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

Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a Meeting held at the Mayor's Office at 1 o'clock P. M., on Friday, June 4, 1897.

Present—William L. Strong, Mayor; John W. Goff, Recorder; Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller; Anson G. McCook, Chamberlain, and John T. Oakley, Chairman Committee on Finance, Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 1897, were read and approved.

The following communications were received from the Department of Street Cleaning:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, June 3, 1897. *Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman, Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

SIR—I desire the authority and consent of your Board for a lease from John Haffen of the lot, 50 by 100 feet, abutting on the southerly side of East One Hundred and Fifty-third street, 100 feet east of Courtlandt avenue, in the City of New York, from the 1st day of May, 1897, to the 10th day of July, 1903, at a monthly rental of \$60, for the use of this Department.

Respectfully, F. M. GIBSON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, June 4, 1897. *Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman, Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

SIR—I desire the consent and authority of your Board for a renewal of the lease from Edward L. Carey, of this city, of the premises No. 74 New Chambers street, for the use of this Department, on the same terms and conditions as in the existing lease, in which there is a covenant for the privilege of this renewal.

The lessor is willing, in the lease hereby requested, to enter again into a covenant for one renewal on the same terms and conditions as in the present lease, and I think it advisable, if your consent is granted, for his offer to be accepted.

Respectfully, F. M. GIBSON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, May 26, 1897. *Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman, Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

SIR—in addition to my request for the consent of your Board for a lease of the building No. 261 West One Hundred and Twenty-third street, for the use of this Department, I deem it proper to furnish you with the following particulars:

The owner of the premises, Mr. J. Archibald Murray, has addressed the following agreement to me with respect to the proposed lease:

"I hereby agree to lease to the Street Cleaning Department the building located on lot No. 261 West One Hundred and Twenty-third street, for a term of two years and ten months commencing on July 1, 1897, at an annual rental of \$600, payable quarterly, the Department to make the necessary interior repairs pending the lease.

"I also agree to make, prior to the commencement of the lease, certain repairs, as already determined upon. If these repairs are not completed by July 1st, then the Department is to continue in possession of No. 259 West One Hundred and Twenty-third street until the completion of such repairs, which I hereby agree to complete prior to July 15, 1897.

"In presence of "J. ARCHIBALD MURRAY."

"OWEN FITZSIMONS."

The repairs agreed upon by him are as follows:

The veranda on front of building, including roof of same, to be removed so as to admit light into first floor, and the sheathing on front of building to be repaired.

Entrance to first floor to be made new, thus: the old doors replaced by a show window, with a door to one side, so as to admit light.

Repair door and put in good order, with necessary lock, etc., from street to apartments upstairs.

Close up window in easterly wall on first floor.

Put window in good order in westerly wall on first floor; is now boarded up.

Ceiling on first floor should be ceiled with ceiling boards, which would require no repairing; the present plaster ceiling is partly down and the remainder should be removed.

The ceiling does not need to be sheathed further back than about 60 feet from front wall and a partition run across this floor from east to west. Back of this partition the roof beams should be strengthened on westerly side by more posts, as there is only a wooden fence with a few uprights holding it up.

Put down a new floor on first floor, say about 60 feet, from front wall to rear, where partition is to be put up, as mentioned above.

Main roof and roof of extension to be repaired.

Water-closet and sink to be placed on first floor.

Gas-pipes and fixtures on first floor.

First floor and front of building need painting and kalsomining.

Repair the sashes, lights, roof, etc., back of partition on first floor, so as to keep out rain and frost.

Respectfully, GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner.

Which were referred to the Comptroller.

Hon. Edwin L. Einstein, Commissioner of Docks, was heard in regard to the proposed improvement of the North river water-front, as determined upon by the Board of Docks on May 20, 1897. At the request of the Comptroller, the matter was set down for a public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the Mayor's office.

The following communication was received from the Chamberlain:

OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN, June 4, 1897. *Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report that the commissions, amounting to five thousand dollars, due the Chamberlain for the payment over of the State taxes to the Treasurer of the State of New York, as per chapter 723, Laws of 1872, has been collected by me and turned into the Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt. Respectfully,

ANSON G. MCCOOK, Chamberlain.

Ordered on file.

The following communication was received from Mr. Charles H. Butler, attorney for Mr. Henry J. Braker, in regard to the franchises of the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroad Companies: No. 1402 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY, June 2, 1897. *To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:*

GENTLEMEN—On April 7, 1897, I addressed to you a letter inclosing an offer of Henry J. Braker for the franchises to operate street railways through the streets named in the original franchises which have since been acquired by the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroad Companies. I subsequently addressed to several members of your Board another letter on April 26, 1897, practically repeating the offer, and also offering to appear before you at any time you might appoint and give you any further information desired in regard to my client's ability to carry out his offer, his good faith in making the same, and the way in which the properties would be managed if the offer were accepted. Not having received any reply whatever to any of these communications, on May 13, 1897, I personally appeared before your honorable body, and both verbally and in writing repeated the offer that Mr. Braker had made, to wit, \$1,000,000 for each franchise and a franchise tax of not less than \$50,000 per annum on each road, and in addition thereto whatever amount the present occupants might be entitled to receive for their improvements pursuant to the terms of the surrender clauses contained in the franchises of 1851, subject to which the roads are operated; and requested you to appoint a time and place convenient to yourselves when the offer could be presented to you in all its details.

You will doubtless remember that on that occasion a resolution was adopted by your honorable body to the effect that the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation be obtained as to your power and authority to act in the matter, coupled with a request to the counsel that the opinion be rendered before June 1, and that I was informed that I would be replied to after you had received such opinion.

As the time within which such opinion was requested has expired, and therefore the same has doubtless been delivered, I respectfully renew my request and ask that a hearing be granted at as early a date as possible; and in renewing such request I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that, while an opinion has been rendered by Mr. Justice Beach in the suits of a taxpayer and certain property owners involving the right of the City to enforce the surrender clauses of the said franchises, the orders entered on such decision have been appealed from, not only by the plaintiffs but also by the Counsel to the Corporation on behalf of the City and the Commissioner of Public Works, and that, in view of such appeals, there is no reason why active measures should not be taken by the City to enforce whatever rights it has, especially as one of the grounds on which Mr. Justice Beach based his decision was that up to the present time no affirmative action has been taken by the city to enforce those rights. I would also call your attention to the fact that, as already stated to your honorable body, Mr. Braker is prepared to accept the franchises subject to the rights of the present occupants and to substantially indemnify the City against any loss which might be sustained by reason of its accepting his offer in case it should be eventually decided that the City is not authorized to enter into a contract with him.

I again repeat the statement contained in my former letters to the effect that I have addressed this request to you in your capacity of guardians and custodians of the City's property, and as the

acceptance of Mr. Braker's offer means an extinguishment of at least four and a half millions of municipal indebtedness, it is certainly within the province of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, if not to accept the offer and extinguish this large amount of debt, at least to take the necessary steps to prevent the City from losing this valuable asset forever and to avert the threatened loss thereof.

Trusting that as you are now in a position to answer my request you will make an appointment for such hearing at an early date, I remain Yours very respectfully,

CHARLES H. BUTLER, Attorney for Henry J. Braker.

In connection therewith the Mayor presented the following communication from the Counsel to the Corporation:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, June 3, 1897. *To the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—I have received a copy of a resolution adopted by you on May 13, 1897, referring to me a communication from a Mr. Butler, signing himself attorney for H. J. Braker, and requesting my opinion as to your power to act upon the matter referred to in said communication.

Mr. Butler's letter to you asks your consideration of an offer made by Mr. Braker for the franchises to operate street railways through the streets named in the original franchises which have since been acquired by the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroad Companies.

Mr. Braker's offer, as stated by Mr. Butler, is that he will pay to the City \$1,000,000 for each franchise, in addition to whatever amount may be required to pay the present owners for their improvements, pursuant to the surrender clauses contained in the franchises of 1851; the franchises to be subject to such regulations and conditions as shall be fixed by the Railroad Commissioners, Common Council or other properly appointed officers as to the use of the most approved motive power and the exchange of passengers with intersecting lines, as well as the regular franchise tax, which shall, however, never be less than \$50,000 per annum on either road, i. e., a minimum total of \$100,000 for the two franchises.

Mr. Butler also states that Mr. Braker will furnish whatever money is necessary to enable the City to compel the surrender of the roads, so that the City will be entirely relieved from the necessity of issuing any bonds in connection with the transaction; and he further undertakes that if Mr. Braker's offer be accepted, he will at once execute a collateral agreement to the effect that if for any cause it shall be ultimately decided that the City cannot carry out the proposition, he will not only make no claim for damages against the City, but will amply indemnify the City to the extent of at least \$100,000 against all loss, expenses and damages in any way sustained or incurred by it by reason of such acceptance and attempt to enforce its legal rights.

Mr. Butler asks your Board to appoint a time when he can undertake to demonstrate to you his client's good faith in making this offer and his ability to carry it out.

I understand your reference of the communication to me to indicate your desire to be informed as to your legal right to make, on behalf of the City, the agreement suggested by Mr. Butler, leaving the question of Mr. Braker's good faith and financial ability to be determined hereafter if you shall be advised that you have legal authority to act at all in the premises.

The history of these railways, so far as it is necessary to be recited for the purpose of this opinion, is briefly as follows:

In 1851 the Common Council of this city adopted a resolution (approved by the Mayor, July 30, 1851) granting to certain persons named therein the right to lay tracks for railroads on certain streets of this city, being the streets now occupied by the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railway lines.

Although but a single resolution was adopted, it in effect undertook to create two franchises, the grantees of the right to operate the Eighth Avenue line not being the same persons as were grantees of the right to operate the Sixth Avenue line. The same limitations, conditions and provisos were, however, attached to both grants.

The proviso referred to by Mr. Butler, and upon which is predicated the assertion of the right of the City to repurchase the roads in question, reads as follows:

"And provided also * * * that they (the grantees of the franchise) shall file with the comptroller a statement, under oath, of the cost of each mile of road completed and agree to 'surrender, convey and transfer the said road to the corporation of the City of New York whenever 'required so to do, upon payment by the corporation of the cost of said road, as appears by said 'statements, with ten per cent. advance thereon.'"

It was subsequently decided by the Court of Appeals that the Common Council had no power to grant a franchise of this character, and that such resolution as is above referred to was ultra vires and void.

In 1854, however, the Legislature, which at that time had unquestioned power over the granting of such franchises not as yet regulated or limited by any constitutional provision, passed a general act regulating the granting of street railroad franchises in the cities of this State (chapter 140, Laws 1854).

That act authorized the Common Council of any city to grant authority to construct and operate street railways upon certain conditions, including the consent of a majority in interest of the owners of property upon the streets upon which such railroad was to be constructed.

The third section of the act reads as follows:

"Th's act shall not be held to prevent the construction, extension or use of any railroad in 'any of the cities of this State which has already been constructed in part; but the respective 'parties and companies by whom such roads have been in part constructed, and their assigns, are 'hereby authorized to construct, complete, extend and use such roads in and through the streets 'and avenues designated in the respective grants, licenses, resolutions or contracts under which 'the same have been so in part constructed, and to that end the grants, licenses and resolutions 'aforesaid are hereby confirmed.'"

Both the Sixth and Eighth Avenue roads had been "constructed in part" at the time the act became a law, and consequently the grant or resolution adopted by the Common Council in 1851 was confirmed and validated.

It is contended that in thus validating the grant the Legislature at the same time validated all the terms, conditions, provisos and restrictions therein contained, including the proviso that the City might at any time purchase the roads upon paying the cost of construction with ten per cent. advance.

It is as confidently contended on the part of the present owners of these railways that this right of repurchase was not thus confirmed, or, if it was, that for one reason or another it has long since been lost.

This last contention has been sustained by the only judicial expression upon the subject of which I am aware, but for various reasons I shall assume, for the purposes of this opinion, that the optional right of repurchase contained in the resolution of 1851 was validated by the Act of 1854, and still survives.

Thus assuming, I approach the question of the power of your Board in the premises.

By reference to the resolution of 1851 it will be seen that what is attempted to be reserved to the City is an option to require the surrender to the City of the "said road."

It may be a somewhat serious question what the City would acquire if it insisted upon such surrender—whether it would acquire anything more than title to the rails and ties without any right to operate or resell the franchise to operate a railway.

Here again, however, I shall assume, for the purposes of this opinion, that it would acquire all the property and rights of the railway companies, including the franchise, to operate the roads.

It is clear, I think, that the City will not be put in a position to acquire this property until some board or body authorized to represent it in this particular shall determine in its behalf to exercise the option, and it is equally clear, as it seems to me, that the right to exercise the option must be the act of the City itself and cannot be delegated or assigned to any other person.

What Mr. Braker's proposition amounts to, then, is this:

That the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners, acting for and in behalf of the City, shall determine to exercise the option.

That the Board shall insist upon and enforce the transfer to the City of the property and franchises owned by the railway companies.

That the Board shall agree to transfer to him (Mr. Braker), by a private agreement, without competition, the property and franchises in question at a price fixed by him.

You have, in my opinion, no legal power or authority to do as Mr. Braker requests.

The Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners is a statutory Board, having only the important, but limited, powers specifically imparted to it by law. Nowhere in the statutes is to be found any authority in your Board to act for the City in determining whether or not it shall exercise such an option as that reserved in the resolution of 1851, nor to expend the public money for the purchase of property of the kind and nature embraced in Mr. Braker's proposition.

If you had power to do both of these things, however, there would be an insuperable difficulty in the way of accepting Mr. Braker's offer.

If you could and did exercise the option and compel a transfer to the City of these roads and their franchises, they would either at once become a part of the property of the City of New York or the franchises would become extinct, leaving the streets now occupied by the railroads in question freed from any railroad franchise and open to be occupied by new companies under

franchises obtained in the manner now provided by law for the creation of street railway franchises.

The method by which you must dispose of City property that you determine to lease or sell is clearly specified in section 170 of the Consolidation Act, in the following words:

"The said board shall, except as in this act specifically provided, have power to sell or lease, for the highest marketable price or rental, at public auction or by sealed bids, and always after public advertisement and appraisal under the direction of said board, any city property except wharves or piers, but not for a term longer than ten years nor for a renewal for a longer term than ten years."

If, then, these franchises and roads should become the absolute property of the City, and you had the legal authority to deal with or dispose of them by sale or lease, you could do so only in the manner provided by the section of the Consolidation Act from which I have quoted; that is to say, "at public auction or by sealed bids, and always after public advertisement and appraisal."

On the other hand, if, by the City's re-entry, the franchises should become extinct, then the right to construct and operate railways, or a railway, over the streets and avenues now comprising the routes of the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railways, could be acquired only in the manner provided by the General Railroad Act, including the sale at public auction of the right, privilege or franchise.

In neither case would your Board have any authority to agree to sell or lease, by private contract, without competition, the property and franchises which might be affected by the repurchase clause in the grant of 1851.

My conclusions, therefore, are:

First—That your Board has no power to act on behalf of the City in determining whether or not it should exercise its option, assuming that it still survives, to repurchase the roads in question.

Second—That your Board has no power to repurchase said roads on behalf of the City.

Third—That even if you have the power to exercise the option and repurchase the roads, you would have no legal authority to dispose of them in the manner proposed by Mr. Braker.

Having thus answered your inquiry, I might well conclude this communication, and should do so were it not for the fact that a number of persons, among whom Mr. Braker's attorney is the most conspicuous, have indulged, upon every possible occasion, in reckless and unwarranted attacks upon the public administrative officers of this city, charging them with bad faith and a lack of active effort to protect the interests of the City.

Numerous actions have been taken by various interested parties, all of which have had for their ultimate purpose the prevention or obstruction of the owners of the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroad companies in their purpose to change the motive power of those roads. Some time since the owners of these roads having obtained, as appeared from the evidence submitted by them, the consent of the Railroad Commissioners and of the requisite number of property owners to the change in the motive power, applied to the Commissioner of Public Works for permits to open the streets for the purpose of laying therein the necessary conductors and other structures required for the installation of an underground electric plant. The Commissioner of Public Works promptly consulted me as to his rights and duties in the premises, and acting under my advice, he prepared and issued to the companies permits to open the street surfaces for the purposes indicated, which permits were drawn with very great care, and contained, in my opinion, all of the conditions, restrictions and safeguards which it was within the power of said Commissioner to impose.

The original grants to which I have already referred provided that no motive power except horses should be used upon the Eighth Avenue line below Fifty-first street and on Sixth Avenue below Forty-second street, and it has been contended by those who are opposed to the change of the motive power that this condition in the grant constituted a contract between the railroad companies and the City which could not be abrogated, save by the consent of the City, and that the City might, as one of the terms of granting its consent to such change, impose upon the railroad companies the obligation to pay some pecuniary consideration into the City Treasury.

I did not fail to consider this proposition before advising the Commissioner of Public Works to issue the permits, but upon examination of the question I became satisfied that it was not within the power of the City to impose such a condition upon the issue of the permits, and that, if such a permit were refused, the railroad companies in question could resort to the courts for a mandamus to compel its issue, which application would inevitably be granted.

A precisely similar question was submitted to the Court of Appeals when the Third Avenue Railroad Company applied to the Commissioner of Public Works for a permit to lay a cable along the route of its railroad.

That company had its inception in a grant from the Common Council very similar to the grant to the Sixth and Eighth Avenue roads, and which contained a condition that the road should not be operated by steam power.

Application was made to the Commissioner of Public Works for a permit to open the streets, which was refused, and a mandamus was prayed for compelling the issue of the permit. This application was in the first instance denied upon the ground that the charter of the company did not authorize it to propel its cars by cable power. Subsequently the Legislature passed an act, known as chapter 531 of the Laws of 1889, authorizing any street railroad to operate any portion of its railroad by cable or electricity, or by any power other than locomotive steam power, instead of by animal or horse power, which might be approved by the State Board of Railroad Commissioners and consented to by the owners of one-half in value of the property bounding on that portion of the railroad as to which a change of motive power is proposed.

After the passage of this act the Third Avenue Railroad Company again applied to the Commissioner of Public Works for the permit, which was again refused upon the very grounds now taken by those who oppose the change of power on the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroad. The objections to the issue of the permit were urged with every possible argument by my late assistant, Mr. Dean, but the Court of Appeals in that case decided that the Legislature had complete power in the premises and had the right to authorize a change of motive power without the consent of the local authorities, and reversing the court below, granted the application for a mandamus.

The Act of 1889, under which that case was decided, has been substantially re-enacted in the General Railroad Law, and is to-day the law of this State.

I was and am quite unable to make any distinction between the case of the Third Avenue Railroad to which I have referred and the cases of the Sixth and Eighth Avenue roads which are now the subject of discussion. I therefore felt bound to advise the Commissioner of Public Works that the roads had the absolute right to the permit for which they asked. I did this with less reluctance because I realized that if such permits were issued without the intervention of the courts, it would probably be possible to impose more stringent conditions than could be enforced if the permits were issued as the result of a successful application for a mandamus.

At all events, I did not feel justified, where the law was so abundantly clear as it seemed to me to be, to assume the position of a mere obstructionist, delaying, without the hope of ultimate success, the prosecution of an important public improvement, which would not only add greatly to the facilities of travel in this city, but would also tend to largely increase the taxable value of much property now of proportionately slight value, and at the same time afford honorable occupation to a very considerable number of deserving men.

My views as to the legal duties of the Commissioner of Public Works in the premises have recently been confirmed by the opinion of Mr. Justice Beach, rendered in an action in which the validity of the permits was directly in issue, and more recently still in an opinion by Judge Andrews, and it is noticeable in the opinion of Mr. Justice Earl, late of the Court of Appeals, which has been rendered at the request of those who oppose the change of motive power, that while many other subjects are discussed therein, no opinion is expressed denying the propriety of the issue of such a permit.

As the matter stands, therefore, the City has not lost, and is in no danger of losing, any right or advantage to which it is entitled. The obligation upon the Commissioner of Public Works to issue the permits to which I have referred was clear and unquestionable; being a ministerial duty imposed upon him by law, his action cannot be deemed to be a waiver of any right that the City may have, and cannot, in any possible way, affect whatever right of repurchase the City may have if it shall hereafter determine to exercise its option in that regard.

Much unfounded criticism has also been publicly expressed upon what has been assumed to be the culpable inactivity of the Counsel to the Corporation and other administrative officers of the City because they have not been as alert as their critics seem to think they should have been in asserting and insisting upon the City's right to reacquire the railways in question.

Some of this criticism has been based upon an incomplete knowledge of the facts, and not a little of it has been based upon intentional and willful misrepresentation of facts.

After this controversy had arisen, a bill was introduced in the Legislature to authorize the City to raise whatever money might be necessary for the repurchase of the roads, and also to deal with the roads for the franchises after they should have been acquired.

As soon as I could obtain a copy of this proposed act, and on the 15th day of April, more than a week before the final adjournment of the Legislature, I addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Committee of the Senate to which this bill had been referred, urging its prompt consideration and passage, a copy of which letter I herewith append for your information. One of my assistants, by my direction, also appeared in person before the committee and made an urgent plea in behalf of the proposed measure. A few days later I was advised by letter and telegram that the bill could not become a law unless the Governor would send in a special message asserting its urgency, whereupon I at once instructed my assistant, who was in Albany, to appear before the Governor and urge him to send such a message to the Legislature.

These instructions were promptly carried out, and my assistant, acting in my behalf and by my authority, appeared before the Governor and earnestly urged that such a message be sent. The bill, however, failed to become a law.

As I have already pointed out, what was attempted to be reserved to the City by the resolution of 1851 was an "option" to repurchase the roads upon payment of the cost of construction, plus

ten per cent. thereof. That option has remained to this day only an "option," and must so remain until some board, body or officer having authority to represent and act for the City in that regard, shall determine, in its behalf, to take advantage of the "option" and repurchase the roads.

It is clear that neither your Board, nor the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, nor any administrative officer of the City, has authority to act for or bind the City by an attempt to exercise this option.

Furthermore, before the option can be exercised and enforced at all, it is necessary that the City should be in a position to pay the amounts specified in the resolution, to wit, the cost of constructing the roads and ten per cent. thereof in addition thereto.

Since both of the railroad companies have publicly and notoriously denied that the City has any right whatever to reacquire their roads, it would probably not be necessary to make an actual tender of the requisite amount before bringing action, but in order to maintain such an action for the reacquisition by the City of the roads in question it would certainly be necessary to allege and be prepared to prove—First, that the City, by its proper representatives, had formally determined to exercise its option and repossess itself of the roads, and, secondly, that the City was ready and able upon the surrender to it of the roads to pay to the respective companies the several amounts contemplated by the resolution of 1851.

Neither of these allegations could truthfully be made at present, and any City officer verifying a complaint containing them would lay himself open to a prosecution for perjury.

Whatever, therefore, may be the reserved rights of the City under the resolution of 1851, it is not to-day in a position to bring an action for the enforcement or even for the ascertainment of those rights.

It is true that Mr. Braker has offered to furnish whatever money might be necessary to effect a repurchase, but this offer is coupled with conditions as to the transfer of the franchises to him which, as I have already pointed out, cannot be entertained.

It has also been widely asseverated that the Counsel to the Corporation failed to properly represent the City's interests upon the motion recently argued before and decided by Judge Beach, and that by his neglect the City has suffered or is likely to suffer the loss of some right or advantage. Nothing could be further from the truth. The application to Judge Beach was for an injunction forbidding a change of motive power upon the Sixth and Eighth Avenue roads. The question as to whether or not the City had a reserved right to repurchase the roads was not necessarily involved, and any expression of opinion thereon was clearly obiter dictum, and cannot be considered as decisive of the question if the City should hereafter determine to exercise and enforce its option to repurchase.

The Counsel to the Corporation did not assent to any contention that the City had never possessed, or had waived, or had lost, its right to repurchase, for the sufficient reason that that question was not involved in the controversy.

It is true that no affidavits were submitted on behalf of the City, and much remark has been occasioned by that circumstance. The province of affidavits, however, is merely to lay before the Court the facts involved in a case, and as all the material and pertinent facts respecting the right of the defendant companies to change their motive power had been supplied by one or other of the parties to the litigation, any affidavits that might have been submitted on behalf of the City could have contained only a reiteration of facts already sufficiently stated.

The omission to file affidavits in nowise affected the City's position before the court, and surrendered no right to which it was or is entitled.

The position of affairs, so far as the City is concerned, is therefore as follows:

It has not done, and perhaps cannot at the present time do, what is necessary to be done to avail itself of the option contained in the resolution of 1851.

No grounds, therefore, exist at the present time upon which an action to enforce that option could be predicated.

Until the City has put itself, or has been put by the Legislature, in a position to exercise and enforce its option, the roads belong to their owners, who are entitled to develop them in any lawful manner.

If the City should ever find itself in a position to reacquire the roads, it is obvious that it will be able to do so only after a long and bitter litigation.

In the meantime the public convenience and the proper development of the city will be greatly advantaged if modern and adequate motive power be substituted for the antiquated and inadequate power now in use.

I cannot bring myself to believe that it is the duty of any administrative officer of the City government to undertake to obstruct and retard this most important public improvement merely upon the chance that at some time in the future the City may be in a position to and may desire to reacquire the roads.

It is true that it will cost more to repurchase these roads after the motive power has been changed than it would cost to repurchase them at present. But if the City were to acquire them to-day it would find it necessary, in order to reap the full advantage of their possession, either to itself expend the necessary money for a change of motive power or to sell or lease them (if it could do so at all) at a price which would make it profitable for the purchaser or lessee to effect such a change. Allowing for the usual comparative cheapness of private over public construction, the net result would probably be that it would be as advantageous to the City to repurchase these roads after the motive power had been changed by the present owners as it would be to repurchase them now in their present condition.

Yours very respectfully,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, April 15, 1897.

Hon. JOHN RAINES, Chairman, Senate Railroad Committee, Albany, New York:

SIR—I am informed that the Honorable John Ford, a Senator from this city, yesterday introduced a bill, which was referred to your committee, authorizing the municipal authorities of any city containing a million and a quarter inhabitants to purchase any street railroad or railroads which such city may have a reserved right to purchase under any contracts or agreements under and by virtue of which such railroads were acquired.

This bill is evidently designed to put the City of New York in a position to take advantage of the reservation contained in certain agreements made with the predecessors of the present Sixth and Eighth Avenue railroads, wherein it was provided that the City of New York might, at any time, compel the surrender, conveyance and transfer to itself of each of said railroads upon the payment of the costs of construction with ten per cent. advance thereon.

This condition has recently been the subject of much discussion, and the question of its validity is collaterally involved in certain cases now pending in the courts of this city. Of course, the present owners of the valuable franchises involved would be loath to part with their property upon the terms referred to and suggest many reasons why, as they allege, the condition was either invalid when made, or has since been abrogated or waived.

I do not intend, at the present time, to express any opinion as to the present validity of the condition or as to any of the numerous reasons assigned why it is invalid; whether valid or not, the City of New York has no authority under any existing statute either to raise the money which would be required to repurchase these roads, nor having repurchased them, has it authority to operate a street railroad. It is, therefore, impossible to bring a direct action, in the nature of a suit, for the specific performance of the condition referred to, because it is of the very essence of such an action that the plaintiff should be able to affirm his ability and willingness to comply with his part of the contract, and until we are put in a position where we can allege that we are ready and able to pay to these roads the price prescribed in the condition as the consideration of the reconveyance, we are unable to bring any action to enforce the condition.

The franchises involved are of very great value, and if the City has any claim of right to them the Legislature should not hesitate to put us in a position to assert that right.

I therefore venture to beg of you that your committee will give early and favorable consideration to the bill to which I have referred, and although it is now very late in the session, I still venture to hope that it may not be too late to secure the passage of proper legislation to give to the City of New York authority to raise the funds necessary for an acquisition of its rights and to operate or lease the roads when so acquired.

This will put us in a position to enforce whatever rights we may have which, as I have explained, we cannot use at present.

Yours very truly,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

After discussion the Recorder moved that the representatives of the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroad companies and of the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company be invited to a conference to be held on Friday, June 11, 1897, at 11 A. M., at the Mayor's office.

Which was adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 27, 1897. To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted May 6, 1897, I caused to be offered for sale at public auction, on the premises to the highest bidder, on the 24th day of May, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, by Peter F. Meyer, auctioneer, all the buildings and parts of buildings and the contents thereof upon the premises situated on the northeast corner of Madison Avenue and Twenty-fifth Street, being the site acquired for a new court-house for the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, in the First Department.

No bid was received.

Respectfully submitted,

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

Ordered on file.

The Comptroller presented a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on April 28, 1897, approved by the Mayor, May 11, 1897, granting a pipe-line privilege to John B. Ireland, and in connection therewith submitted the following report and resolution:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 25, 1897. To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—By a resolution of the Board of Aldermen adopted April 28, 1897, and approved by the Mayor, May 11, 1897, permission was given John B. Ireland, to lay a three-inch culvert

pipe in West Broadway for the purpose of connecting by steam the building at the northeast corner of West Third street and West Broadway with the building Nos. 570 to 576 West Broadway, as shown on a diagram herewith submitted, upon payment to the City as compensation for the privilege such amount as may be determined upon as an equivalent therefor by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; provided the said John B. Ireland shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the City harmless from any loss or damage that may be occasioned by the exercise of the privilege thereby given during the progress or subsequent to the completion of laying said pipe.

From an examination made by the Assistant Engineer of the Finance Department, whose report is herewith submitted, it appears that \$75 per annum would be a fair charge for the privilege, with a fee of \$15 for opening the street.

I accordingly submit the following resolution for such action as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may deem advisable. Respectfully, ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the compensation to be paid to the City by John B. Ireland for the privilege of laying a three-inch culvert pipe in West Broadway for the purpose of connecting by steam the building at the northeast corner of West Third street and West Broadway with the building Nos. 570 to 576 West Broadway, shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75) per annum, and a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) for opening the street, to be paid to the Department of Public Works, the opening of the street and the relaying of the pavement to be done at the expense of said John B. Ireland, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and subject to such conditions as he shall prescribe; provided also, that the said John B. Ireland shall give a satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of all conditions prescribed by the said Commissioner of Public Works, and by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen passed April 28, 1897, and approved by the Mayor May 11, 1897, said bond to be approved by the Comptroller and filed in his office; and provided further that the right be reserved to revoke such permission at any future time, if necessary, in the interest of the City.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

A communication from Mr. John R. Thomas was received, transmitting bill for services as Architect of the Gouverneur Hospital building. Whereupon the Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the bill of John R. Thomas, of four thousand and sixty dollars (\$4,060), on account of professional services as Architect of the new building for the Gouverneur Hospital, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to pay the same out of the proceeds of bonds heretofore authorized to be issued, pursuant to chapter 703 of the Laws of 1894 as amended by chapter 399 of the Laws of 1895.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the bill of Charles H. Haswell, dated May 11, 1897, of seventy-five dollars (\$75), for surveys for the site of the new Gouverneur Slip Hospital, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to pay the same out of the proceeds of bonds heretofore authorized to be issued, pursuant to chapter 703 of the Laws of 1894 as amended by chapter 399 of the Laws of 1895.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Police Department, for lease of premises No. 1786 Broadway:

POLICE DEPARTMENT, May 26, 1897. To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police held this day the following proceedings were had:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested to authorize the Comptroller to lease from S. Strasberg, agent, the first floor of premises No. 1786 Broadway, from June 1, 1897, to December 31, 1897, at the rate of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum, for the purposes of a station for the Bicycle Squad of the Police Department.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$875) from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1895, entitled "Police Fund—Employees," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1897, entitled "Police Station-houses—Rents," which is insufficient to enable the Comptroller to lease, by and with the consent of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the first floor of premises No. 1786 Broadway, from June 1, 1897, to December 31, 1897, at the annual rent of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), such premises to be used for the purposes of a station for the Bicycle Squad of the Police Department.

Very respectfully, WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, June 2, 1897. To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Police, by a resolution adopted May 26, 1897, requested the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to authorize a lease of the first floor of the premises known as No. 1786 Broadway, from June 1, 1897, to December 31, 1897, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, for the purposes of a station of the Bicycle Squad of the Police Department.

The premises referred to consist of the first floor of a two-story brick house, being in depth from the front to the rear 78 feet 6 inches on the northerly side and 69 feet on the southerly side. The area is about 1,700 square feet. The owner is to pay the Croton water rents.

These premises have been examined by the Engineer of the Finance Department, who considers the rent proposed reasonable and fair.

I therefore offer for adoption the following resolution.

Respectfully, ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City from S. Strasberg, agent, for the use of the Police Department, of the first floor of the premises known as No. 1786 Broadway, from June 1, 1897, to December 31, 1897, at a rental of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum; the owner to pay the Croton water rents; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming said rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interest of the City that such lease should be made, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to execute such lease when prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, as provided by sections 123 and 181 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning for lease of lots Nos. 511 and 513 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, May 13, 1897. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman, Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners:

SIR—I desire the consent and authority of your Board to enter into a lease with W. C. Andrews of this city for the two lots Nos. 511 and 513 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, in the City of New York, from June 1, 1897, to September 15, 1902, at a yearly rental of six hundred dollars (\$600) for both lots, payable quarterly, to be used as a storage yard of this Department.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner.

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented a favorable report thereon from Mr. E. E. McLean, Engineer of the Finance Department, and offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 705 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as amended by chapter 368 of the Laws of 1894, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning be and is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with W. C. Andrews, lessor, of the two lots known as Nos. 511 and 513 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, for a term of five years from June 1, 1897, at a yearly rental of six hundred dollars (\$600) for both lots, payable quarterly, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby requested to prepare said lease and endorse it with his approval as to form.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller called up the communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning for lease of four lots in Block 1996, between Manhattan street and One Hundred and Thirtieth street (Minutes, May 13, 1897, page 868), and submitted a report of Engineer McLean thereon, as follows:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, May 25, 1897. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—In my report of March 24, 1897, on the application of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning for the consent and approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to leasing the four lots Nos. 56, 57, 58 and 59, in Block No. 1996, between Manhattan street and One Hundred and Thirtieth street, for a term of five years at a rental of \$1,600 per annum, I said: "I estimate the value of these lots at \$21,000. The proposed rent, \$1,600 is 7.61 of this amount, which I consider too high."

These lots are valued on the Tax Books, in the aggregate, at \$10,700.

In communication of May 20, 1897, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning incloses to the Comptroller copy of a letter from Porter & Co., with reference to the four lots between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets informing us that the owner authorizes the acceptance of our offer of \$1,400 per year, provided the City will pay the taxes.

This inclosed letter from Porter & Co., says: "Mr. Ely has refused an offer of \$36,000 cash, for these lots." This information is reliable.

Such an offer as this, surprising as it is to me, fixes the value of this property, and I can no longer urge that the proposed rent, \$1,600 per annum, is too high.

The tax valuation of this property being \$10,700, the tax, at 2.14 per cent., would amount to \$228.98, and this, added to the \$1,400, would be \$1,628.98, which is \$28.98 per year over the first offer.

Under these circumstances, if the Commissioners consent to the renting of the premises, the rate per annum should be \$1,600, according to the first offer.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

After discussion, the Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 705 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as amended by chapter 368 of the Laws of 1894, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning be and is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with William H. Seach, lessor, of the four lots numbered 56, 57, 58 and 59, in block No. 1996, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, for a term of five years, from June 1, 1897, at an annual rental of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600), and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby requested to prepare said lease and indorse it with his approval as to form.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning for lease of premises No. 74 New Chambers street.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, June 1, 1897. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman, Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners:

SIR—I desire the consent and authority of your Board for a renewal of the lease for one term of three years from August 1, 1897, on the same terms and conditions as in the present lease, of the premises No. 74 New Chambers street, from Edward L. Carey, for the use of this Department, said renewal being provided for by a covenant in the existing lease.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner.

Whereupon the Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of section 705 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as amended by chapter 368 of the Laws of 1894, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning be and hereby is authorized to renew the lease of premises No. 74 New Chambers street, from Edward L. Carey, for the term of three years from August 1, 1897, on the same terms and conditions as the present lease.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning for lease of premises No. 250 East Fortieth street:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, June 1, 1897. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman, Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners:

SIR—I desire the consent and authority of your Board for the renewal of the lease of the premises No. 250 East Fortieth street, for one term of three years, from September 1, 1897, from Patrick Purcell, as assignee of James J. McCahill, on the same terms and conditions as the present lease, the privilege of said renewal being covenanted in the existing lease.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner.

Whereupon the Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of section 705 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as amended by chapter 368 of the Laws of 1894, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning be and hereby is authorized to renew the lease of premises No. 250 East Fortieth street, from Patrick Purcell, as assignee of James J. McCahill, for the term of three years from September 1, 1897, on the same terms and conditions as the present lease.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller moved that the resolution adopted December 9, 1896, fixing terms and conditions of sale of the franchise of the ferry from South street, between Piers 2 and 3, East river, to a point between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, Gowanus Bay, Brooklyn (Minutes December 9, 1896, page 715), be rescinded.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller then offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to advertise a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, as provided by law and the ordinances of the Common Council, for a term of five years, of the lease of the franchise of a ferry from South street, New York, between Piers 2 and 3, East river, to a point between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, Gowanus Bay, Brooklyn, upon the following appraisement of the minimum or upset price and value of said franchise, viz.: Five per centum of the gross receipts of said ferry, not to be less, however, than seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per annum, together with the wharf property (if any there be owned by the City of New York) and land under water now used and required for ferry purposes, the annual rental of which is hereby appraised and fixed at one dollar (\$1) upon the following terms and conditions:

No bid will be received which shall be less than the minimum or upset price and value of said franchise and wharf property as above appraised.

The highest bidder will be required to pay the auctioneer's fee and to deposit with the Comptroller at the time of sale the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,750.25), to be credited on the first quarter's rent, or to be forfeited to the City if the lease is not executed by the purchaser when notified that it is ready for execution.

The lessees will be required to give bonds in the penal sum of fourteen thousand and two dollars (\$14,002), with two sufficient sureties to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the faithful performance of the covenants and conditions of the lease and the payment of the rent quarterly in advance.

The terms of sale will contain a provision that in case any person or corporation other than the New York and South Brooklyn Ferry and Steam Transportation Company shall become the purchaser of said franchise at the sale to be held as above stated, the said person or corporation will be required to purchase and said ferry company will be required to sell, at a fair appraised valuation, the boats, buildings and other property of said ferry company used in and actually necessary for the operation of said ferry, which said appraisal shall be made in the following manner, namely: The purchaser of said franchise at such sale and said ferry company shall nominate each a disinterested person to act as appraiser, and such persons shall together value and appraise such boats, buildings and other property owned by said ferry company and report their conclusions thereon in writing, with their signatures thereto; and in case the two appraisers are unable to agree thereon within thirty days after their appointment, then and in that case they shall have the power to choose a disinterested person as umpire, or in case of their failure within ten days after the expiration of said thirty days to agree upon an umpire, then the selection of said umpire shall be made by any Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the First Judicial Department, upon application of either of said parties, to be made upon two days' notice to the other; and said umpire shall in like manner value and appraise the said boats, buildings and other property owned by said ferry company; and the conclusion of a majority of said three persons, when committed to writing and signed by them, shall be taken and accepted as the fair and appraised value thereof.

The lease will contain the usual covenants and conditions, in conformity with the provisions of law and the ordinances of the Common Council relative to ferries, and shall provide that the lessees will maintain and operate the ferry during the whole term and will provide ample accommodations in the way of safe and capacious boats and sufficiency of trips, as to the sufficiency of which accommodations the decision of the Mayor and Comptroller shall be final; also conditions that the lessees shall dredge the ferry slip, as required by the Department of Docks; that during the term of the lease they will erect and build at their own expense, and will at all times well and sufficiently repair, maintain and keep in good order, all and singular the floats, racks, fenders, bridges and other fixtures of the landing places, and in the event of any damage to the bulkheads or piers from collision by the ferryboats, or otherwise, from any accident or negligence on their part, they will immediately repair and restore said wharf property to its previous condition, free of cost to the City of New York; also that if at any time during the term of the lease the Department of Docks shall require any of the said wharf property used for ferry purposes, in order to proceed with water-front improvement in the vicinity of the ferry landings, the said lessee shall surrender and vacate the same without any claim upon the City for any damage whatever, upon written notice being given to the lessee three months in advance of the intention of said Department; and that, in case the whole of said wharf property shall be taken, said lessee shall not be required to pay rent for any time after the said wharf property shall have been surrendered and vacated, and that said lease shall thereupon cease; also that in case only a portion of said wharf property shall be required for the purposes aforesaid, then a reasonable reduction will be made from the rent reserved by said lease; also that the rates of ferriage and charge for vehicles and freight shall not exceed the rates now charged; also that sworn returns of the amounts of ferry receipts shall be made to the Comptroller when required by him, and that the books of account of the ferry shall be subject to his inspection; and the lease shall also contain a covenant providing for the purchase, at a fair valuation, of the boats, buildings and other property of the lessees, used in and actually necessary for the operation of said ferry, upon the termination of the lease and surrender and delivery of the premises by the lessees, if the lessees shall not become the purchasers for another term, but that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York shall not be deemed thereby to covenant to purchase said property in any event.

The right to reject any bid is reserved, if deemed by the Comptroller to be for the interests of the City.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller moved that the resolution adopted December 9, 1896, fixing terms and conditions of sale of the franchise of the ferry from Liberty street to Communipaw, N. J. (Minutes, December 9, 1896, page 716), be rescinded.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller then offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to advertise a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, as provided by law and the ordinances of the Common Council, for a term of five years, of the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Liberty street, North river, to Communipaw, upon the following appraisement of the minimum or upset price and value of said franchise, viz.: Nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) per annum together with the land under water and wharf property owned by the city now occupied by said ferry, the annual rental of which is hereby appraised and fixed at one thousand dollars (\$1,000) upon the following terms and conditions:

No bid will be received which shall be less than the minimum or upset price and value of said franchise and the land under water and wharf property as above appraised. The highest bidder will be required to pay the auctioneer's fee, and to deposit with the Comptroller at the time of sale the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), to be credited on the first quarter's rent, or to be forfeited to the City if the lease is not executed by the purchaser when notified that it is ready for execution.

The lessees will be required to give bonds in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), with two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the faithful performance of the covenants and conditions of the lease and the payment of the rent quarterly in advance.

The lease will contain the usual covenants and conditions, in conformity with the provisions of law and the ordinances of the Common Council relative to ferries, and shall provide that the lessees will maintain and operate the ferry during the whole term, and will provide ample accommodations in the way of safe and capacious boats and sufficiency of trips, as to the sufficiency of which accommodations the decision of the Mayor and Comptroller shall be final; also conditions that the lessees shall dredge the ferry slips, as required by the Department of Docks, and that during the term of the lease they will erect and build, at their own expense, and will at all times well and sufficiently repair, maintain and keep in good order all and singular the floats, racks, fenders, bridges and other fixtures of the landing places, and in the event of any damages to the bulkheads or piers from collision by the ferryboats, or otherwise from any accident or negligence on their part, they will immediately repair and restore said wharf property to its previous condition free of cost to the City of New York; also that if at any time during the term of the lease the Department of Docks shall require any of the wharf property used for ferry purposes, in order to proceed with the water-front improvements in the vicinity of the ferry landings, the said lessees shall surrender and vacate the premises without any claim upon the City for any damage whatever, upon written notice being given to the lessees three months in advance of the intention of said Department, and that in case the whole of said wharf property shall be taken, said lessee shall not be required to pay rent for any time after the said wharf property shall have been surrendered and vacated, and that said lease shall thereupon cease; also that in case only a portion of said wharf property shall be required for the purposes aforesaid, then a reasonable reduction will be made from the rent reserved by said lease; also that the rates of ferriage and charge for vehicles and freight shall not exceed the rates now charged; also that sworn returns of the amounts of ferry receipts shall be made to the Comptroller when required by him, and the books of account of the ferry shall be subject to his inspection.

The right to reject any bid is reserved, if deemed by the Comptroller to be for the interest of the City.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to advertise a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, as provided by law and the ordinances of the Common Council, for a term of five years, of the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Twenty-third street, North river, to and from a point at or near the foot of Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, together with the wharf property and land under water belonging to the City of New York, and necessarily used in connection therewith, upon the following appraisement of the minimum or upset price and value thereof, viz.: Eleven thousand eight hundred and forty dollars and ninety-one cents (\$11,840.91), upon the following terms and conditions:

No bid will be received which shall be less than the minimum or upset price and value of said franchise and wharf property as above appraised. The highest bidder will be required to pay the auctioneer's fee, and to deposit with the Comptroller at the time of sale the sum of two thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars and twenty-three cents (\$2,960.23), to be credited on the first quarter's rent, or to be forfeited to the City if the lease is not executed by the purchaser when notified that it is ready for execution.

The lessees will be required to give bonds in the penal sum of twenty-three thousand six hundred and eighty-one dollars and eighty-two cents (\$23,681.82), with two sufficient sureties to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the faithful performance of the covenants and conditions of the lease, and the payment of the rent quarterly in advance.

The lease will contain the usual covenants and conditions, in conformity with the provisions of law and the ordinances of the Common Council relative to ferries, and shall provide that the lessees will maintain and operate the ferry during the whole term, and will provide ample accommodations in the way of safe and capacious boats and sufficiency of trips, as to the sufficiency of which accommodations the decision of the Mayor and Comptroller shall be final; also conditions that the lessees shall dredge the ferry slips, as required by the Department of Docks, and that during the term of the lease they will erect and build, at their own expense, and will at all times well and sufficiently repair, maintain and keep in good order all and singular the floats, racks, fenders, bridges and other fixtures of the landing places, and in the event of any damage to the bulkheads or piers from collision by the ferryboats, or otherwise from any accident or negligence on their part, they will immediately repair and restore said wharf property to its previous condition, free of cost to the City of New York; also that if at any time during the term of the lease the Department of Docks shall require any of the wharf property used for ferry purposes, in order to proceed with the water-front improvements in the vicinity of the ferry landings, the said lessees shall surrender and vacate the premises upon written notice being given to the lessees three months in advance of the intention of said Department, and that in case the whole of said wharf property shall be taken, said lessee shall not be required to pay rent for any time after the said wharf property shall have been surrendered and vacated, and that said lease shall thereupon cease; also that in case only a portion of said wharf property shall be required for the purposes aforesaid, then a reasonable reduction will be made from the rent reserved by said lease; also that the rates of ferriage and charge for vehicles and freight shall not exceed the rates now charged; also that sworn returns of the amounts of ferry receipts shall be made to the Comptroller when required by him, and the books of account of the ferry shall be subject to his inspection.

The right to reject any bid is reserved, if deemed by the Comptroller to be for the interest of the City.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller moved that the resolution adopted December 9, 1896, fixing terms and conditions of sale of the franchise of the ferry from Pine street to Long Island City (Minutes, December 9, 1896) be rescinded.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to advertise a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, as provided by law and the ordinances of the Common Council, for a term of one year with the privilege of four annual renewals thereafter, of the lease of the franchise of the ferry from Hunter's Point to Jersey City, with the right to make intermediate landings at Jewell's wharf, Brooklyn, Long Island, and at a point on the East river, near Pine street, upon the following appraisement of the minimum or upset price and value of said franchise, viz.: Five per centum of the gross receipts of said ferry, not to be less, however, than five hundred dollars (\$500) per annum, upon the following terms and conditions:

No bid will be received which shall be less than the minimum or upset price and value of said franchise as above appraised. The highest bidder will be required to pay the auctioneer's fee, and to deposit with the Comptroller at the time of sale the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), to be credited on the first year's rent, or to be forfeited to the City if the lease is not executed by the purchaser when notified that it is ready for execution.

The lessees will be required to give bonds in the penal sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), with two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the faithful performance of the covenants and conditions of the lease and the payment of the rent quarterly in advance.

The lease shall provide that the lessees will maintain and operate the ferry during the months of June, July, August and September, and will provide ample accommodations for passengers, as to the sufficiency of which accommodations the decision of the Mayor and Comptroller shall be final; also that if at any time during the term of the lease the Department of Docks shall require any of the wharf property used for ferry purposes, in order to proceed with the water-front improvements in the vicinity of the ferry landings, the lease of said franchise shall terminate without any claim upon the City for any damages whatever, upon written notice being given to the lessees three months in advance of the intention of said Department; also that the rates of ferriage shall not exceed the rates now charged; also that sworn returns of the amounts of ferry receipts shall be made to the Comptroller when required by him, and the books of account of the ferry shall be subject to his inspection.

The right to reject any bid is reserved, if deemed by the Comptroller to be for the interest of the City.

Which was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned.

EDGAR J. LEVEY, Secretary.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 23D AND 24TH WARDS.

June 19, 1897. To the Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—In compliance with section 51 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the office of Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending June 17, 1897:

Permits Issued—For sewer connections, 33; for sewer repairs, 4; for Croton connections, 27; for Croton repairs, 8; for placing building material, 13; for crossing sidewalk with team, 7; for construction of vaults, 1; for miscellaneous purposes, 33—total, 126.

Public Moneys Received—For sewer connections, \$330; for restoring pavements, \$64; for construction of vaults, \$116.76; for use of steam rollers, \$6—total, \$516.76.

Plans and Specifications Approved—Constructing sewer in Bailey, avenue, from Boston avenue to Two Hundred and Thirty-first street sewer.

Laboring Force Employed during the Week—Foremen, 31; Assistant Foremen, 18; Engineers of Steam Rollers, 5; Sewer Laborers, 34; Laborers, 631; Toolmen, 13; Stableman, 1; Truckmen, 2; Oilers, 4; Sweepers, 6; Carts, 19; Teams, 117; Carpenters, 3; Pavers, 19; Pruner, 1; Blacksmith's Helpers, 4; Machinists, 2; Inspectors of Regulating and Grading, 2; Inspectors of Sewer Connections, 2; Stokers, 2; Mason, 1; Flaggers, 11; Sounders, 105; Cleaners, 4—total, 1,037.

Total amount of requisitions drawn upon the Comptroller during the week, \$121,543.76.

Respectfully, LOUIS F. HAFFEN, Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

NEW YORK, June 21, 1897.

Operations for the week ending June 19, 1897:

Plans filed for new buildings, main office, 33; estimated cost, \$1,126,500; plans filed for new buildings, branch office, 31; estimated cost, \$301,300; plans filed for alterations, main office, 28; estimated cost, \$69,071; plans filed for alterations, branch office, 14; estimated cost, \$83,500; buildings reported as unsafe, 95; buildings reported for additional means of escape, 11; other violations of law reported, 190; unsafe building notices issued, 211; fire-escape notices issued, 18; violation notices issued, 416; fire-escape cases forwarded for prosecution, 11; violation cases forwarded for prosecution, 86; iron and steel inspections made, 5,785; complaints lodged with the Department, 86.

STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent of Buildings.

WILLIAM H. CLASS, Chief Clerk.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to A. M. Williams to erect, place and keep a shipping clerk's office on the southwest corner of Sixth avenue and Washington place, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Lazola Union to erect, place and keep transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Eighty-fourth street and Third avenue, Ninetieth street and Third avenue, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only for two weeks from the date of approval by his Honor the Mayor.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Whereas, The Seventh District City Magistrates' Court is to be opened on July 1, and it will be necessary to furnish and equip the same for occupancy and use; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works of the City and County of New York be and he is hereby authorized, without public letting, to provide for and make such alterations and repairs and provide such furniture and fixtures for the rooms of said Court as may be requisite and necessary to complete the construction of said court-rooms and render the same suitable and fit for occupancy, and for the proper conduct and discharge of the business thereof, at a cost not to exceed four thousand dollars, in order that the work may be completed on or before the first day of July, 1897.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That Barretto street (Fox street), from Westchester avenue to One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, be regulated and graded, curbs set, sidewalks flagged a space four feet in width, and crosswalks laid at each intersecting or terminating street and avenue, where not already laid, and that fences be placed where necessary, under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That Fox street (Simpson street), from Westchester avenue to Freeman street, be regulated and graded, curbs set, sidewalks flagged a space four feet in width, and crosswalks laid at each intersecting or terminating street and avenue, where not already laid, and that fences be placed where necessary, under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 321 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as amended by chapter 569 of the Laws of 1887, the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to repave Sixty eighth street, from Central-Park, West, to the Boulevard, with asphalt pavement on the present stone pavement, and that new curbs be set where necessary.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That the roadway of Ninetieth street, from First avenue to East river, so far as the same is not within the limits of grants of land under water, be paved with asphalt pavement on concrete foundation, and that curbs be set along the line of said street where the old curbs are worn or broken so as to be unfit for use, and that new curbs be set where required, under the provisions of chapter 449 of the Laws of 1889, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That Sherman avenue, from Tenth avenue to Kingsbridge road, be regulated and graded, the curbs set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That the sidewalks in front of No. 139 East Twenty-third street be flagged full width, where not already done, and that all the flagging and the curb now on the sidewalks be relaid and reset where necessary, and that new flagging and curb be furnished where the present flagging and curb are defective, as provided by section 321 of chapter 410, Laws of 1882, as amended by chapter 569, Laws of 1887, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That all the flagging and the curb now on the sidewalks on the north side of Ninety-ninth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues, be relaid and reset where necessary, and that new flagging and curb be furnished where the present flagging and curb are defective, as provided by section 221, chapter 410, Laws 1882, as amended by chapter 569, Laws 1887, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That St. Mary's street, from Robbins avenue to the Southern Boulevard, be regulated and graded, the curbs set, the sidewalks flagged a space four feet in width, the crosswalks laid at each intersecting or terminating street and avenue, where not already laid, and fences built where necessary, under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 1, 1897. Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 15, 1897, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Young Men's East Side Benevolent Association to erect, place and keep transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Northwest corner of Third avenue and Astor place, southeast corner of First avenue and Twenty-third street, southeast corner of Avenue C and Fourteenth street, northwest corner of Avenue C and Tenth street, northwest corner of Avenue B and Thirteenth street, southeast corner of Avenue A and Seventeenth street, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only until June 29, 1897.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 15, 1897. Approved by the Mayor, June 15, 1897.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Walter Gilmore to place, erect and keep show-windows in front of his premises, No. 642 Eighth avenue, provided said show-windows do not extend beyond twelve inches from the house-line, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 15, 1897. Approved by the Mayor, June 15, 1897.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the First Presbyterian Church to parade with drum corps and transparencies through the streets in the section bounded by One Hundred and Seventy-second street, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, Third avenue and Webster avenue, under the direction of the Chief of Police; such permission to continue only for four days, June 16 to June 19, 1897, inclusively.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 15, 1897. Approved by the Mayor, June 17, 1897.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John A. Hagemeyer to place and keep movable plants in front of his premises, No. 302 West Twenty-third street, within the stoop-line, the said plants to be prepared and retained at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 8, 1897. Approved by the Mayor, June 18, 1897.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George M. Knight to place and keep movable plants in front of his premises, on the northeast corner of Twenty-fifth street and Sixth avenue, within the stoop-line, the said plants to be prepared and retained at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 8, 1897. Approved by the Mayor, June 18, 1897.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE—BUREAU OF LICENSES, NEW YORK, June 19, 1897.—Number of licenses issued and amounts received therefor, in the week ending Friday, June 18, 1897.

Saturday, June 12.—Number of licenses, 61; amount, \$400.50. Monday, June 14.—Number of licenses, 263; amount, \$1,285.50. Tuesday, June 15.—Number of licenses, 184; amount, \$936. Wednesday, June 16.—Number of licenses, 251; amount, \$1,640.50. Thursday, June 17.—Number of licenses, 137; amount, \$1,367.50. Friday, June 18.—Number of licenses, 222; amount, \$1,088.—total number of licenses, 1,108; total amount, \$6,718.

EDWARD H. HEALY, Mayor's Marshal.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

RAILROADS—The Railroad Committee will hold a meeting on every Monday, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room 13, City Hall.

WM. H. TEN EYCK, Clerk, Common Council.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Section 68 of chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (the Consolidation Act of the City of New York), provides that "there shall be published in the CITY RECORD, within the month of January in each year, a list of all subordinates employed in any department (except laborers), with their salaries, and residences by street numbers, and all changes in such subordinates or salaries shall be so published within one week after they are made. It shall be the duty of all the heads of departments to furnish to the person appointed to supervise the publication of the CITY RECORD everything required to be inserted therein."

JOHN A. SLEICHER, Supervisor City Record.

Mayor's Office—No. 6 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

Bureau of Licenses—No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Commissioners of Accounts—Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Assessors—Stewart Building, 5th floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Board of Armory Commissioners—Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

Clerk of Common Council—No. 8 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Department of Public Works—No. 150 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Department of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—Corner One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Third avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.

Department of Buildings—No. 220 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Comptroller's Office—No. 15 Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Auditing Bureau—Nos. 19, 21 and 23 Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents—Nos. 31, 33, 35, 37 and 39 Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. No money received after 2 P. M.

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets—Nos. 1 and 3 Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. No money received after 2 P. M.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes—Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. No money received after 2 P. M.

City Chamberlain—Nos. 25 and 27 Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

City Paymaster—Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Counsel to the Corporation—Staats-Zeitung Building, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

Corporation Attorney—No. 119 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Attorney for Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes—Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau of Street Openings—Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway.

Public Administrator—No. 119 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Department of Charities—Central Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Department of Correction—Central Office, No. 148 East Twentieth street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Examining Board of Plumbers—Meets every Thursday, at 2 P. M. Office, No. 220 Fourth avenue, sixth floor.

Fire Department—Headquarters, Nos. 157 to 159 East Sixty-seventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M. Central Office open at all hours.

Health Department—New Criminal Court Building, Centres street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Coroners' Office—New Criminal Court Building, open constantly. Edward F. Reynolds, Clerk.

Surrogate's Court—New County Court-house, 10.30 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Appellate Division, Supreme Court—Court-house, No. 111 Fifth avenue, corner Eighteenth street. Court opens at 1 P. M.

Supreme Court—County Court-house, 10.30 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Criminal Division, Supreme Court—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, opens at 10.30 A. M.

Court of General Sessions—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M.; adjourns 4 P. M. Clerk's Office, 10 A. M. till 4 P. M.

City Court—City Hall. General Term, Room No. 20 Trial Term, Part I., Room No. 20; Part II., Room No. 21; Part III., Room No. 15; Part IV., Room No. 11. Special Term Chambers will be held in Room No. 19 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Clerk's Office, Room No. 10, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Court of Special Sessions—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Opens daily, except Saturdays, at 10 A. M. Clerk's office hours daily, except Saturday, from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. until 12 M.

District Civil Courts—First District—Southwest corner of Centre and Chambers streets. Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Second District—Corner of Grand and Centre streets. Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Third District—Southwest corner Sixth avenue and West Tenth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Fourth District—No. 30 First street. Court opens 9 A. M. daily. Fifth District—No. 154 Clinton street. Sixth District—Northwest corner Twenty-third street and Second avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily. Seventh District—No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. Court opens 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays). Eighth District—Northwest corner of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. Trial days: Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Return days: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Ninth District—No. 170 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays). Tenth District—Corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Eleventh District—No. 919 Eighth avenue. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Twelfth District—Westchester, New York City. Open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Thirteenth District—Corner Columbus avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

City Magistrates' Courts—Office of Secretary, Fifth District Police Court, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Fourth avenue. First District—Tomb's, Centre street. Second District—Jefferson Market. Third District—No. 69 Essex street. Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue. Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeastern corner of Sylvan place. Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY.

A STATED SESSION OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the College of the City of New York will be held at Carnegie Music Hall, Fifty-seventh street and Seventh avenue, on Thursday, June 24, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

CHAS. BULKLEY HUBBELL, Chairman.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Secretary.

Dated New York, June 17, 1897.

A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the College of the City of New York will be held at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, New York City, on Wednesday, June 23, 1897, at 4.30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering a report from the Special Committee on the acquisition of a site for the College.

By order,
CHAS. BULKLEY HUBBELL, Chairman.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Secretary.

Dated New York, June 16, 1897.

CITY CIVIL SERVICE COM.

NEW YORK, May 1, 1897.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE REGISTRATION days in the Labor Bureau will be Wednesday and Friday, and that examinations will take place on those days at 1 P. M.

S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

DAMAGE COMM.—23-24 WARDS.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 537 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act providing for ascertaining and paying the amount of damages to lands and buildings suffered by reason of changes of grade of streets or avenues, made pursuant to chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887, providing for the depression of railroad tracks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in the City of New York, or otherwise," and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, notice is hereby given, that public meetings of the Commissioners, appointed pursuant to said acts, will be held at Room 58, Schermerhorn Building, No. 96 Broadway, in the City of New York, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, at 2 o'clock P. M., until further notice.

Dated New York, October 30, 1895.

DANIEL LORD, JAMES M. VARNUM, GEORGE W. STEPHENS, Commissioners.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

ST. OPENING AND IMPROVEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, deeming it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of the City of New York, by laying out new streets, to be known as One Hundred and Sixty-third and One Hundred and Sixty-fourth streets, between Kingsbridge road and Eleventh avenue, in the Twelfth Ward of said city, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Eleventh avenue distant 199 feet 10 inches northerly from the northerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-second;

thence easterly and parallel with said street, distance 519.98 feet, to the westerly line of Kingsbridge road; thence westerly along said line, distance 13.52 feet; thence still northerly and along said westerly line of Kingsbridge road, distance 52.66 feet; thence westerly, distance 493.28 feet, to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; thence southerly along said line, distance 60 feet, to the point or place of beginning.

Also, beginning at a point in the easterly line of Eleventh avenue distant 459 feet 8 inches northerly from the northerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-second street; thence easterly and parallel with said street, distance 418.79 feet, to the westerly line of Kingsbridge road; thence northerly along said line, distance 64.03 feet; thence westerly, distance 396.42 feet, to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; thence southerly along said line, distance 60 feet, to the point or place of beginning.

Said streets to be 60 feet in width between the lines of Eleventh avenue and Kingsbridge road.

And that such proposed action of the said Board of Street Opening and Improvement has been duly laid before the Board of Aldermen.

V. B. LIVINGSTON, Secretary.

Dated New York, June 22, 1897.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, deeming it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of the City of New York, by laying out and extending Watts street, from Sullivan street to West Broadway at Broome street, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Sullivan street distant 182.97 feet northerly from the northerly line of Grand street; thence easterly, distance 202.28 feet, to a point in the westerly line of Thompson street distant 249.19 feet northerly from the northerly line of Grand street; thence northerly and along the westerly line of Thompson street, distance 63.78 feet; thence westerly and parallel to the first course above mentioned, distance 207.97 feet to the easterly line of Sullivan street; thence southerly along the easterly line of Sullivan street, distance 68.89 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Also, Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Thompson street distant 265.87 feet northerly from the northerly line of Grand street; thence easterly, distance 171.63 feet, to the westerly line of West Broadway at a point distant 321.22 feet northerly from the northerly line of Grand street; thence northerly along the said westerly line of West Broadway, distance 44.50 feet, to the southerly line of Broome street; thence westerly along said southerly line of Broome street, distance 162.18 feet, to the easterly line of Thompson street; thence southerly along said easterly line of Thompson street, distance 100.12 feet, to the point or place of beginning.

V. B. LIVINGSTON, Secretary.

Dated New York, June 5, 1897.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, June 15, 1897.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the 35th auction sale of Unclaimed Property will be sold at Public Auction, at Police Headquarters, on Wednesday, June 30, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M., of the following property, viz: Male and Female Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Cigarettes, Cigars, Tobacco, Liquor, Pistols, Revolvers, Umbrellas, Canes, Satchels of Clothing and Toilet Articles, Tools, Mats, Books, Canned Goods, Rope, Bibles, Buttons, Flannel Cloth, Gingham, Dress-goods, Outing Shirts and Shirt Waists, Boxing Gloves, Ball Gloves, Foot Balls, Base Balls, Bats, Curtain Fixtures, Medicine, Photographers' Plates, Cottleene, Tin Horns, Stomach Bitters, Wall Paper, Rubber Cloth, Household Utensils, Billiard and Pool Balls, Bibles, Crockery, Clocks, Guns, Carpet, Wrapping Paper, Stoves and miscellaneous articles. For particulars see catalogue on day of sale.

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, 1896.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 9, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boots, shoes, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc.; also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

NORMAL COLLEGE OF THE CITY.

A STATED SESSION OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the Normal College of the City of New York will be held at the Normal College Building, Sixty-ninth street and Park avenue, on Thursday, June 24, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M.

CHAS. BULKLEY HUBBELL, Chairman.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Secretary.

Dated New York, June 17, 1897.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, No. 220 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, June 22, 1896.

NOTICE TO OWNERS, ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS HAS established a branch office at junction of Third and Courtlandt avenues, where all plans for the erection or alteration of buildings above the Harlem river may be submitted and filed.

STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent Buildings.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

TO CONTRACTORS. (No. 597.)

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING SAWED SPRUCE TIMBER.

ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING SAWED Spruce Timber will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, on Pier "A," foot of Battery place, North river, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M. of

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

Any person making an estimate for the work shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the quantities of materials to be furnished is as follows:

SPRUCE PLANK FOR REPAIRS.

Three-inch and 4-inch plank, as ordered, in pieces varying in length from 11 feet to 25 feet, 9 inches wide and upward, about 150,000 feet, B. M.

The 3-inch and 4-inch plank called for shall be delivered in lots of not less than 500 feet, board measure, within six hours after receipt of an order that said delivery is to commence.

Where the City of New York owns the wharf, pier or bulkhead at which the materials under this contract are to be delivered, no charge will be made to the contractor for wharfage upon vessels conveying said materials.

N. B.—Bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become a part of every estimate received:

1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves, by personal examination of the location of the proposed delivery of materials, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not, at any time after the submission of an estimate, dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract. No extra compensation, beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed at the price therefor, per thousand feet board measure, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The contractor shall be ready to commence the delivery of the materials called for under this contract within five days after the date of this contract, and the delivery shall be commenced and shall be continued in such manner and quantities and at such times and places as may from time to time be directed by the Engineer in Chief, and the entire work is to be fully completed on or before the 1st day of November, 1897, and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof has expired are, by a clause in the contract fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price per thousand feet, board measure, for spruce timber delivered, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which price the bids will be tested. This price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including any claim that may arise through delay, from any cause, in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimates for doing the work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect, and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested the estimate shall distinctly state the fact; also that the estimate is made without any consultation, connection or agreement with and the amount thereof has not been disclosed to any other person or persons making an estimate for the same purpose, and is not higher than the lowest regular market price for the same kind of labor or material, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that no combination or pool exists of which the bidder is a member, or in which he is directly or indirectly interested, or of which he has knowledge, either personal or otherwise, to bid a certain price, or not less than a certain price, for said labor or material, or to keep others from bidding thereon, and also that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or any other officer or employee of the Corporation of the City of New York, or any of its Departments, is directly or indirectly interested in this estimate, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof, and has not been given, offered or promised, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary or other consideration by the bidder, or anyone in his behalf, with a view to influencing his action or judgment in this or any other transaction heretofore had with this Department, which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the estimate that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true.

Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed to by all the parties interested.

Each estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance, and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation of the City of New York any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled upon its completion and that which said Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work to be done by which the bids are tested.

The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered will be subject to approval by the Comptroller of the City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

In case there are two or more bids at the same price, which price is the lowest price bid, the contract, if awarded, will be awarded by lot to one of the lowest bidders.

THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ALL THE ESTIMATES IS RESERVED IF DEEMED FOR THE INTEREST OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Bidders are requested, in making their bids or estimates, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated New York, June 21, 1897.

TO CONTRACTORS. (No. 580.) PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR DREDGING BETWEEN BANK STREET AND BETHUNE STREET, ON THE NORTH RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR DREDGING ON THE NORTH river, between Bank and Bethune streets, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, on Pier "A," foot of Battery place, North river, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M. of

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

Any person making an estimate for the work shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the quantities of materials necessary to be dredged is as follows (in place):

Earth filling in rear of cribwork, about 224,000 cubic yards; Cribwork, about 21,700 cubic yards; Cribwork, not filled in with stone, about 200 cubic yards; old Foundation Piles, about 2,600.

N. B.—Bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become a part of every estimate received:

1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves by personal examination of the location of the proposed dredging, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not, at any time after the submission of an estimate, dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract. No extra compensation, beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed at the price therefor, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The work to be done under this contract is to be commenced within five days after receiving a notification from the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks that any part or portion of the dredging herein mentioned is required. The dredging to be done under this contract will be between Bank and Bethune streets, on the North river, and is to be done, from time to time, and in such quantities and at such times as may be directed by the Engineer, and all work done under this contract is to be fully completed on or before the expiration of eighty days from the date of service of the above mentioned notification.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract, or any part thereof that may be ordered or directed by the Engineer, may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, determined, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the dredging to be done in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which price the bids will be tested. This price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including any claim that may arise through delay from any cause in the performing of the work thereunder.

All material to be excavated or removed from the area to be dredged will become the property of the contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such material when considering the price for which they will do the work under this contract.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimate for doing this work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet and so on until it be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested, the estimate shall distinctly state that fact; also that the estimate is made without any consultation, connection or agreement with, and the amount thereof has not been disclosed to any other person or persons making an estimate for the same purpose, and is not higher than the lowest regular market price for the same kind of labor or material, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that no combination or pool exists of which the bidder is a member, or in which the bidder is directly or indirectly interested, or of which the bidder has knowledge, either personal or otherwise, to bid a certain price or not less than a certain price for said labor or material, or to keep others from bidding thereon, and also that no member of the Common Council, head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or any other officer or employee of the Corporation of the City of New York, or any of its departments, is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof, and has not been given, offered or promised, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary or other consideration by the bidder or anyone in his behalf with a view to influencing the action or judgment of such officer or employee in this or any other transaction heretofore had with this department, which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the estimate that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. *Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed to by all the parties interested.*

In case a bid shall be submitted by or in behalf of any corporation, it must be signed in the name of such corporation by some duly authorized officer or agent thereof, who shall also subscribe his own name and office. If practicable the seal of the corporation should also be affixed.

Each estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation of the City of New York any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled upon its completion and that which said Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work to be done by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered will be subject to approval by the Comptroller of the City of New York

after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

In case there are two or more bids at the same price, which price is the lowest price bid, the contract, if awarded, will be awarded by lot to one of the lowest bidders.

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Bidders are requested, in making their bids or estimates, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated NEW YORK, June 5, 1897.

TO CONTRACTORS. (No. 587.) PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR DREDGING BETWEEN BETHUNE STREET AND WEST TWELFTH STREET, ON THE NORTH RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR DREDGING ON THE NORTH river, between Bethune and West Twelfth streets, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, on Pier "A," foot of Battery place, North river, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M. of

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

Any person making an estimate for the work shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of the contract in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the quantities of materials necessary to be dredged is as follows (in place):

Earth filling in rear of cribwork, about 165,000 cubic yards; Cribwork, about 16,500 cubic yards; Cribwork, not filled in with stone, about 200 cubic yards; old foundation piles, about 1,400.

N. B.—Bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become a part of every estimate received:

1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves, by personal examination of the location of the proposed dredging, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not, at any time after the submission of an estimate, dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract. No extra compensation beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed at the price therefor, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The work to be done under this contract is to be commenced within five days after receiving a notification from the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks that any part or portion of the dredging herein mentioned is required. The dredging to be done under this contract will be between Bethune street and West Twelfth street, on the North river, and is to be done, from time to time, and in such quantities and at such times as may be directed by the Engineer; and all work done under this contract is to be fully completed on or before the expiration of sixty days from the date of service of the above-mentioned notification.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract, or any part thereof that may be ordered or directed by the Engineer, may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, determined, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the dredging to be done, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which price the bids will be tested. This price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including any claim that may arise through delay, from any cause, in the performing of the work thereunder.

All material to be excavated or removed from the area to be dredged will become the property of the contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such material when considering the price for which they will do the work under this contract.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimate for doing this work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

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also that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or any other officer or employee of the Corporation of the City of New York, or any of its departments, is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the supplies or work to which it relates or in any portion of the profits thereof, and has not been given, offered or promised, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary or other consideration by the bidder or anyone in his behalf with a view to influencing the action or judgment of such officer or employee in this or any other transaction heretofore had with this Department; which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the estimate that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. *Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed to by all the parties interested.*

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

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EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated NEW YORK, June 5, 1897.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, PIER "A," BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER, NEW YORK, June 9, 1897.
THE DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS WILL SELL at public auction, on the premises, to the highest bidder, on the 23d day of June, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M., by Woodrow & Lewis, auctioneers, all the buildings and parts of buildings hereinafter described.

All the existing structures on the block between Bank and Bethune streets, extending from the westerly side of West street to the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue, to the level of the existing curb, including the planking and paving of yards and areas (AS ONE LOT) approximately as follows:

1. Five-story brick building, about 120.7 feet by 147.5 feet, including boilers, tanks, etc.
2. Seven-story brick building, about 71.3 feet by 144.4 feet, including boilers, tanks, etc.
3. One-story brick building, about 15 feet by 27.9 feet.
4. Frame sheds, incline, stables and frame buildings incident to coal yards, covering the centre of the block, in area about 105 feet by 192 feet.
5. One-story frame building, about 37 feet by 46 feet.
6. One-story frame building, about 33.2 feet by 43 feet, by 42 feet, by 21 feet, by 8 feet, by 21.9 feet.
7. Three-story brick building, about 21.9 feet by 66.23 feet.
8. Two-story brick building, about 20.2 feet by 57 feet.
9. Frame storage building, about 18.9 feet by 40.1 feet.
10. Two-story brick building about 22.11 feet by 69.45 feet.
11. Frame machine shop, about 50 feet by 90 feet.
12. One-story brick building, about 45.97 feet by 119.7 feet.
13. Two-story brick building, about 17.35 feet by 40.9 feet.

The buildings occupied by Froment and Company, at the corner of West street and Bank street, extending about 22.2 feet on West street and about 101.1 feet on Bank street, will not be included in this sale, or removed at this time.

The removal of the above building, materials, etc., must be commenced within five days from June 22, 1897, and the work of removal must be entirely completed, in accordance with the accompanying terms of sale, within forty days after June 22, 1897.

TERMS OF SALE.

Twenty-five per cent. of the purchase-money must be paid to the auctioneers in cash at the time and place of sale, the balance of the purchase-money to be paid to Woodrow & Lewis, at their office, No. 94 Pearl street, before 12 o'clock M. on the 23d day of June, 1897.

All the buildings and their foundations of every class and description within the hereinbefore described area are to be torn down to the level of the existing curb, and any structures which may exist within any of the buildings, such as engine beds, boiler settings, boilers, tanks, etc., shall also be torn down to the same level. All tin from roofs, and galvanized or black iron from roofs, cornices, sides of buildings or partitions, shall be removed from the premises. All brick laid in lime mortar; all floor beams, joists, studding, flooring, ceiling, roofing boards and woodwork of every description, and all gas, water, steam and soil piping

shall be removed from the premises. All combustible matter, such as tar and felt roofing, broken lath and fragments of timber, chips, splinters, etc., which are of no value, shall be gathered together by the purchaser and burned. The final rubbish, such as lime mortar, brickwork in cement mortar, plaster, roofing gravel, etc., will not be removed by the purchaser, but will be left on the premises within the building fines and the removal of all buildings, parts of buildings, sheds, planking and all other material must be made by the purchaser, who must commence the said removal within five days from June 22, 1897, and continue the same diligently until completed. The above buildings, materials, etc., comprised in each particular lot, must be entirely removed from said premises within forty days from the date above-mentioned, and if the purchaser or purchasers fail to commence the said removal as specified, and to diligently prosecute the same, as above set forth, then the Department of Docks may, at its option, complete the said removal and charge the expense of the same to the said purchaser, who shall sign the present terms of sale and agree to be bound thereby.

And for the further securing of the removal of the said buildings, etc., hereinbefore mentioned, the purchaser will be required, at the time of said sale and the award of said property to him, to execute a bond in such form and with such sureties as may be approved by the Commissioners of the Department of Docks of the City of New York, and in a penalty of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, that he will, in all things, carry out the terms of sale and comply with the conditions thereof, and remove all of said property within the time required by the said terms of sale.

The form of bond to be executed by the purchaser may be seen at the office of the Commissioners of the Dock Department at Pier "A," Battery place, North river. EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1897, AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M. SALE CONTINUES DAILY UNTIL PROPERTY IS ALL SOLD.

THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS OF THE City of New York, will sell at Public Auction, under the direction of N. H. Voris, Auctioneer, on the premises, the following-described buildings now standing within the purchase-line of the New Croton Reservoir, at Katonah, Westchester County, New York:

Parcel No.	DESCRIPTION.	Minimum Price.
192.	Barn.	\$25 00
195.	Three-story frame dwelling.	30 00
	Two privies.	10 00
196.	Two-story frame dwelling.	10 00
	Woodhouse.	10 00
	Chicken-coop.	10 00
	Chicken-coop.	10 00
	Shed.	10 00
	Shed.	10 00
	Barn.	10 00
199.	Two-story frame dwelling.	35 00
	Chicken-coop.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
203.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling.	25 00
	Woodhouse.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
206.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling, extensions.	150 00
	Squirrel-house.	10 00
	Smokehouse.	10 00
	Barn.	20 00
	Carriage-house.	25 00
	Stable.	25 00
	Privy.	10 00
	Pigpen.	10 00
	Wash-house.	10 00
	Stable.	20 00
206.	Woodhouse.	10 00
	Pigpen.	10 00
	Chicken-coop.	10 00
215.	Two-story frame dwelling, extensions.	25 00
	Barn.	10 00
	Shop.	10 00
	Shed.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
216.	Barn, large, with additions.	30 00
	Barn.	10 00
	Corncrib.	10 00
	House, small.	10 00
	Pigpen.	10 00
	Chicken-coop.	10 00
229.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling.	75 00
	Shop.	25 00
	Barn.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
235.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling.	75 00
	Henner.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
237.	Barn and shed.	15 00
	Slaughter-house.	10 00
239.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling.	50 00
	Chicken-coop.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
244.	Two-story frame dwelling.	50 00
	Shed.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
245.	Barn.	10 00
	Chicken-coop.	10 00
	Shed.	10 00
247.	Two-story, attic and basement frame dwelling.	75 00
	Woodhouse.	10 00
	Barn.	10 00
	Shed.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
248.	Two-story frame dwelling.	25 00
	Barn.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
277.	Stable, large.	40 00
	Carriage-shed.	10 00
	Lumber-sheds.	10 00
	Office and scalded.	10 00
	Coalshed.	10 00
	Stable, small.	10 00
	Shed, small.	10 00
278.	Stable.	35 00
	Barn.	10 00
	Coalsheds.	10 00
	Shed.	10 00
280.	Two-story frame store.	10 00
	Barn.	10 00
	Shed.	10 00
281.	Barn (connected).	10 00
	Shed.	10 00
283.	Three story and basement frame store.	100 00
	Barn.	10 00
	Privy.	10 00
284.	Two-story, attic and basement frame store.	75 00
	Privy.	10 00
286.	Feedhouse.	15 00
329.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling.	60 00
	Privy.	10 00
341.	Shed.	10 00
346.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling.	50 00
	Two-story and attic frame dwelling.	50 00
	Privy.	10 00
	Pigpen.	10 00
357.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling.	25 00
	Privy.	10 00

TERMS OF SALE:

The conditions upon which the above-mentioned buildings will be sold are as follows:

First—The buildings will be sold to the stone foundations.
Second—The buildings must be moved to new sites which are at least 300 feet from the Croton river, or any of its affluents, or any drains emptying therein.

Third—The removal of every part of the building, except the stone foundation, before January 1, 1898.

Fourth—The sum paid in money on the day of the sale.

Fifth—No building will be sold for less than the minimum price given in the CITY RECORD and in the posters.

Sixth—If any building or part of the same is left on the property of the City on and after the 1st day of January, 1898, the purchaser shall forfeit all right and title to the building or part of building so left, and also the money part of the consideration paid at the time of sale, and the Aqueduct Commissioners may, at any time on or after the 1st day of January, 1898, resell said buildings or part of building, or remove or destroy the same.

The Aqueduct Commissioners reserve the right to exclude from such sale any building or buildings that may be designated by the Division Engineer.

By order of the Aqueduct Commissioners of the City of New York. JAMES C. DUANE, President.
EDWARD L. ALLEN, Secretary.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1897, AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M. SALE CONTINUES DAILY UNTIL PROPERTY IS ALL SOLD.

THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS OF THE City of New York will sell at public auction, under the direction of H. H. Fowler, Auctioneer, on the premises, the following-described buildings now standing within the purchase-line of the New Croton Reservoir, at Croton Falls, Westchester County, New York.

Parcel No.	DESCRIPTION.	Minimum Price.
544.	Two-story frame mill, including machinery	\$100 00
	Two-story frame factory	75 00
	Two-story frame blacksmith shop	50 00
547.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling	75 00
	Two-story and attic frame dwelling, brick basement	50 00
	Barn	.....
	Privy	.....
548.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling	100 00
	Wash-house	.....
	Privy	.....
554.	Two-story frame dwelling	10 00
	Two-story frame dwelling	10 00
	Two-story and attic frame dwelling	75 00
	3 Privies	.....
555.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling	60 00
	Privy	.....
556.	Two-story frame dwelling	10 00
	Privy	.....
	Small frame dwelling	.....
557.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling	75 00
	Privy	.....
558.	Three-story frame dwelling	30 00
	Privy	.....
559.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling	20 00
	Two-story and basement frame dwelling, stone cellar	80 00
	Wash-house	.....
	Privy	.....
568.	Two-story frame dwelling	20 00
	Wash-house	.....
	Privy	.....
571.	Two-story and attic frame dwelling	50 00
	Wash-house	.....
	Privy	.....

TERMS OF SALE.

The conditions upon which the above-mentioned buildings will be sold are as follows:

First—The buildings will be sold to the stone foundations.

Second—The buildings must be moved to new sites which are at least 200 feet from the Croton river, or any of its affluents, or any drains emptying therein.

Third—The removal of every part of the building, except the stone foundation, before November 1, 1897.

Fourth—The sum paid in money on the day of the sale.

Fifth—No building will be sold for less than the minimum price given in the CITY RECORD and in the posters.

Sixth—If any building or part of the same is left on the property of the City on and after the first day of November 1, 1897, the purchaser shall forfeit all right and title to the building or part of building so left, and also the money part of the consideration paid at the time of sale; and the Aqueduct Commissioners may, at any time on or after the first day of November, 1897, resell said buildings or part of building, or remove or destroy the same.

The Aqueduct Commissioners reserve the right to exclude from such sale any building or buildings that may be designated by the Division Engineer.

By order of the Aqueduct Commissioners of the City of New York. JAMES C. DUANE, President.
EDWARD L. ALLEN, Secretary.

STREET CLEANING DEPT.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET.

CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING HAY, STRAW, OATS, BRAN, COARSE SALT, ROCK SALT, OILMEAL, OATMEAL AND PINE-NEEDLE BEDDING.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

ESTIMATES INCLOSED IN SEALED ENVELOPES and indorsed with the name and address of the person or persons making the same, and the date of presentation, and a statement of the work and supplies to which they relate, will be received at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, Criminal Court Building, Centre street, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M. of the 29th day of June, 1897, at which time and place the estimates will be publicly opened and read for the furnishing and delivery of:

1,049,000 pounds Hay, of the quality and standard known as Prime Hay.

87,500 pounds good, clean Rye Straw.

1,952,000 pounds clean No. 1 White Clipped Oats, to be bright, sound, well cleaned, and reasonably free from other grain, weighing not less than 36 pounds to the measured bushel.

89,000 pounds first quality Bran.

6,000 pounds first quality Coars Salt.

12,000 pounds first quality Rock Salt.

5,000 pounds first quality Oatmeal.

10,000 pounds first quality Pine-needle Bedding.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute such contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect, and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned such contract and as in default to the Corporation, whereupon the Commissioner of Street Cleaning will readvertise the contract and let the work, and so on till the contract be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimate, under oath, the names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested they shall distinctly state that fact; also, that it is made without any connection with any other person making any bid or estimate for the above work or supplies, and that it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and also that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested. Each estimate shall also be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, or a guarantee company incorporated under the Laws of the State of

New York, as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the estimate, they will on its being so awarded become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance in the amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars, and that if he or they shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be subsequently awarded. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with an intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties offered shall be approved by the Comptroller.

The price must be written in the bid or estimate, and also stated in figures. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to reject any or all the bids, or to select the bid or bids, the acceptance of which will, in his judgment, be deemed best for the interest of the City. No bid will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a certified check on one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, payable to the order of the Comptroller of said city, for Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), or money to that amount. On the acceptance of any bid, the checks or money of the unaccepted bidders will be returned to them, and upon the execution of the contract the check or money of the accepted bidder will be returned to him.

All bids must be made with reference to the form of contract and the requirements thereof on file at the Department of Street Cleaning, or they will be rejected.

The form of the agreement (with specifications), showing the manner of payment for the articles, may be seen, and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

GEORGE E. WARING, Jr., Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated New York, June 15, 1897.

NEW YORK, June 11, 1897.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commissioner of Street Cleaning will sell at public auction at Stable "A," corner of Seventeenth street and Avenue "C," on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following articles:

About eight thousand (8,000) worn-out burlap bags.

F. M. GIBSON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

PERSONS HAVING BULKHEADS TO FILL, IN the vicinity of New York Bay, can procure material for that purpose—ashes, street sweepings, etc., such as is collected by the Department of Street Cleaning—free of charge, by applying to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, in the Criminal Court Building.

GEORGE E. WARING, Jr., Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 23D AND 24TH WARDS.

June 14, 1897

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR EACH of the following-mentioned works, with the title of the work and name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work, as in the advertisement, will be received by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at his office, Third avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, until 11 o'clock A. M. on Monday, June 28, 1897, at which time and hour they will be publicly opened.

No. 1. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS AND PLACING FENCES IN SOUTHERN BOULEVARD (East Two Hundredth street), from the New York and Harlem Railroad to Valentine avenue.

No. 2. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS, BUILDING APPROACHES AND PLACING FENCES IN DAWSON STREET (One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street), from Westchester avenue to Leggett avenue.

No. 3. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS AND PLACING FENCES IN STEBBINS AVENUE, from Dawson street to Boston road.

No. 4. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS, BUILDING APPROACHES AND PLACING FENCES IN TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD STREET, from Jerome avenue to the Bronx river.

No. 5. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS AND PLACING FENCES IN KAPOCK STREET, from Spuyten Duyvil Parkway to Johnson avenue.

No. 6. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS AND PLACING FENCES IN ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH STREET, from Third avenue to Mott Haven Canal and from Mott Haven Canal to Exterior street.

No. 7. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES IN BAINBRIDGE AVENUE, from existing sewer in East Two Hundredth street (Southern Boulevard) to summit south of East One Hundred and Ninety-eighth street (Travers street).

No. 8. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES IN SOUTHERN BOULEVARD, from existing sewer at Intervale avenue to East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street; IN WESTCHESTER AVENUE, from Barretto street to Southern Boulevard; IN WEST FARMS ROAD, from Southern Boulevard to East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street; AND IN FOX STREET, from Westchester avenue to summit north.

No. 9. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN BAILEY AVENUE, from the existing sewer in Boston avenue to summit north of East Two Hundred and Thirty-first street.

No. 10. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST STREET, from existing sewer in Ogden avenue to Summit avenue, and in Summit avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-first street to East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street.

No. 11. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN BATHGATE AVENUE, from existing sewer in East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street to East One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street.

No. 12. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES IN BARRETTO STREET, from the existing sewer in Intervale avenue to the summit south of East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street.

No. 13. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN LORILLARD PLACE, from existing sewer in East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street to East One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested they shall distinctly state that fact.

That it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

Each bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in a sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

The Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards reserves the right to reject all bids received for any particular work if he deems it for the best interests of the City.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at this office.

LOUIS F. HAFEN, Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS, MAY 14, 1897.

NOTICE TO PLUMBERS.

ALL PLUMBERS DESIROUS OF PERFORMING work in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York are hereby notified that, in accordance with the provisions of Article XVIII, section 306 of the City Ordinances, they are required to execute a bond in the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, with one or more sureties, to be approved by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On and after June 1, 1897, no permits will be issued by this Department to any plumber who shall have failed to comply with this notice.

LOUIS F. HAFEN, Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS

SHEEP SALE.

NEW YORK, June 15, 1897.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS WILL sell at Public Auction, at the Sheep Fold, in Central Park, near Sixty-sixth street and Central Park, West, on Tuesday, June 29, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following:

1 Imported English Southdown Ram, 54 Southdown Ewes, 14 Southdown Ewe Lambs, 15 Southdown Ram Lambs, 1 lot of Wool, about 440 pounds.

Purchase money will be required to be paid in cash at the time of sale and the purchases removed from the Park immediately thereafter.

By order of the Commissioners of Public Parks.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

GRASS SALE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS will sell at public auction, by George Rudolph, Auctioneer, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 22 and 23, 1897, all the Grass standing on Van Cortlandt, Bronx and Pelham Bay Parks.

The sale will take place at the following points, and at the hours men listed:

VAN CORTLANDT PARK, Tremper House, June 22, 11 A. M.

BRONX PARK, Lorillard House, June 22, 2 P. M.

PELHAM BAY PARK, Elliott's Hotel, June 23, 11 A. M.

The grass on each park will be sold in lots, the particulars of which will be announced at the time of sale.

The purchase money to be paid at the time of sale.

By order of the Commissioners of Public Parks.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

NEW YORK, June 7, 1897.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK, June 9, 1897.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES, WITH THE title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received by the Department of Public Parks, at its offices, Arsenal Building, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, Central Park, until 2 o'clock P. M. of Monday, June 21, 1897, for the following-named works:

No. 1. FOR PAVING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT THE WALKS OF THE CENTRAL PARK.

No. 2. FOR PAINTING THE IRONWORK AND WOODWORK OF THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE HARLEM RIVER, KNOWN AS MACOMBS DAM BRIDGE.

No. 3. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING FORAGE.

The works must be bid for separately.

No. 1. ABOVE MENTIONED.

20,000 square feet of pavement of asphalt with concrete base.

35,000 square feet of pavement of asphalt without concrete base.

The bidder must deposit with the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, at least two days before making his bid, samples of materials he intends to use, together with certificates and statement, as follows:

1st. Specimens of asphaltum and of asphaltic cement.

2d. A statement of the elements of the composition of the bituminous cements used in the composition of the paving surface.

3d. Specimens of sand intended to be used.

4th. Specimens of pulverized carbonate of lime intended to be used.

And such specimens must be furnished to the Department of Public Parks as often as may be required during the progress of the work.

5th. Specimens of the asphaltic rock, with a certificate or other evidence that it is of even fabric and a product of the first quality and from the mines designated.

The time allowed for the completion of the whole work will be thirty consecutive working days.

The penalty for non-completion within the specified time will be Four Dollars per day.

The amount of security required is Three Thousand Dollars.

No. 2. ABOVE MENTIONED.

Bidders are required to state in their proposals one price or sum for which they will execute the entire work.

The time allowed for the completion of the work will be twenty-five consecutive working days.

The penalty for non-completion within the specified time will be Twenty Dollars per day.

The amount of security required is Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

No. 3. ABOVE MENTIONED.

400,000 pounds Hay, of the quality and standard known as Prime Sweet Timothy.

60,000 pounds good, clean Rye Straw.

9,000 bushels clean No. 1 White Clipped Oats.

30,000 pounds clean, sound Yellow Corn No. 2.

20,000 pounds first quality Bran.

All of the articles are to be delivered, in such quantities and at such times as may be directed, at the following places:

Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue (Arsenal).

Sixty-sixth street and Central Park, West (Sheepfold).

Eighty-fifth street, Transverse Road (Stables).

The amount of security required is Three Thousand Dollars.

Bidders must satisfy themselves by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the nature and extent of the work, and shall not, any time after the submission of an estimate, dispute or complain of such statement, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

The estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of the said Department at the place and hour last above mentioned and read.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above-mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety; the adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits except that of the successful bidder will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

N. B.—The prices must be written in the estimate and also stated in figures, and all estimates will be considered as informal which do not contain bids for all items for which bids are herein called or which contain bids for items for which bids are not herewith called for. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate. No bid will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The Department of Public Parks reserves the right to reject any or all the bids received in response to this advertisement if it should deem it for the interest of the City so to do, and to readvertise until satisfactory bids or proposals shall be received, but the contract when awarded will be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Blank forms for proposals, and forms of the several contracts which the successful bidder will be required to execute can be had, the plans can be seen, and information relative to them can be had at the office of the Department, Arsenal, Central Park.

S. V. R. CRUGER, SAMUEL McMILLAN, WILLIAM A. STILES, SMITH ELY, Commissioners of Public Parks.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, NEW YORK, June 1, 1897.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, etc. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing Groceries and other Supplies during the last six months of the year 1897, in conformity with samples and specifications, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, No. 66 Third avenue, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Wednesday, June 23, 1897.

Groceries and Provisions—1. 2,000 pounds dried Apples. 2. 2,000 pounds Barley, No. 3. 250 bushels Beans, not older than crop of 1896, and to weigh 62 pounds net to the bushel. 4. 275 bushels Peas, not older than the crop of 1896, and to weigh 60 pounds net to the bushel. 5. 500 pounds Cheese, State factory, full cream, fine and bearing the State brand stamped on each box. 6. 8,000 pounds Maracabo Coffee, roasted. 7. 30,000 pounds Rio Coffee, roasted. 8. 1,100 pounds Chicory. 9. 3,000 pounds Wheaten Grits. 10. 9,000 pounds Hominy. 11. 400 pounds pure Mustard. 12. 27,000 pounds Oatmeal. 13. 100 pounds Whole Pepper, sifted. 14. 300 pounds Ground Pepper, pure, in foil, 1/2 pounds.

15. 6,200 pounds Prunes. 16. 18,000 pounds Rice. 17. 45,000 pounds Brown Sugar. 18. 120,000 pounds Standard Granulated Sugar. 19. 10,000 pounds Standard Cuts Leaf Sugar. 20. 1,500 pounds Standard Powdered Sugar. 21. 15,000 pounds Oolong Tea, in half chests, free from all admixture and in original packages. 22. 850 pounds Young Hyson Tea in original packages. 23. 600 pounds Fine Black Tea in original packages. 24. 5,500 pounds Tapioca "Pearl." 25. 3,100 pounds Cocoa. 26. 275 pounds Chocolate, "Baker's Premium." 27. 75 pounds Citron. 28. 1,000 pounds Farina, in pound packages, 48-pound boxes. 29. 1,500 pounds Macaroni. 30. 30 tubs prime kettle rendered Leaf Lard, about 50 pounds each. 31. 200 barrels Soda Biscuit; barrels to be returned. 32. 4,600 barrels White Potatoes, of the crop of 1897, to be good, sound and of fair size, to weigh 172 pounds net to the barrel; barrels to be returned. 33. 25 barrels Pickles, 40-gallon barrels, 2,000 to the barrel. 34. 250 barrels prime quality American Salt, in barrels 320 pounds net. 35. 25 barrels Syrup. 36. 58,000 pounds Butter, in tubs of about 60 pounds each, net, known as Western Extras, Creamery or Fancy State Creamery. 37. 2,700 pounds Corn Starch, 40-pound boxes. 38. 150 quintals prime quality Grand Bank Codfish, to be perfectly cured and to average not less than 5 pounds each, to be delivered as required, boxes of 4 quintals each. 39. 625 pieces of Bacon, prime quality, city cured, to average 6 pounds each. 40. 725 hams, prime quality, city cured, to average about 14 pounds each. 41. 280 Smoked Tongues, prime quality, city cured, to average about 6 pounds each. 42. 57,000 dozen Eggs, all to be fresh and candled at the time of delivery, and to be furnished in cases of the usual size. 43. 40 boxes Raisins. 44. 12 dozen canned Apricots. 45. 36 dozen canned Lima Beans. 46. 92 dozen tomato Catsup. 47. 8 dozen Pineapple Cheese (4 in a case). 48. 8 dozen Edam Cheese (in foil). 49. 90 dozen canned Corn. 50. 65 dozen Chowchow, "C. & B." pints. 51. 38 dozen canned Cherries. 52. 35 dozen Extract Lemon, 4-ounce bottles, net. 53. 45 dozen Extract Vanilla, 4-ounce bottles, net. 54. 30 dozen Gelatine, "Cox's." 55. 60 dozen Gherkins, "C. & B." pints. 56. 14 dozen Currant Jelly, 10 ounces. 57. 22 dozen Marmalade. 58. 5 dozen French Mustard. 59. 16 dozen Olives. 60. 20 dozen Olive Oil, quarts. 61. 66 dozen canned Peas. 62. 76 dozen canned Peas. 63. 76 dozen canned Peaches. 64. 72 dozen Worcester-shire Sauce, "L. & P." pints; 65. 9 cases Sardines, 1/2s. 66. 48 dozen canned Salmon. 67. 12 dozen Sea Foam. 68. 20 dozen Royal Baking Powder. 69. 210 dozen Sapolio (Morgan's). 70. 210 dozen canned Tomatoes. 71. 6,200 bushels mixed No. 2 Oats, 32 pounds net to the bushel, bags to be returned. 72. 200 bags coarse Meal, free from cob, in bags of 100 pounds net; bags to be returned. 73. 400 bags Bran, in bags of 50 pounds net, bags to be returned. 74. 256,000 pounds Hay, prime quality, "Timothy," tare not to exceed 3 pounds per bale, weight charged as received at Blackwell's Island. 75. 102,000 pounds long, bright Rye Straw, weight and tare same conditions as on Hay. 76. 500 pounds Rock Salt. 77. 50,000 pounds Brown Soap, of the grade known to the trade as "Commercially Pure Settled Family Soap," to be delivered in lots of not less than 40,000 pounds, and all to be delivered within 90 days after the contract is awarded. The soap to be delivered in boxes holding about 80 pounds and the weight to be determined on its arrival at the Storehouse, B. I., an average tare being based upon the weight of twenty boxes, selected at random from each delivery. The soap must be free from added carbonate of soda, silicate mineral soap stock, or other foreign material; it must be of good firmness, soluble in 10 parts alcohol of 94 per cent., and contain not more than 33 per cent. of water. Empty soap boxes to be returned and the price bid for the same to be deducted from bills by the contractor. 78. 5,000 pounds Laundry Starch, 40-pound boxes. 79. 175 barrels prime quality Sal Soda, about 340 pounds each. 80. 500 pounds Saltpetre. 81. 1,400 pounds Candles, in 40 pound boxes (16 ounces to the pound). 82. 30 bags prime quality Charcoal, 3 bushels each; bags to be returned. 83. 80 barrels fine Flour, "Pillsbury's" best. 84. 20,000 pounds pure White Lead, ground in oil, free from all adulterations and added impurities, subject to analysis, if necessary, to be delivered in 25 to 100 pound packages, as required. 85. 26 barrels prime quality Spirits Turpentine. 86. 75 barrels best quality Water-white Kerosene Oil, 150 degrees test. 87. 20 barrels first quality Chloride of Lime, containing not less than 32 per cent. chlorine. 88. 100,000 yards Bandage Muslin, "Utica C." 89. 25,000 yards Muslin, "Grecian Bunting." 90. 4,000 yards Shroud Muslin, "Pioneer" or "Dauntless." 91. 250 pieces Oiled Muslin, "Centennial." 92. 2,000 pounds Cotton Batting, "Manhattan." 93. 100 pieces Crinoline, 12 yards each. 94. 6,000 pounds good damaged Sole Leather, 21 to 25 pounds to the side. 95. 2,000 feet Waxed Kip Leather, to average about 21 feet to the side. 96. 1,000 pounds Off Leather. 97. 50,000 feet first quality Coffin Box Boards, 1 inch by 12 inches to 15 inches by 12 feet to 16 feet, dressed one side, free from loose black knots or shakes. 98. 1,000 feet first quality extra clear White Pine, 1/2 inch by 12 inches to 16 inches by 12 feet to 16 feet, dressed two sides to 3/4 inch. 99. 2,000 feet first quality extra clear White Pine, 3/4 inch by 12 inches to 16 inches by 12 feet to 16 feet, dressed two sides, full. 100. 10,000 feet first quality extra clear White Pine, 1 inch by 12 inches to 16 inches by 12 feet to 16 feet, dressed two sides to 3/4 inch. 101. 2,000 feet first quality extra clear White Pine, 1 1/4 inches by 12 inches to 16 inches by 12 feet to 16 feet, dressed two sides to 3/4 inch. 102. 6,000 feet first quality extra clear White Pine, 1 1/2 inches by 12 inches to 16 inches by 12 feet to 16 feet, dressed two sides to 3/4 inch. 103. 6,000 feet first quality extra clear White Pine, 1 3/4 inches by 12 inches to 16 inches by 12 feet to 16 feet, dressed two sides to 3/4 inch. 104. 500 pieces first quality rough Spruce Plank, 2 inches by 9 inches by 13 feet. 105. 200 pieces first quality rough Spruce, 2 inches by 3 inches by 13 feet. 106. 200 pieces first quality rough Hemlock Joists, 2 1/2 inches by 4 inches by 13 feet. 107. 500 pieces first quality Spruce, dressed one side, tongued and grooved to finish, 3/4 inches by 8 1/2 inches by 13 feet. 108. 500 pieces first quality Pine, dressed two sides, tongued and grooved to finish 3/4 inches by 9 1/2 inches by 12 feet to 16 feet.

All quantities more or less.

No empty packages are to be returned to bidders or contractors except such as are designated in the specifications.

The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Groceries, etc.," with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department, or his duly authorized agent, and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

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

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract, by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each article.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, as provided by law.

The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares and merchandise must conform in every respect to the samples of the same on exhibition at the office of said Department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required before making their estimates. Bidders will state the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

SILAS C. CROFT, President; JOHN P. FAURE and JAMES R. O'BRIEN, Commissioners, Department of Public Charities.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, NEW YORK, June 10, 1897.

PROPOSALS FOR FLOUR. SEALED BIDS OR estimates for furnishing and delivering, free of all expense, at the Bakehouse Pier, Blackwell's Island (east side), more or less, 3,000 barrels marked No. 1, 2,850 barrels marked No. 2, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, No. 66 Third Avenue, until Wednesday, June 23, 1897, at 10 o'clock A.M., the said flour to conform to the samples exhibited and to be delivered as required during the last six months of the year 1897. To be delivered in sacks of 140 pounds each.

Empty sacks to be returned, as per specification, and the price bid for the same by the contractors to be deducted from the price of the flour.

The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Flour," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head or said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

The contractor shall furnish a certificate of inspection by the Flour Inspector of the New York Produce Exchange, also an award from the Committee on Flour of the Exchange that the flour offered is equal to the standards of the Department, and which certificate shall accompany each delivery of flour, the expense of such inspection and award to be borne by the contractor; also certificate of weight and tare to be furnished with each delivery.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

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

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each grade.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies to which it relates, or in

any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the supplies by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, as provided by law.

The quality of the flour must conform in every respect to the samples of the same on exhibition at the office of said Department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the flour, etc., before making their estimates. Bidders will state the price for each grade, by which the bids will be tested.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

SILAS C. CROFT, President; JOHN P. FAURE and JAMES R. O'BRIEN, Commissioners, Department of Public Charities.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.: List 5490, No. 1. Paving Park Avenue (west side), from Ninety-seventh to One Hundred and First Street, with asphalt.

List 5319, No. 2. Regulating, grading, curbing and flagging Hawthorne Street, from Seaman Avenue to Amsterdam Avenue.

The limits embraced by such assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. West side of Park Avenue, from Ninety-seventh Street to halfway between One Hundred and First and One Hundred and Second Streets, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 2. Both sides of Hawthorne Street, from Seaman to Amsterdam Avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 27 Chambers Street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation on the 23d day of July, 1897.

THOMAS J. RUSH, Chairman; PATRICK M. HAVERTY, JOHN W. JACOBUS, EDWARD McCUE, Board of Assessors.

NEW YORK, June 22, 1897.

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

List 5429, No. 1. Paving One Hundred and Fourteenth Street, between Amsterdam and Morningside Avenues, with asphalt-block pavement.

List 5431, No. 2. Paving Thirtieth Street, from Tenth to Eleventh Avenue, with asphalt (so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water).

List 5432, No. 3. Paving One Hundred and Thirteenth Street, between Amsterdam and Morningside Avenues, with asphalt-block pavement.

The limits embraced by such assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of One Hundred and Fourteenth Street, from Amsterdam to Morningside Avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 2. Both sides of Thirtieth Street, from Tenth to Eleventh Avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 3. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirteenth Street, from Amsterdam to Morningside Avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 27 Chambers Street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction

of Assessments for confirmation on the 20th day of July, 1897.
THOMAS J. RUSH, Chairman; PATRICK M. HAVERTY, JOHN W. JACOBUS, EDWARD McCUE, Board of Assessors.
NEW YORK, June 19, 1897.

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

List 5426, No. 1. Laying crosswalk across West Broadway, from the northeast corner of Walker to the northwest corner of Beach Street.

List 5436, No. 2. Paving One Hundred and Forty-eighth Street, from Convent to Amsterdam Avenue, with asphalt.

List 5447, No. 3. Sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street (south side), between Edgecombe Avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

The limits embraced by such assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Block 212, Lot Nos. 54, 55 and 56, and Block 192 Lot Nos. 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 18.

No. 2. Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-eighth Street, from Convent to Amsterdam Avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 3. South side of One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street, from Edgecombe Avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas. All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 27 Chambers Street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation on the 19th day of July, 1897.

THOMAS J. RUSH, Chairman; PATRICK M. HAVERTY, JOHN W. JACOBUS, EDWARD McCUE, Board of Assessors.

NEW YORK, June 17, 1897.

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

List 5275, No. 1. Paving the widening and extension of West Broadway, from Chambers to Vesey Street, and widening of Greenwich Street, from Vesey to Dey Street, with asphalt, and laying crosswalks.

List 5427, No. 2. Laying crosswalks across Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth Streets, at the easterly side of Columbus Avenue.

The limits embraced by such assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of West Broadway, from Chambers to Vesey Street, and both sides of Greenwich Street, from Vesey to Dey Street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 2. To the extent of half the block from the easterly intersections of Columbus Avenue, Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth Streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 27 Chambers Street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation on the 12th day of July, 1897.

THOMAS J. RUSH, Chairman; PATRICK M. HAVERTY, JOHN W. JACOBUS, EDWARD McCUE, Board of Assessors.

NEW YORK, June 11, 1897.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, at the Annex of the Hall of the Board, No. 585 Broadway, eleventh floor, until 3.30 o'clock P.M. on Monday, June 28, 1897, for Improving the Sanitary Condition of Grammar Schools Nos. 14, 21, 23 and Primary School No. 30; also for Making Alterations, Repairs, etc., at Grammar Schools Nos. 8, 21, 79 and Primary Schools Nos. 1 and 13; also for Making Alterations, Repairs, etc., at Grammar Schools Nos. 7, 23, 38, 75 and Primary School No. 14; also for Supplying New Furniture for Primary School No. 5; also for Improving the New Lots and Premises of Primary School No. 7; also for Erecting an Additional Story on and Improving Lot and Premises of Primary School No. 33. Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals obtained at the Annex of the Hall of the Board, Estimating Room, Nos. 419 and 421 Broome Street, top floor.

The attention of bidders is expressly called to the time stated in the contract within which the work must be completed. They are expressly notified that the successful bidder will be held strictly to completion within said time.

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

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

It is required, as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposals, that a certified check upon, or a certificate of deposit of, one of the State or National banks or Trust Companies of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the President of the Board of Education, shall accompany the proposal to an amount of not less than three per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for or exceeds ten thousand dollars, and to an amount of not less than five per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for an amount under ten thousand dollars; that, on demand, within one day after the awarding of the contract by the Committee, the President of the Board will return all the deposits of checks and certificates of deposits made, to the persons making the same, except that made by the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted; and that if the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall refuse or neglect, within five days after due notice has been given that the contract is ready for execution, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit or of the check or certificate of deposit made by him or them shall be forfeited to and retained by this Board, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York; but if the said person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his or their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

EDWARD H. PEASLEE, RICHARD H. ADAMS, DANIEL E. MCSWEENEY, WILLIAM H. HURLBUT, JACOB W. MACK, Committee on Buildings.

Dated NEW YORK, June 17, 1897.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, at the Annex of the Hall of the Board, No. 585 Broadway, eleventh floor, until 3.30 o'clock P.M. on Monday, June 22, 1897, for Erecting a New School Building on the easterly side of Andrews Avenue, and on the northerly side of Burnside Avenue, at their intersection, Morris Heights, New York City; also for Supplying Heating and Ventilating Apparatus for a New Annex, and Ventilating Apparatus for Main Building of Grammar School No.

23; also for Making Alterations, Repairs, etc., at Grammar Schools Nos. 14, 15, 19, 22, 36 and 71; also for Making Alterations, Repairs, etc., at Grammar Schools Nos. 26, 33, 45, 48 and 56; also for Making Alterations, Repairs, etc., at Primary School No. 16.

Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals obtained at the Annex of the Hall of the Board, Estimating Room, Nos. 419 and 421 Broome street, top floor.

The attention of bidders is expressly called to the time stated in the contract within which the work must be completed. They are expressly notified that the successful bidder will be held strictly to completion within said time.

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

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

It is required as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposals, that a certified check upon or a certificate of deposit of one of the State or National banks or Trust Companies of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the President of the Board of Education, shall accompany the proposal to an amount of not less than three per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for or exceeds ten thousand dollars, and to an amount of not less than five per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for an amount under ten thousand dollars; that on demand, within one day after the awarding of the contract by the Committee, the President of the Board will return all the deposits of checks and certificates of deposits made, to the persons making the same, except that made by the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted; and that if the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall refuse or neglect, within five days after due notice has been given that the contract is ready for execution, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit or of the check or certificate of deposit made by him or them shall be forfeited to and retained by this Board, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York; but if the said person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his or their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

EDWARD H. PEASLEE, RICHARD H. ADAMS, DANIEL E. MCWEEENY, WILLIAM H. HURLBUT, JACOB W. MACK, Committee on Buildings.

Dated NEW YORK, June 10, 1897.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, June 15, 1897.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at No. 150 Nassau street, corner of Spruce street, in the Chief Clerk's office, Room No. 1704-7, until 12 o'clock M. on Monday, June 28, 1897. The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, in the basement at No. 150 Nassau street, at the hour above-mentioned.

No. 1. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT AND STONE BLOCK PAVEMENT THE CARRIAGEWAY OF PARK AVENUE, from Fifty-sixth to Ninety-sixth street.

No. 2. FOR FURNISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH 13,000 LINEAL FEET OF CURB-STONE.

No. 3. FOR ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO SEWERS IN MADISON AVENUE, between Forty-fourth and Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Fifty-fifth, Fifty-second and Fifty-seventh, Fifty-ninth and Seventy-fifth, Seventy-seventh and Seventy-ninth, Ninety-first and Ninety-fifth, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh and One Hundred and Twenty-eighth, One Hundred and Thirtieth and One Hundred and Thirty-first, One Hundred and Thirty-second and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets and to connecting sewers.

ALSO NEW SEWER IN MADISON AVENUE, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets.

No. 4. FOR ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO SEWERS IN FORTY-FIFTH, SIXTY-SECOND, SEVENTY-SEVENTH, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH AND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST STREETS, between Park and Madison avenues.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or in the work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract.

Such check or money must not be inclosed in a sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes

In which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained in Bureau of Water Purveyor in basement, for Nos. 1 and 2, and in Room No. 1701 for Nos. 3 and 4. CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1897, AT 11 o'clock A. M., the Department of Public Works will sell at public auction, at the yard of the Equitable Gas Light Company, on the east side of First avenue, between Forty-second and Forty-third streets, by L. J. Phillips, Esq., auctioneer.

About 300 old city gas lamp-posts, more or less, now stored at that yard. Bids will be received for 50 or more lamp-posts, with the privilege of taking the entire lot.

TERMS OF SALE.

Cash payment in bankable funds at the time and place of sale, and the removal of the lamp-posts by the purchaser within five days after the sale.

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, March 23, 1897.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PLUMBERS,

to whom license has been or may be issued to make and connect service pipes, for conducting water to houses and tenements with the distributing pipes in this city, after said pipes have been tapped, and to make connections with sewers or drains from houses and tenements with the sewers or drains in the streets or avenues of this city, that such license will be revoked in the case of any plumber who permits another to use his license and to do the work of a master plumber without holding a certificate of competency from the Examining Board of Plumbers; or who violates any of the regulations which have been or may hereafter be established by the Department, respecting the introduction and use of the Croton water and connections made with sewers and drains.

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, August 6, 1896.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

charge for vault permits is fixed at the rate of \$2 per square foot, under and pursuant to ordinance of the Common Council relating thereto.

HOWARD PAYSON WILDS, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 20, 1896.

TO OWNERS, ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL ORDINANCES of the Common Council, approved December 31, 1880, and subsequent thereto, in relation to the use and occupancy of sidewalks, must be complied with, and that all hoistways must occupy only such space of the sidewalk as is authorized by special ordinance of the Common Council, passed March 30, 1886, viz.:

"Hoistways may be placed within the stoop-lines, but in no case to extend beyond five feet from the house-line, and shall be guarded by iron railings or rods to prevent accidents to passers-by."

You are further notified that all violations now existing of such ordinances must be removed, and that all conditions set forth in permits granted for vault or other purposes must be complied with within sixty days. The special ordinances permitting court-yard inclosures give no right to occupy this space otherwise.

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS, BUILDERS, FLAGGERS AND OTHERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE practice of placing concrete or other friable curbs on the streets of this city is in contravention of chapter 6, Article 7, section 105, Revised Ordinances of 1880, which reads: "All curb-stones * * * shall be of the best hard blue or gray granite." And this Department will find it necessary to prosecute to the full penalty imposed by law persons setting or making such curbs, whether they have broken up or removed the curb-stones provided by the City or not.

Further notice is given that this Department will in no case entertain claims or damages to concrete or other artificial sidewalks that are caused by repair or setting of hydrants, or by other work which the City does for the general good.

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THIRD STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Weeks street to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of May, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 7th day of June, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, ninth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 16th day of July, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, June 21, 1897.

JOHN J. QUINLAN, GEO. DRAKE SMITH, MADISON GRANT, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, June 22, 1897.

TIMOTHY W. SCANNELL, JOHN E. MURPHY, DENNIS McEVOY, Commissioners.

H. DE F. BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THIRD STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to Webster avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 8th day of June, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 16th day of June, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Room No. 1, fourth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 15th day of July, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, June 21, 1897.

WILBUR LARREMORE, J. THOMAS STEARNS, MAX ALTMAYER, Commissioners.

H. DE F. BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Elton avenue to Mott avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 9th day of June, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 15th day of June, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Room No. 1, fourth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

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H. DE F. BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Elton avenue to Mott avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 9th day of June, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 15th day of June, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Room No. 1, fourth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 15th day of July, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, June 21, 1897.

WILBUR LARREMORE, J. THOMAS STE

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening CLIFFORD PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to Walton avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of May, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 7th day of June, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying-out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, ninth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 14th day of July, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, June 19, 1897.
J. PHILIP BERG, JACQUES P. ROSENBERG,
EDWARD F. HOLLISTER, Commissioners.
H. DE F. BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening CRESTON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Tremont avenue to Minerva Place, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of May, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 7th day of June, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying-out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, ninth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 14th day of July, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, June 19, 1897.
JOHN DE WITT WARNER, THOS. J. MILLER,
PETER A. WALSH, Commissioners.
H. DE F. BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of widening THIRD AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), at its eastern side, from a point 223.97 feet northerly of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street to Teasdale place, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of May, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen

and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 7th day of June, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying-out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, ninth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 13th day of July, 1897, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, June 18, 1897.
EDWARD B. WHITNEY, FERDINAND LEVY,
CHARLES H. BABCOCK, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening FAIRMOUNT PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Crotona avenue to the Southern Boulevard, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of May, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 7th day of June, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying-out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, ninth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 13th day of July, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, June 18, 1897.
THEODORE T. BAYLOR, JOHN F. CROTTY,
EDW. BROWNE, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Walton avenue to Exterior street, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 14th day of May, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 19th day of May, 1897; and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying-out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An Act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned

Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, ninth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 23d day of June, 1897, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, May 20, 1897.
LORENZ ZELLER, JOHN DE WITT WARNER,
WILLIAM H. BARKER, Commissioners.
J. P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Third avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening and extending of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, from Third avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Third avenue distant 688.03 feet southerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Third avenue with the southern line of Crotona Park.

1st. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Third avenue for 50.03 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 87 degrees 52 minutes 20 seconds to the left for 188.26 feet to the western line of Fulton avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the western line of Fulton avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 190.14 feet to the point of beginning.

East One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 10 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the City of New York on June 10, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on June 14, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 15, 1895.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to LORILLARD PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Third avenue to Pelham avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Lorillard place, from Third avenue to Pelham avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street distant 530.73 feet easterly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street with the eastern line of Third avenue.

1st. Thence southeasterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street for 60.01 feet.

2d. Thence southwesterly deflecting 88 degrees 51 minutes 15 seconds to the right for 546 feet to the eastern line of Third avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Third avenue for 76.80 feet.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street distant 585.54 feet easterly from the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street with the eastern line of Third avenue.

1st. Thence southeasterly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street for 60.01 feet.

2d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 91 degrees 8 minutes 45 seconds to the left for 1,148.02 feet to the southern line of Pelham avenue.

3d. Thence northwesterly along the southern line of Pelham avenue for 60.01 feet.

4th. Thence southwesterly for 31,147.89 feet to the point of beginning.

Lorillard place is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 13 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the City of New York on October 31, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 2, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 2, 1895.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SECOND STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Third avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th

day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening and extending of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Seventy-second street, from Third avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Third avenue distant 1,773.38 feet southerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Third avenue with the southern line of Crotona Park.

1st. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Third avenue for 60.29 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 95 degrees 39 minutes 4 seconds to the left for 256.76 feet to the western line of Fulton avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the western line of Fulton avenue for 60 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 250.86 feet to the point of beginning.

East One Hundred and Seventy-second street is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 10 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the City of New York on June 10, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on June 14, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 15, 1895.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Hall place to Rogers place, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening and extending of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, from Hall place to Rogers place, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street distant 150 feet easterly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street with the eastern line of Stebbins avenue.

1st. Thence northeasterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street for 99.93 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 80 degrees 0 minutes 53 seconds to the right for 172.17 feet.

3d. Thence northeasterly curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 90 feet radius whose radius drawn northwesterly from the eastern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 126 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds to the north with the eastern prolongation of said course for 14.90 feet to a point of reverse curve.

4th. Thence southwesterly on the arc of a circle of 401.22 feet radius for 88.27 feet.

5th. Thence westerly for 138.95 feet to the point of beginning.

East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 3 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the City of New York on January 18, 1894; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on January 19, 1894, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on January 20, 1894.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to WEST TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Riverdale avenue to Broadway, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening and extending of a certain street or avenue known as West Two Hundred and Sixty-first street, from Riverdale avenue to Broadway, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the western line of Broadway distant 641.77 feet southerly from the intersection of the western line of Broadway with the northern boundary of the City of New York.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Broadway for 60 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees 3 minutes 40 seconds to the right for 885.60 feet.

3d. Thence westerly deflecting 12 degrees 31 minutes 50 seconds to the right for 875.81 feet to the eastern line of Riverdale avenue (legally opened July 2, 1866).

4th. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Riverdale avenue for 60.01 feet.

5th. Thence easterly deflecting 88 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds to the right for 867.04 feet.

6th. Thence easterly for 878.95 feet to the point of beginning.

West Two Hundred and Sixty-first street is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 25 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the City of New York on November 22, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 23, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 23, 1895.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to MOUNT VERNON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to the northern boundary of the City of New York, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Mount Vernon avenue, from Jerome avenue to the northern boundary of the City of New York, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the northern boundary-line of the City of New York distant 1,782.82 feet westerly from the intersection of the northern boundary-line of the City of New York with the western line of Webster avenue (formerly Bronx river road).

1st. Thence northwesterly along the said northern boundary-line of the City of New York for 200.65 feet.

2d. Thence southwesterly and curving to the right on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn through the western extremity of the preceding course makes an angle of 6 degrees 58 minutes 31 seconds southerly with the western prolongation of said preceding course and whose radius is 744.97 feet for 243.36 feet to a point of compound curve.

3d. Thence southwesterly on the arc of a circle whose radius is 2,435 feet for 652.96 feet to a point of compound curve.

4th. Thence southwesterly on the arc of a circle whose radius is 3,500 feet for 1,033.57 feet to a point of reverse curve.

5th. Thence southwesterly on the arc of a circle whose radius is 2,100 feet for 1,959.31 feet.

6th. Thence southwesterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 726.54 feet.

7th. Thence southwesterly and curving to the right on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course and whose radius is 957.22 feet for 141.11 feet.

8th. Thence southwesterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 898.18 feet.

9th. Thence southwesterly and curving to the right on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 20 feet for 47.73 feet to the eastern line of Jerome avenue.

10th. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Jerome avenue for 798.12 feet.

11th. Thence northeasterly deflecting 141 degrees 19 minutes 45 seconds to the left for 1,057.21 feet.

12th. Thence northeasterly and curving to the left on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 1,057.22 feet for 155.85 feet.

13th. Thence northeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 729.71 feet.

14th. Thence northeasterly deflecting 1 degree 19 minutes 44 seconds to the right for 86.06 feet.

15th. Thence northeasterly and curving to the right on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn easterly from the northern extremity of the preceding course makes an angle of 88 degrees 46 minutes 22 seconds with said course and whose radius is 2,000 feet for 1,776.78 feet to a point of reverse curve.

16. Thence northeasterly on the arc of a circle whose radius is 3,600 feet for 1,052.82 feet to a point of compound curve.

17th. Thence northeasterly on the arc of a circle whose radius is 2,535 feet for 679.77 feet to a point of compound curve.

18th. Thence northerly on the arc of a circle whose radius is 844.97 feet for 263.80 feet to the point of beginning.

Mount Vernon avenue is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 19 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on December 16, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on December 17, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 18, 1895.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to Sheridan avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of May, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 24th day of May, 1897; and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, ninth floor, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 30th day of June, 1897, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant

or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York.

Dated New York, June 7, 1897.
C. W. WEST, WM. STANTON, CHARLES O'BRIEN, Commissioners.
H. DE F. BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to VILLA PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Southern Boulevard to Van Cortlandt avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Villa place, from Southern Boulevard to Van Cortlandt avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the southern line of the western approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at East Two Hundred and Fourth street distant 200.03 feet westerly from the intersection of the southern line of said approach with the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

1st. Thence southerly along the southern line of said approach for 60.17 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 100 degrees 43 minutes 40 seconds to the left for 717.15 feet to the northern line of the western approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at East Two Hundredth street.

3d. Thence southeasterly along the northern line of said approach for 67.87 feet.

4th. Thence northerly for 748 feet to the point of beginning.

Beginning at a point in the northern line of the western approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at East Two Hundred and Fourth street distant 200.03 feet westerly from the intersection of the northern line of said approach with the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

1st. Thence westerly along the northern line of said approach for 60.23 feet.

2d. Thence northerly deflecting 102 degrees 37 minutes 10 seconds to the right for 743.91 feet.

3d. Thence easterly deflecting 57 degrees 38 minutes 22 seconds to the right for 71.03 feet.

4th. Thence southerly for 779.01 feet to the point of beginning.

Villa place (now Villa avenue) is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 20 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the City of New York on December 16, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on December 17, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 18, 1895.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to SPUYTEN DUYVIL ROAD (although not yet named by proper authority), from the Spuyten Duyvil parkway, near the Spuyten Duyvil depot, to the junction of Riverdale avenue and West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Spuyten Duyvil parkway, near the Spuyten Duyvil depot, to the junction of Riverdale avenue and West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Spuyten Duyvil parkway distant 3,020.59 feet westerly from the northern prolongation of the eastern line of Tenth avenue, measured at right angles to the same from a point 18,091.86 feet northerly of the southern line of West One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

1st. Thence northerly along the line of the Spuyten Duyvil parkway for 50 feet.

2d. Thence southeasterly curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 220 feet radius and continuing along the line of Spuyten Duyvil parkway for 235.76 feet.

3d. Thence southerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 611.69 feet.

4th. Thence southerly deflecting 23 degrees 47 minutes 55 seconds to the right for 298.28 feet.

5th. Thence southeasterly curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 81.88 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 88.06 feet.

6th. Thence southeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 138.54 feet.

7th. Thence easterly curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 79.93 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 90.26 feet.

8th. Thence northeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 169.79 feet.

9th. Thence northeasterly deflecting 17 degrees 20 minutes to the left for 373.40 feet.

10th. Thence northeasterly curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 670 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 339.90 feet to a point of reverse curve.

11th. Thence northeasterly on the arc of a circle of 335 feet radius for 124.25 feet.

12th. Thence northeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 119.93 feet.

13th. Thence northeasterly curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 880 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 167.16 feet.

14th. Thence northeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 266.27 feet.

15th. Thence northeasterly deflecting 8 degrees, 59 minutes 54 seconds to the left for 151.98 feet.

16th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 86 degrees 9 minutes 25 seconds to the left for 38.65 feet.

17th. Thence southwesterly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 162.79 feet.

18th. Thence southwesterly deflecting 12 degrees 50 minutes 29 seconds to the right for 266.27 feet.

19th. Thence southwesterly curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 830 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 157.66 feet.

20th. Thence southwesterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 129.86 feet.

21st. Thence southwesterly curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 385 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 142.79 feet to a point of reverse curve.

22d. Thence southwesterly on the arc of a circle of 620 feet radius for 314.53 feet.

23d. Thence southwesterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 387.02 feet.

24th. Thence southwesterly deflecting 17 degrees 20 minutes to the right for 208.99 feet.

25th. Thence westerly curving to the right on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 115 feet for 129.86 feet.

26th. Thence northwesterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 105 feet.

27th. Thence northwesterly curving to the right on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 170 feet for 182.82 feet.

28th. Thence northerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 287.74 feet.

29th. Thence northerly deflecting 23 degrees 47 minutes 55 seconds to the left for 601.15 feet.

30th. Thence northwesterly curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 170 feet radius for 182.17 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Riverdale avenue and the western prolongation of the southern line of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street.

1st. Thence southwesterly on the southern prolongation of the western line of Riverdale avenue for 82.29 feet.

2d. Thence southwesterly curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 893.57 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 174.48 feet.

3d. Thence southwesterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 245.30 feet.

4th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 50 feet.

5th. Thence northeasterly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 245.30 feet.

6th. Thence northeasterly curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 843.57 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 253.67 feet to the southern line of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street.

7th. Thence westerly along the southern line of West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street for 55.07 feet to the point of beginning.

Spuyten Duyvil road is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 22 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on November 18, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 18, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 20, 1895.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands required for the opening and extension of a new street (although not yet named by proper authority), to extend from Chambers street to Reade street, in the Sixth Ward of the City of New York.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening and extending of a new street, to extend from Chambers street to Reade street, in the Sixth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Chambers street distant 426.71 feet easterly from Broadway; thence northerly, distance 151.16 feet, to the southerly line of Reade street at a point distant 425.94 feet easterly from Broadway; thence easterly along the southerly line of Reade street, distance 40 feet; thence southerly, distance 151.21 feet, to the northerly line of Chambers street; thence westerly, distance 40 feet, to the point or place of beginning.

Said street to be 40 feet wide between the lines of Chambers and Reade streets, and is shown on certain maps entitled "Map or Plan of a new street, commencing on the northerly line of Chambers street distant 426.71 feet easterly from Broadway, and extending to the southerly line of Reade street distant 425.94 feet easterly from Broadway," and filed, one in the office of the Department of Public Works of the City of New York on May 7, 1897; one in the office of the Counsel to the Corporation on May 11, 1897, and one in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on May 11, 1897.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening CHEEVER PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Mott avenue to Gerard avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road in the Twenty-third Ward of 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 a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held in and for the City and County of New York, at the County Court-house in the City of New York, on the 23d day of June, 1897, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.

Dated New York, June 9, 1897.

EDWARD S. KAUFMAN, FRANCIS S. McAVOY, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to FERRY AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from the Mosholu parkway to the south line of Woodlawn Cemetery, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held in and for the City and County of New York, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 30th day of June, 1897, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and

expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.

Dated New York, June 16, 1897.

EDWIN T. TALIAFERRO, RIGUAL T. WOODWARD, JOHN K. GREEN, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Anderson avenue to Marcher avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, from Anderson avenue to Marcher avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at the intersection of the southern and eastern lines of Union street (now East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street), legally opened September 15, 1892.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Union street for 50.39 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 82 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds to the right for 60.47 feet.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 97 degrees 7 minutes 30 seconds to the right for 15.12 feet.

4th. Thence easterly deflecting 97 degrees 7 minutes 30 seconds to the left for 167.41 feet to the western line of Marcher avenue.

5th. Thence southerly along the western line of Marcher avenue for 20.10 feet.

6th. Thence westerly deflecting 84 degrees 15 minutes 1 second to the left for 167.93 feet.

7th. Thence southerly deflecting 82 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds to the left for 15.12 feet.

8th. Thence westerly for 60.47 feet to the point of beginning.

East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 3 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on November 11, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 12, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 13, 1895.

Dated New York, June 14, 1897.

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to Morris avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897, at the opening of the Court on 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 and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Seventy-first street, from Jerome avenue to Morris avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Jerome avenue distant 383.06 feet northeasterly from the intersection of the eastern line of Jerome avenue with the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventieth street.

1st. Thence northeasterly along the eastern line of Jerome avenue for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southeasterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 1,033.88 feet to the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

3d. Thence southwesterly along the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse for 60.69 feet.

4th. Thence northwesterly for 1,042.97 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

