	"	43 Mott street	1,500	1,350
C. F. Rodenstein	"	Tremont	1,500	1,350
E. Waller	"	33 West 15th street	1,000	900
J. R. Griswold	Chief Clerk to Superintendent	124 East 24th street	2,000	2,000
W. A. Smalley	Clerk	281 Bowery	1,500	1,350
J. McCauley	"	48 Hester street	600	*1,080
H. Endermann	Chief of Disinfecting Corps	458 West 35th street	1,500	1,350
T. D. Yates	Disinfecting Corps	142 Second avenue	1,200	1,150
B. McGowan	"	128 Worth street	1,200	1,150
W. Reynolds	"	329 Broome street	1,200	1,150
M. Drum	"	125 West 45th street	1,200	1,150
W. Cooney	Stableman	128 Worth street	900	800
J. B. Taylor	Inspector of Vaccination	84 Orchard street	2,500	2,500
E. L. Pardee	Assistant Sanitary Inspector	72 West 35th street	1,500	1,200
F. Livermore	"	183 East 64th street	1,500	1,200
A. B. De Luna	"	368 West 32d street	1,500	1,200
P. B. Wyckoff	"	38 West 24th street	1,500	1,200
H. R. Williams	"	142 East 28th street	1,500	1,200
M. J. Fleming	"	147 East 29th street	1,500	1,200
W. E. H. Post	"	233 East 31st street	1,500	1,200
T. W. P. Flynn	"	332 East 30th street	1,500	1,200
W. J. Purcell	"	235 East 40th street	1,500	1,200
J. T. O'Connor	"	151 West 41st street	1,500	1,200
E. C. Passmore	"	687 Second avenue	1,500	1,200
J. B. White	"	222 Second avenue	1,500	1,200
W. H. Post	Clerk	108 East 10th street	1,200	1,080
J. H. Bazin	"	240 Stanton street	1,200	1,080
J. Schnell	Messenger	47 Delancey street	600	600
E. Clark	Secretary	62 West 17th street	5,500	5,000
C. Golderman	Auditing Clerk, etc.	66 West 38th street	2,400	2,200
J. A. Hill	Clerk	249 West 25th street	1,800	1,600
J. H. Hanson	"	154 Waverley place	1,800	1,600
E. B. Lent	"	19 Barrow street	1,600	1,400
S. Barton	"	210 East 15th street	1,200	1,200
M. Kelly	Janitor	135th street and 3d avenue	1,000	900
M. J. Hogan	Stoker	324 East 26th street	350	280
C. Koerber	Messenger	248 Mott street	300	300
E. Mulhern	Sweeper	248 Mott street	600	500
W. P. Prentice	Attorney and Counsel	9 West 16th street	5,000	4,500
G. S. Hastings	Chief Clerk	178 Madison avenue	4,000	3,000
W. F. T. Chapman	Clerk	52 King street	1,500	1,350
C. Hoyer	"	31 King street	1,500	1,350
J. T. Nagle	Acting Register of Records	19 West 12th street	3,000	2,700
L. Kraushaar	Clerk	956 Eighth avenue	2,000	1,800
J. A. Weil	"	106 Waverley place	2,000	1,800
H. G. Wheelock	"	East Orange, N. J.	1,800	1,500
W. H. Resguie	"	25 East 110th street	1,200	1,200
L. T. Brennan	"	84th street and Boulevard	1,200	1,080
E. J. Gallagher	"	222 West 35th street	1,200	1,080
T. J. McNamara	"	40 First street	1,200	1,200
W. A. Stoutenburgh	"	410 West 33d street	1,200	1,080
L. Morris	"	Stapleton, S. I.	1,200	1,080
J. N. Husted	Examiner of Death Certificates	188 East Broadway	1,300	1,200
T. E. Core	"	232 East 39th street	1,300	1,200
J. J. Delaney	Resident Physician	Riverside Hospital	1,500	1,500
W. B. Fernhead	Clerk	433 West 47th street	1,800	1,600
W. Roberts	"	Riverside Hospital	900	900
J. Sullivan	Day Watchman	"	500	500
L. Planitz	Orderly	"	300	300
L. K. Smith	"	"	300	300
W. Talbot	"	"	300	300
J. Walker	"	"	300	300
C. R. Care	Assistant Orderly	"	120	120
Mary McGraw	Nurse	"	240	240
J. Vickers	Engineer	"	350	350
P. Dumlop	Laborer	"	120	120
J. Fee	"	"	60	60
Mary Toole	Cook	"	180	180
Margaret Anderson	Helper	"	120	120
Anne Smith	"	"	120	120
Mary Buckley	"	"	120	120
Susan Williams	"	"	120	120
Isabella Jones	"	"	120	120
Jennie Williams	"	"	120	120
Mary Smith	"	"	120	120
Mary Coburn	"	"	120	120
Annie Smith	"	"	120	120
Mary Connors	"	"	120	120
Catharine Russel	"	"	120	120
Catharine Smith	"	"	120	120
Mary Riley	"	"	120	120
Margaret Stevens	"	"	120	120
Ellen Constantine	"	"	120	120
Kate Coburn	"	"	120	120
Anne McGuire	"	"	120	120
Margaret J. Bowers	Matron	Reception Hospital	300	300
P. E. Petch	Orderly	"	300	300
Mary Cody	Helper	"	48	48

* Increase.

That Orders No. 4,317, on premises 117 Eldridge street, and Order 4,322, on 53 Delancey street, be suspended until March 15, 1876.

That the services of the following named officers and clerks be dispensed with from and after January 5, for the reason that the Board has not a sufficient appropriation to provide for the salaries for the ensuing year, viz.: Elisha Harris, M. D., Register of Records; and Charles P. Bosworth and Jonas G. Dudley, Clerks.

That William B. Fernhead be transferred from the pay-roll of the "Health Fund" to pay-roll of "Small-pox Hospital," for the reason that his services and duties are immediately connected with the latter.

That Drs. L. A. Stimson, James L. Adams, and E. B. Sanborn, be appointed Assistant Sanitary Inspectors, and be detailed to the Vaccinating Corps, with salaries at the rate of \$1,200 per annum.

That Thomas Wood be appointed Telegraph Operator (Riverside Hospital), with salary at the rate of \$30 per month.

That the Bureau of Vital Statistics be consolidated with the Sanitary Bureau, and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as provided by section 28 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, be and are hereby respectfully requested to consent to and ratify such consolidation.

Sanitary Bureau.

The following is a record of the work performed by the Sanitary Bureau during the week ending January 1, 1876: The total number of inspections made by the Inspectors was 1,343, as follows: 4 public buildings, 634 tenement houses, 112 private dwellings, 94 other dwellings, 5 manufactories and workshops, 15 stores and warehouses, 54 stables, 55 slaughter-houses, 1 cemetery, 1 manure heap, 1 cesspool and 6 other nuisances, 13 sunken and vacant lots, 35 yards, courts, and areas, 66 cellars and basements, 70 waste-pipes and drains, 68 privies and water-closets, 14 street-gutters and side-walks, 2 dangerous stairways, 95 visits to contagious diseases.

The number of reports thereon received from the Inspectors was 374. During the past week 41 complaints were received from citizens, and referred to the Inspectors for investigation and report.

40 permits were issued to consignees of vessels to discharge cargoes on vouchers from the Officer of the Port.

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

The Disinfecting Corps have visited 64 dwellings where contagious diseases were found, and have disinfected and fumigated 61 houses, 61 privy-sinks, together with clothing, bedding, etc.

35 persons sick with small-pox were removed to the Hospital and 3 dead bodies to the Morgue by the Ambulance Corps.

The following number of cases of contagious diseases was reported during the week ending January 1, 1876: Typhoid fever, 17; scarlet fever, 52; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 3; measles, 52; diphtheria, 126, and small-pox, 48.

57 cans and 12 tanks of night-soil were removed by the scavengers from the privy-vaults of the city during the week ending January 1, 1876.

The following amount of meat and fish was condemned by the officers as unfit for human food, during the week ending January 1, 1876: Calves, 17 carcasses; beef, 5,042 pounds; veal 33 pounds; poultry, 349 pounds; fish, 5,825 pounds; and scollops, 60 pounds.

Bureau of Vital Statistics.

During the week ending January 1, 1876, there were issued from this Bureau 556 burial permits for city deaths, 21 for bodies *in transitu*, and 43 for the interment of still-born infants. There were recorded 556 deaths, 97 marriages, 436 births, 43 still-births, 21 applications for transit permits, and 61 returns from Coroners. There were 18 searches of the registers of births, marriages, and deaths, and 4 transcripts of birth record, 2 of marriage, and 12 of death were issued from this Bureau.

By order of the Board,

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1876.

The Board of Health met this day.

All the Commissioners present.

Resolved, That a hearing be now accorded to any of the officers or clerks mentioned in the resolution of January 4, whose services were ordered dispensed with because of the insufficiency of the appropriation for salaries.

Elisha Harris, M. D., appeared before the Board and presented a written statement.

Jonas G. Dudley appeared before the Board and made a verbal statement, and asked for a reconsideration of the action of the Board of the 4th of January.

Resolved, That, by the uniform practice of this Board, all the regular offices in this Department must be filled in such way that its officers are held to the highest responsibility, and to the regular and constant performance of duties with a consideration paid therefore in regular salaries. None of the regular offices can be held as honorary, and this Board cannot consent that an officer be held after the salary has been extinguished and the duties changed. This board adheres to the policy of retrenchment adopted at its last meeting, and regards it as inexpedient to continue temporarily the office of Register of Records as distinct from that of Sanitary Superintendent.

Resolved, That in view of the long-continued service of Dr. Elisha Harris, and the high personal esteem in which he is held, this Board greatly regrets the necessity of his retirement, pursuant to the resolution passed at the last meeting, but is desirous of availing itself of the advantage of his experience, in as far as it may be expedient and proper, under the arrangements which have been devised in the present exigency.

Resolved, That the Board will, with the concurrence of Dr. Harris, recommend at the next regular meeting, that he be appointed Consulting Vital Statistician.

By order of the Board,

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DAILY MEETINGS, December 27 to 31, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Bailey, Brennan, and Cox.

Communications Received.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners received during week ending December 25, 1875: Males, 27; females, 2. On File.

List of 47 prisoners to be discharged from January 2 to 8, 1876. Transmitted to Prison Association.

From Lunatic Asylum—History of 8 patients received during week ending December 25, 1875. Referred to Examining Clerk.

From New York City Asylum for Insane—History of 8 patients received during week ending December 25, 1875. Referred to Examining Clerk.

From Work-house Hospital—Reporting death of Frank Burns, committed to City Prison, November 5, 1875, on charge of murder, and transferred to Work-house Hospital for medical treatment December 2, 1875. District Attorney notified.

Resolutions.

Randall's Island—Transfer of children under chapter 173 of Laws passed April 24, 1875.

Resolved, That the sixty-four boys, and twenty-one girls, under eight years of age, now inmates of Randall's Island, be transferred to the charge of the Sisters of the Institution of Mercy, 35 East Houston street, and that fifty-seven boys and twenty-one girls over eight and under sixteen years, be transferred to the care of the authorities of Catholic Protectorate at the rate of two dollars per week, provided any fund is appropriated for the support of these children by the city or State. This Department is not to be held liable for the expense.

Resolved, That Nellie Pearsall, Mary Pearsall, Jennie Pearsall, Lizzie Schwartz, Ida Dixon or Dicks, children at Randall's Island Nursery, be transferred to the charge of Superintendent Wm. F. Barnard, of Five Points House of Industry, at the rate of two dollars each per week, provided any fund is appropriated for the support of these children by the city or State. This Department is not to be held liable for the expense.

Resolved, That Lydia Oliver, Ann R. Allaire, Ann E. Sterling, be sent to Mrs. Dubois' Child's Hospital, on same terms as above. Adopted.

Out-door Poor.

That the Out-door Poor Visitors, after receiving the daily lists of applicants for relief reported at the Commissioners' office, will visit the cases immediately and report upon them.

That the District Committee also receive lists of such applicants immediately, from Superintendent of Out-door Poor, with the understanding that within forty-eight hours at the utmost, the reports of such Committees will be made in such cases; that failing such returns from the Committee within that time, the Visitor's report is final for first payment. In case of any difference in the nature of the reports, as between the City Visitors and the Committee, the decision of the Commissioners will be final after further examination.

The Commissioners disclaim any intention of helping unworthy poor of the city, although cases may occur of immediate necessity, calling for prompt, temporary relief, on their own responsibility. By the Board—

After a protracted conference between Messrs. Pellet and Roosevelt of the Board of Charities and the Commissioners, the above plan was unanimously approved.

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have reduced the appropriation of this Department, by cutting off the allotment for the Out-door Poor, and reducing the general appropriation more than \$100,000, from our estimate; therefore,

Resolved, That the School-ship be laid up in ordinary, the boys thereon transferred to the care of the Warden on Hart's Island, and the services of the officers and seamen be dispensed with from date.

Resolved, That the Warden, Drill-master, Matrons, Nurses, and all other paid employees except Night Watchman, at the Nursery at Randall's Island, be notified this day that the Department has no further use for their services. Adopted.

Resolved, That the boys on the School-ship and at Industrial School, who have homes be sent to them, and for those who have not, places shall be secured as soon as possible. Adopted.

Appointments.

December 28. Mary Redden, Nurse, Nursery Hospital.
29. Edward Shore, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.
30. Emma C. Donovan, Matron, Penitentiary.

Removals.

December 28. Eliza Donahue, Nurse, Nursery Hospital.
29. Martin Foley, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINION OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 15, 1875.

The Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—With a letter from the Comptroller to me dated November 12, 1875, was transmitted the following resolution, adopted by your Honorable Body November 8, 1875:

"Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to examine into the validity of the lease made to the Union Ferry Company in 1870, and to report the same to this Board."

In compliance with this resolution I have made careful enquiry and examination into the facts connected with the execution of this lease, and I find, as appears principally by the records of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, that such facts are as follows:

On the 29th of May, 1860, the Comptroller, pursuant to certain resolutions of the Common Council, approved November 10, 1859, put up at public auction the five ferries commonly known as the Fulton Ferry, the South Ferry, the Hamilton Avenue Ferry, the Catharine Ferry, and the Wall Street Ferry. The Union Ferry Company was the highest bidder at such sale, and a lease of said five ferries to said Company, for the period of ten years from May 1, 1861, at an annual rental of \$103,000, was duly executed on September 4, 1860; and, under said lease, said Company had undisturbed possession of all the bulkheads, wharves, premises, piers, and slips, and their appurtenances, which were granted by said lease until the year 1869. In said last-mentioned year the New York Bridge Company, under the provisions of chapter 399 of the laws of 1867, decided to take a portion of the premises connected with the Fulton Ferry and covered by said lease. Said Bridge Company having thereupon applied to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the purchase of said premises, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on October 7, 1869, appointed Messrs. Wilson G. Hunt and John T. Agnew to appraise the value of said land. While the proceedings for such appraisal were pending, the Union Ferry Company addressed a communication, dated December 3, 1869, to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, soliciting a new lease of the said five ferries, except such portion of the premises at Fulton Ferry as were required by said Bridge Company, for the term of ten years from May 1, 1871. This communication set forth the following as reasons for asking for a new lease:

"First.—That permanent arrangements can be made to surrender the premises required for the Bridge Company, and adjust and make such alterations as the necessities of the ferry may require.

"Second.—To make such alterations and construct new slips and landing, and consequently new ferry-house, at Fulton Ferry, will involve large outlays—not less than from \$100,000 to \$150,000—in order to keep up the efficiency of the Fulton Ferry. A new slip and landing cannot be constructed without destroying the present ferry-house, and the company would not be justified in expending such sum for the remainder of the present lease.

"This company are not running these ferries for the purpose of making money, being restricted by their articles of association to ten per cent. dividend; the surplus, if any, to be expended in the improvement of the ferries. The vital interest of Brooklyn, at any rate, during the building of the bridge, depends upon the efficiency and safety of these ferries, especially of the Fulton Ferry, and the company desire to anticipate such arrangement of landings, etc., so as to secure these objects."

On the 17th of January, 1870, Messrs. Agnew and Hunt presented their report, in which they appraised the land to be taken for the Bridge Company at the sum of \$160,000. Such report was thereupon confirmed and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. At the same meeting, January 17, 1870, the above mentioned communication of December 3, 1869, from the Union Ferry Company was submitted to, and considered by, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, after which certain preambles and resolution were offered and adopted. Such preambles recited that the New York Bridge Company had made application for the purchase of the land on the Brooklyn shore required for the foundation of the tower of the proposed bridge; Messrs. Hunt and Agnew having been appointed to appraise the value of such land had on that day reported such value at \$160,000; and that such land would at once be taken for the proposed purpose, and also repeated as to part of such preamble the resolutions above quoted, given by the Ferry Company as the grounds of their application for a new lease; and the resolution thereupon adopted was as follows:

"Resolved, That the said application of the Union Ferry Company be referred to the Mayor and Comptroller to make such an equitable lease to the said company as the circumstances shall seem to them to justify."

A communication bearing date January 17, 1870, and signed by the then Mayor, A. Oakley Hall, and the then Comptroller, Richard B. Connolly, was thereupon transmitted to the Bridge Company. This communication was as follows:

"NEW YORK CITY,
"January 17, 1870."

"DEAR SIR—By resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, your communication to them of December 3, 1869, has been referred to us to make such equitable lease of the Brooklyn ferries, as circumstances seem to justify. In proceeding to consider your courteous and reasonable request, our attention was first attracted by the following sentence: 'This company are not running their ferries for the purpose of making money, being restricted by their Articles of Association to ten per cent. dividend; the surplus, if any, to be expended in the improvement of the ferries.' Meeting you upon that platform—you representing the question of profit, and we the demands of our constituents for cheap travel—we are entirely satisfied that the ferry franchises in the hands of the city authorities should be disposed of at the lowest rates of fare consistent with due efficiency and safety of the ferry service. We propose, therefore, to make a new lease of the Catharine, Fulton, Wall, South and Hamilton Ferries, on and after the first of May next, at a merely nominal rent, upon the condition that the company as lessees agree to reduce the fare, for foot passengers, to one cent, and to make a reduction of fifty per cent. in the fares charged for horses and vehicles. We need not remind you that the difference between the two cents and one cent ferriage is of much consequence to many of the working classes, and your present (pardon us for saying so) high rates of vehicle ferriages severely tax truckmen, cartmen and indeed all who participate in commercial traffic between our great cities.

"Very truly, your obedient servants,
"A. OAKLEY HALL,
"RICHARD B. CONNOLLY."

Under date of January 20, 1870, the managing director of the Union Ferry Company addressed a communication to the Mayor and Comptroller, in which he stated that the Company highly appreciated their liberal views in reference to cheap ferriage, and that the matter of their communication was before the Board of Directors, and their answer thereto would be made as soon as practicable, after due consideration. Under date of January 24, 1870, the managing director of the Company addressed another communication to the Mayor and Comptroller, in which he stated that the directors of the Company, as citizens, had ever felt, and still felt, a deep interest in the growth and prosperity of Brooklyn, and desired to afford the best and most expeditious transit with reference to comfort and safety, and at the lowest rates of fare practicable. He referred also to the views contained in the communication from the Mayor and Comptroller in favor of cheap ferriage, and suggested that Messrs. Hunt and Agnew, who had been appointed commissioners for appraisal of the land to be taken for the bridge, should also be appointed to appraise the ferry property, to make full examination of the books of account of the Company, with a view to obtain their opinion in relation to the rates of ferriage at which the ferries could be run if the accommodation then furnished should be maintained and a reasonable compensation allowed to the stockholders in the Company for the use of their money and the risk of ferrying.

It does not appear by the records of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that any reply was ever sent to this communication, nor any action taken by such Commissioners; but it appears by the minutes of the meeting held at the Comptroller's office May 13, 1870, that Mr. Cyrus P. Smith, President of the Union Ferry Company, appeared before the Commissioners and made a statement of the annual receipts of said Company, and sundry remarks in relation to the application of said Company for a renewal of their lease; when, on motion of the Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, as the sense of this Commission, That in answer to the application of the Union Ferry Company of Brooklyn for renewal of leases, the Commission offers a lease of all the existing ferries for ten years at one dollar per annum, on condition that, between the hours of five and half-past seven o'clock, both in the morning and the afternoon, the Company will fix the fare at one cent, while it remains two cents between every other hour of the day than those designated for one cent."

Under date of May 18, 1870, the managing director of the Ferry Company addressed a communication to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, acknowledging the receipt of this resolution, and, on behalf of his company, accepting the proposal therein contained, and transmitting a draft of a lease which he stated was enclosed for the purpose of facilitating the preparation and execution of the lease about to be entered into. On the 27th of May, 1870, a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was held, and the minutes of that meeting recite the reception from Mr. Smith of his communication of May 18, above referred to, accepting the proposition for a new lease for ten years; and thereupon the same was, on motion, ordered on file, and the Counsel to the Corporation was requested to confer with the Counsel of the said Ferry Company, and prepare a lease in accordance with the terms proposed, to be submitted to the Commission for approval.

At a meeting of the Commissioners on June 20, 1870, such lease was submitted to and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and was on the 22d day of June, 1870, executed on behalf of the City and said Ferry Company.

This lease is drawn in accordance with the terms of the above-mentioned resolution, adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, May 13, 1870, and grants to the said Company, for the period of ten years from May 1, 1871, at a rental of one dollar a year, the five ferries above-mentioned, together with all the wharf property and appurtenances therewith connected, and contains a condition that between the hours of five and half past seven o'clock, both in the morning and the afternoon, the company will fix the fare at one cent, while it shall remain at two cents between every

other hour of the day than those designated for one cent. The Union Ferry Company, since May 1, 1871, has been and is now in possession of said five ferries under this lease, and the question now presented for my consideration, under the resolution of the present Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, is whether this lease is a valid one.

After a careful examination of this matter, the only statute which I can find which gave any possible color of authority to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to make this lease, and under which I am credibly informed the right to make it was claimed, is found in chapter 876 of the Laws of 1869. This act is what is commonly known as the "City Tax Levy" act of that year, and section 8 of said act is as follows: "The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are hereby empowered, in such manner as they shall deem best for the interests of the city, from time to time, to lease city property, but not for a term longer than the Charter limitation of ten years, nor for a renewal for a longer term than ten years."

If this section had, in clear and express terms, authorized the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of this city to make the lease in question, I should, nevertheless, have serious doubts as to its constitutionality. Section 16 of article 3 of the Constitution of this State declares that no private or local bill which may be passed by the Legislature shall embrace more than one subject, and that shall be expressed in the title. This tax levy is a local act and its subject was the making provision for the government of the city of New York. It seems to me extremely doubtful whether a section in a tax levy act which, in effect, would authorize the local authorities to give away the entire real and personal property of the city, could be fairly considered as coming within the scope of an act to make provision for the government of the city. Moreover, even if the Legislature had such absolute control over the private property of the city as to be able to authorize the local authorities to give the same away, there may be serious doubts whether it would have the constitutional power to interfere with rights heretofore vested in the creditors of the city under ordinances of the Common Council and acts of the Legislature. Rents for ferries have, for many years, under such ordinances and acts, been pledged to the payment of the interest on the city debt, and, if the Legislature could constitutionally authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to give away ferries belonging to the city, it is difficult to see why it might not authorize such Commissioners to give away all the real and personal property belonging to the city, thus leaving the creditors of the city without any security whatever for their debts, except such as might be derived from future taxation.

I do not, however, propose in this opinion to discuss the question which might be raised as to the constitutionality of this law, if it were conceded that it did give authority to make the lease. Statutes are not usually to be treated as unconstitutional until they have been so declared by the highest judicial authority, and I should be reluctant, therefore, to advise you that the lease was invalid, even if I so regarded it, on account of the supposed unconstitutionality of the law. There are other reasons, however, which, to my mind, sufficiently establish the fact that this lease was made without authority of law and is therefore invalid.

I do not think that the Legislature could have intended, nor do I think the legal effect of the section above quoted was to authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to execute this lease on behalf of the city. Section 7 of the act to amend the Charter of this city, passed April 12, 1853, required all ferries to be leased by public auction. The same provision was contained in section 41 of the Charter of 1857, and continued in force until the passage of the act of 1869 above referred to. I am informed by those familiar with the matter, that between 1853 and 1869 leases of ferries were usually sold by the Comptroller at public auction, pursuant to resolutions of the Common Council, and, in my opinion, the only effect of the act of 1869 was to authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to sell the leases of such ferries at private sale, instead of public auction. The Commissioners were authorized "to lease city property in such manner as they shall deem best for the interests of the city;" but it seems to me that the words "in such manner as they shall deem best for the interests of the city," do not relate to the price which was to be asked by them upon the leasing of city property, but to have been intended to give them, as above stated, the right to make leases without putting the same up at auction. A power to lease city property would doubtless cover ferries, as both the franchise to run the same and the wharf property connected therewith were city property. It does not seem to me possible, however, that the power given to lease city property can be construed as a power to give such property away. It is to my mind incredible that the Legislature, in a single section of a tax levy, should have intended to confer upon the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund such extensive power. The granting of this single lease, if the same is valid, was in effect giving away between a million and a million and a half of dollars of the property of the city. The price paid under the lease granted in 1860 was \$103,000 per annum. There can be no doubt, considering the immense increase of communication between the two cities, that although a portion of the premises at Fulton Ferry had been taken for the Brooklyn bridge, the lease of the five ferries in question was far more valuable in 1870 than it was in 1860. The grant for ten years therefore, from May 1, 1871, at the price named in the old lease, was a sacrifice of the city revenue of more than a million of dollars, and, if reckoned at the real and enhanced value of the leases, it could hardly have been less than a million and a half of dollars. If the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund were authorized by this section of five lines, smuggled through the Legislature in a tax levy act, to give away a million and a half of dollars of the city property, there is no escape from the conclusion that they might also have given away, by making leases at nominal rents, every ferry belonging to the city and all its personal and real estate, including even the public parks and buildings. I cannot believe that such a construction of this statute would ever be given to it by the courts of justice. I believe that the authority given to lease city property was an authority to make a lease without public auction at fair and reasonable prices, and that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund owed the same duty to the city in making such a lease that the agent of a private individual, would owe to such individual under an authority to lease private property, and that it was the duty of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under this law, to have made a lease of said ferries upon terms the most advantageous to the city which they could obtain.

The managing director of the Union Ferry Company, in the correspondence which took place, expresses a strong desire to aid in the prosperity of the inhabitants of the City of Brooklyn, and to give them as cheap ferriage as is consistent with reasonable profits to the stockholders. I do not know whether, in view of the fact that the city relieved the Company from the payment of more than \$100,000 a year, the reduction of fares between the two cities during certain hours of the day, caused any decrease in the profits of the Company. Assuming, however, that the reduction of rates caused a loss equal to the amount previously paid as rent, I do not see with what propriety the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund could appropriate more than a million dollars of the moneys of the City of New York to aid in the prosperity of the City of Brooklyn and in the giving to its inhabitants cheap ferriage across the East river.

The communication from the then Mayor and Comptroller do not seem to have been especially inspired by zeal for the interests of Brooklyn, but express the opinion that ferriage between the two cities should be at the lowest rates of fare consistent with the due efficiency and safety of the ferry service. It is to be presumed that, as those gentlemen were officers of the City of New York, they were looking to the interests of the inhabitants of this city rather than those of Brooklyn. However this may be, without for a moment assenting to the idea that the property belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, which has been repeatedly solemnly pledged as security to its creditors, can be disposed of for the benefit of the individual inhabitants of this city, it is sufficient for the present purpose that, in my judgment, the Legislature did not intend to, and did not, give the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund any authority to make a lease like the one now under consideration.

In view of the opinion above expressed, it is hardly necessary for me to refer to any other grounds upon which I regard the lease invalid. As there is, however, one such ground which, it seems to me, must be regarded as plainly rendering the lease invalid, I will briefly refer to it. The property leased to the Union Ferry Company, under the lease in question, granted ferry franchises to run five ferries, and also the use of a large amount of valuable wharf property. The term "city property," used in the act of 1869, is broad enough to cover such franchises as well as such wharf property, and, if the act were constitutional, so long as it remained in force, would have authorized the Commissioners to make a *bona fide* lease of both such franchises and wharf property. At the time, however, of the execution of this lease, I do not think the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund had any authority to lease such wharf property. Section 99 of the Charter of 1870, established a Department of Docks, which was to possess such powers and perform such duties, and receive such compensation as should be established and defined by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. This Charter was passed April 5, 1870. Section 32, of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1870, passed April 26, 1870, vested in said Department of Docks, exclusive charge and control of the leasing of all wharf property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, and subsequent sections of that act contain elaborate provisions defining the powers and duties of the Department of Docks. Chapter 383 was the so-called "Tax Levy" act of that year, and unless the provisions in reference to the Department of Docks are unconstitutional as not being within the subject of the title of the act (and for the purposes of this opinion I must assume that they are not unconstitutional) it follows that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund had no authority to execute a lease of the wharf property covered by the lease to the Union Ferry Company. By reference to the statement of facts above set forth, it will be observed, that the resolution authorizing the lease as it was finally executed, was not adopted until May 13, 1870. The company did not accept the proposition until May 18, 1870; the Commissioners did not authorize the preparation of the lease until May 27, 1870, and the lease itself was not approved and ordered to be executed until June 20, 1870, and was not in fact finally executed until the 22d day of June, 1870. All the proceedings taken, therefore, with reference to the granting of the lease, were had after chapter 383, passed April 26, 1870, had become a law. The view that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund can only lease the franchise of ferries, and that the wharf property connected therewith must be leased by the Dock Department, has been adopted and acted upon by the present Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and by the Dock Department, for some time past, and has recently received judicial sanction in the case of *The Mayor, &c., vs. The Staten Island Ferry Company*. It seems to me, therefore, that the power to lease the wharf property in question was vested in the Dock Department, and that, while the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund might have made a lease of the franchise, upon fair and reasonable terms, they had no authority whatever to make a lease of such wharf property, and that the lease now under consideration is invalid, for this reason, as well as the one above mentioned.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully, yours,

WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

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

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

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS,
For the Week Ending January 1, 1876.

Barometer.

DATE.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	MEAN FOR THE DAY.	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.
DECEMBER AND JANUARY.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.
Sunday, 26.....	30.128	29.998	29.769	29.965	30.170	29.674
Monday, 27.....	29.842	30.145	30.372	30.119	30.381	29.670
Tuesday, 28.....	30.381	30.218	30.157	30.252	30.401	30.114
Wednesday, 29.....	30.220	30.218	30.229	30.222	30.246	30.114
Thursday, 30.....	30.189	30.150	30.175	30.171	30.207	30.150
Friday, 31.....	30.200	30.148	30.145	30.164	30.210	30.087
Saturday, 1.....	30.052	30.035	30.038	30.042	30.087	29.994

Mean for the week..... 30.133 inches.
Maximum " at 3 A. M., December 28..... 30.401 "
Minimum " at 1 A. M., December 27..... 29.670 "
Range "731

Thermometers.

DATE.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	MEAN.	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	MAXIMUM.
DECEMBER AND JANUARY.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	In Sun.
Sunday, 26	38	34	38	34	38	35	40
Monday, 27	47	44	43	36	33	41	37
Tuesday, 28	31	29	33	31	34	32	30
Wednesday, 29	33	31	35	33	37	35	32
Thursday, 30	37	35	41	40	43	40	39
Friday, 31	39	37	44	42	43	42	40
Saturday, 1	44	42	55	51	53	50	47

Mean for the week..... 40.0 degrees.
Maximum for the week, at 3 P. M., 1st..... 58. " at 3 P. M., 1st..... 52. "
Minimum " " 3 A. M., 28th..... 28. " at 3 A. M., 28th..... 27. "
Range " " 30. " 25. "

Wind.

DATE.	DIRECTION.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT.
DECEMBER AND JANUARY.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.
Sunday, 26....	ENE	ENE	NE
Monday, 27....	NW	NE	N
Tuesday, 28....	ENE	ENE	NE
Wednesday, 29....	NNE	ENE	NE
Thursday, 30....	NE	NE	WSW
Friday, 31....	WSW	WSW	SW
Saturday, 1....	SW	SW	SW

Distance traveled during the week..... 1,077 miles.
Maximum force " " 6 1/4 pounds.

DATE.	Hygrometer.	Clouds.	Rain and Snow.
DECEMBER AND JANUARY.	FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES.
	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.
Sunday, 26	.157	.157	.207
Monday, 27	.253	.152	.147
Tuesday, 28	.127	.147	.156
Wednesday, 29	.147	.164	.165
Thursday, 30	.182	.235	.255
Friday, 31	.199	.244	.234
Saturday, 1	.244	.325	.322

Total amount of water for the week..... .38 inch.

DANIEL DRAPER, Director.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Comptroller's Office, second floor, west end.

1. Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the City, first floor, west end.

2. Bureau for the Collection of Taxes; Brown stone building, City Hall Park

3. Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents, first floor, west end.

4. Auditing Bureau, second floor, west end.

5. Bureau of Licenses, first floor, west end.

6. Bureau of Markets, first floor, west end.

7. Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury in the City, and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor, at the Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer, second floor, west end.

8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments; Rotunda, south side.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation Staats Zeitung Building third floor; 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Public Administrator, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 10 M. to 4 P. M.

Corporation Attorney, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 8 1/2 A. M. to 4 1/2 P. M.

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor.

Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 2 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN

Commissioners' Office, second floor.

Superintendent's Office, first floor.

Inspectors' Office, first floor.

Chief Clerk's Office, second floor, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Property Clerk, first floor (rear), " " " "

Bureau of Street Cleaning, basement (rear), 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Bureau of Elections, second floor (rear), 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CITY HALL, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Commissioners' Office, No. 19.

Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.

Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.

Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.

Boulevards and Avenues, No. 18 1/2

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 28.

Lamps and Gas, No. 13.

Incumbrances, No. 13.

Street Improvements, No. 11

Bureau of Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct No. 11 1/2

Water Register, No. 10.

Water Purveyor, No. 4.

Streets and Roads No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Commissioners' Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open entrance on Eleventh street.

Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, northeast corner always open.

Reception Hospital, Ninety-ninth street and Tenth avenue, always open.

Bellevue Hospital, foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river, always open.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOS. 127 AND 129 MERCER ST., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Commissioners' Office, Chief of Department.

Inspectors of Combustibles, Fire Marshal.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

NO. 301 MOTT STREET.

Commissioners' Office, second floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Attorney's Office, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Sanitary Superintendent, always open, third floor.

Register of Records, third floor, for granting burial permits, on all days of the week, except Sunday, from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. and on Saturdays from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Commissioner's Office, 36 Union Sq., 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioner's Office, 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Commissioners' Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; on Saturday, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Board of Assessors, " " " "

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

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

BOARD OF EXCISE

Commissioners' Office, first floor, 299 Mulberry st., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CORNER GRAND AND ELM STREETS

Office of the Board, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Superintendent of Schools, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Commissioners Office, District Court building, City Hall Park (stairs).

THE CITY RECORD.

Office, No. 2 City Hall, northwest corner, basement, 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES.

HOURS 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Coroners' Office, 40 East Houston street second floor.

Sheriff's Office, first floor, southwest corner of New County Court-house.

County Clerk's Office, first floor, northeast corner of New County Court-house.

Surrogate's Office, first floor, southeast corner of New County Court-house.

Register's Office, Hall of Records, City Hall Park.

District Attorney's Office, second floor, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
No. 301 MOTT STREET,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1876.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD of Health will sell at public auction, on Wednesday, January 12, at the foot of West Thirty-eighth street, at 2 P. M., two two-horse stage ambulances and one business wagon.

WALTER DE F. DAY, M.D.,
Sanitary Superintendent.

JURORS.

**NOTICE
IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE
COURTS.**

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, June 1, 1875.

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

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

When possible and legal, serving jurors will be allowed to select a convenient season—if application be made in time.

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

The Commissioner will receive applications for relief from those jurors who have served continuously and promptly for several years, or have done excessive jury service in the State Courts.

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

Every man must attend to his own notice. It is a misdemeanor to give any jury paper to another to answer. It is also punishable by fine or imprisonment to give or receive any present or bribe, directly or indirectly, in relation to a jury service, or to withhold any paper or make any false statement, and every case will be fully prosecuted. No fees of any kind exist or are allowed in regard to jury notices, and any one asking, receiving, or giving any such "fee" or "present" will be arrested, and, if possible, punished to the full extent of the law.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1875.

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

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, January 2, 1876—Mary Rowan; age, 45 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; hazel eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted striped over skirt, brown over skirt, red flannel petticoat, brown striped waist, white chemise, gaiter shoes. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

Annie Meenan; age, 26 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; hazel eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted black alpaca dress, white and grey petticoat, white waist, dark plaid shawl, white stockings, gaiter shoes. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 4, 1876.

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 Alms-house, Blackwell's Island, January 2, 1876—Ellen Daley; age, 76 years. Admitted January 10, 1875. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS, President.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 3, 1876.

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

At Charity Hospital, December 29, 1875—Richard Walters; age, 50 years. This patient was transferred from Alms-house, December 22, 1875, and had on blue blouse, grey pants and vest, corporation shoes, black hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

December 31, 1875—Hannah Toomey; age, 50 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; black eyes; grey hair. Had on when admitted calico dress, black striped wrapper, two white skirts, water-proof cloak, black silk stockings. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

Mary Bauer; age, 39 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; black eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted striped sack, calico dress, balmoral petticoat, striped shawl, knit hood calf shoes. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

January 2, 1876—Lizzie O'Neil; age, 32 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; black eyes; dark hair. Had on when admitted purple calico sack, black quilted petticoat, black skirt, calf shoes, white stockings. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1876.

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 Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, January 5, 1876—Unknown man, from Seventh Precinct Station-house; age about 45 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; black hair, whiskers, and moustache; gray eyes. Had on blue flannel sack coat, black diagonal vest, dove color pants, two white shirts, white knit undershirt, with figure 5 marked on collar, white coarse knit drawers, dark ribbed woolen socks, marked E M 10 with red silk, rubber shoes, calico scarf, blue woolen ristles. Four cents found on his person.

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, January 5, 1876—John McShane; age 50 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; gray eyes; brown hair and whiskers. Had on when admitted, brown sack coat, gray pants, gray flannel shirt, calf boots, drab felt hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

Mary Farrell; age 31 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted, brown calico dress, quilted petticoat, water proof cloak. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By Order,

IOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 3, 1876.

PROPOSALS FOR 3,175 TONS OF COAL
FOR OUT-DOOR POOR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 10 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, the 15th day of January, 1876, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the Head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering, free of all expense,

3,175 tons White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality. Each ton to consist of 2,000 pounds, to be well screened and delivered in such quantities after the 15th day of January, 1876, and in such parts of the city as may be required in specifications and ordered from time to time in the following districts, viz.:

No. 1. In all that part of the city lying south of Fortieth street, 1,700 tons.

No. 2. In all that part of the city lying north of Fortieth street to Harlem river, 1,400 tons.

No. 3. In Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, New York City, 75 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 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.

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

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 3, 1876.

PROPOSALS FOR 3,000 BARRELS OF
FLOUR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, until 10 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, the 15th day of January, 1876, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering at the Bake-house, Blackwell's Island—

3,000 barrels of flour, empty barrels to be returned and deducted in proposals from the price of flour, to be equal in quantity to sample to be seen at this office, to be delivered in quantities of one hundred to five hundred barrels as may be required, free of expense to the Department.

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

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

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ISAAC H. BAILEY,
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TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 3, 1876.

PROPOSALS FOR DRY GOODS, GRO-
CERIES, SHOE FINDINGS AND LEATH-
ER, BROOMS AND BRUSHES, LUMBER,
CARRIAGE TRIMMINGS, IRON AND
STEEL, STEAM FITTINGS, HARD-
WARE, PAINTS AND OILS.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, until 10 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, the 15th day of January, 1876, 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 bales Brown Muslin.
10 bales Bandage Muslin.
2,000 yards Bleached Muslin.
5,000 yards Linen Drills.
1,000 yards Red Twilled Flannel.
1,000 yards Russia Crash.
6,000 yards U. G. Cassimere.
2,000 yards Cotton Kersey.
10 bales Blankets.
100 gross Metal Suspender Buttons.
50 gross A-22 White Bone Buttons.
100 pieces Oiled Muslin.

GROCERIES.

40,000 pounds Brown Sugar.
10,000 pounds Oolong Tea.
5,000 pounds "A" Coffee Sugar.
3,000 pounds Crushed Sugar.
3,000 pounds Granulated Sugar.
4,000 gallons Molasses.
1,000 pounds Pepper.
1,000 pounds Cocoa.
500 pounds Farina.
3,000 pounds Wheaten Grits.
2,500 pounds Soda Crackers.
300 bushels Beans.
500 pounds Corn Starch.
3,000 pounds Barley.
75 barrels Ho. Lin. Oatmeal.
13,000 pounds Rice.
3,000 pounds Tobacco.
3,000 pounds Cheese.
300 bushels Dried Canada Peas.
150 sacks Salt.
25,000 pounds Hard Soap.
250 bushels Rye.
1,000 barrels Potatoes, good and sound "Peerless or Jackson," to weigh 168 pounds to the barrel net, in quantities as may be required.
300 quintals Codfish, "George's Bank," best quality; to be delivered in quantities as required.
250 bags Coarse Meal.
150 bags Fine Meal.

SHOE FINDINGS AND LEATHER

500 pounds 5-8 Shoe Nails.
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100 pounds No. 10 Shoe Thread.
10 pounds Shoe Bristles.
10 bushels each 4-8 and 5-8 Shoe Pegs.
10 bushels 6-8 Shoe Pegs.
20 gross Peg Awns.
2 gross Patent Peg Awn Hfts.
100 pounds 5-8 S. I. Shoe Nails.
12 dozen Shoe Knives.
2 gross Lasting Tacks.
1,000 sides Good Damaged Sole Leather, averaging 18 pounds, well tanned, and made from a hide not inferior in quality to California.
1,000 sides Waxed Upper Leather, to average 6½ ounces to the foot.
20,000 Shoe Eyelets.

BROOMS AND BRUSHES.

100 dozen Brooms.
100 dozen Scrub Brushes.
20 dozen Whitewash Brushes.
20 dozen Window Brushes.
20 dozen Dust Brushes.

LUMBER

50,000 feet Box Boards, to be dressed on one side.
10,000 feet ¾ Boards, to be dressed on one side.
2,000 feet 1-in. Clear Pine.
2,000 feet 1½-in. Clear Pine.
2,000 feet 2-in. Clear Pine.
2,000 feet 2-in. White Oak.
2,000 feet 1½-in. White Oak.
2,000 feet 2-in. White Oak.
2,000 feet 3-in. White Oak.
100 feet 1-in. Hickory.
250 feet 2-in. Hickory.
500 2-in. Spruce Plank.
500 3x4 Hem. Joists.
500 2x4 Hem. Wall Strips.
500 worked Pine Boards.

CARRIAGE TRIMMINGS.

2 sets 1½-in. Hickory Spokes.
2 sets 1½-in. Hickory Spokes.
2 sets 2-in. Hickory Spokes.
25 Hickory Cart Booms.

IRON AND STEEL.

20 bundles No. 22 Com. Sheet-iron.
5 bundles No. 24 R. G. Iron.
25 papers 1½ lb. Blk. Iron Rivets.
20 boxes 14x20 XX Charcoal Tin.
20 boxes 10x14 X Charcoal Tin.
1 rm. ea. Nos. 6, 8, 10, and 14 Bright Iron Wire.
25 bars ¾ Oct. English Cast-steel.
25 bars ¾ Square English Cast-steel.
25 bars 1½ Oct. English Cast-steel.
15 bundles No. 22 Best Galv. Sheet-iron.
10 bundles ea. ¾, 1, 1½ in. Hoop Iron.

STEAM FITTINGS.

250 feet ½-in. Steam Pipe.
250 feet ¾-in. Steam Pipe.
250 feet 1-in. Steam Pipe.
1 gro. ea. ¾, ¾, and 1 in. Elbows.
1 gro. ea. ¾, ¾, and 1 in. Tees.
1 gro. ea. ¾, ¾, and 1 in. Crosses.
1 gro. ea. ¾, ¾, and 1 in. Bends.
1 gro. ea. ¾, ¾, and 1 in. Short Nipples.
1 gro. ea. ¾, ¾, and 1 in. Couplings.

HARDWARE.

1 doz. ea. 5 and 6 in. City Rim Locks.
12 doz. ea. 2, 2½, 3, and 3½ in. Fast. C. Butts.
12 doz. ea. 4, 5, and 6 in. Saw Files.
160 gro. Wood Screws, viz.:
to gr. ea. ¾, ¾, and 1 in.
20 gr. ea. 1, 1½, and 2 in.
20 gr. ea. 1½, 2, and 3 in.
20 gr. ea. 1½, 2, and 3 in.
2 doz. ea. 8 and 10 in. Strap Hinges.
5 reams Assorted Sand Paper.
2 reams Assorted Emery Cloth.
1,000 Tin Plates.

PAINTS AND OILS.

4,000 lbs. Pure White Lead, 20-100, 20-50, and 40-25 lbs.
5 bbls. Raw Linseed Oil.
5 bbls. Boiled Linseed Oil.
100 lbs. Burnt Umber, in 5s and 10s, in oil.
100 lbs. Yellow Ochre, in 5s and 10s, in oil.
50 lbs. Ultramarine Blue.
500 lbs. Dry Red Lead, 25 lb. kegs.

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, December 22, 1875.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

EQUIPPING AND ESTABLISHING THE BUILDING ERECTED FOR A MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, ON THAT PART OF CENTRAL PARK KNOWN AS MANHATTAN SQUARE.

SEPARATE PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, 36 Union square, New York, until Monday, the 10th day of January, 1876, at half past nine o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened for each of the following works, in connection with the equipping and establishing of the building now erected for a Museum of Natural History, on that part of Central Park known as Manhattan square, namely:

- No. 1. Iron Work—Surety, \$3,000.
- No. 2. Carpenters' Work—Surety, \$10,000.
- No. 3. Plastering Work—Surety, \$5,000.
- No. 4. Plumbing Work—Surety, \$2,000.
- No. 5. Painting Work—Surety, \$2,000.
- No. 6. Artificial Stone and Tile Work—Surety, \$8,000.
- No. 7. Heating and Ventilation Work—Surety, \$6,000.
- No. 8. Elevator Work—Surety, \$2,000.
- No. 9. Cases—Surety, \$25,000.

All said several works are to be executed in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contracts, which can now be seen at the office of the Department of Public Parks, 36 Union Square, New York.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by an obligation, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, their respective places of business or residence being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum above mentioned as the surety for the work the proposal is made for, guaranteeing the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal.

Each proposal must state a gross sum for the entire work.

The instalments in which payments are to be made will be hereafter, and before the execution of the contract, determined by the Department of Public Parks; fifteen per cent, at least of the gross sum being retained until the work is fully completed and accepted.

Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all persons interested with him therein; that it is made without collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same work; and that no member of the Common Council or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent before a Judge of a Court of Record in the County of New York.

The terms of the several contracts, settled as required by law, may now be seen, and forms of proposals obtained, at the office of the Secretary, at the above address.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and each envelope must be distinctly indorsed, with the name and number of the work for which the proposal is made.

H. G. STEBBINS, President,
WM. R. MARTIN,
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, December 22, 1875.

PROPOSALS FOR VITRIFIED PIPE.

PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, until Monday, the 10th day of January, 1876, at the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened, for the delivery at such times, in such quantities, and on such of the public parks or places of the City of New York as the said Department shall require, Vitrified Pipes of the quality mentioned in the specifications, and in the following quantities, viz.:

500 lineal feet of 12-inch Vitrified Pipe.	
10,000 "	8 "
4,000 "	6 "
1,500 "	4 "
500 lineal feet of 12-inch Vitrified Pipe Bends.	
150 8 "	" "
75 6 "	" "
50 4 "	" "
50 12 "	" T.
25 8 "	" T.
20 6 "	" T.
10 4 "	" T.
3-12 x 8 inch Vitrified Pipe Branches.	
2-12 x 6 "	" "
10-8 "	" "
5-8 x 6 "	" "
5-8 x 4 "	" "
5-6 "	" "
5-6 x 4 "	" "
5-4 "	" X
3-8 "	" X
3-6 "	" X
2-4 "	" X

The terms of the contract, settled as required by law, may now be seen, and forms of proposals obtained, at the office of the Secretary, as above.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by an obligation, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, their respective places of business or residence being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal.

Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all persons interested with him therein; that it is made without collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same work; and that no member of the Common Council or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent before a Judge of a Court of Record in the County of New York.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Vitrified Pipe."

H. G. STEBBINS, President,
WM. R. MARTIN,
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
December 13, 1875.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Six revolvers, three loads furniture, lot handkerchiefs, silk dress, satchel, horse and wagon, lot lead, lot shoes, gun, silver watch, trunk and contents; also, small amount of money found.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND
ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, December 13, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOOKS of Annual Record of the assessments upon the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New York for the year 1876, will be open for inspection and revision, on and after Monday, January 10, 1876, and will remain open until the 30th day of April, 1876, inclusive, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate.

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

By Order of the Board,

ALBERT STORER,
Secretary.

CORPORATION NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE PROPERTY-OWNERS HAVING CLAIMS for damages by the closing of the Bloomingdale road, are requested to present the same, at the office of the Board of Assessors, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date hereof.

NEW YORK, January 4, 1876.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,
JOHN MULLALLY,
EDWARD NORTH,
WILLIAM L. WILEY,
Board of Assessors.

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

No. 1. Belgian pavement in Thirty-third street, from First avenue to the East river.

No. 2. Belgian pavement in Fifty-sixth street, from Madison avenue to Fifth avenue.

No. 3. Basin on the southwest corner of Thirty-first street and Broadway.

No. 4. Basin on the northwest corner of Thirty-first street and Broadway.

No. 5. Setting curb and gutter stones and flagging in Eighty-fourth street, between Eighth and Tenth avenues.

No. 6. Basins in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Boulevard and Twelfth avenue.

No. 7. Fencing vacant lots on Fifty-eighth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

No. 8. Flagging Fifty-fifth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

No. 9. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Twentieth street, from First to Second avenue.

No. 10. Fencing vacant lots on south side of Sixty-fifth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

No. 11. Fencing vacant lots on south side of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

No. 12. Fencing vacant lots on the northeast corner of Eighty-eighth street and Fourth avenue, and on north side of Eighty-eighth street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues.

No. 13. Fencing vacant lots on southeast corner of Fifty-sixth street and Ninth avenue.

No. 14. Fencing vacant lots on both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-second street, between Avenue A and First avenue.

No. 15. Basins on the east side of Eighth avenue, opposite Sixty-first, Sixty-second, and Sixty-third streets.

No. 16. Basins in Eighth avenue, opposite Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, and Sixty-sixth streets.

No. 17. Basin on the northeast corner of Eighth avenue and Central Park road, at Sixty-sixth street.

No. 18. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging One Hundred and Eleventh street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue.

No. 19. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging Eighth avenue, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-second street.

No. 20. Regulating and grading the Fifth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Mount Morris Square.

No. 21. Paving with granite-block pavement Fifty-fifth street, between Fourth and Madison avenues.

No. 22. Sewers in One Hundred and Eighth street, between Third and Fifth avenues, with branches.

No. 23. Regulating, grading, setting curb, gutter and flagging Little Twelfth street, from Tenth to Thirteenth avenue.

No. 24. Basin on northwest corner of Little West Twelfth street and Thirteenth avenue.

No. 25. Basin on southwest corner of West Third street and Wooster street.

No. 26. Basin on southeast corner of One Hundred and Twelfth street and Second avenue.

No. 27. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging Ninety-second street, between the Bloomingdale road and the Boulevard.

No. 28. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Fifth street, between First and Third avenues.

No. 29. Curb, gutter, and flagging east side of Eleventh avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets.

No. 30. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging in Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth to One Hundred and Twentieth street.

No. 31. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging, Ninety-first street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue.

No. 32. Laying crosswalks across Fourth avenue at Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, and Seventieth streets.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 19 CHATHAM STREET,
NEW YORK, Jan. 3, 1876.

JOHN R. MUMFORD,
Secretary.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, for the use of the public, to the lands required for the suspension bridge, and the approaches thereto, across the Harlem river, north of the bridge known as the "High Bridge," but not more than half a mile therefrom, as the same are shown on the maps of said city will apply to the Supreme Court, in the First

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 534 of the Statutes of 1871, chapter 329 of the Statutes of 1874, and of all other statutes of the State of New York in such case made and provided, the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby give notice that the Counsel to the Corporation of said city will apply to the Supreme Court, in the First

Judicial District of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1876, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter.

The nature of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of the title in the name and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, to all the lands required for a suspension bridge, and the approaches to such bridge, across the Harlem river, north of the bridge known as the "High Bridge," but not more than half a mile distant therefrom, as the same are shown on a map thereof, adopted by said Department, and certified by the President thereof, on the 4th day of November, 1875, one copy of which was filed by said Department in the office of said Department, on the said fourth day of November; a second copy of which was filed by said Department in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on the 5th day of November, 1875; and a third copy of which was filed by said Department in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, on the 8th day of November, 1875.

In its extent the said improvement will embrace all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, situate, lying, and being in that part of the City of New York hereinbefore mentioned and minutely described, as follows:

I.—All that piece or parcel of land, in the City of New York, included between the easterly line of Tenth avenue, the established bulkhead line of the westerly side of the Harlem river, and two lines parallel and one hundred feet apart, extending from the easterly line of the Tenth avenue to the established bulkhead line on the westerly side of the Harlem river, distant each fifty feet, in opposite directions, from a centre line described as follows: Beginning at a point marked by an iron bolt fastened in the rock at the easterly line of the Tenth avenue, where the same is intersected by the centre line of a street (known as One Hundred and Eighty-first street, though not yet named by proper authority), distant 6,445 67-100 feet northerly from the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; thence running two hundred feet in an easterly direction south of and at an angle of one degree forty-four minutes and forty-three seconds with the produced centre line of the street (known as One Hundred and Eighty-first street), to an iron bolt set in the rock; thence continuing in the same direction twenty 99-100 feet to another iron bolt set in the rock; thence continuing in the same direction one hundred and sixty-two 1-100 feet to another iron bolt set in the rock; thence continuing in the same direction one hundred and sixty-three 33-100 feet to another iron bolt set in the rock; thence continuing in the same direction one hundred and forty-five 04-100 feet to an intersection with the above-mentioned established bulkhead line on the westerly side of the Harlem river, as shown on the maps hereinabove mentioned.

II.—All that piece or parcel of land in the City of New York bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point distant two thousand three hundred and seventy-three 33-100 feet easterly from the easterly line of the Tenth avenue, and measured on a produced centre line at a point (marked by an iron bolt set in the rock) in the easterly line of the Tenth avenue, where the same is intersected by the centre line of a street (known as One Hundred and Eighty-first street, though not yet named by proper authority), distant six thousand nine hundred and forty-five 67-100 feet northerly from the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; running thence easterly on the south of and at an angle of one degree forty-four minutes and forty-three seconds with the produced centre line of the street (known as One Hundred and Eighty-first street); from thence running in a northerly direction for fifty 99-100 feet on a line forming an angle of one hundred and one degrees eighteen minutes and fifty-eight seconds with the centre line just described; thence (deflecting one hundred and one degrees eighteen minutes and fifty-eight seconds to the left), and running in a westerly direction one thousand two hundred and thirty-one 24-100 feet on a line parallel with and distant fifty feet northerly from the above described centre line to the established bulkhead line on the easterly side of the Harlem river; thence (deflecting ninety-four degrees one minute and forty-seven seconds to the left) in a southerly direction one hundred 218-100 feet along said established bulkhead line; thence (deflecting eighty-five degrees fifty-eight minutes and thirteen seconds to the left) in an easterly direction one thousand two hundred and four 19-100 feet on a line parallel with and distant fifty feet southerly from the above described centre line; thence (deflecting seventy-eight degrees forty-one minutes and two seconds to the left) in a northerly direction fifty 99-100 feet to the point of beginning, as shown on the maps hereinabove mentioned.

Dated New York, December 31, 1875.

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Tenth street, from Second avenue to the Harlem river, in the City of New York.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to the Commissioners, at our office, No. 57 Broadway (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 7th day of February, 1876; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 7th day of February, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at two o'clock P. M.

Second.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New York, there to remain until the 17th day of February, 1876.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land, situate, lying, and being in the City of New York, bounded by, included and contained within the following limits, that is to say:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Second avenue, distant one hundred feet and eleven inches south of the southerly line of One Hundred and Tenth street, and running thence easterly, on a line parallel to One Hundred and Tenth street, to a point on the westerly line of Avenue A; thence northerly along said line of Avenue A, to a point distant one hundred feet and eleven inches north of the northerly line of One Hundred and Tenth street; thence westerly, on a line parallel to One Hundred and Tenth street, to the easterly line of Second avenue; thence southerly along said line of Second avenue, to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 14th day of March, 1876, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

RODERICK F. FARRELL,
JOHN V. GRIDLEY,
HENRY D. PURROY,
Commissioners.

Dated New York, December 29, 1875.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of a diagonal street or avenue, intermediate the Tenth avenue and the Boulevard, from One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street to One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, in 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, at the chambers thereof, in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the thirteenth day of January, 1876, at 10½ o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHN D. NEWMAN,
WILLIAM HAW, JR.,
WASHINGTON Q. MORTON,
Commissioners.

Dated New York, December 29, 1875.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to opening F street, and a continuation of F street, from the northerly line of Inwood street, at a point distant five hundred and forty-two feet and ten inches westerly from the westerly line of Kingsbridge road, at its intersection with Inwood street, and running thence to the Bolton road, in 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, at the chambers thereof, in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the thirteenth day of January, 1876, at 10½ o'clock in the forenoon.

R. D. NESMITH,
DE GRASSE LIVINGSTON,
EDWARD HOGAN,
Commissioners.

Dated New York, December 29, 1875.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of a new street (known as One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, though not yet named by proper authority), distant 2,644 32-100 feet northerly from the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, at Tenth avenue, and running from the Road or Public Drive, east of Tenth avenue, to the Boulevard, near the Hudson river. Also a new street, sixty feet wide and curved, starting at a point on the southerly line of the above-mentioned street, distant 1,844 83-100 feet westerly from the easterly line of Tenth avenue, and running thence southerly and westerly across the Boulevard, to a line one hundred (100) feet easterly from and parallel to the bulkhead line, as established by the Commissioners of the Central Park, under chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867. Also that portion of Tenth avenue, lying between a line running parallel with the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and distant 10,293 36-12 feet northerly therefrom, and a line also running parallel with the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, distant 10,353 6-12 feet northerly therefrom, as established by the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the City of New York.

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

I. That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to the Commissioners, at our office, No. 57 Broadway (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 12th day of January, 1876; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 12th day of January, and for that purpose, will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 3 o'clock P. M.

II. That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the twenty-sixth day of January, A. D. 1876.

III. That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, bounded by, included, and contained within the following limits, that is to say: Beginning at the point of intersection of the centre line of Eleventh avenue with the centre line of One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, and running thence westerly on a line at right angle to Eleventh avenue, to the bulkhead line on the Hudson river; thence southerly along said bulkhead line to a point intersecting the southern boundary line of Farm No. 6; thence southeasterly along said boundary line to the centre line of the Boulevard, near the Hudson river; thence northerly along the centre line of said Boulevard three hundred and ten feet and six inches; thence southeasterly to a point distant ninety-three feet east of the easterly line of the Boulevard aforesaid; thence northerly three hundred and twenty-six feet; thence southeasterly to a point at Tenth avenue intersecting the centre line of One Hundred and Sixty-second street; thence easterly along the centre line of One Hundred and Sixty-second street, to a point distant two hundred feet east of the easterly line of the Boulevard, near the Harlem river; thence northerly parallel to the said Boulevard to a point distant seven hundred and eighty-six feet and seven inches north of and at right angle to One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street; thence westerly on a line at right angle to Eleventh avenue to the point or place of beginning. All of those lots, pieces or parcels of land bounded and contained as follows: Beginning at a point distant five hundred and fifty-two feet and eight inches north of the extreme northerly line of Fort George avenue, and running thence southwesterly on a straight line to a point on the easterly line of Eleventh avenue, distant one hundred and forty-seven feet and eight inches northwest from the northwesterly line of Fort George avenue; thence southerly along the easterly line of Eleventh avenue to a point distant three hundred and twenty-five feet eleven and one-half inches south of the southerly line of Fort George avenue; thence easterly at right angle to Eleventh avenue three hundred and fifty-nine feet nine inches; thence northerly on a line nearly parallel to Eleventh avenue three hundred and five feet eleven and one-half inches; thence easterly at right angle to Eleventh avenue, to a point distant one hundred and fifteen feet and six inches east of the easterly line of Tenth avenue, and thence northerly to the point or place of beginning, said premises appearing upon the maps or diagrams above mentioned.

IV. That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 17th day of February, 1876, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, November 29, 1875.

SMITH E. LANE,
DOUGLAS A. LEVINE,
WM. R. FARRELL,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of a diagonal street or avenue intermediate the Tenth avenue and the Boulevard, from One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street to One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, in the City of New York.

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

I.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to the Commissioners, at our office, No. 57 Broadway (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 21st day of December, 1875, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, within the ten week-days next after the said 21st day of December, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 3 o'clock P. M.

II.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 4th day of January, 1876.

III.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid, are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land, situate, lying, and being in the City of New York, bounded by, included, and contained within the following limits, that is to say: Beginning at the point of intersection of the centre line of One Hundred and Thirtieth street with the centre line of Twelfth avenue; and running thence northerly along the centre line of Twelfth avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Fiftieth street; thence easterly along the centre line of One Hundred and Fiftieth street to the centre line of the Boulevard; thence southerly along the centre line of the Boulevard to the centre line of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street; thence easterly along the centre line of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street to a point distant one hundred feet west of the westerly line of Tenth avenue; thence northerly on a line parallel to, distant one hundred feet west of the westerly line of Tenth avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Fiftieth street; thence easterly along the centre line of One Hundred and Fiftieth street to a point distant one hundred feet east of the easterly line of Tenth avenue; thence southerly on a line parallel to, distant one hundred feet east of the easterly line of Tenth avenue, to the centre line of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street; thence easterly along the centre line of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street to the centre line of "New avenue" (next east of Tenth avenue); thence southerly along the centre line of said New avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence westerly along the centre line of One Hundred and Thirtieth street to the centre line of Tenth avenue; thence southerly along the centre line of Tenth avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence westerly along the centre line of One Hundred and Thirtieth street to the point of beginning.

IV.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 25th day of January, 1876, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, November 9, 1875.

WILLIAM HAW, JR.,
JOHN D. NEWMAN,
WASH'N Q. MORTON,
Commissioners.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 and 157 MERCER STREET,
New York, December 30, 1875.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS Department with ten thousand (10,000) feet of two and one-half inch, three or four-ply hose, suitable for the use and purposes of this Department, in lengths of fifty feet each, with New York thread couplings attached, to be capable of resisting a pressure test of four hundred pounds to the square inch, and to be warranted to bear the wear and tear of this Department for a term of two years (for which a special guarantee will be required), will be received at these Headquarters, until 10 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, the 19th proximo, when they will be publicly opened and read.

A sample length of hose, with couplings attached, must be submitted with each proposal. Two responsible sureties will be required, who must each justify in an amount equivalent to three-fourths of the amount of the proposal.

The contractor will be required to furnish all of the said hose within sixty days after the execution of the contract.

The form of contract, to which especial attention is called, can be seen on application to these Headquarters, where further information and blank proposals may also be obtained.

Proposals must be addressed upon the envelope to the Board of Commissioners of this Department, be indorsed "Proposals for furnishing Hose," and state the name of the parties making the same.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted, if deemed to be for the interest of the city, and to increase the quantity of hose required under the terms of this advertisement, to any amount not exceeding fifteen thousand (15,000) feet.

JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
ROSWELL D. HATCH,
VINCENT C. KING,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 and 119 DUANE STREET,
New York, Dec. 29, 1875.

NOTICE—E. A. LAWRENCE & CO., AUCTIONEERS, will sell for account of the Department of Docks, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Gansevoort Street Yard, foot of Gansevoort street, North river, on Friday, January 14, 1876, at 12 o'clock M., the following-named old material. Terms and conditions to be made known at time of sale:

25 wheelbarrows, 16 shovels, 17 hoes, 1,000 pounds scrap iron, 183 pounds old files, 3,605 pounds wrought-iron, 3,380 pounds old junk, 700 pounds hoop and old sheet iron, 9,000 pounds cast-iron, 1,250 pounds grate bars, 600 pounds old iron chain, 40 empty oil barrels, 2 portable forges (much used), and about 5,000 cement barrels without heads, to be delivered from time to time.

SALEM H. WALES,
HENRY F. DIMOCK,
JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
Commissioners of Docks.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
New York, January 8, 1876.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS

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

CONFIRMED DECEMBER 23, 1875.

Sewer in Lighthouse street, between Varick and Hudson streets.

Sewers in Water street, between Jefferson and Gouverneur streets.

Sewers in South Catharine and Water streets, between present sewers in Catharine and Market streets.

Sewer in Sixty-eighth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, with branches in Lexington and Third avenues.

Sewers in One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, between Sixth and Eighth avenues.

Sewers in One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Sewer in One Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

Receiving-basin on the northeast corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street.

Underground drains on both sides of the lines of Inwood and Dyckman streets, between Harlem and Hudson rivers.

Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging Sixtieth street, from First avenue to Avenue A.

Regulating and paving, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, Seventy-fifth street, from Madison to Fifth avenue.

Regulating and grading Eighty-eighth street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue.

Paving West Eleventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, with square granite-block pavement.

Paving Sixty-third street, from Second avenue to East river, with Belgian pavement.

Flagging in front of No. 236 West Forty-seventh street.

Flagging sidewalks on both sides Fifty-fourth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue.

Flagging sidewalks on both sides of Eighty-fourth street, from Madison to Fifth avenue.

Fencing vacant lots on the southeast corner of Third avenue and Eighty-seventh street.

Fencing vacant lots on the south side of Ninety-second street, commencing 225 feet west of Third avenue, and extending 50 feet westerly.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before March 9, 1876, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City of New York, due February 1, 1876, will be paid on that day, by the Comptroller, at his office, in the new Court-house.

The transfer books will be closed from January 12 to February 1, 1876.

AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
January 7, 1876.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
New York, November 30, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 22, 1875.

Sewer in Manhattan street, between Twelfth and St. Nicholas avenues.

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2, 1875.

Underground drains, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, and between Fifth and Eighth avenues.

CONFIRMED NOVEMBER 13, 1875.

Grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, or Villa place, from Third avenue to Cottage street.

Grading One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Morris to Railroad avenues, City of New York.

Regulating and grading One Hundred and Fifteenth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.

Sewer on east side of Hudson street, between Spring and Vandam streets.

Sewer in Mangin street, between Delancey and Rivington streets.

Sewer in Twenty-fourth street, between Second and Third avenues.

Sewer in Fifty-third street, between First avenue and East river.

Sewer in Sixty-sixth street, between Boulevard and Tenth avenue.

Sewers in One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Sewer in Fourth avenue, between Ninetieth and Ninety-first streets, with branch in Ninety-first street.

Sewer in Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, and in Sixtieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

Receiving-basin on the north side of Twentieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before January 29, 1876, 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 several dates of confirmation.

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

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
New York, November 15, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS

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

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 24, 1875.

Paving Seventh avenue with Telford Macadam Pavement from One Hundred and Tenth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, also for setting the curb stone, and flagging a space, four feet wide, through the sidewalks thereof.

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2, 1875.

Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging Edgar street, from Church street to Greenwich street.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before January 14, 1876, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.