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COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Abstract of the proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at the meeting held April 1, 1874.

Present—Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor, Chairman, Hon. John K. Hackett, Recorder, Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, Geo. W. Lane, Esq., Chamberlain, Jenkins Van Schaick, Esq., Chairman of Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen.

A communication was received from William C. Traphagen, in relation to the preamble and resolution submitted by the Comptroller at the last meeting, to rescind certain proceedings and action by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund July 25th, 1871, which, on motion, was ordered on file.

The Preamble and Resolution laid over at the last meeting, and made the special order for this meeting, were taken up for action;

Whereupon, The Comptroller moved to strike out of the resolution the words, "and that notice of the action of this Board be forthwith given to said William C. Traphagen."

The Recorder proposed to strike out of said resolution the words "purported," and "pretended," stating his reasons therefor; and then moved that the preamble and resolution be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion; whereupon, the chairman of the Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen, submitted, as a substitute, the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the communication of Mr. Traphagen be referred to the Mayor, to inquire into the right of this Commission to abrogate the contract heretofore made with Mr. Traphagen regarding water grants, etc., power being hereby given to the Mayor to consult with the Corporation Counsel or other counsel, as he (the Mayor) may elect—which was not adopted; the Mayor, Comptroller and Chamberlain voting in the negative, and the Recorder and Chairman of Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen, voting in the affirmative.

The motion of the Comptroller to strike out of the resolution the words, "and that notice of the action of this Board be forthwith given to said William C. Traphagen," was adopted; the Mayor, Comptroller, Chamberlain and Chairman of Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen, voting in the affirmative, and the Recorder in the negative.

On motion, the Preamble and Resolution as amended, viz.:

Whereas, On the minutes of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, there appears a writing purporting to be an agreement entered into on the 20th of July, 1871, between the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and one William C. Traphagen, relative to furnishing information in relation to the recovery of City property held adversely to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York; and,

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are of the opinion that said pretended agreement is without authority of law, and wholly inoperative and void, and that if said pretended agreement were to be deemed and held binding, and valid, and effective by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the interests of the City would be greatly embarrassed and damaged, and great loss would accrue; and,

Whereas, The said pretended agreement would, if held valid, afford great opportunity for oppressive measures upon innocent parties, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a certain resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, purporting to authorize the execution of such pretended

agreement, and the pretended adoption thereof as the act of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the 25th day of July, 1871, be and the same is hereby vacated and set aside, rescinded, abrogated and cancelled, and that such pretended agreement is hereby declared to be void, and of no force or effect, were adopted; the Mayor, Comptroller and Chamberlain, voting in the affirmative, and the Recorder and Chairman of the Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen voting in the negative.

The application of Board of Police to have the lease of the upper part of Eleventh Precinct Station House (3d floor of Union Market), to the Father Matthew T. A. B. Society No. 4, for five years, from May 1, 1872, cancelled, and the room assigned to the Police Department, as a Police Drill Room, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller with power.

The Preamble and Resolutions in relation to leasing Ferry Franchises, submitted at the last meeting and approved as to form, and laid over for future consideration as to the percentage to be charged on the gross receipts for use of franchise, were taken up for action; when, on motion, the blanks were filled by inserting two and one half (2½), and the preamble and resolutions unanimously adopted, viz.—

WHEREAS, Under existing laws, the right and authority to order, direct, construct, improve and lease all pier and wharf property belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, is vested in the Department of Docks of said city, and the right and authority to sell or lease any other property belonging to said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty is vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said city. And whereas, the ferry franchise belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, is a property right, independent of any and all ownership of wharves, piers and slips around this city, and full power and authority is vested in said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to lease the same at public auction or by sealed bids, in the manner provided by law.

And whereas, there are cases where ferries have been established at places where the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty are the owners of pier and wharf property necessary for the use and maintenance of such ferries, and the same cannot be properly operated and maintained without the sanction of and lease of said property from the said Department of Docks, for a period similar in time to that for which the ferries should be leased. And whereas, it appears proper that no leases whatever of ferry franchise, and of the right to maintain and operate ferries around this city, should be granted, which would be likely in any manner to interfere with or hinder the improvement of the bulkheads, wharves and piers around this city, therefore—

RESOLVED, That no lease of ferry franchise around or from the City of New York, will hereafter be granted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, until the Department of Docks of this city shall have certified to this Board, in writing, that the granting of such franchise for a term not exceeding ten years, will not, in any manner, be likely to interfere with or hinder the improvement of the bulkheads, piers and wharves, at the location designated for the use of such franchise, during a specified term, not exceeding ten years from the date of the expiration of existing or future leases, and from the first day of May next, in cases where leases have expired or no leases exist.

AND WHEREAS, It appears desirable to establish a uniform rate of charge for the use of the ferry franchise belonging to the corporation, at all ferries around the Island of Manhattan, as the minimum rate for which such ferry franchise or license to operate ferries shall be used and enjoyed, and also that it is necessary by law that no leases of such property be made except for the highest marketable price or rental, to be obtained at public auction or by sealed bids, and always after advertisement and appraisal under the direction of this Board; therefore—

RESOLVED, That in all cases where no leases of established ferries exist, or existing leases of ferries expire before the further direction of this Board, that the minimum of charge, price of rental, for the lease or license to use the ferry franchise belonging to and owned by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New

York, be, and the same is hereby appraised at and set at two and one-half per centum of the gross receipts that shall hereafter accrue or be collected from time to time, at each separate ferry for which such lease or license shall be granted, and the leases to be made hereafter shall contain covenants binding the lessees to pay quarter yearly, for the use of the franchise at each ferry, unto the Corporation of the City of New York, the highest marketable price which shall be obtained, the same being always a percentage on the gross receipts of each ferry as aforesaid, for the use of the ferry franchise at the respective ferries so to be leased, but not less than at the minimum rate of two and one-half per centum aforesaid.

And also, that each of the leases aforesaid, shall contain a covenant that the lessees shall quarter yearly, from and after the commencement of all leases, make and deliver to the Comptroller of the City of New York, a statement in writing, verified by the oath or affirmation of the lessee or its or his proper officer or agent, of the actual total gross receipts for *ferriage* received by such lessee during the preceding three months; and also a covenant that such lessee shall and will at all times during the continuance of the lease, keep regular books of accounts, showing the daily gross receipts of the ferry leased, and allow such Comptroller or any person or persons designated by him in writing, to examine such books of account and take copies or extracts therefrom at all reasonable times.

And it is hereby further

RESOLVED, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to forthwith take all necessary measures to lease the franchise for all existing ferries for which leases have not been executed, or for which leases have expired, or for which the leases will expire on the first day of May next; and that said measures be taken in accordance with the foregoing conditions; but that all such leases be submitted to this Board for its approval, as a condition precedent to their final execution and delivery.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks, requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to direct the Comptroller to prepare and issue Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for one million of dollars, for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks; which, on motion, was laid on the table for future action.

The Comptroller submitted the valuations of Real Estate, made by William Kennelly, appointed by virtue of Resolution of this Board, adopted January 31, 1874, to fix the valuations of the real estate to be sold by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; which, on motion, were laid on the table for future consideration.

W. H. DIKEMAN,

Clerk.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS,

&c., &c.,

PASSED BY BOTH BRANCHES OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

AND

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR,

DURING THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 1874.

Resolved, That James Gallagher be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York in place and stead of William Alt, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 16, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That Edward T. Fitzgerald be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York in place and stead of James Mahon whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 2, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That John M. O'Brien be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of Thomas A. Maguire, who has failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 23, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That Hubert Peck be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 23, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That Jacob L. Hanes be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, his term of office having expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 9, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That William Hayes be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of Benjamin F. Finley, who has failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 2, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That John H. McCabe be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 30, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That Herman Schroeter be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 30, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That from and after the passage of this resolution the use of the Governor's Room, in the City Hall, for any purpose whatever, shall not be permitted, unless by resolution of the Common Council, duly approved by the Mayor.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 30, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That the Common Council of this city sincerely regrets the death of the late John Pearsall, Esq., who was an Assistant Alderman in the years 1849 and 1850, and a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1851, and for more than thirty years a prominent merchant in this city.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family and friends of deceased who has, by an agreeable disposition, endeared himself to many associates from his youth to an advanced age.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions, properly subscribed by the Clerk of the Common Council, be sent to the family of deceased.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 30, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1874.

Resolved, That Levin S. Tarr be and is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That George E. Macoy, be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York to date from the expiration of his present term of office.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That Patrick McCabe be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York in place of John Ford whose term expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

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

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen March 26, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That A. W. Sheldon be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York in place of Peter McKnight, whose term has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 19, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That Thomas Franklin be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 19, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That the resolution and ordinance which became adopted March 31st, 1874, providing for the flagging of the sidewalks on the

both sides of the Ninth avenue, from Fifty-ninth to Sixtieth street, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to R. T. Auchmuty to erect a bay window on his premises, situated on the northwest corner of Fifty-seventh street and Madison avenue, as per annexed diagram, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 19, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Alderman, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Thomas M. Cabe to erect and keep a watering trough at the South-east corner of Eleventh avenue and Forty-third street, provided the work be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the permission hereby given shall continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Fifty-sixth street from Ninth to Tenth avenues be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Oct. 27, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to J. M. Settger, to place and keep an ornamental lamp on the sidewalk opposite No. 403 Hudson street, provided the gas therefor be supplied through his own metre; that the lamp-post shall not exceed in dimensions the ordinary street lamp-posts; the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the permission hereby given shall continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That on north side of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, between the Third and Fourth avenues, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Jan. 19, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That on both sides of Fifty-seventh street, from Eleventh avenue to the Hudson river, curb and gutter stones be set, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Alderman, Jan. 19, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That the vacant lots on Madison avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Seventieth streets, and on Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets from Fourth to Fifth avenues be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Nov. 20, 1873.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 30, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That gas mains be laid and street lamps lighted in One hundred and nineteenth street, between Avenue A and steamboat landing, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Dec. 22, 1873.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street lamps lighted in Lexington avenue, from Sixty-fifth to Seventy-fourth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen April 2, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Dec. 22, 1873.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Thomas Canary, for the sum of one hundred dollars; Michael Duffy, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; Edward McMahon, for the sum of one hundred dollars; Edward Van Ranst, for the sum of fifty dollars; A. T. Stewart & Co., for the sum of two hundred and seventy-nine dollars and thirty-six cents; C. S. Grafula, for the sum of four hundred and fifty-one dollars; and Joseph C. Pinckney, for the sum of one hundred and fourteen dollars, to be in full for their respective bills hereto annexed, and charge the same to the appropriation for "city contingencies."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 9, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 30, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Approved by the Mayor, April 10, 1874.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Charles R. Cole to erect an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of his premises, No. 258 West Twenty-third street, provided such lamp-post shall not exceed the ordinary street lamp-post in dimensions, the work to be done and gas supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the permission hereby given shall continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 9, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 10, 1874.

Resolved, That George W. White be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of John Webber, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 9, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Thomas M. Cabe to erect and keep a watering trough at the South-east corner of Eleventh avenue and Forty-third street, provided the work be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the permission hereby given shall continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 9, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Fifty-sixth street from Ninth to Tenth avenues be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 6, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, April 7, 1874.

Resolved, That the lease of premises No. 154 West 31st street, be and is hereby cancelled, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the rent to April 1, 1874. All voting aye.

Communication from James E. Montgomery, requesting detail of patrolmen at the Academy of Music on the 14th inst., was referred to the Superintendent with power.

Resolved, That the lease of premises No. 154 West 31st street, be and is hereby cancelled, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the rent to April 1, 1874. All voting aye.

Communication from James E. Montgomery, requesting detail of patrolmen at the Academy of Music on the 14th inst., was referred to the Superintendent with power.

Weekly statement of the Comptroller, showing amount of appropriations and payments to the Police Department, was referred to the Treasurer.

An application of Henry C. Dubois, for appointment as doorman, was ordered on file.

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Resolved, That the lease of premises No. 154 West 31st street, be and is hereby cancelled, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the rent to April 1, 1874. All voting aye.

Communication from James E. Montgomery, requesting detail of patrolmen at the Academy of Music on the 14th inst., was referred to the Superintendent with power.

Resolved, That the lease of premises No. 154 West 31st street, be and is hereby cancelled, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the rent to April 1, 1874. All voting aye.

Communication from James E. Montgomery, requesting detail of patrolmen at the Academy of Music on the 14th inst., was referred to the Superintendent with power.

Resolved, That the lease of premises No. 154 West 31st street, be and is hereby cancelled, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the rent to April 1, 1874. All voting aye.

Communication from James E. Montgomery, requesting detail of patrolmen at the Academy of Music on the 14th inst., was referred to the Superintendent with power.

Resolved, That the lease of premises No. 154 West 31st street, be and is hereby cancelled, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the rent to April 1, 1874. All voting aye.

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Resolved, That the lease of premises No. 154 West 31st street, be and is hereby cancelled, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the rent to April 1, 1874. All voting aye.

suit against the owners of canal boat "Martha King," for wharfage due the City.

March 26th—Three proposals for furnishing 5,000 white or yellow pine or spruce piles, were received and publicly opened and read, in the presence of the Comptroller, and the award of the contract deferred for further consideration.

March 26th—Comptroller advised that the issuing of a grant of land under water, between 91st and 92d street, E. R., (under application made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by Julius A. Condee and Alfred P. Arnold, dated May 10, 1871), will not interfere with the plans of the Department, provided the easterly limit of the said grant shall not be beyond the bulkhead and pier line, as established in 1857, etc.

March 26th—Comptroller advised that the issuing of a grant of land under water, between 123d and 124th streets, H. R., (under application made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by Nathaniel Terpeny, dated Feb. 4, 1869), will not interfere with the plans of the Department, provided the easterly limit of the said grant shall not be beyond the bulkhead and pier line, as established in 1857, etc.

March 26th—Chas. H. Marshall & Co. informed that the manual of the Department contains the rules and orders adopted under the authority of the laws of the State, for the control of the piers, etc., of the City and of goods discharged thereon; and that upon notice being given to this Department of non-removal of goods, prompt action will be taken in the premises.

March 26th—Offer of Francis F. Fellers to pay \$50 for purchase of old dock removed from foot of Christopher street, N.R., and now lying at the foot of West 56th street, accepted.

March 26th—Offer of M. Goodwin to sell 4 stone scows, declined, the law requiring the purchase of such material to be by contract, publicly advertised.

March 26th—Recommendations of Engineer-in-Chief, that full time be allowed to James Leonard, laborer, injured whilst in employ of Department, disapproved; the granting of an allowance in such cases being deemed detrimental to the service of this Department.

March 26th—Supt. of Docks for the District directed to notify owners of the corrugated iron building on bulkhead, between Perry and 11th streets, N. R., to remove same within 10 days from receipt of notice.

March 26th—Treasurer authorized to pay \$10 to Captain Reuben M. Potter, Assist. Quarter-master at Fort Wood, N. Y. Harbor, for distribution to the crew of his barge, as salvage on timber of the Department, picked up adrift by said crew.

Receipts and Disbursements.

Dock and Slip rents collected during March, 1874, and deposited with the Chamberlain to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.	\$21,796 28
Requisitions made on the Comptroller to pay, as follows:	
Laborers' pay roll, 2 weeks ending March 7, 1874.	13,735 86
Laborers' pay roll, 2 weeks ending March 21, 1874.	16,750 40
Eighty-six audited bills.	81,196 27
Salaries for month of March, 1874.	10,798 32
	\$122,480 85
EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.	

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

New York, April 13, 1874.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending April 11, 1874:

W. W. ADAMS,
Superintendent of Buildings.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS.

Plans, Specifications and Special Applications filed, examined and passed upon.

NEW BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined... 24

No. of Buildings embraced in same... 2

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings	5
French Flats	1
Tenements	16
First class stores	1
Third class stores	2
Manufactories and Workshops	4
Stables	2
*Frame Dwellings	1
Total	32

*In Westchester districts.

Plans &c., approved, including those previously filed... 22

 " amended and approved... 3

 " pending... 7

Total... 32

ALTERED BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined... 53

 " Buildings embraced in same... 55

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings	8
Second class Dwellings	14
French Flats	1
Tenements	14
Hotels and Boarding Houses	2
First class Stores	2
Second class Stores	1
Manufactories and Workshops	5
Frame Dwellings	2
Total	55

BUILDINGS EXAMINED AND PLANS RELATING THERETO PASSED UPON INCLUDING THOSE PREVIOUSLY FILED.

Approved... 47

Amended and approved... 4

Pending... 19

Total... 70

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS.

Number filed examined and passed upon...	37
Approved...	21
Amended and approved...	1
Disapproved...	6
No. pending...	9
Total...	37

ROBERT McGINNIS,
Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF VIOLATIONS, UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND COMPLAINTS.

Abstract of operations for the week ending April 11, 1874:	
Complaints received from outside sources...	9
Violations of the law reported...	10
Violations of the law removed...	17
Unsafe buildings reported...	47
Unsafe buildings made safe...	14
Unsafe buildings taken down...	4
Surveys held on unsafe buildings...	6
Violation cases sent to Attorney for prosecution...	0
Unsafe building cases sent to Attorney for prosecution...	0
Violation notices served...	28
Unsafe building notices served...	85
Buildings surveyed as to general condition...	638

The classification of the unsafe buildings reported are as follows:

Unsafe walls...	21
" chimneys...	15
" lintels...	4
" generally...	2
" roof of balcony...	1
" roof...	1
" fence wall...	1
" piers...	1
" floors...	1
Total...	47

ANDREW OWENS,
Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF IRON WORK.

Abstract of operations for the week ending April 11, 1874:	
Buildings reported for fire-escapes...	52
Fire-escapes provided...	47
Arch girders tested (10 approved and 1 not)...	11
Iron beams tested (19 approved and 1 not)...	20
Iron lintels tested (16 approved and 1 not)...	17
Notices for Fire Escapes served...	48
Cases sent to Attorney for prosecution...	1

THOMAS S. GAYTON,
Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF THEATRES, HOTELS, SCHOOL-HOUSES, CHURCHES, FACTORIES AND SPECIAL SURVEYS.

Abstract of operations during the week ending April 11, 1874:	
Buildings reported for fire-escapes...	52
Fire-escapes provided...	47

THEATRES.

Seventeen theatres and places of public amusement have been visited and inspected as follows, to wit:

The Bowery Stadt, Olympic, Theatre Comique Germania assembly rooms, Metropolitan, Niblos, Harry Hills', Steinway Hall, 5th ave., Theatre, Academy of Music, Tivoli, Germania Theatre, Grand Opera House, Berrys' Opera House, Fox's new Broadway and the Park Theatre, no infraction of the Building law noted in either.

Special surveys were held upon Fox's new Broadway the Tivoli, Berry's Opera House and the Park Theatre and where found not to be provided with proper and sufficient fire safeguards the parties in interest were required to provide them.

HOTELS.

Fifteen hotels and lodging houses have been carefully inspected as to their condition for safety in case of fire, and where found to be, insufficiently provided with proper means and appliances for egress and escape, the parties in interest have been notified and required to provide additional fire safeguards.

FACTORIES.

55 factories and buildings used for manufacturing purposes have been thoroughly inspected as to their condition for safety and the means and appliances therein, severally provided for the egress and escape in case of fire, and where found to be insufficiently provided for, in this respect, the parties in interest have been notified and required to forthwith provide such additional fire safeguards as being deemed requisite, had been recommended by the Department Inspectors charged with the duty of such examinations, 15 buildings (hotels and factories) were reported as requiring additional safeguards. 9 hotels and factory cases, in which the owners have complied with the requirements of the law, have been retired, and all proceedings thereunder discontinued, and one in which the owners or parties interest have failed, neglected or refused to comply, has been placed in the hands of the attorney for prosecution.

CHAS. K. HYDE,
Chief of Bureau.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Mayor's Marshal, No. 5, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.
License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Supervisors, 7 and 8, City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Clerk of Board of Assistant Aldermen, 9½ City Hall, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.
Comptroller's Office, West end.

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

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

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

 4. Auditing Bureau; Main floor, west end.

 5. Bureau of Licenses; Ground floor, west end.

 6. Bureau of Markets; Ground floor, west end.

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

 8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments; Rotunda.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, 82 Nassau street, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square,
New York, April 6, 1874.

PROPOSALS FOR SCREENED GRAVEL.

PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL be received at the Office of the Department of Public Parks as above until Friday, the 17th day of April, 1874, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock, A. M., when they will be publicly opened, for Five thousand (\$5,000) cubic yards of Screened Gravel, suitable for walks and roads, and similar to that heretofore used on the Public Parks of the city of New York; to be delivered in such quantities and at such times and places or any of the public parks of the city of New York as may be required.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a sample of the gravel proposed to be furnished, by satisfactory evidence that the party making the proposal has the means and facilities to furnish the gravel, and by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residences being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal.

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

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

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the terms of the contract, (settled as required by law,) seen at the office of the secretary as above.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and endorsed "Proposals for Screened Gravel."

S. H. WALES, President.
H. G. STEBBINS,
PH. BISSINGER,
D. B. WILLIAMSON,
SAMUEL HALL,
Commissioners.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF NEW YORK (127 and 129 Mercer street),
NEW YORK, April 4, 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING old apparatus, &c., will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, on Thursday, April 16, 1874, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Repair Shops of this Department, Nos. 19 and 21, Elizabeth street. All articles purchased at this sale must be removed within five days thereafter:

Two (2) hand fire engines.
Three (3) 4-wheel hose carriages.
One (1) 4-wheel hose crab.
Two (2) hook and ladder trucks.
Two (2) fire extinguishers.
Two (2) suction.
Two (2) suction baskets.
Two (2) brass pipes.
Two (2) brass nozzles.
Two (2) wrenches.
Four (4) reel wrenches.
One (1) chain hook and rope.
Ten (10) ladders.
Three (3) leather pipes with brass nozzles.
One (1) drag rope 180 feet long.
One (1) " " 40 "
One (1) " " 125 "
One (1) " " 135 "
Fifty-four (54) lengths leather hose.
Three (3) lengths canvas hose.
Two (2) fire bells (old).

The above articles may be seen prior to the day of sale upon inquiry at the Repair shops, with exception of the fire bells which are at No. 120 Amity street.

JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
ROSWELL D. HATCH,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
New York, April 9, 1874.

THE COMMISSIONERS DESIRE TO CAUTION the Tax Payers of New York against the imposition practiced by persons pretending to be connected with this Department, who offer to obtain reductions in the assessed value of Real or Personal Estate.

Any pretence of ability, on the part of such persons to effect a reduction is fraudulent.

The Books of the Department are open to the public, and will remain so until the 30th inst., and all representations made to the Commissioners, for which purpose blanks are in readiness, receive the most careful attention.

There is no other method of having complaints attended to or errors rectified.

JOHN WHEELER,
GEO. H. ANDREWS,
SEVERN D. MOULTON,
Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
New York, January 5, 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOOKS of Annual Record of the assessments upon the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New York, for the year 1874, will be open for inspection and revision, on and after Monday, January 12th, 1874, and will remain open until the 30th day of April, 1874, inclusive, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate.

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

By order of the Board,

ALBERT STORER,
Secretary

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE OBTAINED at No. 2, City Hall, (N. W. corner basement.) Price three cents each.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR \$3,899,494 86.

NEW YORK COUNTY BONDS FOR THE STATE SINKING FUND DEFICIENCY.

Authorized by an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, Chapter 147, passed April 10, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Comptroller's Office until Thursday, April 23, 1874, at 2 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of \$3,899,494 86 of "NEW YORK COUNTY BONDS FOR THE STATE SINKING FUND DEFICIENCY," as authorized by section 2 of Chapter 147 of the Laws of 1874.

Said Bonds will bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable on the first day of May and November in each year, and the principal will be made payable as follows:

May 1, 1877	.....	\$389,949 48
" 1878	.....	389,949 48
" 1879	.....	389,949 48
" 1880	.....	389,949 48
" 1881	.....	389,949 48
" 1882	.....	389,949 48
" 1883	.....	389,949 48
" 1884	.....	389,949 48
" 1885	.....	389,949 48
" 1886	.....	389,949 48

Total..... \$3,899,494 86

The proposals will state the amount of Bonds and what years of redemption are desired, and also the price per one hundred dollars thereof for each issue proposed for; and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them respectively, together with any premiums thereon.

On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposit the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par value of the sums awarded to them bearing interest from the dates of payment.

Each proposal should be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for New York County Bonds," and enclosed in a second envelope addressed to the Comptroller.

The right is reserved on the part of the Comptroller to reject any or all of bids, if, in his judgment, the interests of the County require it.

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,	.....
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,	.....
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,	.....

April 14, 1874.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,	.....
ROTUNDA, COURT HOUSE,	.....

NEW YORK, April 10, 1874.

PROPERTY HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

Confirmed March 26, 1874—First avenue—Paving from Thirty-sixth to Sixty-first streets.

One hundred and seventeenth street—Paving from Fourth avenue to Harlem river.

Underground Drains between Seventy-first and Seventy-fourth streets, and between Ninth avenue and Boulevard.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before the 10th day of June next, will be exempt according to law, from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of 7 per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

BUREAU OF COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,	.....
ROTUNDA, COURT HOUSE,	.....

NEW YORK, March 31, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS.

PROPERTY HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

Confirmed March 19, 1874—5th st., paving, from Lexington to 4th ave.

" 4th st., paving, from 9th to 10th ave.

Gansevoort st., regulating, etc., from West st. to North river.

82d st., regulating, &c., from 4th to 5th ave.

10th st., regulating, &c., from 3d ave. to Harlem river.

145th st., regulating, &c., 7th ave. to Boulevard.

61st st., curb, gutter, &c., from 9th to 10th ave.

Monroe st., flagging w. s., from No. 311 to Corlears st.

Corlears st., flagging w. s., from No. 1 to Monroe st.

Front st., flagging n. s. from Montgomery to Gouverneur st.

14th st., flagging, No. 341 to No. 347 bet. 1st and 2d aves.

51st st., flagging, from 1st to 2d aves.

52d st., flagging, n. s., from 5th ave. to 175 feet west.

54th st., flagging, s. s., from 6th to 7th aves.

54th st., flagging, n. s., from 4d ave. about 125 ft. east.

57th st., flagging, n. s., 9th ave. to about 250 ft. east.

57th st., flagging, from 9th to 10th aves.

59th st., flagging, from 1st to 2d aves.

51st st., sewer, from 6th to 7th aves.

63th st. and Lexington ave., basin, n. w. corner.

Peck slip and Water st., basin, n. e. corner.

Tompkins and Stanton sts., basin, s. w. corner.

53d st., fencing vacant lots, n. s., bet. 3d and 6th aves.

57th st., fencing vacant lots, n. s., bet. 9th ave. to 250 ft. east.

61st st., fencing vacant lots, n. s., 2d to 3d aves.

6th ave., sewer, from 125th to 129th sts.

Tompkins and Rivington sts., basin, s. w. corner.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before the 29th day of May next, will be exempt according to law, from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of 7 per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

ANDREW W. LEGGAT,
Acting Collector.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City and County of New York, due May 1st, 1874, will be paid on that day, by the Chamberlain, at his office in the New Court House.

The Transfer Books will be closed from March 24th to May 1st, 1874.

AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.City of New York,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
Comptroller's Office, March 16th, 1874.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
Commissioner's Office, 10 City Hall,
New York, April 14, 1874.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the title of the work, and the name of bidder endorsed thereon, (also the number of the work as in the advertisement,) will be received at this office until the 25th day of April, 1874, at 12 o'clock M., for the following works:

No. 1. Sewer in Mangin street, between Stanton and Houston streets.

No. 2. Sewer in Sheriff street, between Grand and Broome streets.

No. 3. Sewer in Cannon street, between Broome and Delancey streets.

No. 4. Sewers in Lewis street, between Sixth and Eighth streets.

No. 5. Sewer in Sixty-sixth street, between Boulevard and Tenth avenue.

No. 6. Sewer in One hundred and twenty-third street, between Sixth avenue and Mount Morris square.

No. 7. Sewer in One hundred and thirtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

No. 8. Sewers in One hundred and fifty-second street, between Boulevard and Tenth avenue, and in Tenth avenue, between One hundred and fifty-second and One hundred and fifty-fifth streets.

No. 9. Sewer in Madison avenue and New avenue east, between One hundred and twenty-first and One hundred and twenty-fifth streets, with branches.