

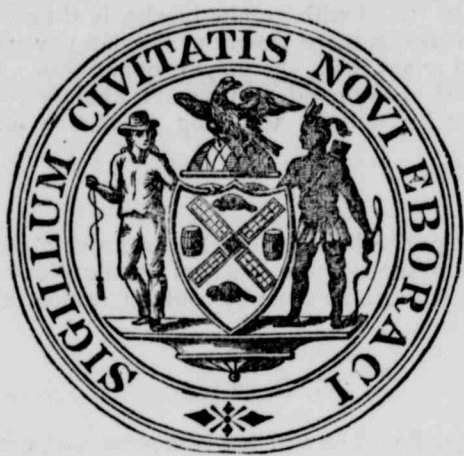
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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 6, 1876, 2 o'clock P. M.

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

PRESENT:

Hon. SAMUEL A. LEWIS, President;

ALDERMEN

O. P. C. Billings,
William L. Cole,
Joseph Cudlipp,
Magnus Gross,
James J. Gumbleton,
John W. Guntzer,
Jacob Hess,

Henry E. Howland,
Patrick Keenan,
Patrick Lysaght,
William H. McCarthy,
John J. Morris,
Joseph C. Pinckney,
Henry D. Purroy,

Bryan Reilly,
John Reilly,
William Sauer,
Peter Seery,
Thomas Sheils,
Michael Tuomey,
William Wade.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Tuomey—

Petition to have Forty-first street opened and bridge across the Fourth avenue. Which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges when appointed.

By the President—

Communication from Henry Bergh, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, relative to the ordinance recently adopted providing for the killing of dogs. Which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences when appointed.

RESOLUTIONS. (G. O. I.)

By Alderman Seery—

Resolved, That the bills of the several census enumerators of the State Census of 1875 in this county be and they are hereby audited and allowed at \$90.00 each, being for thirty days' services at \$3.00 per day, and the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay such bills upon being furnished by the Clerk of this Board with a copy of the list of such enumerators furnished him by the Secretary of State, whose returns have been accepted as perfect by the said Secretary of State.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Billings—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Gumbleton, Guntzer, Hess, Howland, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, B. Reilly, J. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—21.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Taylor & Gilson to retain the ornamental lamp-posts and lamps now in front of the entrance to the St. Denis Hotel, Broadway and Eleventh street, the gas to be furnished at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman J. Reilly—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Gumbleton, Guntzer, Hess, Howland, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, B. Reilly, J. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—22.

By Alderman Billings—

Resolved, That William H. Geissenhainer be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices when appointed.

By Alderman Guntzer—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Gumbleton, Guntzer, Hess, Howland, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, B. Reilly, J. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—22.

By Alderman Gumbleton—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Gumbleton, Guntzer, Hess, Howland, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, B. Reilly, J. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—22.

By Alderman Keenan—

Resignation of William Rothschild as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

By the same—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Gumbleton, Guntzer,

Hess, Howland, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, B. Reilly, J. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—22.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1876.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the requirements of section 25, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, I hereby nominate Fitz John Porter, for appointment, by and with your consent, to be Commissioner of Public Works, for six years, commencing December 30, 1875, in place of Fitz John Porter, whose term has expired.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

Alderman Cole moved that the message be referred to a Committee of three to be named by the President, the same to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Alderman B. Reilly moved that the message be laid over.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman Pinckney, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cole, Gumbleton, Guntzer, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Purroy, J. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Sheils, and Tuomey—13.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Cudlipp, Gross, Hess, Howland, Morris, Pinckney, B. Reilly, and Wade—9.

Subsequently the President appointed as such Committee Aldermen Cole, Purroy, and Lysaght.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1876.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit for your information a "Statement of the cash receipts and expenditures of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, for the month ending December 31, 1875."

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

Statement of the Cash Receipts and Expenditures of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge for the Month ending December 31, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

From City of Brooklyn	\$65,000 00
For material sold	289 30
For labor	15 00
For rent	96 67
	\$65,400 97

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of engineer and assistants	\$2,496 66
Salary of master mechanic	250 00
Salaries of officers and clerks	874 99
W. M. Everts, legal advice	500 00
Labor pay-roll for two weeks ending 9th	5,049 15
M. Fitzpatrick, horseshoeing	48 75
G. E. Bulmer, straw and carrots	112 30
M. Lefferts, Jr., galvanizing	213 75
Chas. E. Field, plumbing	44 50
Jos. H. Mumby, horse feed	88 00
J. S. Watt, watering pots	25 50
Beers & Resseguie, lumber	367 49
H. N. Conklin's Son, lumber	63 44
Cory & Co., oil	43 65
Keystoe Bridge Co., anchor links and pins	5,295 49
Edge Moor Iron Co., anchor links and pins	9,738 21
John Morton & Son, cement	2,356 10
A. C. Nickerson, towing	550 00
Noone & Madden, lime stone	23,789 68
Collins Granite Co., granite	7,828 07
Mason & Watts, gravel	268 75
C. S. Buell, roofing	183 08
D. Burtis, Jr., repairs to scows	344 64
Pearce & Mitchell, shears, washers, etc.	44 31
Joel Hall, oak wedges	26 00
Mathew Hamill, horseshoeing	13 75
R. S. Place & Co., nuts and labor	1 35
W. Ames & Co., spikes	56 55
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., rope, etc.	298 71
Marston & Son, coal	37 30
John Moss, patterns	12 45
John Gray's Sons, woodenware	18 75
Fowler, Crampton & Co., oil	35 47
Morris, Wheeler & Co., nuts and spikes	36 20
Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel	14 58
J. A. Roebling's Sons, wire rope	21 60
J. C. Wilson & Co., augers, etc.	17 51
Richardson, Boynton & Co., stoves	18 05
D. D. Miller, oil, etc.	27 30
Smith Bros., iron	53 64
Brooklyn Eagle, printing	22 25
Stackpole & Bro., instruments	22 00
A. Annan, amount returned for material sold and not delivered	50 00
Beattie & Dresser, granite	810 08
W. B. Davis, repairs to wagon	3 05
Hosford & Sons, stationery	40 50
G. Tagliabue, repairs to level	50
James L. Morgan & Co., potash	5 00
James O. Morse, bushings, etc.	1 35
Drew & Bucki, lumber	14 40
John Bunce, hardware	14 76
Egleston Bros. & Co., iron	77 79
New York Gas-light Co., resetting lamp-post	13 50
H. R. Hinman & Co., marking-pots, etc.	19 76
Michael Kane, canvas, etc.	135 06
Labor, pay-roll for two weeks ending 23d	1,735 68
Chrome Steel Co., steel	5 51
South Brooklyn Saw Mills Co., lumber	55 94
Incidental office expenses	99 32
Carting tools for testing boiler	2 00
Union Chemical Works, felt	1 50
Collins' Granite Co., freight on account	2,465 35
	\$66,861 02

HENRY C. MURPHY, President.
JOHN H. PRENTICE, Treasurer.

County of Kings, ss.:—Henry C. Murphy, President, and John H. Prentice, Treasurer, of the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, being severally duly sworn, each for himself, deposes and says, that the foregoing statement is in all respects true, according to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

HENRY C. MURPHY.

JOHN H. PRENTICE.

Sworn to before me, the 6th

day of January, 1876,

O. P. QUINTARD, Notary Public.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

(G. O. 1 1/2.)

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor :
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, January 6, 1876. }

To the Honorable the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, and recommend that the resolution be adopted as proposed.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, January 6, 1876. }

Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, Mayor of the City of New York :

SIR—I have the honor to submit to you herewith a draft of a resolution to authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to hire suitable rooms in Grand street and Seventy-ninth street for the purpose of testing the illuminating power of the gas furnished by the several gas-light companies, by apparatus designed for that purpose.

If the resolution meets your approval, I beg that you will forward it to the Board of Aldermen for early action.

Very respectfully,

FITZ JOHN PORTER, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to hire suitable rooms on Grand street and also on Seventy-ninth street, at a rent not to exceed three hundred and sixty dollars per annum for both places, and cause the same to be properly fitted up with suitable apparatus for testing the illuminating power of the gas supplied by the several gas-light companies. The expense thereof to be charged to the "Appropriation for Lamps and Gas."

Which was laid over.

RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Gross—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Buildings be and the same is hereby requested to furnish to this Board, at his earliest convenience, a comparative statement of the number of plans and specifications filed at his office for the erection of new buildings, and also of alterations, together with the estimated cost of the same, during the last ten years, or as far back as his records will permit.

Alderman Seery moved to refer to the Committee on Fire and Building Departments, when appointed.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That the Legislature be respectfully requested to have the following amendment to the Charter passed : and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to immediately forward to each member of the Legislature a copy of the CITY RECORD containing this act :

AN ACT to amend the Charter of 1873, article 16, section 91 of said Charter, so as to read as follows :

No work or job of any kind is to be undertaken which shall cost over one hundred dollars, except for the following reasons :

The Commissioner, or Commissioners, in whose Department the said work is to be done, shall, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Department, or head of Bureau, who is to execute the work, state in writing to the Commissioner, or Commissioners, that it will be more advantageous to the city to do said work by days' work than by contract. Then the said Commissioner, or Commissioners, shall notify his Honor the Mayor of the fact, and the latter shall call together the Board of Apportionment within twenty-four hours after said notice shall have been served upon him in writing. And at the meeting of said Board of Apportionment, the Commissioner, or President of Board of Commissioners, making the request, shall appear before the Board, accompanied by Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Department, or head of Bureau, and there state his reasons why the proposed work or improvement can be done better by days' work than by contract ; and if said entire Board of Apportionment approve by unanimous vote of all the members, of the request made, the Mayor may promptly issue a certificate addressed to the Commissioner, or Commissioners, of Department, authorizing them to do said work in any manner that may have been unanimously approved by said Board of Apportionment ; and the same shall be a valid and legal claim on the city and property benefited thereby. But the said Board of Apportionment shall have no power to authorize any work or job that shall together involve the expenditure of more than one thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect immediately. And be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature be respectfully requested to repeal any acts, or part of acts, that give power or permission to any Commissioner, or Commissioners, to give out any contracts that are known as special contracts, and not in compliance with section 91 of the Charter of 1873.

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

By Alderman J. Reilly—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to repave the crosswalk opposite the church in Fourteenth street, between Avenues A and B, immediately.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and lamps lighted in One Hundred and Fourth street, between Second and Fourth avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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

(G. O. 2.)

By the same—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and lamps lighted in Eighty-eighth street, between Fourth and Madison avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 3.)

By the same—

Resolved, That two Boulevard lamps, of the Barlett pattern, be erected in front of St. Luke's Home for Indigent Christian Females, on the corner of Madison avenue and Eighty-ninth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 4.)

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to lay a main down Church and Greenwich streets, from Fulton street to Battery place, the same as is now laid in Church street south of Canal, with large hydrants, the same as are in the dry goods district ; and be it further

Resolved, That he be directed to lay, north from Church and Canal and through Canal to Wooster street, and up Wooster to Houston street, with same size pipes and hydrants as below in the dry goods district ; and be it further

Resolved, That all these hydrants, also all the large hydrants that were put down in the dry goods district previous to this resolution, be properly drained by pipes to the sewers, pursuant to the provisions of section 2, chapter 477, Laws 1875 ; and all of the above to be done by contract according to section 91 of the Charter of 1873.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 5.)

By the same—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to have a 6-inch wrought-iron pipe, boxed, etc., laid across the Harlem river to Randall's Island ; also, three thousand feet of six-inch pipe on Randall's Island, with stop-cocks, hydrants, etc., and all of the above to be done by contract, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, in pursuance of chapter 477, section 2, Laws of 1875.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 6.)

By the same—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to lay a 20-inch pipe in William street, from Chambers to Frankfort street, and through Frankfort to Nassau street, and through Nassau street to Wall street, with large hydrants pursuant to the provisions of section 2, chapter 477, Laws of 1875, and the above to be done by contract, according to section 91 of the Charter of 1875.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 7.)

By the same—

Whereas, The improvement in engines for the extinguishment of fires in this city is very great, and they require a large flow of water ; and

Whereas, The pipes and hydrants are about the same as they were twenty years ago, except in a small district ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed not to lay in any avenue or street running north and south from the Battery to the Harlem river any pipes smaller than twelve (12) inches, or in any of the streets running east and west, a size smaller than ten (10) inches,

except to repair ; and all hydrants to be of the size known as the large size, except to replace or repair the small ones that are now down.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 8.)

By the same—

Recommended by the Commissioner of Public Works :

Resolved, That West Broadway, from Chambers to Canal street, be repaved with granite blocks, in the manner known as the Belgian pavement, except where now paved with Belgian pavement, and that the present Belgian pavement be taken up and relaid, with the proper quantity of sand under the same ; the work to be done and materials furnished as provided in the act, chapter 476, Laws of 1875.

Resolved, That Nassau street be paved with granite blocks, in the manner known as the Belgian pavement, except where now paved with Russ pavement or Belgian pavement, and that the Russ and Belgian pavements be taken up and relaid, with the proper quantity of sand under the same ; the work to be done and materials furnished as provided in the act, chapter 476, Laws of 1875.

And all of the above to be done by contract according to section ninety-one of the Charter of 1873.

Which was laid over.

By the same—

Resolved, That Croton water pipes be laid in One Hundred and Eighth street, from Madison to Fourth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, as provided in section 2 of chapter 477, Laws of 1875 ; the work to be done by contract, which shall be awarded to the lowest bidder, after proper advertising.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 10.)

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause the engrossing of its proceedings to be completed up to January 1, 1873, in order to complete the manuscript records of the city government up to that period, and to perfect the series which extend back to the Dutch period in the history of this city in 1653. Also to complete the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors from 1868 to 1872 inclusive ; the compensation for such engrossing not to exceed eight cents per folio, to be paid from the appropriation for City Contingencies.

Which was laid over.

By the same—

Resolved, That the Department of Docks be and is hereby requested not to permit the use of the pier at the foot of Market street, East river, for the purposes of a dumping board ; and the Bureau of Street Cleaning, in the Police Department, is also hereby requested to discontinue the uses of the pier for such purposes, and to remove the said dumping board to another location.

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

By Alderman Hess—

Resolved, That Twelfth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirtieth street to the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-third street, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones be set, and the 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.

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

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That the fire hydrant situated on the west side of Avenue C, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, be removed to the southwest corner of Sixteenth street and Avenue C, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Clerk of the Board :

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }
NO. 8 CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, January 6, 1876. }

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to the following provision of section 5, chapter 757, Laws of 1873, viz., "The Clerk of each Board shall, subject to the rules of the Board, appoint and remove at pleasure deputy clerks in his Department, and fix their salaries," the following list of such officers, with their salaries, is respectfully submitted :

William H. Moloney, 1st Assistant, salary	\$2,500 00 per annum.
Patrick H. McGuire, 2d Assistant, salary	1,500 00 "
William H. McCabe, 3d Assistant, salary	1,200 00 "
Joseph J. Purroy, 4th Assistant, salary	1,200 00 "
John Perry, 5th Assistant, salary	1,000 00 "
Andrew Hanneman, Engrossing Clerk, salary	1,200 00 "
Bernard Fitzsimmons, Librarian, salary	1,500 00 "
Luke Walsh, 1st Messenger, salary	1,000 00 "
The above were officers of the late Board of Aldermen, and have been reappointed.	
Ennis Geraghty, Assistant Librarian and Janitor, salary	\$1,200 00 per annum.
Thomas J. Doran, 2d Messenger, salary	1,000 00 "
Thomas Fitzsimmons, Doorkeeper, salary	1,000 00 "
James Walsh, Sergeant-at-Arms (re-elected), salary	1,200 00 "

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

Action of the Clerk approved, and the paper ordered on file.

RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By Alderman Hess—

Resolved, That we proceed to the drawing of seats ; that the President and Clerk direct the same in a like manner as in the Assembly of this State.

Alderman Lysaght moved that the resolution be laid over.

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

Which was decided in the negative, on a division called by Alderman Hess, viz. :

Affirmative—Aldermen Cole, Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, J. Reilly, and Seery—11.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cudlipp, Gross, Gumbleton, Hess, B. Reilly, Sauer, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—11.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman Morris, viz. :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Gumbleton, Hess, B. Reilly, Sauer, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—12.

Negative—Aldermen Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, J. Reilly, and Seery—10.

Alderman McCarthy moved that the drawing be postponed for one week.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative on a division called by Alderman Tuomey, viz. :

Affirmative—Aldermen Cole, Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, B. Reilly, J. Reilly, Sauer, and Seery—13.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cudlipp, Gross, Gumbleton, Hess, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—9.

By Alderman Purroy—

Resolved, That Stephen N. Simonson be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Gumbleton, Guntzer, Hess, Howland, Keenan, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, J. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—21.

The President here announced the following as the Standing Committees of the Board for the year 1876 :

Standing Committees of Board of Aldermen for the Year 1876.

Arts, Sciences, and Education—Aldermen Gross, Tuomey, and Morris.
Public Works—Aldermen McCarthy, Purroy, and Hess.
Ferries and Dock Department—Aldermen Gross, Tuomey, and Wade.
Finance and Department of Taxes, etc.—Aldermen John Reilly, Cole, Guntzer, Billings, and Morris.
Law Department—Aldermen Purroy, Seery, and Billings.
Markets—Aldermen Sauer, Gumbleton, and Hess.
Printing and Advertising—Aldermen Cole, Sauer, and Wade.
Railroads—Aldermen Shiels, Keenan, and Howland.
Repairs and Supplies—Aldermen Gumbleton, Gross, and Hess.
Roads, Bridges, and Tunnels—Aldermen Tuomey, B. Reilly, and Cudlipp.
Salaries and Offices—Aldermen Cole, Shiels, and Pinckney.
Streets—Aldermen B. Reilly, Sauer, and Wade.
Street Pavements—Aldermen Guntzer, McCarthy, and Pinckney.

Lands, Places, and Park Department—Aldermen Purroy, Lysaght, and Howland.
Fire and Building Departments—Aldermen Keenan, John Reilly, and Pinckney.
Police and Health Departments—Aldermen Seery, Keenan, and Cudlipp.
Charities and Correction and Excise Departments—Aldermen Guntzer, Shiels, and Morris.
County Affairs—Aldermen Lysaght, Seery, Guntzer, Billings, and Howland.

MOTIONS.

Alderman McCarthy moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the 13th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY HALL,
TUESDAY, January 4, 1876—2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, December 31, 1875.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and section 1, of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Tuesday, January 4, 1876, at 2 o'clock P. M., in pursuance of a resolution adopted at meeting of September 27, 1875.

W. H. WICKHAM.

INDORSED :

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this twenty-first day of December, 1875.

WM. H. WICKHAM,
Mayor;
ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller;

SAMUEL A. LEWIS,
President of the Board of Aldermen;
JOHN WHEELER,
President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.

Present—The following members, viz.:

W. H. Wickham, the Mayor of the City of New York; Samuel A. Lewis, the President of the Board of Aldermen; John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held December 29, 1875, were read and approved.

The Comptroller appeared and took his seat in the Board.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The objections to and rectifications of the Provisional Estimate for the year 1875, made by the Board of Aldermen, and adopted on Tuesday, November 23, 1875, have been transmitted by the Clerk of said Board to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and were presented for the consideration of said objections or rectifications, at a meeting of said Board of Apportionment, held on Tuesday, November 30, 1875; and

Whereas, The said Board of Estimate and Apportionment did proceed to the consideration of such objections or rectifications, and after such consideration thereupon make a Final Estimate; and

Whereas, After such consideration the said objections to or rectifications of the said Provisional Estimate, made by the Board of Aldermen, were, in respect to certain items of appropriations, overruled and modified, while in others they were concurred in, before making the said Final Estimate for the year 1876; therefore

Resolved, That the following are the reasons for the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in those respects wherein the objections or rectifications or suggestions made by the Board of Aldermen have been overruled and modified, to wit :

TITLES OF APPROPRIATIONS.	Amount of Provisional Estimate.	Amount suggested by the Board of Aldermen.	Amount of Final Estimate.
1. Contingencies—Mayor's Office.....	\$5,000 00	\$2,500 00	\$5,000 00
2. Salaries—Finance Department.....	200,000 00	151,320 00	180,000 00
3. Commissioners of Sinking Fund, Expenses of	2,500 00	500 00	2,000 00
4. Salary—Corporation Attorney.....	5,000 00	7,500 00	6,000 00
5. Salaries—Corporation Attorney's Clerks, etc.....	6,000 00	7,500 00	6,000 00
6. Contingencies—Law Department.....	50,000 00	Nothing.	40,000 00
7. Salaries—Law Department—Clerks, Assistants, etc.....	90,000 00	75,000 00	90,000 00
8. Free Floating Baths.....	8,000 00	48,000 00	8,000 00
9. Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, for Salaries.....	50,000 00	55,000 00
10. Salaries—Police—Department of Public Parks.....	120,000 00	110,000 00
11. Maintenance of Parks—including the American Museum of Natural History, Metropolitan Museum of Art and of the Meteorological Observatory.....	Nos. 9 to 11, inclusive, \$375,000 for all three.	205,000 00	187,500 00
12. Surveying, Monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	30,000 00	Nothing.	25,000 00
13. Support of Out-door Poor.....	80,000 00	150,000 00	80,000 00
14. Contingencies—Health Department.....	5,460 00	2,500 00	5,460 00
15. Removing Snow and Ice.....	Nothing.	50,000 00	Nothing.
16. Salaries—Police Department.....	2,713,200 00	2,880,200 00	2,713,200 00
17. Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.....	137,500 00	150,000 00	130,000 00
18. Court of Special Sessions—Subpoena Servers.....	6,000 00	4,500 00	6,000 00
19. Salary—Commissioner of Jurors.....	5,000 00	10,000 00	6,000 00
20. Salaries—Clerks, etc., Commissioner of Jurors.....	5,900 00	15,000 00	7,000 00
21. Salaries—Department of Taxes and Assessments and Board of Assessors combined.....	124,000 00	115,000 00	119,000 00

* The provision for support of out-door poor is made under the head of "Supplies" in the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

The following are the reasons in detail :

1. Contingencies—Mayor's Office.

The reduction from \$5,000 to \$2,500 is overruled, because there are many contingent needs to be met, for which not less than the amount appropriated in the Provisional Estimate is considered sufficient.

2. Salaries—Finance Department.

The sum of \$200,000 was appropriated for this purpose in the Provisional Estimate. The Board of Aldermen reduced it to \$151,320, and also suggested changes in the salaries and organization of the Finance Department, which is a power devolved by the Charter exclusively upon the head of that Department. The suggestions of the Board of Aldermen have therefore been overruled by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the sum of \$180,000 fixed as the amount in the Final Estimate.

3. Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of.

The Board of Aldermen reduced the appropriation of \$2,500 in the Provisional Estimate to \$500, which was overruled as insufficient for the purpose, and the sum of \$2,000 was fixed in the Final Estimate.

4. Salary—Corporation Attorney.

The amount was increased by the Board of Aldermen from \$5,000 in the Provisional Estimate to \$7,500, which, being considered excessive, was overruled, and the sum of \$6,000 fixed in the Final Estimate for this purpose.

5. Salaries—Corporation Attorney's Clerks and Assistants.

The amount was increased by the Board of Aldermen from \$5,000 in the Provisional Estimate to \$7,500, which, being considered excessive, was overruled, and the sum of \$6,000 fixed in the Final Estimate for this purpose.

6. Contingencies—Law Department.

The Board of Aldermen struck out the appropriation for this purposes entirely. As the necessity exists for such a provision the action of that Board was overruled, and the amount fixed at \$40,000 in the Final Estimate.

7. Salaries—Assistants, Clerks, and Messengers—Law Department.

The Board of Aldermen reduced this appropriation from \$90,000 in the Provisional Estimate to \$75,000, which reduction was overruled by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as injudicious, the amount appropriated by the Provisional Estimate being restored in the Final Estimate as necessary for this purpose.

8. Free Floating Baths.

The increase of \$40,000 made by the Board of Aldermen for this purpose was overruled, the amount of \$8,000 originally appropriated being deemed sufficient, and therefore restored in the Final Estimate.

9. Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—For Salaries.

10. Salaries—Police Department, Public Parks.

11. Maintenance of Parks, including the American Museum of Natural History, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and of the Meteorological Observatory.

The sum of \$375,000 was appropriated in the Provisional Estimate for these purposes under one head, and the Board of Aldermen adopted the same amount with a distribution of amounts for these items which was not admissible, and their suggestions were therefore overruled. But the sum of \$352,500 has been fixed in the Final Estimate under a distribution shown in the foregoing tabular statement.

12. Surveying, Monumenting, etc.—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The appropriation made for this purpose in the Provisional Estimate was stricken out by the Board of Aldermen. Their action is overruled as the law requires the execution of the work, and the sum of \$25,000 is appropriated therefor in the Final Estimate.

13. Support of the Out-door Poor.

The action of the Board of Aldermen, increasing the amount appropriated for this purpose in the Provisional Estimate \$70,000, is overruled as unnecessary and injudicious, and, instead of a special provision for the Out-door Poor, the appropriation for that purpose has been merged in that for "Supplies," Department of Public Charities and Correction.

14. Contingencies—Health Department.

The reduction of \$2,960 from the appropriation in the Provisional Estimate for this purpose, is overruled, for the reason that the appropriation would be insufficient, and the original amount of \$5,460 is therefore reinstated in the Final Estimate.

15. Removing Snow and Ice.

The appropriation of \$50,000 made for this purpose by the Board of Aldermen, which is deducted from the amount appropriated in the Provisional Estimate for the general purpose of "Cleaning Streets," is overruled, for the reason that a special appropriation is improper and unnecessary, and the sum of \$725,000 is appropriated for "Cleaning Streets" in the Final Estimate.

16. Salaries—Police Department.

The increase of the amount appropriated for this purpose in the Provisional Estimate, from \$2,713,200 to \$2,880,200 to provide for additional patrolmen, is overruled, for the reason that such an increase of the police at this time is unwise and unnecessary, and the original amount is, therefore, restored in the Provisional Estimate.

17. Advertising, Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.

The increase of the appropriation for this purpose, from \$137,500 to \$150,000, by the Board of Aldermen, is quite unnecessary and extravagant, and, upon further consideration, it is deemed advisable to reduce even the amount in the Provisional Estimate, and fix it at \$130,000 in the Final Estimate.

18. Court of Special Sessions—Subpoena Servers.

The reduction of \$1,500, made by the Board of Aldermen in the appropriation for this purpose, would not leave an amount sufficient to provide the means necessary to pay the lawful salaries. It is therefore overruled, and the original amount is restored in the Final Estimate.

19. Salary—Commissioner of Jurors.

The increase of \$5,000 for this purpose made by the Board of Aldermen, thus making the salary of the Commissioner of Jurors \$10,000, is overruled as excessive, and the sum of \$6,000 is appropriated in the Final Estimate as ample compensation.

20. Salaries—Clerks, etc., Commissioner of Jurors.

The increase for this purpose made by the Board of Aldermen from \$5,900 to \$15,000 is overruled, for the reason that it is excessive, and the sum of \$7,000 is appropriated in the Final Estimate as an adequate amount.

21. Salaries—Department of Taxes and Assessments and Board of Assessors.

The appropriation for this purpose in the Provisional Estimate was reduced from \$124,000 to \$115,000. This reduction is overruled as inexpedient at this time, and the sum of \$119,000 is appropriated in the Final Estimate.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to adopt the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The President of the Board of Aldermen offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York are authorized and directed, by chapter 146 of the Laws of 1875, to fix the salaries or compensation for the services of the three Commissioners for the erection of the court-house in the Third Judicial District of the City of New York, appointed under the provisions of chapter 806 of the Laws of 1873, and from time to time to make such appropriations therefor as may be necessary.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in pursuance of said authority and direction, hereby fix the compensation for the services of the said Commissioners as follows : For the period ending the 22d day of April, 1875, the compensation of the President of said Commission is hereby fixed at the rate of \$2,500 per annum, and the compensation of the other two Commissioners, for their services up to the aforesaid last-mentioned date, is hereby fixed at the rate of \$2,000 per annum each.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

Negative—The Comptroller of the City of New York—1.

The President of the Board of Aldermen offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That for all services which shall be performed by said Commissioners subsequent to the 22d day of April, 1875, the compensation is hereby fixed as follows : For the President of said Commission, for the time being, at the rate of \$2,500 per annum, and for the other two Commissioners at the rate of \$2,000 each per annum.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

Negative—The Comptroller of the City of New York—1.

The Chairman presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That each and every of the balances of each and every of the appropriations in each and every branch or Department of government, remaining unexpended at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1874, be and hereby is authorized and directed to be by the Comptroller, with the approval of this Board hereby expressed, transferred to the general fund of the city, to be used for the reduction of taxation.

And requested that it lay over until next meeting.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER, Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINION OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

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

The Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"NEW YORK CITY,
January 17, 1870."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully, yours,
WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

GAS COMMISSION.

Abstract of proceedings of the Officers designated by section 73 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873 to contract for lighting the Streets, Avenues, and Places of the City with gas, December 28, 1875.

The officers designated by section 73 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, met in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, at 12 M., December 28, 1875, for the purpose of opening bids for lighting the streets, avenues, and places of the city, with gas, from January 1, 1876, to April 30, 1876, both days inclusive.

All were present, viz.: William H. Wickham, Mayor; Andrew H. Green, Comptroller; and Fitz John Porter, Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works presented an affidavit of A. B. Caldwell, Bookkeeper in the office of the CITY RECORD, that the notice inviting proposals had been duly published for ten consecutive days.

The bids, as follows, were then opened:

No. 1.—THE NEW YORK GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

For furnishing the gas (of not less than sixteen candle power) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing cocks, tubes, burners, crossheads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period of four months ending April 30, 1876.	\$9 00
For each lamp-post straightened.	1 50
For each column releaded.	1 50
For each column refitted.	3 50
For each stand-pipe refitted.	3 50
For each lamp-post removed.	3 50
For each lamp-post reset.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up.	10 00

Sureties—Moses Taylor and Samuel Sloan.

No. 2.—MANHATTAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

For furnishing the gas (of not less than sixteen candle power) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing cocks, tubes, burners, crossheads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period of four months ending April 30, 1876.	\$9 00
For each lamp-post straightened.	1 50
For each column releaded.	1 50
For each column refitted.	3 50
For each stand-pipe refitted.	3 50
For each lamp-post removed.	3 50
For each lamp-post reset.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up.	10 00

Sureties—Moses Taylor and Samuel Sloan.

No. 3.—THE METROPOLITAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

For furnishing the gas (of not less than sixteen candle power) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing cocks, tubes, burners, crossheads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period of four months ending April 30, 1876.	\$14 00
For each lamp-post straightened.	3 00
For each column releaded.	3 00
For each column refitted.	4 00
For each stand-pipe refitted.	4 00
For each lamp-post removed.	4 00
For each lamp-post reset.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up.	10 00

Sureties—O. Zollikofer and R. H. Arkenburgh.

No. 4.—NEW YORK MUTUAL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

For furnishing the gas (of not less than sixteen candle power) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing cocks, tubes, burners, crossheads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period of four months ending April 30, 1876.	\$12 00
For each lamp-post straightened.	3 00
For each column releaded.	3 00
For each column refitted.	3 00
For each stand-pipe refitted.	4 00
For each lamp-post removed.	3 00
For each lamp-post reset.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up.	10 00

Sureties—C. K. Garrison and John P. Kennedy.

No. 5.—THE HARLEM GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

For furnishing the gas (of sixteen candle power) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing cocks, tubes, burners, crossheads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period of four months, to wit:

For January, 1876.	\$4 08
For February, 1876.	3 45
For March, 1876.	3 45
For April, 1876.	2 97
For each lamp-post straightened.	3 00
For each column releaded.	3 00
For each column refitted.	4 00
For each stand-pipe refitted.	4 00
For each lamp-post removed.	4 00
For each lamp-post reset.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up.	10 00

Sureties—Burr Wakeman and John H. Browning.

A communication dated December 28, 1875, was received and ordered on file, from Charles Place, Secretary of the New York Mutual Gas-light Company, suggesting the desirability of receiving bids for furnishing gas from May to May of each year.

The meeting then adjourned.

RICHARD J. MORRISON, Secretary.

December 29, 1875.

The officers designated by section 73 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873 to contract for lighting the streets, avenues, and public places of the city with gas, met in the office of the Mayor, at 1 P. M., Wednesday, December 29, 1875.

All were present, viz.: William H. Wickham, Mayor; Andrew H. Green, Comptroller; and Fitz John Porter, Commissioner of Public Works.

The minutes of meetings held December 10 and December 28, 1875, were read and approved.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered for adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract be made to the New York Gas-light Company for furnishing the gas for and lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, and maintaining the public lamps in that part of the city lying south of the centre of Grand street, from the East river to Sullivan street, and Canal street, from Sullivan street to the North river, in accordance with and at the rates bid in their proposal of December 23, 1875, to wit:

For furnishing gas (of not less than sixteen candle power, under one inch hydraulic pressure, by photometrical test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1876, to April 30, 1876, both days inclusive, at the rate of nine dollars for each lamp for said term.	
For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents.	\$1 50
For each column releaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents.	1 50
For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents.	3 50
For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents.	3 50
For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents.	3 50
For each lamp-post reset, the sum of ten dollars.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of ten dollars.	10 00

The Chairman put the question upon the adoption of said resolution.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Mayor offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract be made to the Manhattan Gas-light Company for furnishing the gas for and lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, and maintaining the public lamps in that part of the city bounded on the north by the centre line of Thirty-fourth street, on the south by the centre line of Grand street, from the East river to Sullivan street, thence to the centre line of Canal street, thence to the North river, on the east by the East river, on the west by the North or

Hudson river, in accordance with and at the rates bid in their proposal of December 23, 1875, to wit:

For furnishing gas (of not less than sixteen candle power, under one-inch hydraulic pressure, by photometrical test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1876, to April 30, 1876, both days inclusive, the sum of nine dollars.	\$9 00
For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents.	1 50
For each column releaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents.	1 50
For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents.	3 50
For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents.	3 50
For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents.	3 50
For each lamp-post reset, the sum of ten dollars.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of ten dollars.	

The Chairman put the question upon agreeing with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract be made to the Metropolitan Gas-light Company for furnishing gas (of not less than sixteen candle power, under one-inch hydraulic pressure, by photometrical test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period, from January 1, 1876, to April 30, 1876, both days inclusive, on all those parts of streets, avenues, and places in the City of New York, designated by red lines on the map attached to their proposal of December 23, 1875, except on the south side of Thirty-fourth street and the north side of Seventy-ninth street on said map, for the sum of fourteen dollars.

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of three dollars.	\$3 00
For each column releaded, the sum of three dollars.	3 00
For each column refitted, the sum of four dollars.	4 00
For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of four dollars.	4 00
For each lamp-post removed, the sum of four dollars.	4 00
For each lamp-post reset, the sum of ten dollars.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of ten dollars.	10 00

The Chairman put the question upon agreeing with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract be made to the New York Mutual Gas-light Company for furnishing the gas for and lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing and maintaining the public lamps in that part of the district now lighted by said company, bounded on the south by the centre of Thirty-fourth street, on the west by the Hudson river, on the north by the centre of Seventy-ninth street, and on the east by the East river, in which the gas pipes of the said company are laid, as shown by red lines on a map annexed to their proposal and signed by the Chief Engineer of said company (and which map shall be considered a part and parcel of their proposal), in accordance with and at the rates bid in their proposal of December 27, 1875, to wit:

For furnishing gas (of not less than sixteen candle power, under one-inch hydraulic pressure, by photometrical test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1876, to April 30, 1876, both days inclusive, the sum of twelve dollars.	
For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of three dollars.	\$3 00
For each column releaded, the sum of three dollars.	3 00
For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars.	3 00
For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of four dollars.	4 00
For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars.	3 00
For each lamp-post reset, the sum of ten dollars.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of ten dollars.	10 00

The Chairman put the question upon agreeing with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract be made to the Harlem Gas-light Company for furnishing the gas for and lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, and maintaining the public lamps in that part of the city bounded as follows: On the south by the centre of Seventy-ninth street, on the west by the North river, on the north by the Spuyten Duyvil Creek and Harlem river, and on the east by Harlem river and the East river, in accordance with and at the rates bid in their proposal of December 24, 1875, to wit:

For furnishing gas (of not less than sixteen candle power, under one-inch hydraulic pressure, by photometrical test made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, reglazing, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1876, to April 30, 1876, both days inclusive, as follows:	
For the month of January, 1876, at the rate of.	\$4 08
For the month of February, 1876, at the rate of.	3 45
For the month of March, 1876, at the rate of.	3 45
For the month of April, 1876, at the rate of.	2 97
For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of three dollars.	3 00
For each column releaded, the sum of three dollars.	3 00
For each column refitted, the sum of four dollars.	4 00
For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of four dollars.	4 00
For each lamp-post removed, the sum of four dollars.	4 00
For each lamp-post reset, the sum of ten dollars.	10 00
For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of ten dollars.	10 00

The Chairman put the question upon agreeing with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The meeting then adjourned.

RICHARD J. MORRISON, Secretary.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Ordinances, Resolutions, etc., approved by the Mayor during the week ending January 1, 1876.

Resolved, That Anthony T. Gallagher be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to take effect from and after the expiration of his present term, which will be on the 10th day of January, 1876.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 23, 1875.

Approved by the Mayor, December 27, 1875.

Resolved, That Henry Merzbach be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to take effect from the date of the expiration of his present term of office.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 23, 1875.

Approved by the Mayor, December 27, 1875.

Resolved, That the resolution approved December 21, 1875, appointing Johnson D. Banghart a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of Cornelius Kane, be and is hereby amended by making Cornelius Kane read Cornelius J. Kane.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 23, 1875.

Approved by the Mayor, December 27, 1875.

Resolved, That Seventieth street, from Lexington to Madison avenue, the curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged a space of four feet wide through the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 16, 1875.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, December 27, 1875, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, under the provisions of section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
NEW YORK, January 3, 1876.
The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending January 1, 1876.

W. W. ADAMS,
Superintendent of Buildings.

BUREAU OF INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

New Buildings.

No. of plans and specifications filed, etc.	5
No. of buildings embraced in same	6
Classified, as follows:	
First-class dwellings	1
Second-class dwellings	1
French flats	1
Tenement houses	2
Hotels and boarding-houses	1
First-class stores	1
Second-class stores	1
Third-class stores	1
Office buildings	1
Manufactories and workshops	1
School-houses	1
Churches	1
Public buildings	1
Stables	1
Frame buildings (in upper districts)	1
Total	6
Plans passed upon, including those previously filed	7
Approved	5
Amended and approved	2
Disapproved	1
Pending	1
Total	7

Altered Buildings.

No. of plans and specifications filed	7
No. of buildings embraced in same	7
Classified, as follows:	
First-class dwellings	1
Second-class dwellings	2
French flats	1
Tenement houses	1
Hotels and boarding-houses	1
First-class stores	1
Second-class stores	1
Third-class stores	1
Office buildings	1
Manufactories and workshops	1
School-houses	1
Churches	1
Public buildings	1
Stables	1
Frame buildings	1
Total	7
Buildings examined and plans relating thereto passed upon, including those previously filed	12
Approved	6
Amended and approved	3
Disapproved	2
Pending	1
Total	12

Special Applications.

Number filed and examinations made	8
Approved	6
Disapproved	1
Pending	1
Total	8

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT MCGINNIS,
Chief of Bureau.

Building operations during the month of December, as reported by District Inspectors	
New buildings commenced	72
New buildings completed (including those previously reported commenced)	124
Alterations to buildings commenced	37
Alterations to buildings completed (including those previously reported commenced)	49
New buildings in progress	578
Alterations in progress	100

BUREAU OF VIOLATIONS AND APPLICATIONS.

Operations for the week ending January 1, 1876:	
Complaints received from outside sources	4
Violations of the law reported	5
“ “ removed	8
Unsafe buildings reported	21
“ “ made safe	13
“ “ taken down	1
Surveys held on unsafe buildings	3
Violation cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution	1
Unsafe building cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution	4
Violation notices served	6
Unsafe building notices served	34
Buildings surveyed as to general condition	1
The classification of the unsafe buildings reported is as follows:	
Unsafe walls	9
“ chimneys	8
“ generally	3
“ floors	1
Total	21
Operations for the month of December, 1875:	
Complaints received from outside sources	20
Violations of the law reported	29
“ “ removed	47

Unsafe buildings reported	82
“ “ made safe	95
“ “ taken down	1
Surveys held on unsafe buildings	7
Violation cases sent to Attorney for prosecution	6

COMMON COUNCIL.

Names, Residences, and Places of Business of the Members of the Board of Aldermen.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	PLACE OF BUSINESS.
Samuel A. Lewis	314 W. 14th st.	54 William st.
O. P. C. Billings	143 E. 34th st.	57 Murray st.
Wm. L. Cole	218 E. 48th st.	B'way & 58th st.
Joseph Cudlipp	B'way & 58th st.	7 Frankfort st.
Magnus Gross	311 3d st.	7 Cottage pl.
Jas. J. Gumbleton	7 Cottage pl.	146 E. 14th st.
John W. Guntzer	36 2d st.	7 W. W. Market.
Jacob Hess	114 E. 58th st.	60 Wall st.
Henry E. Howland	300 Lexington av.	217 Lewis st.
Patrick Keenan	219 Lewis st.	Pearl & Centre st.
Patrick Lysaght	27 City Hall pl.	174 E. 82d st.
Wm. H. McCarthy	174 E. 82d st.	59 University pl.
John J. Morris	117 W. 21st st.	27 Stuyvesant st.
Jos. C. Pinckney	27 Stuyvesant st.	93 Nassau st.
Henry D. Purroy	Ferdham.	62 E. 14th st.
John Reilly	314 E. 14th st.	73 Monroe st.
Bryan Reilly	73 Monroe st.	362 4th ave.
William Sauer	362 4th ave.	573 3d ave.
Peter Seery	201 E. 38th st.	71 E. B'way.
Thomas Sheils	35 Pike st.	42d st. & 4th ave.
Michael Tuomey	64 Union Hotel.	261 8th ave.
William Wade	144 W. 21st st.	

SAMUEL A. LEWIS, President.
FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

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

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Comptroller's Office, second floor, west end.
1. Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the City, first floor, west end.
2. Bureau for the Collection of Taxes; Brown stone building, City Hall Park.
3. Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents, first floor, west end.
4. Auditing Bureau, second floor, west end.
5. Bureau of Licenses first floor, west end.
6. Bureau of Markets, first floor, west end.
7. Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury in the City, and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor, at the Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer, second floor, west end.
8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments; Rotunda, south side.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation Staats Zeitung Building third floor; 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Public Administrator, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Corporation Attorney, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 8½ A. M. to 4½ P. M.
Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor.
Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 2 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN
Commissioners' Office, second floor.
Superintendent's Office, first floor.
Inspectors' Office, first floor.
Chief Clerk's Office, second floor, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Property Clerk, first floor (rear).
Bureau of Street Cleaning, basement (rear), 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Bureau of Elections, second floor (rear), 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CITY HALL, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Commissioners' Office, No. 19.
Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.
Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.
Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.
“ “ Boulevards and Avenues, No. 18½.
Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 18.
“ Lamps and Gas, No. 13.
“ Incumbrances, No. 13.
“ Street Improvements, No. 11.
Bureau of Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct No. 11½.
“ Water Register, No. 10.
“ Water Purveyor, No. 4.
“ Streets and Roads No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Commissioners' Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open entrance on Eleventh street.
Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, northeast corner always open.
Reception Hospital, Ninety-ninth street and Tenth avenue, always open.
Bellevue Hospital, foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river, always open.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOS. 127 AND 129 MERCER ST., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Commissioners' Office, Chief of Department.
Inspectors of Combustibles, Fire Marshal.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

NO. 301 MOTT STREET.
Commissioners' Office, second floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Attorney's Office, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Sanitary Superintendent, always open, third floor.
Register of Records, third floor, for granting burial permits, on all days of the week, except Sunday, from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. and on Saturdays from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Commissioners' Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; on Saturday, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Board of Assessors.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

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

BOARD OF EXCISE.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CORNER GRAND AND ELM STREETS
Office of the Board, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Superintendent of Schools, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

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

THE CITY RECORD.

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

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES.

ECOURS 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Coroners' Office, 40 East Houston street second floor.
Sheriff's Office, first floor, southwest corner of New County Court-house.
County Clerk's Office, first floor, northeast corner of New County Court-house.
Surrogate's Office, first floor, southeast corner of New County Court-house.
Register's Office, Hall of Records, City Hall Park.
District Attorney's Office, second floor, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Commissioner's Office, Rotunda, north side, New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COURTS.

SUPREME COURT.
General Term, Special Term, Chambers, Circuit Part I, Circuit Part II, Circuit Part III, second floor, New County Court-house, 10½ A. M. to 3 P. M.

SUPERIOR COURT.
General Term, Trial Term Part I, Trial Term Part II, third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.
Clerk's Office, third floor, New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COMMON PLEAS.
General Term, Equity Term, Trial Term Part I, Trial Term Part II, third floor, New County Court-house 11 A. M.
Clerk's Office, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

MARINE COURT.
General Term, Trial Term Part I, Trial Term Part II, Trial Term Part III, Chambers, third floor, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Clerk's Office, room 19, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Brown-stone building, third floor.

GENERAL SESSIONS.
Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 10 A. to 4 P. M.
Clerk's Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, second floor, room 14, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

OVER AND TERMINER.
General Term, New County Court-house, second floor, southeast corner, room 11, 10:30 A. M.
Clerk's Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, second floor, northwest corner.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.
At Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 10 A. M.
Clerk's Office, Tombs.

DISTRICT COURTS.

First District—First, Second, Third, and Fifth Wards, southwest corner of Centre and Chambers streets, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Second District—Fourth, Sixth and Fourteenth Wards No. 514 Pearl street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Third District—Eighth, Ninth and Fifteenth Wards, No. 12 Greenwich avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Fourth District—Tenth and Seventeenth Wards, No. 163 East Houston street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Fifth District—Seventh, Eleventh and Thirteenth Wards, No. 154 Clinton street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Sixth District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards, Nos. 389 and 391 Fourth avenue.
Seventh District—Nineteenth and Twenty-second Wards Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards, southwest corner Twenty-second street and Seventh avenue, 9:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street near Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Tenth District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, northeast corner of Third avenue and Southern Boulevard, Harlem Bridge, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

POLICE COURTS.

First District—Fourteenth, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, and portion of Sanitary Precinct, Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, 7 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Second District—Eighth, Ninth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-fifth, Thirty-third, Twenty-eighth, and Twenty-ninth Precincts, Greenwich avenue, corner of Tenth street, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Third District—Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and portion of Sanitary Precinct, No. 69 Essex street, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Fourth District—Nineteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Nineteenth Sub-station, Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Fifth District—Twelfth Ward, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street near Fourth avenue, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Sixth District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards Morrisania.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
NO. 301 MOTT STREET,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1876.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD of Health will sell at public auction, on Wednesday, January 12, at the foot of West Thirty-eighth street, at 2 P. M., two two-horse stage ambulances and one business wagon.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROPOSALS FOR 3,000 BARRELS OF FLOUR.

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

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

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

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

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ISAAC H. BAILEY,
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TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.

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

PROPOSALS FOR DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, SHOE FINDINGS AND LEATHER, BROOMS AND BRUSHES, LUMBER, CARRIAGE TRIMMINGS, IRON AND STEEL, STEAM FITTINGS, HARDWARE, PAINTS AND OILS.

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

DRY GOODS.

- 50 bales Brown Muslin.
10 bales Bandage Muslin.
2,000 yards Bleached Muslin.
5,000 yards Linen Drills.
1,000 yards Red Twilled Flannel.
1,000 yards Russia Crash.
6,000 yards U. G. Cassimere.
2,000 yards Cotton Kersey.
10 bales Blankets.
100 gross Metal Suspender Buttons.
50 gross A-22 White Bone Buttons.
100 pieces Oiled Muslin.
- GROCERIES.
40,000 pound's Brown Sugar.
10,000 pounds Oolong Tea.
5,000 pounds "A" Coffee Sugar.
3,000 pounds Crushed Sugar.
3,000 pounds Granulated Sugar.
4,000 gallons Molasses.
1,000 pounds Cocoa.
1,000 pounds Farina.
500 pounds Wheaten Grits.
3,000 pounds Soda Crackers.
2,500 bushels Beans.
500 pounds Corn Starch.
3,000 pounds Barley.
75 barrels Ho. any.
50 barrels Oatmeal.
13,000 pounds Rice.
3,000 pounds Tobacco.
3,000 pounds Cheese.
300 bushels Dried Canada Peas.
150 sacks Salt.
25,000 pounds Hard Soap.
250 bushels Rye.
1,000 barrels Potatoes, good and sound "Peerless or Jackson," to weigh 168 pounds to the barrel net, in quantities as may be required.
300 quintals Codfish, "George's Bank," best quality; to be delivered in quantities as required.
250 bags Coarse Meal.
150 bags Fine Meal.
- SHOE FINDINGS AND LEATHER
500 pounds 5-8 Shoe Nails.
100 pounds 6-8 Shoe Nails.
500 pounds No. 10 Shoe Thread.
5 pounds Shoe Bristles.
10 bushels each 4-8 and 5-8 Shoe Pegs.
10 bushels 6-8 Shoe Pegs.
20 gross Peg Awns.
2 gross Patent Peg Awns.
100 pounds 5-8 S. I. Shoe Nails.
12 dozen Shoe Knives.
2 gross Lasting Tacks.
1,000 sides Good Damaged Sole Leather, averaging 18 pounds, well tanned, and made from a hide not inferior in quality to California.
1,000 sides Waxed Upper Leather, to average 6½ ounces to the foot.
20,000 Shoe Eyelets.
- BROOMS AND BRUSHES.
100 dozen Brooms.
100 dozen Scrub Brushes.
20 dozen Whitewash Brushes.
20 dozen Window Brushes.
20 dozen Dust Brushes.
- LUMBER.
50,000 feet Box Boards, to be dressed on one side.
10,000 feet ¾ Boards, to be dressed on one side.
2,000 feet 1-in. Clear Pine.
2,000 feet 1½-in. Clear Pine.
2,000 feet 2-in. Clear Pine.
2,000 feet 1-in. White Oak.
2,000 feet 1½-in. White Oak.
2,000 feet 2-in. White Oak.
2,000 feet 3-in. White Oak.
100 feet 1-in. Hickory.
250 feet 2-in. Hickory.
500 2-in. Spruce Plank.
500 3x4 Hem. Joists.
500 2x4 Hem. Wall Strips.
500 worked Pine Boards.
- CARRIAGE TRIMMINGS.
2 sets 1½-in. Hickory Spokes.
2 sets 1½-in. Hickory Spokes.
2 sets 2-in. Hickory Spokes.
25 Hickory Cart Brooms.
- IRON AND STEEL.
20 bundles No. 22 Com. Sheet-iron.
5 bundles No. 24 R. G. Iron.
25 papers 1½ lb. Blk. Iron Rivets.
20 boxes 14x20 XX Charcoal Tin.
20 boxes 10x14 X Charcoal Tin.
1 rm. ea. Nos. 6, 8, 10, and 14 Bright Iron Wire.
25 bars ¾ Oct. English Cast-steel.
25 bars ¾ Square English Cast-steel.
25 bars 1½ Oct. English Cast-steel.
5 bundles No. 22 Best Galv. Sheet-iron.
10 bundles ea. ¾, 1, 1½ in. Hoop Iron.
- STEAM FITTINGS.
250 feet ½-in. Steam Pipe.
250 feet ¾-in. Steam Pipe.
250 feet 1-in. Steam Pipe.
1 gro. ea. ½, ¾, and 1 in. Elbows.
1 gro. ea. ½, ¾, and 1 in. Tees.
1 gro. ea. ½, ¾, and 1 in. Crosses.
1 gro. ea. ½, ¾, and 1 in. Bends.
1 gro. ea. ½, ¾, and 1 in. Short Nipples.
1 gro. ea. ½, ¾, and 1 in. Couplings.
- HARDWARE.
1 doz. ea. 5 and 6 in. City Rim Locks.
6 doz. ea. 2, 2½, 3, and 3½ in. Fast C. Butts.
12 doz. ea. 4, 5, and 6 in. Saw Files.
160 gro. Wood Screws, viz.:
to gr. ea. ¾, 6, and 8.
20 gr. ea. 1, 8, 10, and 12.
20 gr. ea. 1½, 10, and 12.
20 gr. ea. 1½, 12, and 14.
2 doz. ea. 8 and 10 in. Strap Hinges.
5 reams Assorted Sand Paper.
2 reams Assorted Emery Cloth.
1,000 Tin Plates.
- PAINTS AND OILS.
4,000 lbs. Pure White Lead, 20-100, 20-50, and 40-25 lbs.
5 bbls. Raw Linseed Oil.
5 bbls. Boiled Linseed Oil.
100 lbs. Burnt Umber, in 5s and 10s, in oil.
100 lbs. Yellow Ochre, in 5s and 10s, in oil.
50 lbs. Ultramarine Blue.
500 lbs. Dry Red Lead, 25 lb. kegs.

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF

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

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

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

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

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF

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

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

At Alms-house, Blackwell's Island, January 2, 1876—Ellen Daley; age, 76 years. Admitted January 19, 1875. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1875.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

PROPOSALS INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received at this office until the 7th day of January, 1876, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing, delivering, and stowing away in the various vaults where directed and required by the Commissioner of Public Works, the following amount of coal:

- 600 gross tons of Broken Anthracite Coal, for the New County Court-house.
50 gross tons of Stove size Anthracite Coal, for the New County Court-house.
100 gross tons of Stove size Anthracite Coal for the City Hall.
65 gross tons of Range size Anthracite Coal, for the City Hall.
75 gross tons of Furnace size Anthracite Coal, for the Brown Stone Building.
50 gross tons of Stove size Anthracite Coal, for the Brown Stone Building.
50 gross tons of Furnace size Anthracite Coal, for the Court-house, Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue.
10 gross tons of Stove size Anthracite Coal, for the Court-house, Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue.
15 gross tons of Virginia Cannel Coal, for the City Hall.

Proposals must give the exact description of the coal to be delivered as known in the market, also from what mine produced, and all other information which will enable the Commissioner to arrive at a proper decision.

Blank forms of proposals, the specifications and agreements, the proper envelop in which to inclose the bids, and any further information desired, can be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Repairs and Supplies at his office, Room 18, City Hall.

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

FITZ JOHN PORTER,
Commissioner of Public Works.

JURORS.

NOTICE

IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS.

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

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

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

PROPOSALS FOR VITRIFIED PIPE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

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

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

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

By Order of the Board,

ALBERT STORER,
Secretary.

CORPORATION NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

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

NEW YORK, January 4, 1876.

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

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

- No. 1. Belgian pavement in Thirty-third street, from First avenue to the East river.
No. 2. Belgian pavement in Fifty-sixth street, from Madison avenue to Fifth avenue.
No. 3. Basin on the southwest corner of Thirty-first street and Broadway.
No. 4. Basin on the northwest corner of Thirty-first street and Broadway.
No. 5. Setting curb and gutter stones and flagging in Eighty-fourth street, between Eighth and Tenth avenues.
No. 6. Basins in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Boulevard and Twelfth avenue.
No. 7. Fencing vacant lots on Fifty-eighth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.
No. 8. Flagging Fifth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.
No. 9. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Twentieth street, from First to Second avenue.
No. 10. Fencing vacant lots on south side of Sixty-fifth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.
No. 11. Fencing vacant lots on south side of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
No. 12. Fencing vacant lots on the northeast corner of Eighty-eighth street and Fourth avenue, and on north side of Eighty-eighth street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues.
No. 13. Fencing vacant lots on southeast corner of Fifty-sixth street and Ninth avenue.
No. 14. Fencing vacant lots on both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-second street, between Avenue A and First avenue.

- No. 15. Basins on the east side of Eighth avenue, opposite Sixty-first, Sixty-second, and Sixty-third streets.
No. 16. Basins in Eighth avenue, opposite Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, and Sixty-sixth streets.
No. 17. Basin on the northeast corner of Eighth avenue and Central Park road, at Sixty-sixth street.
No. 18. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging One Hundred and Eleventh street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JOHN R. MUMFORD,
Secretary.

SUPREME COURT.

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

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

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

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

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

I.—All that piece or parcel of land, in the City of New York, included between the easterly line of Tenth avenue, the established bulkhead line of the westerly side of the Harlem river, and two lines parallel and one hundred feet apart, extending from the easterly line of the Tenth avenue to the established bulkhead line on the westerly side of the Harlem river, distant each fifty feet, in opposite directions, from a centre line described as follows: Beginning at a point marked by an iron bolt fastened in the rock at the easterly line of the Tenth avenue, where the same is intersected by the centre line of a street (known as One Hundred and Eighty-first street, though not yet named by proper authority), distant 6,945 67-100 feet northerly from the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; thence running two hundred feet in an easterly direction south of and at an angle of one degree forty-four minutes and forty-three seconds with the produced centre line of the street (known as One Hundred and Eighty-first street), to an iron bolt in the rock; thence continuing in the same direction twenty 99-100 feet to another iron bolt set in the rock; thence continuing in the same direction one hundred and sixty-two 1-100 feet to another iron bolt set in the rock; thence continuing in the same direction one hundred and sixty-three 93-100 feet to another iron bolt set in the rock; thence continuing in the same direction one hundred and forty-five 94-100 feet to an intersection with the above-mentioned established bulkhead line on the westerly side of the Harlem river, as shown on the maps hereinabove mentioned.

II.—All that piece or parcel of land in the City of New York bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point distant two thousand three hundred and seventy-three 33-100 feet easterly from the easterly line of the Tenth avenue, and measured on a produced centre line at a point (marked by an iron bolt set in the rock) in the easterly line of the Tenth avenue, where the same is intersected by the centre line of a street (known as One Hundred and Eighty-first street, though not yet named by proper authority), distant six thousand nine hundred and forty-five 67-100 feet northerly from the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; running thence easterly on the south of and at an angle of one degree forty-four minutes and forty-three seconds with the produced centre line of the street (known as One Hundred and Eighty-first street); from thence running in a northerly direction for fifty 99-100 feet on a line forming an angle of one hundred and one degrees eighteen minutes and fifty-eight seconds with the centre line just described; thence (deflecting one hundred and one degrees eighteen minutes and fifty-eight seconds to the left), and running in a westerly direction one thousand two hundred and thirty-one 24-100 feet on a line parallel with and distant fifty feet northerly from the above described centre line to the established bulkhead line on the easterly side of the Harlem river; thence (deflecting ninety-four degrees one minute and forty-seven seconds to the left) in a southerly direction one hundred 248-100 feet along said established bulkhead line; thence (deflecting eighty-five degrees fifty-eight minutes and thirteen seconds to the left) in an easterly direction one thousand two hundred and four 19-100 feet on a line parallel with and distant fifty feet southerly from the above described centre line; thence (deflecting seventy-eight degrees forty-one minutes and two seconds to the left) in a northerly direction fifty 99-100 feet to the point of beginning, as shown on the maps hereinabove mentioned.

Dated New York, December 31, 1875.
WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated New York, December 29, 1875.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at the chambers thereof, in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the thirteenth day of January, 1876, at 10½ o'clock in the forenoon.

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

Dated New York, December 29, 1875.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of F street, and a continuation of F street, from the northerly line of Inwood street, at a point distant five hundred and forty-two feet and ten inches westerly from the westerly line of Kingsbridge road, at its intersection with Inwood street, and running thence to the Bolton road, in the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of costs, charges, and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at the chambers thereof, in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the thirteenth day of January, 1876, at 10½ o'clock in the forenoon.

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

Dated New York, December 29, 1875.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of a new street (known as One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, though not yet named by proper authority), distant 2,644 33-100 feet northerly from the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, at Tenth avenue, and running from the Road or Public Drive, east of Tenth avenue, to the Boulevard, near the Hudson river. Also a new street, sixty feet wide and curved, starting at a point on the southerly line of the above-mentioned street, distant 1,844 83-100 feet westerly from the easterly line of Tenth avenue, and running thence southerly and westerly across the Boulevard, to a line one hundred (100) feet easterly from and parallel to the bulkhead line, as established by the Commissioners of the Central Park, under chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867. Also that portion of Tenth avenue, lying between a line running parallel with the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and distant 10,293 6-12 feet northerly therefrom, and a line also running parallel with the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, distant 10,353 6-12 feet northerly therefrom, as established by the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the City of New York.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated New York, November 29, 1875.
SMITH E. LANE,
DOUGLAS A. LEVINE,
WM. R. FARRELL,
Commissioners.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated New York, November 9, 1875.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

A sample length of hose, with couplings attached, must be submitted with each proposal.

Two responsible sureties will be required, who must each justify in an amount equivalent to three-fourths of the amount of the proposal.

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

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

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

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

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

CORPORATION SALE OF THE BUILDING ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ELTON AVENUE AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET, AND OF THE BELL-TOWER IN THE REAR THEREOF.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW York will sell at public auction, on Thursday, Dec. 30, 1875, at 12 o'clock noon, at the New County Court-house, the building on the southeast corner of Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street; also the bell-tower in the rear thereof.

TERMS OF SALE.

Cash to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder to remove said buildings within twenty days from the date of sale, and leave the ground on which they stand free from all materials of the buildings, and smoothly and evenly graded.

ANDREW H. GREEN,

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 23, 1875.

The above sale is adjourned to Wednesday, January 5, 1876, at the same time and place.

ANDREW H. GREEN,

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
New York, December 30, 1875.

The above sale is adjourned to Saturday, January 8, 1876, at the same time and place.

ANDREW H. GREEN,

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
New York, January 5, 1876.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, NEW COURT-HOUSE,
New York, November 8, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2, 1875

Outlet sewer, from end of present sewer in Manhattan street, to and through One Hundred and Thirtieth street, to Hudson river; and sewers in the New avenue (between Eighth and Ninth avenues), from One Hundred and Fifth street to Manhattan street, and in One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, between Seventh avenue and Manhattan street, with branches.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before January 7, 1876, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation. The Collector's office is open from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M., for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments

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

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 22, 1875.

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

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2, 1875.

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

CONFIRMED NOVEMBER 13, 1875.

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

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

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

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

Sewer in Mangin street, between Delancey and Rivington streets.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All payments made on the above assessments on or before January 29, 1876, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the several dates of confirmation.

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

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS

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

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 24, 1875.

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

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2, 1875.

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

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

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