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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
MONDAY, December 22, 1879—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present, all the members, viz.: Edward Cooper, the Mayor of the City of New York; John Kelly, the Comptroller of the City of New York; Jordan L. Mott, the President of the Board of Aldermen; John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meetings held December 16 and 19 were read and approved.

The Comptroller presented the following communications:

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 15, 1879.

The Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of five thousand seven hundred and seventy-two 40-100 dollars from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1879, entitled "Police Fund—Salaries of Police Force," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1879, entitled "Police Fund—Salaries of Clerks and Employees," which is insufficient to enable the Department to pay the salaries of steamboat and other employees until January 1, 1880.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

Transmitted to Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 19, 1879.

The Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the resolution of the Board of Police, passed December 15, 1879, requesting a transfer by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of \$5,772.40 be and is hereby amended by striking out after the words "Police Fund—Salaries of," the words "Police Force," and substituting in place thereof the word "Patrolmen."

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP, First Deputy Clerk.

Transmitted through Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and forty cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1879, entitled "Police Fund—Salaries of Patrolmen," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1879, entitled "Police Fund—Salaries of Clerks and Employees," which is insufficient.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

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 Comptroller presented the following communication:

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 19, 1879.

The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of twenty thousand and eight hundred dollars from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1879, entitled, "For building and completing two new station-houses," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1879, entitled "Election Expenses," which is insufficient to enable the Department to provide for additional expenses of the Bureau of Elections in consequence of the increased number of election districts resulting from the new apportionment.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be substituted for the one passed by the Board of Police, September 30, 1879, assenting to the transfer of \$10,000 for the same purpose.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP, First Deputy Clerk.

Transmitted through Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty thousand and eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1879, entitled "For building and completing two new station-houses," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for the year 1879, entitled "Election Expenses," which is insufficient.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

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 Comptroller presented the following communication:

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 19, 1879.

Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars and fifty-two cents from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1878, entitled "Police Fund," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1879, entitled "Contingent Expenses," which is insufficient to enable the Department to pay Elihu Root the relator's costs in cases of George W. Dilks, Edward Walsh, and James Carroll against the Board of Police Commissioners.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP, First Deputy Clerk.

Transmitted through Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

And offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars and fifty-two cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1878, entitled "Police Fund," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1879, entitled "Contingent Expenses," which is insufficient.

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller presented the following opinion:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 10, 1879.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

SIR—From your letter to me of the 4th instant, the following facts appear:

In June, 1874, William Laimbeer, James Bowen, and Meyer Stern were Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction of this city. On or about June 24, 1874, three boats, the property of one John Barnett, were being used to effect the escape of prisoners from Blackwell's Island, and being pursued, were abandoned, and came into possession of the officers of the said island, under the control of said Commissioners. Possession of said boats was demanded of the Commissioners, who, by the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, refused to deliver up the same, until the question of the collusion of said Barnett, in aiding the escape of such prisoners, could be investigated.

After a detention of about four days said boats were delivered up to said Barnett, who then commenced two actions against said Commissioners for damages caused by the detention of such boats. These actions were defended by this Department, but judgments were obtained in the Marine Court for the amount of \$218.80, which amount has been paid by Messrs. Laimbeer and Bowen. Those gentlemen claim that the said amount is a proper charge against the city, and request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make an appropriation to repay them. You desire my opinion whether the amount of such judgments is a proper charge against the city, and should be repaid, and if so, whether the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has authority to make an appropriation to provide for the same, either by transfer from some unexpended balance of an existing appropriation, or in the Final Estimate for the year 1880.

Messrs. Laimbeer and Bowen undoubtedly acted in this matter in good faith, and with the intention of faithfully protecting the public interests intrusted to their charge as Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction. In detaining the boats in question they followed the advice given to them by the Counsel to the Corporation, who was their legal adviser. Under these circumstances the judgments obtained by Barnett ought not to be paid by them, but out of the city treasury; and I am of the opinion that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment can lawfully make provision for the payment of such judgments. The papers transmitted with your letter are herewith returned.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 15, 1879.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

SIR—I transmit herewith resolution adopted this day by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, consenting to the transfer of the sum of \$218.80 from the appropriation for the year 1878, for "Supplies," to the appropriation made for the year 1879, entitled "Judgments and Claims," which amount is required to pay a claim of William Laimbeer and James Bowen, for the amount of judgment obtained against them, for action taken by them in June, 1874, in their capacity as Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

By order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

—and offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Department of Public Charities and Correction hereby consents to the transfer of the sum of \$218.80 from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities and Correction for the year 1878, entitled "Public Charities and Correction—For Supplies," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made for the year 1879, entitled "Judgments and Claims," which amount is required to pay a claim of William Laimbeer and James Bowen, for the amount of a judgment obtained against them for action taken by them in June, 1874, in their official capacity as Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

Which was laid over, to be considered with the Final Estimate for the year 1880.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments presented the following opinion and communications:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 19, 1879.

Hon. JOHN WHEELER, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, inclosing a resolution of the Board of Excise, requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to set aside the sum of \$3,132.55 from the excise funds, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the late trial of Richard J. Morrisson and Philip Merkle, Commissioners of Excise, charged with unlawfully granting a license for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, with other communications relating thereto, all of which you state have been referred to me by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for my opinion as to the power of the Board to comply with the request contained in such resolution.

Messrs. Morrisson and Merkle having been indicted for unlawfully granting, as a Board of Excise, an excise license, employed counsel to defend them, and after a somewhat lengthy trial, were acquitted. The said sum of \$3,132.55 covers the fees paid and to be paid to such counsel, and some small disbursements.

Section 1 of chapter 642 of the Laws of 1874 authorizes the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to fix such amount as may be necessary for the hire of employees, rent, and other necessary expenses of the Board of Commissioners of Excise, and declares that such amount shall be paid out of the money received for licenses.

I am of the opinion that Messrs. Morrisson and Merkle, having been indicted for an act done in their official capacities, had the right to employ counsel to defend them, and that the reasonable compensation of such counsel, and the necessary disbursements made by the Commissioners in conducting their defense, are to be regarded as necessary expenses of the Board of Excise, within the meaning of said statute. I have heretofore advised that the provisions of the Charter of 1873, in reference to the Law Department, did not apply to the Board of Excise, and that the Board had a right to employ general and special counsel who, under the provisions of said act of 1874, could be lawfully paid out of the excise money. The correctness of such opinion has been established by a recent decision of the Court of Appeals, in which it was held that the provisions of the Charter of 1873, in relation to the appointment and removal of various officers, did not apply to the Commissioners of Excise in this city, but that such Commissioners must still be appointed and removed in the manner provided by the act of April 11, 1870. The papers transmitted with your letter are herewith returned.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EXCISE,
299 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 16, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—Inclosed please find resolution of Board of Excise, passed this day, together with bills referred to in said resolution.

Truly yours,

ANTHONY HARTMAN, Clerk to Board of Excise.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to set aside the sum of \$3,132.55 from the excise funds for the purpose of paying the expenses of the late trial of Richard J. Morrisson and Philip Merkle, Commissioners of Excise, charged with unlawfully granting a license for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ales, and beers, to be drank on the premises, the said trial having resulted in a verdict of acquittal rendered by a jury.

The bills of expenses of said trial being as follows:

A. J. Dittenhoefer, for legal services.....	\$1,000 00
John D. Townsend, ".....	1,000 00
James A. Deering, ".....	500 00
Richard J. Morrisson, for retaining fees, etc., paid Messrs. Dittenhoefer and Townsend..	514 55
Martin B. Brown, printing.....	118 00
	<u>\$3,132 55</u>

Which was adopted, all the Commissioners voting in favor thereof.

ANTHONY HARTMAN, Clerk.

NEW YORK, December 10, 1879.

THE BOARD OF EXCISE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK TO A. J. DITTENHOEFER, Dr.

To professional services from December, 1878, to December 4, 1879, in the matter of the People of the State of New York vs. Richard J. Morrisson and Philip Merkle, as the Board of Excise Commissioners of the City and County of New York, charged, indicted, and tried in Court of Oyer and Terminer, December, 1879, for having as such Board illegally issued a license to Byrne & White to sell strong and spirituous liquors at No. 19 West Houston street, in the City of New York, and upon such trial acquitted.....

\$1,000 00

NEW YORK, December 10, 1879.

THE BOARD OF EXCISE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK TO JOHN D. TOWNSEND, Dr.

To professional services from December, 1878, to December 4, 1879, in the matter of the People of the State of New York vs. Richard J. Morrisson and Philip Merkle, as the Board of Excise Commissioners of the City and County of New York, charged, indicted, and tried in Court of Oyer and Terminer, December, 1879, for having as such Board illegally issued a license to Byrne & White to sell strong and spirituous liquors at No. 19 West Houston street, in the City of New York, and upon such trial acquitted.....

\$1,000 00

NEW YORK, December 10, 1879.

THE BOARD OF EXCISE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK TO JAMES A. DEERING, Dr.

To professional services from December, 1878, to December 4, 1879, in the matter of the People of the State of New York vs. Richard J. Morrisson and Philip Merkle, as the Board of Excise Commissioners of the City and County of New York, charged, indicted, and tried in Court of Oyer and Terminer, December, 1879, for having as such Board illegally issued a license to Byrne & White to sell strong and spirituous liquors at No. 19 West Houston street, in the City of New York, and upon such trial acquitted.....

\$500

NEW YORK, July 1, 1879,

291 BROADWAY, P. O. BOX 3556.

Mr. RICHARD J. MORRISON TO A. J. DITTENHOEFER, Dr.

January 16. To retainer and services in matter of indictment against you and Philip J. Merkle.....

\$250 00

To Disbursements.....

14 55

\$264 55

Received payment,

A. J. DITTENHOEFER.

JOHN D. TOWNSEND.
JOHN W. WEED.

LAW OFFICES OF TOWNSEND & WEED,
32 PARK PLACE,
(METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.'S BUILDING.)
NEW YORK, December 10, 1879.

Received from Mr. Richard J. Morrisson, as retaining fee in the matter of the complaint of the People against R. J. Morrisson and Philip Merkle, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

JOHN D. TOWNSEND.

No. 2641.

NEW YORK, December 8, 1879.

BOARD OF EXCISE TO MARTIN B. BROWN, Dr., General Printer, Stationer and Blank Book Manufacturer, 49 and 51 Park Place.

50 copies testimony taken in the complaint of the Society for the Prevention of Crime against the Board of Excise, 107 pp. and cover.....

\$118 00

Whereupon the Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of chapter 642, Laws of 1874, the sum of three thousand one hundred and thirty-two dollars and fifty-five cents is hereby appropriated from the Excise Fund as an additional amount necessary to pay the expenses of the Board of Excise for the year ending May 1, 1880; the said amount being required to pay the expenses of the late trial of Richard J. Morrisson and Philip Merkle, Commissioners of Excise, under indictment for unlawfully granting, as a Board of Excise, an Excise license, the said trial having resulted in a verdict of acquittal rendered by a jury.

Which was laid over.

The Chairman presented the following communication:

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

The Union Home and School for the education and maintenance of the children of our volunteers, beg leave to state to the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, that they fear the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of 1878 acted under a misapprehension, when, at the consideration of the Final Estimates for 1879, they reduced the amount previously allowed in the Provisional Estimate, under the belief that the laws provided a per capita allowance for only the orphan children of volunteers.

It has never been the intent and object of the society to care for orphan children alone, but it has always received any destitute, as well as orphan child, of those who were in the army or navy during the late war.

Chapter 420, Laws of 1862 (the Act of Incorporation), created the society a body corporate, "for the education and maintenance of the children of our volunteers." Nowhere in the act is the word orphan to be found.

The constitution of the society declares its object to be, "to feed, clothe, and educate the children" of those who were in the service of the United States during the late war, either army or navy.

Chapter 309, Laws of 1870, the first law concerning the receipt of a per capita allowance by this society, and passed five years after the close of the war, provided that this society should be paid "for each and every destitute child which may be supported and maintained in said institution."

Chapter 143, Laws of 1873, passed eight years after the close of the war, being an amendment to the foregoing act, provides that the society shall be paid by each county "for each and every destitute child received from said county or counties."

This as to the law, or our understanding of it.

Further, it has always been the aim of this society to keep as free from debt as possible; it therefore sent away, in the early part of the year, some sixty children, that it might live, or nearly live, within the amount appropriated by the last Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Some of these children have lately returned, new ones have been admitted, and applications for over thirty more are to be acted upon.

This society has also just received a notification from the Board of Assessors that it will probably be called upon to pay over four thousand five hundred dollars during the year 1880, as an assessment for sewers in front of its premises on the line of the Boulevard or Public Drive. In order that it may be enabled to meet this and its other probable expenses, and in view of the meaning of the laws above cited, this society would respectfully ask that, if it cannot be allowed the amount asked for, that the amount allowed by the provisional estimate be not further reduced.

Respectfully,

MARIA L. DALY, President Union Home and School, etc.
HARLOW M. HOYT, Financial Secretary.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Chairman presented the following communications, in answer to resolution adopted at meeting of December 16, 1879:

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—We take the liberty of calling your attention to the estimates of the Board of Health for the year 1880. The estimate which we had the honor to forward for your consideration was based upon the actual needs of the service, and is the smallest sum which, in our opinion, will enable the Board of Health to properly care for the sanitary condition of the city during the coming year.

Your attention was undoubtedly attracted by the fact that the amount of this estimate is greater than the amount appropriated for last year; but if you compare this estimate with the estimates which we had the honor to make at the beginning of several previous years, you will find that it is essentially the same, except in the items provided for by the recent amendment to the tenement-house act.

As a matter of fact the appropriation for the Health Department has been systematically reduced from year to year, and notwithstanding the fact that the city has doubled in size and increased fifty per cent. in population, the amount appropriated for the past two or three years has been less than the sum appropriated a dozen or more years ago. The amount allowed last year for salaries was \$108,000, that amount was so fixed in your provisional appropriation for 1880.

The amount asked for by us for this purpose was \$126,540. The difference between these two sums consists of the salaries of the additional officers, which we consider absolutely necessary for the proper care of this large city.

They are:

3 Milk Inspectors (additional) \$1,200.....	\$3,600 00
1 Assistant Sanitary Engineer, \$1,200.....	1,200 00
1 Inspector of Offensive Trades, \$1,200.....	1,200 00
2 Inspectors of Meat, \$1,080.....	2,160 00
2 Vaccinators (additional), \$1,200.....	2,400 00
50 Physicians for temporary services for five weeks in the summer, \$100.....	5,000 00
12 Fruit Inspectors for three months in summer, \$225.....	2,700 00

Total.....

\$18,260 00

1. Milk Inspectors.—The prevention of the adulteration of milk in this city is one of the most important duties of the Board of Health. The 130,000 children under five years of age are largely dependent upon milk as food, and if this milk is not of proper quality, they are either made sick or at least fail to get their proper nourishment, and consequently fall unnecessary victims to the diseases of childhood. We have not been able from our appropriation to provide more than one Milk Inspector, and considering the amount of time he is obliged to spend in Court, his actual work of inspection makes but little impression in this great city, and the traffic in adulterated milk, although somewhat checked, still continues.

Not only do citizens demand a proper inspection of milk, but the honest milk dealers assert that it is almost impossible for them to compete with those who dishonestly sell an adulterated and inferior article. The magnitude of this fraud is enormous, and we feel safe in saying that our citizens are defrauded, by the sale of skimmed and watered milk, of ten thousand dollars per day. We ask, for the protection of this important article of food, that we may have three additional inspectors, making four in all, at an additional cost to the city of \$3,600 per annum.

2. Sanitary Engineer.—We have at present one Sanitary Engineer, who is an expert on plumbing and house sewerage. His services are in constant demand, and it is almost impossible for him to find time to attend even to the most pressing calls for his services in the investigation of dwelling-houses. We have long felt the need of an Assistant Engineer for this service, and have repeatedly asked in vain for the appropriation of \$1,200 per annum for this purpose.

3. Inspector of Offensive Trades.—At present the various trades and industries in this city which are liable to produce offense are under the supervision of the different district inspectors, of whom there are twelve. The objections to this system are (1) the want of time on the part of these inspectors; (2) the want of uniformity in the supervision, different action being taken in different parts of the city. It has long been apparent that the supervision would be much more effective and much more satisfactory to the citizens, if it were all in the hands of one expert inspector, sufficiently familiar with the various branches of manufacturing industry to exercise an intelligent supervision, make frequent inspections, detect the weak points in the apparatus and processes, and give advice with regard to the best methods for avoiding the escape of offensive gases.

We therefore, for the two or three years past, have put in our estimate the item of \$1,200 per annum for this service.

4. Meat Inspectors.—We have no regular inspectors of meat in this city, and we are satisfied that considerable quantities of unwholesome meat are daily sold in different parts of the city. In other civilized communities the sale of meat is under proper sanitary supervision, and it certainly seems that the item of \$2,160 is reasonable for the employment of two such inspectors in this city.

5. Vaccinators.—When New York was overrun, in 1872, with small-pox, the legislature was induced to pass an act authorizing the Board of Health to establish a corps of vaccinators, for the purpose of offering gratuitous vaccination from room to room throughout the tenement house district. At first our appropriations enabled us to place twelve vaccinators in the field, and the result of their work has been the gratuitous vaccination of more than 350,000 persons, at a cost of about twenty-five cents each to the city, and the practical eradication of small-pox.

Year by year we have been compelled to reduce this number of vaccinators, till we have now only eight, a number which is not sufficient to keep this population properly vaccinated, nor to prevent future epidemics of small-pox.

It is necessary that the number of vaccinators should be increased to at least ten, and hence we ask for \$2,400 per annum to cover the salaries of two additional physicians for this purpose.

6. Physicians for Summer Service.—In the latter part of July and the early part of August, the hot, moist weather which is sure to prevail in this city causes a large amount of sickness among children under five years of age. There have been single weeks at this season in which the increase in the death-rate has amounted to from five hundred to over a thousand children.

In 1877 this Board succeeded in getting a special appropriation of \$5,000 transferred from an unexpended balance, and with this sum it employed fifty physicians to go from room to room in the tenement house district during the hot weather, prescribe for the sick children, and instruct the mothers by personal advice, and by placing in their hands circulars of instruction in English and German.

In 1878 and 1879, although unable to get this item inserted in our regular appropriation, we succeeded when the hot weather arrived in obtaining similar transfers of the necessary \$5,000 for this purpose.

The following table will indicate the enormous amount of work which has been accomplished:

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Houses visited.....	23,566	25,217	24,828
Families visited.....	131,573	152,062	137,888
Sick children treated.....	4,719	4,821	4,046
Cost per visit.....	3 3/4 cents.	3 3/4 cents.	3 2-3 cents.

We have been, during the past three years, regularly embarrassed by not knowing till the last minute, when the hot weather was actually upon us, whether we could have the \$5,000 transferred for this purpose. It would be a great satisfaction and convenience to us to know beforehand that we are certainly to have this amount of money at our disposal, and we therefore urge the importance of placing the item in our appropriation. There is another reason why it is especially important that the amount of \$5,000 be placed in the appropriation for 1880 at this time. During the past three years we have had unexpended balances of previous years to draw upon, and consequently while at the beginning of each year our appropriation has been inadequate, we have been able to induce the Board of Apportionment, in the middle of the year, to add to our funds by transfers from unexpended balances. Those balances are now nearly exhausted, and consequently unless our appropriation is regularly made at the beginning of the year, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to provide the necessary funds by special transfers.

Any small balance remaining at the end of this year will be required for printing the vital statistics and reports of the Board, for which no appropriation has been made for the past four years.

7. Fruit Inspectors.—During the past three years the Board has succeeded in getting every summer a special appropriation for fruit inspection. This enabled it to put in the field a corps of fruit inspectors, who have visited the various fruit dealers, and condemned and carted away the unwholesome fruit. This has not only served to prevent the unwholesome fruit already in the city from being eaten by children, and producing much sickness, but it has also prevented the bringing of much larger quantities of such fruit to the city. This service has contributed largely to prevent sickness among children during the summer months.

The amount asked for, \$2,700, will keep twelve fruit inspectors at work three months. What has been said with regard to waiting till summer and getting a transfer for the visiting physicians, applies equally to the appropriation for fruit inspectors. It should be a regular item in our annual appropriation.

The above items are the ones which will be provided for by increasing the appropriation for salaries from \$108,000 to \$126,260.

II. Under the item "Contingences" the amount asked was \$6,054, while the amount allowed in the provisional estimate is \$4,000.

The chief difference here is (1) in the item of \$1,000 for abating nuisances requiring the summary action of the Board; and (2) the item \$1,404 for hiring six carts and drivers to accompany the fruit inspectors during the three summer months.

The first of these items we considered necessary, for the reason that, by a decision of the Court of Appeals, the Board is empowered to execute its own orders for the abatement of nuisances so

serious as to require immediate action, and where the responsible person is either a non-resident, absent from the city, or refuses to obey the order, the cost of this work becomes a lien on the property; but it cannot be executed unless the Board has this appropriation for the purpose. The second item is a necessary one in connection with the fruit inspectors. If we have the inspectors, we must have the horses and carts to go with them.

III. There is only one other item of sufficient importance to make it worth while to discuss it now. This is the item "Transportation," under the head of "Contagious Diseases."

The Board has asked an appropriation of \$7,280.

In former years the transportation of cases of Contagious Diseases from the city to the Riverside Hospital on Blackwell's Island has been performed by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction with their steamer *Fidelity*.

When this steamer was sunk the Board was compelled to make arrangements for this service, and has done so by hiring a steamboat. The expense is great, and the plan neither economical nor efficient. We therefore estimated for the purchase of a small steamboat, to cost not more than \$4,000, and the necessary expense of running it \$3,280. If we can be assured that the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction will perform this service in future, this item in our estimate will not be required; otherwise it becomes essential to the proper care of Contagious Diseases.

IV. In the provisional estimate forty thousand dollars has been allowed for the removal of night-soil, dead animals, and offal. This Board has recently made a new contract, by which this work will be performed in future for the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars per annum; the appropriation may, therefore, be reduced to this sum.

V. In conclusion, we would say that there are no items in our list of salaries and other expenditures, which can be reduced, consequently we can secure none of the above-mentioned service except by the indicated increase in our appropriation, viz.:

(1.) Increasing the item salaries from \$108,000 to \$126,260.

(2.) The item Contingencies from \$4,000 to 6,054.

(3.) Providing the item "Transportation Contagious Diseases," \$7,280.

This Board cannot be held fully responsible for the sanitary condition of the city unless it is provided with the necessary means. And we would recall the fact that the enormous improvement in the public health since 1866, when the Health Department was first established, which amounts to a saving of nearly five thousand lives a year, mostly children, and the prevention of 140,000 cases of severe sickness every year, fully warrants the expenditure of the moderate sum which we have asked; which amounts altogether, including all the sanitary work of the Board, the keeping of the records of births, marriages, and deaths, removing night-soil, dead animals and offal, and the management of the tenement-houses, old and new, to a little more than twenty-four and a half cents per head on the 1,100,000 people in New York City.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. VANDERPOEL,
E. G. JANEWAY,
C. F. CHANDLER,
Commissioners of Health.

NEW YORK, December 19, 1879.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, December 18, 1879.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully submit the following statement and suggestions in regard to the appropriations for this Department for the year 1880, as set forth in the Provisional Estimate of your Board.

First—I think that the item for strengthening Croton aqueduct \$150,000, should not be separated from "Repairs and Maintenance," and that the two items \$84,000 and \$150,000, making together \$234,000, should be appropriated in one item for "Repairs and Maintenance of aqueduct." We may use, and probably can use some of the \$84,000 for strengthening. It is difficult to draw the line between the two items of work, and keep separate and correct pay-rolls and accounts for each. The whole work is necessary for Repairs and Maintenance, and that term would probably designate the whole appropriation. I have consulted with the Engineers, who, think there would be confusion and difficulty, if the work is divided. I presume there can be no objection to combining the two amounts under one head as above suggested. The appropriation for new mains (\$60,000) can be readily separated from the other work.

Second—For flagging sidewalks and fencing vacant lots in front of city property, the Board has appropriated \$1,500, instead of \$2,000 as asked by the Department.

There is a considerable amount of such work, which has been too long neglected. The flagging about the Tombs needs renovation, and nearly or quite \$1,000 will be required for this alone. Similar work is necessary about some of the markets. I am constantly directing citizens to repair their flagging. We ought to set them a good example.

Third. Public Drinking Hydrants.—The Board has provisionally allowed \$4,000 instead of \$5,000. The sum appropriated for 1879 was \$4,000; but this has permitted the addition of only a few new ones. The expense of repair and maintenance is considerable, as many of them are broken by heavy trucks. As there will be a considerable growth in the city, new hydrants will be needed each year.

Fourth. Removing Obstructions from Streets and Avenues.—To perform this duty with any kind of efficiency, as required by the law as laid down in the late decisions of the Courts, the appropriation should, in my opinion, be increased to the sum asked for by the Department; that is, an increase of \$2,000 more than allowed by your Board in the Provisional Estimate. The object to be attained—less incumbered and obstructed streets—is very important, and the additional amount asked is small. I respectfully request that the Board would favorably reconsider this matter.

Fifth. Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.—This item embraces some of the most important work of this Department, viz.:—the care, renewal, and repair of water pipes, of which there are now 450 miles, with 4,000 stop-cocks. Also the care, renewal, and repair of fire-hydrants, of which there are 5,500. Many of the pipes along the water-front require renewal. This work has, for want of adequate appropriations, been neglected for several years past.

With the growth of the city the number of fire-hydrants will necessarily be much increased. Nothing should be left undone to maintain and keep in good order all the appliances for extinguishing fire.

There are now three working parties employed in the care and repair of pipes, hydrants, etc., but the area of the city has become so large by building and the annexation of the new wards, that an additional party must be employed. This would add about \$10,000 a year to the cost. It is also necessary, until we can get an additional supply of water to keep up the house to house inspections, in order to prevent waste of water. The care and examination of meters, which are being put in in considerable numbers, will also require additional means. The maintenance of the water supply and pressure is becoming every year more and more difficult, and until an additional quantity is obtained, all proper measures for suppressing waste should be adopted.

For the reasons above stated, I would be very glad if the Board would appropriate the full amount of \$12,000 asked by the Department for "Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc."

Sixth. Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning.—The Board has allowed under this head in their Provisional Estimate \$65,000 instead of \$73,000. Many of the older sewers are in a dilapidated condition, and it is only by constant watchfulness and repair that they can be kept in a reasonable state of efficiency. The question of health is involved in this matter, and I think the amount deemed necessary by the Department might properly be allowed by your Board without subjecting any of us to the charge of extravagance.

The expenditures on sewers have been very much reduced within the past four or five years, as will appear from the following extract from my report to the Mayor, for the fourth quarter of 1878.

Extract from quarterly report of the Commissioner of Public Works for the fourth quarter of 1878:

From 1871 to 1876 the receiving-basins were cleaned by special contract (one of the ring jobs) at a cost of \$48,000 per annum. Since they have been cleaned by our men the cost has been reduced to \$15,900 in 1877, and \$17,000 in 1878.

A table annexed to the report of the Engineer in Charge of Sewers shows the following facts in regard to the cost of cleaning and repairing sewers and basins since 1868:

From 1868 to 1870, average cost per annum	\$127,000 00
In 1871, annual cost	237,000 00
From 1872 to 1875, average cost per annum	152,900 00
In 1876, annual cost	74,488 00
In 1877	51,085 00
In 1878	60,000 00

The average annual cost of cleaning sewers was—

From 1868 to 1871	per mile	\$169 00
From 1872 to 1875	"	40 00
From 1876 to 1878	"	12 00

The average annual cost of cleaning basins was—

From 1868 to 1870	each	\$7 50
From 1871 to 1876	"	11 85
In 1877 and 1878	"	7 72

Seventh. Street improvements, for surveying, monumenting, and numbering streets.—The Board have allowed \$2,000, the department having asked \$5,000. The monuments in the upper part of the city have by time been displaced and disturbed, and it is to reset these and to make a

perfect set of levels throughout the city, so that there shall be no discrepancies, as is now the case, that I have asked for the moderate sum of five thousand dollars for the year 1880.

Eighth. Supplies for and cleaning public offices, etc.—The Board allows \$75,600—the same amount as appropriated for 1879. This was found insufficient, and a transfer of \$5,000 was made to carry on the necessary work. A good deal has been done in the past two or three years in cleaning and supplying the courts and public offices. The law of 1878 requiring the armories to be supplied with furniture, fuel, etc., has increased the cost of the above item. The new Seventh Regiment armory will require a large amount of fuel. The Eighth Regiment is soon to have an armory.

Perhaps we may get through with the amount appropriated by the Board, but I would be glad if they would at least increase it by the sum of \$5,000.

Supply of water to shipping and buildings.—The Board has allowed \$8,000 (same as 1879), the Department having asked \$10,000.

The number of buildings to be erected in 1880 will be large. The consumption of water by ships, etc., will be increased by the improvement of commerce and business. This will require careful supervision. Much has been done in increasing our revenue by strict surveillance in this Bureau. I believe that under the circumstances the sum of ten thousand dollars should be allowed, and that the improvement in the revenue by such allowance would warrant the increase.

I have stated my views so fully both orally and in writing to your Board, as to the propriety of allowing \$500,000 (the sum authorized by the Law of 1875), for repaving the street and avenues, that it is not necessary here to repeat them. A good commencement has been made in this work, though the amount remaining is very large. In making up the list of streets most requiring repavement in 1880, many of which are urgently asked for by citizens, the estimated cost would amount to a million of dollars. Of course we can only complete about one-third of this work with the \$300,000 appropriated.

I omitted in the Departmental Estimate to make provision for the necessary surveys, maps, etc., for carrying out the Law of 1879, chap. 518 entitled "an act for the better laying out and improving of that portion of the City of New York, between One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, and West of Eighth avenue." The amount already provided by transfer for the present year, will be expended by the close of the year. The law requires that the work be completed within two years from its passage. I would therefore respectfully ask an additional appropriation of \$2,500, for the year 1880, to carry out the purposes of the above mentioned law.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, December 22, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor, and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—Permit me to call your attention to an omission in the printed copy of the Provisional Estimate, now before me, in reference to the appropriation of \$4,000 for salaries in connection with the maintenance of the Boulevards.

I believe the title of the appropriation, as determined upon by the Board, was "For Salaries charged to Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of, and Incidental Surveys," which fully expresses its purpose. In the copy before me the "Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of," is omitted.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 17, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—The Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction respectfully transmit the following resolution, adopted at a meeting held this day.

"Resolved, That application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for an appropriation in the Final Estimate for the year 1880, of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the erection of two (2) pavilions on the grounds of Bellevue Hospital."

In place of one destroyed by fire, and one condemned as unfit for use.

By order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 18, 1879.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In reply to the resolution of your Honorable Board of the 16th inst., "That the heads of departments be notified that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in acting on the Final Estimate for the year 1880, will consider any communication on the subject of the appropriations for their respective departments, which they may deem it important to lay before the Board, such communications to be submitted on or before Friday next (19th), at 1 o'clock P. M."

I am directed to transmit the following proceedings adopted by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at a meeting held this day.

Resolved, That this Board send a communication to the Honorable Board of Apportionment, setting forth the great necessity for the several buildings asked for, and that they also appear before the Honorable Board of Apportionment, to answer any questions put them, in relation to the final estimate.

By order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 19, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—The Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction respectfully make application to the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for an opportunity to appear before them to be heard on the Final Estimate for the year 1880; and desire to know what day it will please your Honorable Board to receive them.

Very respectfully,

G. F. BRITTON, Assistant Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 22, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—The Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction respectfully transmit the following resolution, adopted at a meeting held this day:

Resolved, That application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an appropriation in the Final Estimate for the year 1880, of three thousand dollars for a contingent fund for the use of this Department.

By order,

G. F. BRITTON, Assistant Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 22, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I transmit the proceedings of the Board of Public Charities and Correction at a meeting held this day.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities and Correction for the year 1879, entitled "For Supplies," said amount being in excess of the sum required for the purposes thereof, to an appropriation entitled "For the erection of a building on Blackwell's Island, for the use of the General Drug Department," for which it is required.

The present location is in the basement of Bellevue Hospital, and the Commissioners have decided to move it to the Island on account of the inflammable nature of many articles comprising the stock.

Very respectfully,

G. F. BRITTON, Assistant Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, December 19, 1879.

Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the resolution of your Board, notifying us that any communication with reference to the Final Estimate for this Department for

the year 1880 will be considered if forwarded at or before 1 P. M. this day, and in response thereto beg to submit the following:

In the communication submitted to your Honorable Board, containing the reasons why an increase of appropriation was asked for the coming year, which was dated October 2, 1879 (a copy of which is herewith inclosed), detailed statements were made as to each item of the Departmental estimate which it appears from the provisional estimate published in the CITY RECORD, were not as favorably considered by your Honorable Board as there was reason to expect, the items "Bureau of Combustibles Pay-roll," "Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies Pay-roll," "Apparatus, Supplies, etc.," "Repairs to Engine-houses," and "Construction of three new engine-houses," being the only ones for which the entire amount asked was allowed.

For the Headquarters pay-roll a slight increase of \$3,578 was estimated for, relative to which the Board is still of the opinion that it should be allowed, and that a compliance with this demand is a matter of justice, and will tend to an increased efficiency of the service.

Nothing can be added to the statement already made with reference to the increase of the Telegraph Force pay-roll by the addition thereto of six tower watchmen, involving an increase under that head of \$4,800, except to again state that, in the opinion of this Board, great benefit would result therefrom in the increased efficiency of that part of the uniformed force which is now compelled to furnish details for the performance of their extra duties.

For the repair shops the amount asked, \$50,000, is imperatively required, and should it not be allowed, it is regarded as certain that it will be necessary either to leave important work undone or to ask for a transfer before the close of the year.

It is earnestly hoped that the estimate as made by this Board for the Bureau of Fire Marshal will be allowed, for the reasons given in the statement above referred to. The Fire Marshal is an important bureau official, whose duties require great tact and experience, and whose services are very valuable to the Department and to the community at large. It is noticed that the amount asked, for Instructor of Corps of Sappers and Miners, \$2,000, which was not included in either of the pay-rolls of the Departmental estimate, has been put in the pay-roll Bureau of Fire Marshal. It is respectfully suggested that it would be inappropriate to leave it there, and if necessary, to incorporate it with any of the pay-rolls, it might, with some propriety, be added to the Headquarters' pay-roll.

The increase of \$5,000 on the pay-roll Chief of Department, necessary to authorize the appointment of two additional Chiefs of Battalion, it is hoped that your Honorable Board will, after a careful consideration of the matter, approve of and allow. The Board regards this as a matter of so much importance, that, at the risk of reiteration, the reasons for this demand are again laid before you. The number of officers of this grade has not been increased since 1868, at which time the interests to be protected by this Department were in no portion of the city as great as they now are, while they were of much less consequence in the section north of Fifty-ninth street, and the present Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards were not yet annexed. The number of companies has since that time been increased from fifty-two to sixty-four, or more than twenty per cent., and the increase in chief officers now asked for is in the same ratio. The importance of having a competent chief officer at hand at once to direct the companies at fires cannot be overestimated or overstated. It should be borne in mind that these officers, when not disabled therefor, are on duty every hour and minute of every twenty-four hours every day in the year, excepting only the necessary time required for meals and an allowance of not more than one day in every seven for every necessary recreation and rest, and that while so on duty they are liable, in addition to the performance of their routine duties, to calls for fire duty at any moment. This service in itself, without mentioning here the frequent occurrence of accidents to them, is so severe a strain upon them that it is a matter of congratulation that they are not more frequently off duty. During the early part of this year both the Chiefs of the First and Fourth Battalions were incapacitated for duty during the same time by accidents at fires, the one being buried under the ruins at a fire in Vesey street (at which Fireman Irving was killed within a few feet of Chief Rowe), and the other, Chief Miller, by falling down a stairway at a fire, while a third officer of that grade (Chief Wilhelm) was off duty at the same time by reason of illness contracted in the service of the department. The records show that from all causes combined the department has already lost during the present year 772 of the 3,650 days total time of the ten Chiefs of Battalion, being over twenty per cent.; or, stating it in another way, two of the ten officers have, on an average, not been available for fire service during the entire year.

To maintain, and, where it may be found practicable, increase the efficiency of the department, is the constant aim and endeavor of the Commissioners, in securing which they feel that they are not vainly asking your co-operation.

Very respectfully,

VINCENT C. KING,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
NEW YORK, October 2, 1879.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—Referring to the estimate for the year 1880 of this Department, as adopted by this Board on the 15th ultimo and forwarded on the 15th ultimo, we have the honor to submit the subjoined statement showing in detail the reasons which make the increase demanded necessary and proper, and to which your attention is particularly invited before any action is taken by your Board upon the estimates.

Headquarters Pay-roll.

For salaries upon this pay-roll, \$47,028.75 was asked for the current year, and \$42,400 allowed. For the coming year \$45,978 is asked, of which amount \$17,500 (the amount of salaries of the Commissioners) is fixed by law, leaving \$28,478 for secretary and assistant, medical officer, bookkeeper and eight clerks, watchmen, engineers, driver, janitor, and stenographer, as enumerated in the estimate. A comparison with the salaries paid for like duties in other branches of the city's service will result favorably to this, while the number of employees is not above the actual requirements.

Telegraph Force Pay-roll.

For this important branch of the Department an increase of \$4,720 over the amount asked and allowed for the current year is now desired, to provide for three additional tower-watchmen at \$800 each, upon each of the two look-outs still remaining in the part of the city below Fifty-ninth street (Spring street and Jefferson Market). Two towers (Essex Market and Marion street) have, this year, been turned over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; the former because it had become unsafe and required repairs to make it tenable, the cost of which its importance did not justify, and the latter mainly because new buildings in its immediate vicinity had over-topped it to such an extent as to render it almost valueless. Since 1873, men detailed from the companies in the immediate vicinity of the towers have performed the duties previously devolving upon a corps of bell-ringers or tower-watchmen, for which the city paid at that time \$36,000 per annum. But although this measure was one of immediate economy, it was found to be detrimental in its effects upon the uniformed force, because it devolved upon certain of the companies double the amount of watch duty performed by others. In addition to this objection to detailing members of the uniformed force for such duty, there is the further reason for its discontinuance, that a considerable drain is now made upon the uniformed force in furnishing details to places of amusement, which number at this season of the year about 40 men per night. Both of the towers referred to are still useful to the Department, and it is hoped that your honorable Board will consent to the additional allowance for the purpose suggested.

Repair Shops Pay-roll.

\$50,000 is the amount asked for 1880, as against \$45,000 allowed for the current year. This amount has not been sufficient to do all the work contemplated during this year, and it is in consequence imperatively necessary that it be done during the coming year.

Bureau of Fire Marshal Pay-roll.

For the current year \$7,200 was appropriated, though \$8,400 was asked. The amount asked for the coming year is \$8,000, the increase of \$800 being made up by adding \$500 to the salary of the Fire Marshal and \$300 to that of his principal assistant. The duties of the Fire Marshal are of very great importance and benefit to the community, have been discharged with fidelity and success, and the recognition thus made is, in the opinion of this Board, richly deserved and should be concurred in by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Superintendent of Horses Pay-roll.

An increase of only \$92 is requested over the amount allowed for the present year, which is partly made up by equalization of wages to stablemen and drivers, and partly by the additional day for leap year.

Bureau of Chief of Department Pay-roll.

An addition of \$5,000 for two Chiefs of Battalions at \$2,500 each is asked for on this roll, the necessity for which may be briefly set forth as follows:

The city is at present divided into ten Battalion Districts, each in charge of one of the ten Chiefs of Battalion now allowed. It is of course out of the question that they should be on duty continuously and without intermission, even if they were not frequently disabled for the performance of duty by accidents and sickness; and it is a matter of the first importance, that when one is off duty from any cause, he be immediately replaced by another, so that at a fire, in any part of the city, the presence of a Chief officer accustomed to command and direct may be had at once, at the most important stage of the fire, its beginning.

Extra Telegraph Force Pay Roll.

For this purpose the sum of \$12,000 is asked. It is an expenditure hitherto defrayed out of the item "Telegraph Supplies and Repairs," in the appropriation for "New Apparatus, etc.," but it is

deemed best to establish it as a separate pay-roll. The estimate shows in detail the number of men employed in the maintenance and rebuilding of the present telegraph lines, and the building of such extensions as are from time to time necessary.

Instructor of Corps of Sappers and Miners.

The amount asked for this officer is fixed by law.

For New Apparatus, Supplies, etc.

The sum asked is the same as that asked for the current year, for which but \$175,000 was allowed, but to which \$15,000 has already been added by transfer, making a total of \$190,000.

Without going into details, it may be safely asserted that with the advance in the prices of materials which has already taken place, and the further advance which is expected, every dollar of the amount asked for will be imperatively needed.

Three new houses for Engine Companies 5 and 37, and Hook and Ladder Company No. 16.

For this purpose \$30,000 is required, which is the same as that allowed for the houses of Engine companies Nos. 11, 17, and 28, for the present year, and to which appropriation a transfer of \$338 has already been made by your Honorable Board. Here, also, it is apprehended that the amount will, in consequence of the higher prices of material and labor, be insufficient, but the amount of the appropriation will be used to the best possible advantage.

The reasons for the necessity for the three new houses enumerated may be stated as follows:

The house of Engine Company No. 5 (located at 340 East Fourteenth street) was originally built for the Volunteer Department about seventeen years ago; it has a large school-house on one side adjoining, and a tenement house has since been erected on the other, which caused it to settle, cracking rear and front walls and ceilings, and disturbing the floors.

The house of Engine Company No. 37 (located on Lawrence street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues), was also built many years ago for the Volunteer Department, is entirely too small for present purposes, and unhealthy for the men stationed in it. On the same street, a little west of Tenth avenue, there is a store-house owned by the city and used by the Department, on the site of which (it being also entirely unfitted for occupancy by a company) it is proposed to erect a new engine-house for the company referred to. It would, in the opinion of the Board, be necessary in a very short time either to entirely abandon the present house or to alter and repair it at an expense very nearly amounting to the cost of a new structure, with, of course, by far less satisfactory a result. The lot upon which it is proposed to erect the new house is next to the corner gore lot, and the house would thus have a front on both the street and avenue.

In consequence of the closing of the Bloomingdale road in the neighborhood of the present house of Hook and Ladder Company No. 16, which is situated on the easterly side of that road near Ninety-seventh street, it is almost inaccessible, besides which the house, which was built for the Volunteer Department some twenty-two years ago, is cracked and dilapidated and generally unfit for the purposes of this Department. Owing to the present rapid growth of this neighborhood, in consequence of the extension of the elevated road on the west side of the city, it may become necessary in the near future to locate an engine company in the same building, the nearest engine companies on that side of the city being Engine 40 on Sixty-eighth street to the south, and Engine 37 at Manhattanville, to north. The lot upon which the present building stands runs to Tenth avenue, which is its only and proper front, and it is proposed to build the new house on that front.

To make the necessary repairs and alterations to these houses to fit them for use and further occupancy would, as the experience of this year has shown, cost very nearly the same as the new houses.

Repairs to Houses of Engine Companies Nos. 3, 13, 20, and 27—\$20,000.

Each of these houses requires extensive repairs and considerable alteration to properly fit them for the use of the companies occupying them; and the estimated average expenditure (\$5,000), is, it is now feared, below rather than above what will actually be required. Generally the work required to be done may be enumerated as follows: Facing the stables to the front and alongside the apparatus, changing the dormitory from the upper floor to the rear extension of the first floor, laying new floors, excavating the cellars to the proper depth, for better ventilation and the preservation of the timbers.

The stables in each of these houses are now located on the rear of the lots, detached from the houses proper, the horses being from 50 to 75 feet distant from the apparatus, making it necessary for them to pass out of the stable and into the house, and otherwise preventing the companies from making as prompt response to alarms as is necessary.

The Board is fully impressed with the necessity of economy in the city's expenditures, and regards it as its duty to give all possible aid in that direction, but nevertheless feels bound to urge upon your Honorable Board the necessity for favorable action upon its demands for the coming year, believing them to be for the best interests of the Department and the city.

Very respectfully,

VINCENT C. KING,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE (EAST),
NEW YORK, December 18, 1879.

Hon. JOHN WHEELER, Secretary Board Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I have your communication of 16th inst., received yesterday, transmitting a copy of the resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment notifying the heads of Departments that your Board, in acting upon the final estimates for the year 1880, will consider any communication on the subject on Friday next. In the absence of a meeting of the Board governing this Department, I beg to call the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to a communication accompanying our estimate, in which the necessities of this Department were fully set forth. This Department carefully considered its estimate before transmitting the same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and I feel fully justified in reiterating the request of the Park Department, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will grant the amounts asked for and so essential to the proper conduct of this Department through the coming year.

With great respect,

JAMES F. WENMAN, President D. P. P.

Statement of expenditures on account of, and of work finally completed in, laying out and monumenting the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that portion of the Twelfth Ward north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Expended in 1874.....	\$56,863 31	Monuments set.....	5	Miles of street.....	1.4
" 1875.....	34,326 29	"	49	"	4.7
" 1876.....	23,063 55	"	125	"	14.7
" 1877.....	20,134 73	"	220	"	15
" 1878.....	9,995 29	"	276	"	18.8
" 1879, say....	10,000 00	"	398	"	27.1
	\$155,283 17				

Area of the district in question..... 14,593 acres.
Area of the rest of New York City..... 10,302 "

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 19, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor of New York:

SIR—Referring to the resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, adopted on the 16th instant, notifying heads of departments that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will consider any communication in writing, on the subject of the appropriations for the respective departments * * * to be submitted on or before Friday, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M.—I am directed by the Board of Police to state that the Board desires to make suggestions on several points deemed important, but have not in the brief time allowed been able to prepare the needful communication. The Board, therefore, makes respectful application for an enlargement of the time to submit such written statement until Tuesday, the 23d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., or such other day as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may suggest.

Very respectfully,

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, NO. 2 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 18, 1879.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to invite your attention to the following facts in relation to the appropriation for this Department for 1880.

First—That while the building industry of the city is more extensive, and the labor imposed upon the officers and employees of this Department is vastly greater than for years past, the amount appropriated for 1880 is very much less than at any time since 1868.

Second—That the increase in building operations, especially in the upper district, is almost sure in 1880 to exceed those of 1879, and extraordinary vigilance and an augmented force will be absolutely necessary to insure a compliance with the laws and the public safety.

Building Operations, 1878 and 1879, from January 1 to November 30.

Whereas, By chapter 261, Laws of 1879, it was referred to this Board to determine whether the assessments made upon the property formerly owned by George Hoffman, upon the corner of Fifth avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, New York City, for regulating, grading, curbing, guttering, and flagging One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Harlem river to Eighth avenue; and for regulating, grading, curbing, guttering, and flagging Fifth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirtieth street to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, were, or any part thereof, was unjust,

excessive, or illegal, and the Board having taken testimony and consulted with the Secretary of the Board of Assessors with reference to the facts, now, therefore,
Resolved, That said assessments, so far as they affected said property, were, in the judgment of this Board, wholly unjust, and should be, under the circumstances, vacated.
Which were adopted—all the members of the Board present voting in the affirmative.
At 12:45 o'clock P. M., on motion, the Board adjourned.

RICHARD A. STORRS,
Chief Clerk Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DAILY MEETINGS, DECEMBER 8 TO 13, 1879.

Present—Commissioners Cox, Brennan, and Hess.

Communications Received.

From Penitentiary—

List of prisoners received during week ending December 6, 1879: Males, 45; females, 7. On file.

List of 40 prisoners to be discharged from December 14 to 20, 1879. Transmitted to Prison Association.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—History of 8 patients received during week ending December 6, 1879. On file.

From City Prison—Amount of fines received during week ending December 6, 1879 (\$141). On file.

From N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—History of 13 patients received during week ending December 13, 1879. On file.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That proposals for poultry, for use on Thursday, December 25, 1879 (Christmas Day) be invited by public advertisement in the CITY RECORD, bids to be opened on Saturday, 20th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M. Poultry to be delivered on Wednesday, 24th inst., before 6 o'clock A. M. Adopted.

Resolved, That proposals for fresh fish, fresh meats, and condensed milk for the year 1880, be invited by public advertisement in the CITY RECORD, bids to be opened on Saturday, December 27, 1879.

Also 5,000 tons white ash coal for distribution to the Out-Door Poor after the 1st day of January, 1880, bids to be opened on same day as above. Adopted.

Appointments.

December 10. Eliza Delany, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.

" 10. Mary Lawlor, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.

" 11. Joseph Murphy, Gasman, Ward's Island.

" 12. August Conrad, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

" 12. Minnie Hall, Nurse, Randall's Island.

Resignations.

December 10. Sarah Dubois, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.

" 10. Edith Todd, Nurse, Homoeopathic Hospital.

Dismissals.

December 12. Daniel Meenan, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

" 13. John Morton, Keeper, City Prison.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

BOARD OF STREET OPENING AND IMPROVEMENT.

The Board of Street Opening and Improvement met in the Mayor's office at 2 P. M. on Tuesday, December 16, 1879.

The following were present—Edward Cooper, Mayor; John Kelly, Comptroller; Allan Campbell, Commissioner of Public Works; Jordan L. Mott, President of the Board of Aldermen. Absent—James F. Wenman, President of the Department of Public Parks.

On motion, the Mayor was elected Chairman, and Richard J. Morrisson was re-elected Secretary. The minutes of the meeting held May 25, 1874, were read.

The Mayor presented a copy of the call issued by him for the present meeting, which was ordered on file.

Mr. M. W. Brown, of the Mayor's office, appeared before the Board and stated he had duly notified President Wenman of the Department of Public Parks to attend the meeting.

The Mayor presented the following communication, which was ordered on file:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, No. 301 MOTT STREET,
NEW YORK, December 10, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Chairman of Board of Street Opening and Improvement:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held the 18th day of November, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, It appears to this Board from the reports of its inspectors and Sanitary Superintendent, that there exists an immediate necessity for public sewers in Fifty-third street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues; in Fifty-second street, between Eleventh avenue and Hudson river, and in Fifty-fourth street, between Eleventh avenue and Hudson river, for sanitary reasons; and it further appears that no proceedings have yet been taken for acquiring title to the land bounded by the street lines in the said streets adjacent to the Hudson river; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Street Opening and Improvement be and are hereby respectfully requested to take the necessary action in this behalf.

(A true copy.)

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

Dr. Edward H. Janes, Assistant Sanitary Superintendent, explained to the Board the necessity for its proposed action.

The Mayor then offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Street Opening deem it to be for the public interest to lay out and open West Fifty-third street, as laid down on the map or plan of the City of New York, from the Tenth avenue to the Eleventh avenue, and to lay out and open West Fifty-fourth street, as laid down on said map, from the Tenth avenue to the established bulkhead line on the Hudson river, and propose so to lay out and open the same.

Which on being put was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

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

The Mayor also offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed action of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, as stated in the foregoing resolution, be laid before the Board of Aldermen, and that the same be published for ten days in the CITY RECORD.

Which was also adopted by the following vote, viz.:

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

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

RICHARD J. MORRISON, Secretary.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mr. Navarro to erect bay-windows on houses Nos. 1 and 3 East Fifty-seventh street, as shown on the annexed diagram, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 2, 1879.

Approved by the Mayor, December 15, 1879.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
OFFICE NO. 2 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, Dec. 22, 1879.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending December 20, 1879.

HENRY J. DUDLEY,
Sup't of Buildings.

SAMUEL T. WEBSTER,
Chief Clerk.

BUREAU OF INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

New Buildings.

No. of plans and specifications filed, etc. 15

No. of buildings embraced in same. 32

Classified as follows:

First-class dwellings.

Second-class dwellings.

French flats. 19

Tenement-houses. 2

Hotels and boarding-houses.

First-class stores.

Second-class stores.

Third-class stores. 1

Office buildings.

Manufactories and workshops.

School-houses.

Churches.

Public buildings.

Stables. 1

Frame buildings (in upper districts). 9

Total. 32

Plans passed upon, including those previously

filed. 26

Approved. 7

Amended and approved. 7

Disapproved. 4

Pending. 8

Total. 26

Altered Buildings.

No. of plans and specifications filed. 15

No. of buildings embraced in same. 15

Classified as follows:

First-class dwellings.

Second-class dwellings. 3

French flats.

Tenement houses.

Hotels and boarding-houses. 1

First-class stores. 2

Second-class stores. 1

Third-class stores.

Office buildings.

Manufactories and workshops. 3

School-houses.

Churches.

Public buildings.

Stables. 1

Frame buildings. 4

Total. 15

Buildings examined and plans relating thereto

passed upon, including those previously

filed. 23

Approved. 9

Amended and approved. 4

Disapproved. 5

Pending. 5

Total. 23

Special Applications.

Number filed and examinations made. 10

Approved. 6

Disapproved. 4

Pending.

Total. 10

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT MCGINNIS,
Chief of Bureau.

JOHN J. TINDALE,
Plan Clerk.

BUREAU OF VIOLATIONS AND APPLICATIONS.

Operations for the week ending Dec. 20, 1879:

Complaints received from outside sources. 14

Violations of the law reported. 6

" " removed. 11

Unsafe buildings reported. 19

" " made safe. 18

" " taken down. 2

Surveys held on unsafe buildings.

Violation cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.

Unsafe building cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution. 2

Violation notices served. 19

Unsafe building notices served. 60

Respectfully submitted,
ANDREW OWENS,
Chief of Bureau.

WILLIAM H. CLASS,
Clerk.

BUREAU OF FIRE-ESCAPES AND IRON WORK.

Operations for the week ending Dec. 20, 1879:

Buildings reported for additional means of escape in case of fire. 13

Buildings reported for trap-doors and railings to hoistways. 2

Buildings reported for iron shutters.

Buildings provided with additional means of escape in case of fire. 7

Buildings provided with trap-doors and railings to hoistways. 5

Buildings provided with iron shutters.

Arch girders tested (approved). 5

" (not approved).

Iron beams tested (approved). 2

" (not approved).

Iron lintels tested (approved). 3

" (not approved).

Notices for fire-escapes, trap-doors, iron shutters, etc., served. 61

Cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. HYDE,

Chief of Bureau.

VICTOR W. VOORHEES,
Clerk.

1879. Bills Incurred.

Dec. 17—To J. M. McLean, Edwin Dobbs, Henry Dudley, and John Banta, for services as members of "Board of Examiners," at meetings held November 5, December 9, and December 16, 1879, three meetings each, at \$10 per meeting. \$120 00

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

FIRST MARSHAL'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 20, 1879.

Licenses granted and amount received by Marshal John Tyler Kelly, during the week ending December 20, 1879.

Licenses. 292

Amount. \$596 50

JOHN TYLER KELLY,
First Marshal.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
EDWARD COOPER, Mayor; JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
JOHN TYLER KELLY, First Marshal.

Permit and License Bureau Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
DANIEL S. HART, Registrar.

Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

WILLIAM EYERS, Sealer First District; ELIJAH W. ROE, Sealer Second District; JOHN MURRAY, Inspector First District; JOSEPH SHANNON, Inspector Second District.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JORDAN L. MOTT, President Board of Aldermen.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner's Office.

No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner; FREDERICK H. HAMLIN, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Water Register.

No. 10 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.

Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 13 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

Bureau of Sewers.

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

STEVENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 11½ City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau of Street Improvements.

No. 11 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

GEORGE A. JEREMIAH, Superintendent.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

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

THOMAS KEECH, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor.

No. 4 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DANIEL O'REILLY, Water Purveyor.

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.

JOHN F. SLOPER, City Hall.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

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

STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets.

No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES J. MOONEY, Superintendent.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

First floor Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.

MARTIN T. MCMAHON, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED VREDENBURG, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

No. 18 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, City Chamberlain.

Auditing Bureau.

No. 19 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DANIEL JACKSON, Auditor of Accounts.

Bureau of Arrears.

No. 5 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

ARTEMAS CADDY, Clerk of Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments.

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

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

Attorney to Department of Buildings' Office.
Corner Cortland and Church streets.
JOHN A. FOLEY, Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Central Office.
No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
President: SETH C. HAWLEY,
Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.
Central Office.
Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
TOWNSEND COX, President; JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.
No. 36 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES F. WENMAN, President; EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.
Arsenal, 64th street and 4th avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.
Fordham 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.
Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.
Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN WHEELER, President; ALBERT STORER, Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.
No. 2 Fourth avenue, 8:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HENRY J. DUDLEY, Superintendent.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
BERNARD REILLY, Sheriff; JOHN T. CUMMING, Under Sheriff.

COMMISSION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE.
No. 28 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
WYLLIS BLACKSTONE, President; ISAAC EVANS, Secretary.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.
East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
FREDERICK W. LOEW, Register; AUGUSTUS T. DOCHARTY, Deputy Register.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.
No. 27 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. PITT SHEARMAN, JOHN W. BARROW,

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

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.
Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HUBERT O. THOMPSON, County Clerk; J. HENRY FORD, Deputy County Clerk.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
Second floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
BENJAMIN K. PHELPS, District Attorney; MOSES P. CLARK, Chief Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE.
And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.
No. 2 City Hall, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
THOMAS COSTIGAN, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE ON LAW DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday in the City Library, Room No. 12 City Hall, at 1 o'clock P. M.
By Order of the Committee,
J. GRAHAM HYATT,
Chairman

JURORS.

NOTICE IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, June 1, 1879.

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 enrolment 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.

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called or pay their fines. No mere excuse will be allowed or interference permitted. The fines, received from those

who, for business or other reasons, are unable to serve at the time selected, pay the expenses of this office, and if unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delinquents.

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.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
32 NEW CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, December 1, 1879.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OMITTED TO PAY their taxes for the year 1879, are hereby notified, as required by law, to pay the same to the Receiver of Taxes at his office, on or before the 1st day of January, 1880.

One per cent. will be collected on all taxes paid before the 15th day of December, instant; two per cent. on all taxes paid on and after that date, and interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, computed from the 27th of October last (the day on which the assessment rolls and warrants were delivered to the Receiver), on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after the said 1st day of January, 1880.

No money will be received after 2 o'clock P. M. Office hours from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M.

MARTIN T. MCMAHON,
Receiver of Taxes

REAL ESTATE RECORDS

THE ATTENTION OF LAWYERS, REAL Estate Owners, Monetary Institutions engaged in making loans upon real estate, and all who are interested in providing themselves with facilities for reducing the cost of examinations and searches, is invited to these Official Indices of Records, containing all recorded transfers of real estate in the City of New York from 1653 to 1879, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records.

Grants, grantees suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriffs' sales, in 61 volumes, full bound, price, \$100 00
The same, in 25 volumes, half bound, 50 00
Complete sets, folded, ready for binding, 15 00
Records of Judgments, 25 volumes, bound, 10 00

Orders should be addressed to Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
FIRST FLOOR (NEW WING), NEW COURT-HOUSE,
CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 10, 1879.
83d street sewer, between 10th avenue and Boulevard.
95th street sewer, between 3d and Lexington avenues, etc.
107th street sewer, between 4th and 5th avenues.
Water street basin, southeast corner Jefferson street.
92d street basin, southwest corner 8th avenue.
99th street, regulating, grading, etc., from 1st to 3d avenue.
9th avenue, regulating, grading, etc., from 63d street to Boulevard.
74th street, paving from Avenue A to East river.
45th street, flagging south side, between 1st and 2d avenues.
4th avenue, flagging east side, between 65th and 66th streets.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 11, 1880, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

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

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 18, 1879.

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

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from Bellevue Hospital—Unknown man; aged about 50 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; brown hair; sandy beard. Had on brown coat, dark striped vest and pants, plaid shirt, white knit undershirt and drawers, white cotton socks, Oxford tie shoes.

At Hart's Island Hospital—Jacob Moses; aged 58 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; dark hair; blue eyes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 16, 1879.

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

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Mary Hanlon; aged 40 years; 5 feet 1 inch high; black hair and eyes. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

Catharine Foster; aged 41 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; brown hair and eyes. Had on when admitted, calico skirt, brown striped shawl, black sacque, gaiters. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—Kate Godfrey; aged 18 years; committed September 18, 1879. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—Daniel Coughlin; aged 33 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; brown hair; blue eyes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

Charles Winnick; aged 44 years; 5 feet 7½ inches high; brown hair; gray eyes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Branch Lunatic Asylum, Hart's Island—Isabel Napole; aged 44 years; 5 feet high; brown eyes; black hair. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 16, 1879.

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

At Hart's Island Hospital—Bridget Shandley; aged 62 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; gray hair and eyes. Had on when admitted dark dress, shawl, shoes, stockings. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISH- ing the fresh meat which will be required during the year 1880 for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M. of the 27th day of December, 1879. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for furnishing Fresh Meat," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be from time to time directed by the said Department. The quantities and qualities of the meat that will be required are as follows:

Chucks of Beef and Shoulder Clods, about 2,000,000 pounds.

Extra Diet Beef, about 60,000 pounds.

The above to be from cattle weighing not less than 600 pounds dressed.

Mutton, in pieces of forequarters, breast and shoulders, without ribs, about 300,000 pounds.

Roasting pieces of Beef, about 55,000 pounds.

Beefsteaks, Sirloin, about 65,000 pounds.

Corned Beef, rumps, and plates or navels, about 25,000 pounds.

The above to be from cattle weighing not less than 650 pounds dressed.

Mutton, hind quarters, about 50,000 pounds.

Pork, loins, about 10,000 pounds.

Veal, cutlets and loins, about 25,000 pounds.

No ram mutton, nor bruised beef, bull beef, or cow beef will be received.

Reference is made to the approved form of contract and the specifications forming a part thereof on file in the office of the Department for fuller and more particular information as to the kinds and sizes of the pieces of meat to be furnished.

All the above quantities are estimated and approximate only, and bidders are notified that if the Department shall require more than those quantities, or any of them, the contractor must furnish all that is required, and will be paid therefor only at the rates or prices named in the contract; and that in case the above-named quantities or any of them shall not be required by the Department, no allowance will be made for any real or supposed damage or loss of profit.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

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

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

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars before making their estimates.

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

Payment for the officers, nurses, attendants, etc., will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued monthly; and for the other meats by a like requisition issued weekly.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 13, 1879.

TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISH- ing, during the year 1880, fresh fish for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M., of the 27th day of December, 1879. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for furnishing Fresh Fish," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

The kind of fish required are fresh cod, porgies, and blue fish.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be from time to time, directed by the said Department. The entire quantity required to be delivered during the year will be about 500,000 pounds.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars.

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

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

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars, before making their estimates.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued monthly.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 13, 1879.

TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISH- ing, during the year 1880, for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, Condensed Cows' Milk, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M. of the 27th day of December 1879. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for furnishing Condensed Cows' Milk," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Department. The entire quantity required to be delivered during the year will be about two hundred and twenty thousand (220,000) quarts.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties in the penal sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

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

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

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and re-let as provided by law.

The quality of the milk must conform in every respect to the requirements of the specifications. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars before making their estimates.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued from time to time as set forth in the proposed form of contract.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 13, 1879.
TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, December 13, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR 5,000 TONS OF WHITE ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-DOOR POOR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, the 27th day of December, 1879, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for 5,000 tons White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality; each ton to consist of two thousand pounds, to be well screened, and delivered in such quantities and in such parts of the city as may be required in specifications, and ordered from time to time, south of Eighty-sixth street, after the 1st day of January, 1880, 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 ten thousand dollars, 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 reserves the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

PROPOSALS FOR POULTRY.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS FOR 6,335 POUNDS TURKEYS, 7,395 pounds Chickens.

To be of good quality as to age and condition, and subject to careful inspection, and all delivered on Wednesday, 24th December, before six o'clock, A. M.

—will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Saturday the 20th day of December, 1879. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate" for Poultry, and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept any bid or estimate as a whole, or for any one or more articles included therein. No bid or estimate 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 a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Department, but the entire quantity will be required to be delivered on the 24th of December, before 6 o'clock A. M., after the date of the contract.

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

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

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

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and re-let as provided by law.

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

Payment will be made by requisition on the Comptroller, issued on the completion of the contract, or from time to time as the Commissioners may determine.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 9, 1879.
TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, December 15, 1879.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS, INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, which must be indorsed with the name of the bidder, and the title and number of the work, as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until Monday, December 29, 1879, at 12 o'clock, A. M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read, for the following works:

NO. 1. SEWER in Front street, between Dover and Roosevelt streets.

NO. 2. SEWER in Fifth avenue, east side, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-ninth streets.

NO. 3. SEWERS in Avenue B, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-sixth streets, and in Eighty-fifth street, between Avenues A and B.

NO. 4. SEWER in Forty-third street, between First avenue and East river.

NO. 5. SEWER in One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues.

NO. 6. SEWER in Macdougall street, between West Fourth street and West Washington place, from end of present sewer in West Washington place.

NO. 7. REGULATING, GRADING, AND SETTING CURB AND GUTTER STONES AND FLAGGING in Seventy-first street, between Fifth avenue and the East river.

NO. 8. PAVING Seventy-sixth street, between Second avenue and Avenue A, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

Blank forms of proposals, the specifications and agreements, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the bids, and any further information desired, can be obtained for each class of work, at the following offices: Sewers, Room 21; Regulating and Grading, Room 11; and Paving, Room 4, City Hall.

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in his judgment the same may be for the best interests of the City.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, No. 2 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUILDERS.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR INTERESTS, property owners and builders are requested to refuse admission into their buildings to any officer of this Department who does not show his proper badge of office on demand.

All badges issued from this office are shield shaped, with the title of the officer, the name of this Department, and the number engraved thereon, and are numbered from 1 to 50. The following badges are lost or stolen: Inspectors, badges Nos. 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, and 50. Fire Escape Examiners, badges Nos. 3 and 8, and Messenger's badge No. 7. All parties professing to be officers of this Department not provided with badges of the above description, or who attempt to use badges of the above named missing numbers, or an oval shaped badge, formerly used in the Department, are impostors, and the public are cautioned against recognizing such persons, and are requested to report the same to this office in any case that may come to their notice.

HENRY J. DUDLEY,
Superintendent of Buildings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, December 17, 1879.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ARTICLES and materials below enumerated will be sold by Van Tassel & Kearney, Auctioneers, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Tuesday, December 23, 1879, as follows:

- No. 1. 1 composition tower bell.
- " 2. Old scrap iron, wrought and cast.
- " 3. Old tire iron.
- " 4. Old iron wire.
- " 5. 10 old iron bedsteads.
- " 6. 9 old iron hay-racks.
- " 7. Old rope.
- " 8. Old carpet.
- " 9. Old packing.
- " 10. 1 two-wheel hose jumper.
- " 11. 1 buggy.
- " 12. 2 hook and ladder truck perches.
- " 13. Old combination hose.
- " 14. Old leather hose.
- " 15. Old unlined linen hose.
- " 16. Old balusters, window blinds, and window awning.
- " 17. Old iron office railing.
- " 18. 440 pounds composition castings, more or less.
- " 19. 448 pounds composition boiler tubes, more or less.
- " 20. 140 pounds composition lathe turnings, more or less.
- " 21. 8 empty oil barrels.

The several articles, etc., may be seen at any time prior to the sale, as follows:

Lot 1, at the quarters of Engine Company No. 16, No. 223 East Twenty-fifth street.

Lots 2 to 21, inclusive, at No. 20 Eldridge street.

The sale will begin with Lot 1, at No. 223 East Twenty-fifth street, promptly at 10 o'clock A. M., on the day named, and continued at No. 20 Eldridge street, with Lots 2 to 21, inclusive, in the order of enumeration.

All the articles must be removed from the premises within twenty-four hours after the sale.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, November 7, 1878.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Commissioners of this Department will meet daily at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

By order of the Board.
VINCENT C. KING, President,
JOHN J. GORMAN, Treasurer,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners.
CARL JUSSEN,
Secretary

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-ninth street, from Eighth avenue to the new road or drive, and from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson 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:

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 Charles H. Haswell, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 22), in the said city, on or before the twenty-first day of January, 1880, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said first day of January, 1880, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office, on each of said ten days, at three o'clock P. M.

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-first day of January, 1880.

That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, lying and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line or side of Eighth avenue, distant one hundred feet and eight inches north from the northwesterly corner of Eighty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, and running thence westerly and parallel with Eighty-ninth street to the established bulkhead line on the Hudson river; thence southerly along said bulkhead line two hundred and sixty-two feet and six and one-half inches; thence easterly and parallel with Eighty-ninth street to the westerly line or side of Eighth avenue; and thence northerly along the westerly line or side of Eighth avenue two hundred and sixty-two feet and four inches to the point or place of beginning.

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 5th day of February, 1880, 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, December 3, 1879.

CHARLES H. HASWELL,
BERNARD SMYTH,
RICHARD CROKER,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-second street, from First avenue to Avenue B, 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 Menzo Dieffendorf, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 71 Broadway, Room 124, in the said city, on or before the 20th day of January, 1880; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within ten week days next after the said 20th day of January, 1880, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

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 20th day of January, 1880.

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, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of First avenue distant one hundred and two feet, two inches from the northerly side of Eighty-second street; thence easterly and parallel with Eighty-second street to a point distant one hundred feet easterly from the easterly side of Avenue B, and one hundred and two feet and two inches northerly from the northerly side of Eighty-second street; thence southerly and parallel with the easterly side of Avenue B to a point distant one hundred and two feet two inches southerly from the southerly side of Eighty-second street; thence westerly and parallel with Eighty-second street to a point on the easterly side of First avenue distant one hundred and two feet two inches southerly from the southerly side of Eighty-second street; and thence northerly along the easterly side of First 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 third day of February, 1880, 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, December 2d, 1879.
MENZO DIEFFENDORF,
GEORGE H. SWORDS,
THOMAS L. FEITNER,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-first street, from the Boulevard to the new avenue, and from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson 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 lands, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

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 Court-house in the City of New York, on the 30th day of December, 1879, at 10 o'clock A. M. on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, November 15, 1879.
CHARLES PRICE,
JOSEPH MEERS,
LOUIS MESIER,
Commissioners

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of a new road or street, commonly known as Bronx River road, though not yet named by proper authority, from Grand avenue to the north line of the City of New York, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of said city.

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 lands, 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 any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections, in writing, duly verified, to George W. McGlynn, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 261 Broadway, Rooms 34 and 35, in said city, on or before the first day of December, 1879; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said first day of December, and will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 3 o'clock P. M.

Second.—That the abstract of said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits taken, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, there to remain until the 11th day of December, 1879. That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the northerly line of Grand avenue, with the westerly line of the lands of the Harlem Railroad Company, thence running northerly along the westerly line of the said railroad company's lands to the westerly bank of the Bronx river; thence northerly along the westerly bank of the Bronx river as the same winds and turns, to the northerly line of the City of New York; thence westerly along the northerly line of the City of New York to a point where the said line would be intersected by the prolongation of a line drawn parallel to, and two hundred feet westerly of the westerly line of First street; thence southerly along the prolongation of said line, and along said line to the northerly side of Grand avenue; thence easterly along the northerly side of Grand avenue, to the point or place of beginning.

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 at Chambers in the Court-house in the City of New York on the 31st day of December, 1879, at ten o'clock of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that then and there a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, October 28, 1879.
GEORGE W. MCGLYNN,
BERNARD SMYTH,
JULIUS HEIDERMAN,
Commissioners.

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