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LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINIONS OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

The authority of the Fire Department to purchase implements convenient to the extinguishment of fires, is amply secured by law, and extends to the purchase of rights secured by the patent laws of the United States.

The provisions of the Charter requiring contracts for supplies to be awarded to the lowest bidder, upon opportunity for competition, do not apply to the acquirement of the right to manufacture an invention, unique and distinctive in its character, covered by letters patent.

The 115th section of the Charter providing that except for repairs no patented pavement shall be laid, and no patented article shall be advertised for, contracted for or purchased, except upon competition, cannot be construed to deprive the Fire Department of authority to purchase, without advertising for proposals, the right to use a patented and unique invention.

Provisions of law, however useful, which relate to the mere mode of proceeding to reach an end, must be regarded as sufficiently flexible to give way when a most important object is to be achieved, going to the very purpose of the maintenance of a municipal department.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, April 28, 1874.

Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller:

SIR:—You transmit for my examination a bill of Mary Bella Scott Uda, dated February 11th, 1874, for \$25,000, which the Fire Department has agreed to pay, for an assignment and license, under United States Patent No. 142,349, of the right to manufacture and use for municipal purposes an improved fire escape and "aerial ladder." Accompanying the bill is the letter patent granted by the United States, a certificate of the Commissioner of Patents relating thereto, the assignment of the inventor, and a power of attorney from Michel Uda to the claimant. You request my opinion upon the following positions:

First.—Is the purchase by the Commissioners of the Fire Department of a right under letters patent, and the expenditure of the amount in question, authorized by law?

Second.—If yea, should not the validity of the patent be assured or in some manner established before consummating the purchase by the payment of the money?

Under the authority conferred upon the present Fire Department by section 79 of the act called the charter of 1873, sufficient authority is in my judgment conferred to purchase the patent in question, if in the opinion of that department such purchase would be for the benefit of the city, and provided the appropriation to that department be not thereby exceeded. (Laws of 1873, chap. 335, § 79.) The act of 1865, creating the Metropolitan Fire Department, gave the Board of Fire Commissioners full power to provide for the City of New York supplies, houses, tools, implements and apparatus of every kind to be used in the extinguishment of fires. (Laws of 1865, chap. 249, § 6.) The amended charter of 1870 empowered the Fire Commissioners to exercise all the powers theretofore conferred by law upon the Metropolitan Fire Department, and also to provide supplies, houses, tools, implements and apparatus, together with fire telegraphs, and to buy, sell, construct, repair and care for the same, and take such action in the premises as might be reasonable, necessary and proper. (Laws of 1870, chap. 137, § 84.) The 79th section of the charter of 1873, already referred to, provides that the Board of Fire Commissioners shall possess all the powers conferred by chapter 249 of the laws of 1865, and by any act of the Legislature amendatory thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of the charter.

There can be no doubt that the Commissioners

have authority to purchase the right to use the "aerial ladder," and for that purpose to acquire by assignment the rights which the patent confers.

The 91st section of the charter, prescribing forms for the observance of the departments in making contracts, has no application here. In the nature of the case the provisions of that section cannot be applied. The principle of those provisions is that contracts for the purchase of supplies and for the performance of work must be awarded to the lowest bidder after opportunity for competition. This requirement is useful and salutary; but it cannot be interpreted to annul the authority so amply conferred by law upon the Fire Department to acquire whatever implements may be necessary to the prompt and most efficient performance of their duties. This useful invention stands by itself, protected by a patent, and cannot be made serviceable, except by the purchase of the rights secured by the Government of the United States. (See the case of the Harlem Gaslight Company vs. The Mayor, etc., 33 N. Y. Reports 309.) In case of Nickel vs. The Mayor, etc., not reported, the Court of Common Pleas, at a General Term, held that the Common Council had the right in 1860 to buy the patent of a fire escape for the then Fire Department. This was under the charter of 1857 and before the creation of a Metropolitan Fire Department. Since the organization of the Fire Department, the Commissioners have had the same power to purchase apparatus as was previously possessed by the Common Council. It is clear that if there be any fund to the credit of the Department the claim should be paid.

The 115th section of the Charter, after providing that no street which has been once paved at the expense of the owners of adjoining property, shall be repaved at their cost, unless petitioned for by a majority of the owners on the line, goes on to enact, that except for repairs no patented pavement shall be laid, and no patented article shall be advertised for, contracted for, or purchased, except under such circumstances that there can be a fair opportunity for competition, the conditions to secure which shall be prescribed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The case we are considering is not the purchase of a patented article, but simply the acquirement of a right to manufacture as many of certain patented articles as the Fire Commissioners may deem necessary. We must, if possible, construe the various unrepealed provisions of law, whether appearing in the charter or otherwise, in such a way as to give effect to all of them and carry out the plain intention of the Legislature, that the great object for which a certain department is established or continued may be carried out. If there were several patented articles, all designed to serve the same purpose, it would be within the power of the Department to invite competition; but invoking the light to be derived from the facts here, an examination of the papers before me, and proper inquiry, unite in demonstrating that this patent is for an article quite distinct from any apparatus yet invented to reach the tops of high buildings. The right and duty of the Fire Department to supply themselves with an apparatus like this cannot be questioned. It is reiterated by repeated statutes. This contrivance cannot be made available except by the purchase of the patent.

Provisions of law, however useful, which relate to the mere mode of proceeding to reach an end, must be regarded as sufficiently flexible to give way when a most important object is to be achieved, going to the very purpose of the maintenance of a municipal department.

With regard to your second question, the assignment of this patent was drawn in this office, and I then took occasion to examine the papers. I have also recently been furnished with an abstract of the title of the patent, and with other documents which I have read. There is no question as to the validity of the patent.

I enclose herewith, in two parcels, the abstract and documents last referred to, which should be carefully preserved; or if delivered to the claimant, copies should be deposited with the Comptroller.

I am, Sir, very respectfully yours,
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

New York, April 27, 1874.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending April 25, 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... 39
No. of Buildings embraced in same... 69

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings.....	5
Second class Dwellings.....	18
French Flats.....	1
Tenements.....	28
First class stores.....	4
Second class stores.....	1
Third class stores.....	1
Manufactories and Workshops.....	2
Stables.....	8
*Frame Dwellings.....	1
Total.....	69

*In Westchester districts.

Plans &c., approved, including those previously filed.	27
" amended and approved.....	3
" disapproved.....	4
" pending.....	11

Total..... 45

ALTERED BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined... 46
" Buildings embraced in same..... 51

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings.....	7
Second class Dwellings.....	10
Tenements.....	17
Hotels and Boarding Houses.....	1
First class Stores.....	4
Second class Stores.....	3
Manufactories and Workshops.....	1
Stables.....	3
Frame Dwellings.....	5
Total.....	51

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

Approved.....	42
Amended and approved.....	6
Disapproved.....	3
Pending.....	17

Total..... 68

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS.

Number filed examined and passed upon.....	40
Approved.....	22
Amended and approved.....	1
Disapproved.....	7
No. pending.....	10

Total..... 40

ROBERT MCGINNIS,

Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF VIOLATIONS, UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND COMPLAINTS.

Abstract of operations for the week ending April 25, 1874:

Complaints received from outside sources.....	14
Violations of the law reported.....	11
Unsafe buildings reported.....	55
Unsafe buildings made safe.....	30
Unsafe buildings taken down.....	0
Surveys held on unsafe buildings.....	1
Violation cases sent to Attorney for prosecution.....	4
Unsafe building cases sent to Attorney for prosecution.....	0
Violation notices served.....	18
Unsafe building notices served.....	83
Buildings surveyed as to general condition.....	1100

Total..... 53

ANDREW OWENS,

Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF IRON WORK.

Abstract of operations for the week ending April 25, 1874:

Buildings reported for fire-escapes.....	48
Fire-escapes provided.....	27
Arch girders tested (all approved).....	5
Iron beams tested (all approved).....	21
Iron lintels tested.....	0

Total..... 97

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 25, 1874:

THEATRES.

Eighteen theatres, halls and places of public amusement have been officially visited, as follows, to wit: The 5th avenue, Union Square, Bryant's, Wallack's, Wood's Museum, Booth's,

Metropolitan, Fox's Broadway, Olympic, Harry Hill's, Tivoli, Academy of Music, Bowery, Theatre Comique, Union League, Barnum's, and the Colosseum, and no infraction of the building law noted in either. A special survey has also been made of the new Park Theatre.

HOTELS AND LODGING HOUSES.

Eighteen hotels, lodging and French apartment dwellings have been carefully inspected as to the means and appliances therein severally provided for protection and safety in the event of fire, as follows, viz.: Hotel Monaco, 28 East 17th street, Page's Hotel, Spring street, Glenham Hotel, 318 3d avenue, Ahlberne's Hotel, 256 Fulton street, Hotel de Hanover, 101 West st., Western Hotel, 96 West street, Forsha's Hotel, Charlton street, St. John's, 28 Washington st., Boarding and lodging houses, No. 70 5th avenue, No. 61 Lexington avenue, 52 University place, 252 Fulton street, 264 Fulton street, 434 5th avenue, and No. 2 West 39th street, and the French apartment dwellings, 113 and 113½ East 31st street, 140 and 142 East 18th street, and 342 Sixth avenue, and were reported insufficiently provided for in this respect, the parties in interest were notified to provide additional safeguards.

FACTORIES.

33 factories and buildings used for manufacturing purposes have been thoroughly examined as to their condition, and the means and appliances therein severally provided for the protection, egress and escape of their employees and operatives in case of fire, and in all cases where reported as insufficiently provided for in this respect, the owners and parties in interest have been notified and required to provide additional means of egress and escape. Re-examinations have been made of 20 buildings previously reported as requiring additional fire safeguards, and the owners served with second notices relative thereto. Eleven cases of hotel and factory buildings in which the parties in interest have complied with the law, have been retired and the proceedings thereunder discontinued.

CHAS. K. HYDE,
Chief of Bureau.

BILLS INCURRED.

Henry Dudley, chairman.—Surveys, March and April, on unsafe buildings..... \$50

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
NEW YORK, 1874, No. 301 Mott street.

The Board of Health met this day.</

Communications Received.

From Health Officer, Philadelphia:

In regard to increase of small-pox in New York City.

From Dr. M. J. Fleming:

Application for appointment on Vaccinating Corps.

From Adolph Plaettner:

Application for appointment as clerk.

From American Social Science Association of Mass.:

In regard to Conference of Boards of Health in this city.

From School Trustees of 19th ward:

In respect to nuisance in 79th street, near 3d ave.

Reports Referred to Other Departments for the Necessary Action.

To the Department of Public Works.

On street pavements, &c., as follows:

Street pavement in front of 196 South street.

" at N. E. cor. Vesey and West streets.

" at Peck Slip.

" at Oliver street, bet. Chatham and Madison streets.

Street pavement at cor. Minetta and Bleecker streets.

Street pavement at Cherry street.

" in front of No. 304 W. 38th street.

Vacant lot at S. S. 62d street E. of Madison ave.

Sewer in front of No. 524 W. 35th street.

Resolutions.

That the pay rolls of this Department for the month of April, 1874, when approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, shall be duly certified by the President and Secretary, and forwarded to the Comptroller for payment.

That the Sanitary Superintendent be directed to cause an inspection of all tenement houses, together with the yards, areas, cellars and closets thereof, and report for orders of the Board all violations of the Sanitary Ordinances.

That the Sanitary Superintendent be directed to report at the next meeting of the Board the condition of the grounds on which manure has been deposited during the winter.

That the Attorney be directed to commence suit against Dr. H. Knapp for violation of the Sanitary Code.

That section 55 of the Sanitary Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 55. That no cattle, swine, pigs, or calves shall be driven through the streets or avenues of the City of New York, or any of them, except between the hours of eight in the evening and two hours after sunrise of the next morning; nor shall any sheep be there driven except between the hours of eight o'clock in the evening and twelve o'clock, noon, of the next day, nor shall more than twenty cattle, or more than one hundred and fifty hogs, or more than two hundred and fifty sheep or lambs, be driven together; and they shall be so driven only through the following streets, that is to say:

Forty-fifth street, from First to Second avenue; Sixtieth street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue; the transverse road through Central Park at Seventy-ninth street; Ninety-second street, from Third avenue to Astoria Ferry; Ninety-fourth street, from Third to Fifth avenue; One Hundred and Tenth street, from Second to Eighth avenue; One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, from Eighth avenue to Manhattan street; First and Second avenues, in their entire lengths north of Fortieth street; Third avenue, between Ninety-second street and One Hundred and Tenth street; Fifth avenue, between Seventy-ninth street and One Hundred and Tenth street; Eighth avenue, from Sixtieth street to McComb's Dam Road; McComb's Dam Road, in its entire length; Tenth avenue, from Fortieth street to Sixtieth street; Harlem Lane, from the intersection of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Eighth avenue to the intersection of One Hundred and Tenth street and Sixth avenue; Eleventh avenue, from Forty-second street to Forty-ninth street; Fortieth and Forty-first streets, from the Hudson river to Tenth avenue; and Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth streets, between Hudson river and Eleventh avenue. After the first day of June, 1874, no cattle, swine, pigs or calves shall be driven across the city between the Tenth and Second avenues, south of Seventy-ninth street.

It shall not be lawful to drive cattle, sheep, pigs, swine, or calves through any street or avenue south of Fortieth street, nor to slaughter any cattle, sheep, pigs, swine or calves south of said street; nor shall any such cattle, sheep, swine, pigs, or calves be allowed to pass upon or cross any sidewalk, or to remain in the streets or avenues, except when being driven in accordance with this Sanitary Code.

Cattle arriving in the City of New York by cars or boats may be driven in accordance with this code from the place of unloading, being north of Thirty-ninth street, to any existing cattle yard, through the streets and avenues designated, without limit as to number, provided they are accompanied by one attendant, if composed of twenty or any less number of head; by two attendants for more than twenty and less than fifty head; by three attendants for more than fifty and less than one hundred head; and by one attendant for every additional forty head above one hundred.

Such cattle and sheep as shall arrive within the Twenty-second and Thirtieth Police Precincts, as established by the Board of Police, by conveyances that, according to time-tables, should have arrived in season to be driven in conformity to this code, but the actual arrival of which cattle or sheep has been delayed, without the wrongfull act of the owners of the same (or of their agents), may be driven upon the routes hereinbefore designated, when they shall arrive, to any established yards above Fortieth street,

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MORTALITY.

REPORTED MORTALITY (week ending April 25, 1874,) AND THE ACTUAL MORTALITY (each day in the week, ending at noon, April 18, 1874,) WITH AN ENUMERATION OF THE CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH.

E. HARRIS, M. D., Registrar.

Actual number of Deaths each day.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	Deaths Reported during the week ending April 25.							
April 18.	April 17.	April 16.	April 15.	April 14.	April 13.	April 12.			
72	62	74	104	83	78	85	Total Deaths from all Causes.	479	
6.55	109	136.2	131	7	20	17	Total Zymotic Diseases.	107	
6.35	133	120.4	127	20	16	12	Total Constitutional Diseases.	115	
12.15	211	223.0	244	35	20	35	Total Local Diseases.	210	
1.80	48	38.4	35	9	4	5	Total Developmental Diseases.	32	
1.05	13	17.2	21	1	2	5	Deaths by Violence.	15	
.15	2	14.2	3	—	—	—	Small Pox.	4	
.45	2	6.8	9	2	—	2	Measles.	5	
1.05	18	22.8	21	—	4	3	Scarlatina.	17	
1.40	12	7.4	28	1	4	3	Diphtheria.	22	
.85	16	10.8	17	1	3	2	Memb. Croup.	10	
.45	12	9.2	9	1	2	1	Whooping Cough.	10	
—	—	1.4	0	—	—	—	Typhus Fever.	0	
.20	3	4.0	4	—	2	—	Typhoid Fever.	3	
.65	14	10.0	13	3	1	2	Puerperal Diseases.	12	
.45	17	20.6	9	1	1	1	Under 5 years. Diarrheal Diseases.	9	
.50	23	24.6	10	1	1	1	All ages.	11	
.25	6	4.4	5	—	—	—	Alcoholism.	6	
.55	6	6.6	11	1	3	1	Cancer.	9	
4.00	96	81.8	80	12	12	6	Phthisis Pulmonalis.	78	
1.60	19	22.6	32	7	4	3	Bronchitis.	25	
3.85	59	53.4	77	10	10	12	Pneumonia.	64	
1.55	20	17.4	31	5	—	2	Heart Diseases.	16	
.50	6	12.4	10	1	—	2	Marasmus—Tabes Mesenterica and Scrofula.	8	
.90	18	14.0	18	5	—	2	Hydrocephalus and Tuberous Meningitis.	13	
.40	10	16.4	8	3	—	1	Encephalitis and Meningitis.	8	
.70	12	16.0	14	1	1	1	Convulsions.	14	
2.05	52	56.2	41	9	2	6	All Diseases of Nervous System.	50	
.95	16	21.0	19	1	—	3	Bright's Disease and Nephritis.	16	
.05	4	3.2	1	—	1	—	Deaths by Suicide.	1	
.15	1	2.8	3	1	—	1	Deaths by Drowning.	2	
4.60	77	105.4	92	16	11	13	Deaths in Institutions.	79	
1.75	28	28.4	35	6	5	5	All Deaths of Persons 70 years old or more.	31	
6.75	123	134.2	135	20	10	16	Under 1 year.	104	
9.20	170	178.0	184	25	19	22	Under 2 years.	148	
11.85	214	229.2	237	27	25	30	Under 5 years.	191	

upon obtaining a written permit for driving the same (out of the hours fixed by this code, but otherwise in conformity thereto), at the police station houses in said precincts respectively, under such regulations as the police authorities may provide.

That the secretary be directed to publish the above ordinance as required by law.

That under the power conferred by law upon the Health Department, the following additional section to the Sanitary Code, for the security of life and health, and the same is hereby adopted and declared to form a portion of the Sanitary Code:

Section 183. That no person shall place or deposit garbage, rubbish, or liquid substance of any kind, in any box, barrel, tub, cart, wagon, or any receptacle whatever, used for the reception, holding, or transportation of ashes, nor shall any one put ashes in or upon garbage, rubbish, or liquid substances, or in any way place together, mix or have in the same receptacle ashes or garbage, in the City of New York.

That the secretary be directed to publish the above ordinance as required by law.

That the Board of Police be respectfully requested, through its officers, to prevent the occupation and obstruction of Hanover Square in violation of the Sanitary Code (sections 69, 70 and 98).

SANITARY BUREAU.

The following is a record of the work performed in the Sanitary Bureau for the week ending April 25, 1874:

The total number of inspections made by the inspectors was 2,267, as follows:

Public buildings.....	5
Tenement houses.....	1041
Private dwellings.....	320
Manufactories and workshops.....	126
Stores and warehouses.....	15
Stables.....	20
Markets.....	67
Slaughter houses.....	2
Dumping grounds.....	61
Manure dumps.....	3
Breweries.....	1
Gut-cleaning establishments.....	2
Fat-rendering establishments.....	27
Public sewers and drains.....	3
Sunken and vacant lots.....	101
Yards, courts and areas.....	46
Cellars and basements.....	111
Waste pipes and drains.....	168
Privies and water closets.....	40
Streets, sidewalks and gutters.....	20
Dangerous stairways.....	5
Cisterns and cesspools.....	30
Other nuisances.....	41
Together with visits of the Sanitary Inspectors to cases of contagious diseases.....	191

The number of reports thereon received from the inspectors was 701.

During the past week 35 complaints were received from citizens, and referred to the inspectors for investigation and report.

The disinfecting corps have visited 77 premises

where contagious diseases were found, and have disinfected and fumigated 70 houses, 70 privy sinks, together with clothing, bedding, &c.

26 cases of small-pox were removed to the hospital, and 1 dead body to the Morgue, by the ambulance corps.

Permits were granted to consignees or 96 vessels to discharge cargoes on vouchers from the health officer of this Port.

148 permits have been granted to scavengers to empty, clean and disinfect privy sinks.

The following number of cases of contagious diseases were reported for the week ending April 25, 1874: typhoid fever, 1; scarlet fever, 51; measles, 48; diphtheria, 50; small-pox, 35.

537 loads of night soil were removed by the night scavengers from the privy vaults of the city.

The amount of meat and fish condemned by the officers as unfit for human food during the week ending April 25, 1874, as follows:

Cattle, carcasses.....	2
Calves (bobs).....	48
Calves, carcasses.....	3
Sheep, carcasses.....	6

cable from 56th street, East river, to Blackwell's Island; also the right of way on any of their telegraph poles to reach the station, was referred to the Chief Clerk to acknowledge the receipt of the same, and tendered to the Company the thanks of this Board for their generous offer.

Parades allowed.

Ruttee Association, No. 1, April 26, funeral. Germania Lodge, S. of H., " 25, " Columbo Guard, " 26, " Ringen Schutzen Bund, " 27, " Father Mathew Parent Temperance Society, April 26, funeral.

The following propositions for saddlery were opened and referred to the Committee on Station Houses, with power to purchase from the lowest bidder:

	Saddles and bridles.	Saddle cloth.
Baker & McKinney,	\$31 50	\$3 50
J. C. F. Deacon,	28 00	...
Hoover, Calhoun & Co.	27 35	2 75
Schuver, Hartley & Graham,	30 38	2 75
C. M. Moseman & Bro.	35 00	3 00
John De Wild,	29 00	3 00
E. Bartlett,	29 50	...

The President reported the following transfers:

Patrolmen.—April 25.	From.	To precinct.
John Boyle,	8	12
Joseph Dennis,	12	8
Edward Shalvey,	7	17
John Walker,	17	13

The President reported the following promotion:

Patrolman Charles McBride, 32d precinct, as Rounds-man, 13th precinct.

Street Cleaning.

Report of Inspector Thorne in regard to claim of C. Poillon, Jr., was referred to the Chief Clerk to communicate with claimant, advising him that the Department does not own the cart he complains of.

Bills referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

F. Swift..... \$800 00

Daily reports (2) of the Superintendent of Boats, were referred to the Treasurer's Book-keeper.

Adjourned.

S. C. HAWLEY,
Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

NEW YORK, April 18, 1874.

In accordance with sec. 110, chap. 335, laws of 1873, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending this day:

Public moneys Received and Deposited with the City Chamberlain.

For Croton Water Rent.....	\$3,404 50
For Penalties on Croton Water Rent.....	165 35
For tapping Croton Pipes.....	221 50
For Vault Permits.....	5,797 11
For Sewer Permits.....	370 00
For Sewer Pipe sold to contractors.....	499 39
Total.....	\$10,458 96

Contracts Entered Into.

Furnishing gas for and lighting public lamps, &c., in certain streets of the city between 34th and 79th streets. Contractors, The New York Mutual Gaslight Co. Sureties, C. K. Garrison, of No. 40 Park avenue, and John P. Kennedy, of No. 10 to East 47th street.

Sewer in Greenwich street, between West 12th and Jane streets. Contractors, T. & J. D. Crimmins, of No. 1037 Third avenue. Surety, Michael Cronin, of 225 East 59th street.

Sewer in Montgomery street, between Henry street and East Broadway. Contractors, T. & J. D. Crimmins, of No. 1037 Third avenue. Surety, Michael Cronin, of 225 East 59th street.

Receiving basin at northwest corner Manhattan street and Broadway. Contractor, John D. Cumming, Jr., of Lawood, N. Y. Surety, Alexander McGuire, of 220 East 123d street.

Receiving basins at northwest corner of 75th and 76th streets and Lexington avenue. Contractors, T. & J. D. Crimmins, of 1037 Third avenue. Surety, Michael Cronin, of 225 E. 59th street.

Certificates of Cost of Improvements Transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

Underground drains between 62d and 68th streets and 8th and 9th avenues.....	\$21,880 62
Receiving basin at southwest corner 51st street and 6th avenue.....	499 00
Receiving basin northwest corner Beekman and South streets.....	423 00
Receiving basin at southwest corner Beekman and South streets.....	497 20
Paving 6th street, from 3d to 5th avenue.....	14,844 38
Paving 7th street, from 3d to 5th avenue.....	14,722 84
Paving 8th street, from 3d to 5th avenues.....	31,090 73
Total.....	\$83,357 77

Public Lamps.

29 lamps ordered relighted on 6th avenue, between 138th and 146th streets.

4 lamps ordered relighted on Boulevard, between 122d and 124th streets.

1 lamp temporarily removed on 104th street, between 8th and 9th avenues.

2 lamps temporarily removed on Boulevard, between 152d and 153d streets.

Permits Issued.

11 permits for flagging sidewalks and setting curb and gutter.

37 permits to place building material on streets.

Sever Cleaning.

571 receiving basins and 360 lineal feet of sewers have been cleaned.

Appointments.

John H. Brady, Inspector on Sewers, in place Henry Stern; Abijah Pell, Inspector of Regulating and Grading, in place of J. R. Davis, resigned; Jos. H. Petty, Jas. P. Webb and Thos. Stewart, Inspectors of Paving.

Laboring Force.

There is an increase of 6 laborers, 3 carts and 1 team in the laboring force of the Department.

Requisitions for Payment of Vouchers.

The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department during the week upon the Finance Department is \$81,349 27.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DIRECTORY

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Samuel B. H. Vance, 206 West 23d street.
2. Oliver P. C. Billings, 143 East 34th street.
3. Jenkins Van Schaick, 1 University place.
4. Stephen V. R. Cooper, 218 West 31st street.
5. John Falconer, 308 East 15th street.
6. George Koch, 638 Lexington avenue.
7. Peter Kehr, 50 Seventh avenue.
8. Robert McCafferty, 88 Lexington avenue.
9. Oswald Ottendorfer, 7 East 17th street.
10. Edward Gilon, 557 Hudson street.
11. Patrick Lysaght, 27 City Hall place.
12. Richard Flanagan, 312 West 22d street.
13. John Reilly, 314 East 14th street.
14. John J. Morris, 117 West 21st street.
15. Joseph A. Monheimer, 233 East 31st street.

SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Clerk, 27 Stuyvesant street.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ARTS AND SCIENCES, INCLUDING PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—Aldermen Billings, Monheimer, Reilly.

FERRIES.—Aldermen Falconer, Cooper, Lysaght.

FINANCE.—Aldermen Van Schaick, Gilon, Kehr, Morris, Ottendorfer.

LANDS AND PLACES.—Aldermen McCafferty, Koch, Gilon.

LAW DEPARTMENT.—Aldermen Cooper, Billings, Flanagan.

MARKETS.—Aldermen Morris, Kehr, Lysaght.

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.—Aldermen Kehr, Ottendorfer, Faloner.

PUBLIC WORKS.—Aldermen Koch, Morris, Gilon.

RAILROADS.—Aldermen Billings, Van Schaick, Ottendorfer.

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.—Aldermen Kehr, Cooper, Flanagan.

ROADS.—Aldermen Cooper, Gilon, Reilly.

SALARIES AND OFFICES.—Aldermen Ottendorfer, Koch, McCafferty.

STREETS.—Aldermen Monheimer, Billings, McCafferty.

STREET PAVEMENTS.—Aldermen Falconer, Monheimer, Van Schaick.

BOARD ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

1. Thomas Foley, 18 West street.
2. Jeremiah Murphy, 45 Cherry street.
3. Charles M. Clancy, 191 Mott street.
4. John C. Keating, 333 Cherry street.
5. Henry Wissner, 155 Prince street.
6. Michael Healy, 15 Ridge street.
7. Thos. L. Thorne, 169 West 12th street.
8. John Theiss, 225 Bowery.
9. George F. Codington, 62 Perry street.
10. Joseph P. Strack, 179 Third street.
11. William S. Krebs, 354 West 27th street.
12. Patrick Keenan, 217 Lewis street.
13. William Wade, 144 West 21st street.
14. John J. Kehoe, 138 First avenue.
15. Edward Brucks, 422 West 39th street.
16. George Kelly, 318 East 20th street.
17. Stephen N. Simonson, 305 West 48th street.
18. Philip Cumisky, 552 First avenue.
19. Henry A. Linden, 68th st., bet. 10th and 11th avs.
20. Isaac Sommers, 165 East 62d street.
21. Benjamin Beyea, 23 East 132d street.

JOSEPH P. STRACK, President.

W. H. MOLONEY, Clerk.

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, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Comptroller's Office, 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, Staats Zeitung Building, 3d floor; 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Public Administrator, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Corporation Attorney, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 8½ a. m. to 4½ p. m.

Attorney for the collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, 237 Broadway, room 5, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, room 52, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN.

Central Office, Commissioners' Office.

Superintendent's Office.

Inspectors' Office.

Chief Clerk's Office, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Property Clerk, " " " " ".

Bureau of Street Cleaning, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Bureau of Elections, " " " " ".

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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

Commissioners' Office, No. 19.

Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.

Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.

Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.

Boulevards & Avenues, No. 18½.

" Lamps and Gas, No. 13.

" Incumbrances, No. 13.

" Street Improvements, No. 11.

STREET OPENINGS.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the Opening and Extending of Desbrosses Street in an Easterly direction from its present termination at Hudson Street, to Varick Street in the City of New York.

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

1.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment in the above-entitled matter, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned Commissioners, at our office, No. 150 Broadway (Room 10), in the said city, on or before the 26th day of May, 1874, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 26th day of May, 1874, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 2 o'clock.

II.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City and County of New York, there to remain until the 6th day of June, 1874.

III.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate in said City and bounded by and included and contained within the centre lines of the following named streets, that is to say: Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the centre line of Hudson street with the centre line of Vestry street, and running thence westerly along the centre line of Vestry street to the centre line of West street; thence northerly along the centre line of West street to the centre line of Watts street; thence easterly along the centre line of Watts street to a point where if said Watts street were extended would intersect the centre line of Sullivan street; thence northerly along the centre line of Sullivan street to the centre line of Broome street; thence easterly along the centre line of Broome street to the centre line of Broadway; thence southerly along the centre line of Broadway to a point distant two hundred and forty-five feet, or thereabouts, southerly from the southerly line or side of Grand street; thence westerly along a line drawn parallel or nearly so with Grand street to the centre line of Sullivan street; thence southerly along the centre line of Sullivan street to the centre line of Canal street; thence northwesterly along the centre line of Canal street to the centre line of Vestry street; and thence westerly along the centre line of Vestry street to the point or place of beginning.

IV.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the new Court House at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 22d day of June, 1874, 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, April 20th, 1874.
FUGENE H. POMEROY,
CLINTON G. COLGATE,
L. L. LAMBERT,
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 pretense 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 blank forms 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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
CITY OF NEW YORK (127 and 129 Mercer street),
NEW YORK, April 30, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING FOUR (4) self-propelling Steam Fire Engines for this Department, will be received at these head-quarters until 12 M., on Wednesday, May 13, 1874, and will be opened at 10 A. M., on the following day.

Specifications may be seen and further information obtained upon inquiry at this office.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals received.

JOSEPH L. PERLEV,
ROSWELL D. HATCH,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Fire Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, at a duly convened meeting of said Board, held on the 15th day of April, 1874:

ORDINANCES:

1.—No person or persons shall occupy the muster ground or any part of the lodge in Union Square for the purpose of holding any public meeting, review or parade, or other like purpose, unless previously licensed so to do by the President of the Department of Public Parks.

2.—No person shall climb upon the flag-staffs, iron works, railings, walls, platforms or buildings in Union Square, or in any way injure or deface the same or any of the appurtenances thereto.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary Department Public Parks.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

CORPORATION SALE OF FERRY FRANCHISES.

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED TO BE publicly opened at the Comptroller's Office, on THURSDAY, April 30th, 1874, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for leases of Franchise or right to maintain and operate several ferries around the City of New York for the terms and on the conditions hereafter set forth.

The leases will be made to conform to the requirements of the laws relative to ferries, and subject to such regulations, ordinances or by-laws, as now are or hereafter may be made or passed by the Common Council or State Legislature, and the leases will also provide that the lessees shall take and assume at their own costs and charges all or any responsibilities and liabilities of the Corporation of the City of New York to the present lessees of ferries in relation to boats, fixtures, &c., belonging to such lessees at the respective ferries.

The minimum rate for which the ferry Franchise or license to operate ferries shall be used or enjoyed, has been appraised and set by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at two and one-half per centum of the gross receipts for ferrage, that shall hereafter accrue at each separate ferry, to be paid quarterly to the Corporation, and a covenant will be contained in each lease requiring the lessees to make and deliver to the Comptroller of the City of New York, quarterly, a statement in writing verified by oath or affirmation of the actual total gross receipts for ferrage received by such lessee during the preceding three months, and also that the lessees shall keep regular books of account showing the daily gross receipts of the ferry leased, and allow said Comptroller or any person designated by him to examine such books.

The Department of Docks of the City of New York, has fixed and established the rent for which it will lease the property in wharves, piers, slips and lands under water belonging to the Corporation, at the several ferries to be leased to the parties or persons to whom the lease of the ferry franchise shall be awarded by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the term specified for the lease of the franchise, for the rates set forth hereafter, and no deviation will be made from the same, and covenants will be contained in such leases for construction, maintenance and surrender of all necessary fixtures and appurtenances to the wharf and pier property belonging to the City used by such respective ferries.

Proposals for the lease or license to use the ferry franchise at the respective ferries, to state the maximum percentage on gross receipts which the person or parties offering to take each ferry will pay in addition to the rent fixed by the Department of Docks for the use of the pier or wharf property belonging to the city, but no lease will be given at less than the minimum rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the gross receipts.

Security satisfactory to the Comptroller will be required for the punctual performance by the lessees of the covenants of the lease of the franchise in their behalf.

The several ferries at which the franchise only is to be leased are as follows:

1st. The ferry from the slip, north of and adjoining the foot of Grand street, East river, to the foot of South Seventh street, Brooklyn, for the term of five years from May 1, 1874.

2d. The ferry from James slip, between piers No. 32 and 33, East river, to Bridge street, and to South Sixth street in the City of Brooklyn, for the term of three years from May 1, 1874.

The several ferries at which the franchise is to be leased, with use of pier and wharf property belonging to the City of New York, are as follows:

3d. The ferry from foot of Grand street, New York, to Grand street, Brooklyn, for the term of five years from May 1, 1874, subject to \$15,000 per year rent for pier and wharf property belonging to the city, such rent payable quarterly yearly to the Department of Docks.

4th. The ferry from the foot of Houston street, East River, to Grand street, Brooklyn, for the term of five years from May 1, 1874, subject to rent of \$6,500 per year, payable as last mentioned.

5th. The ferry from northside of Twenty-third street, East River, to Greenpoint, for the term of five years from May 1, 1874, subject to the rent of \$5,000 per year, payable as last mentioned.

6th. The ferry from foot of 92d street, East River, to Astoria, Long Island, for the term of five years from May 1, 1874, subject to the rent of \$500 per year, payable as last mentioned.

7th. The ferry from foot of Chambers street, North River, to Pavonia, N. J., for the term of one year from May 1, 1874, subject to \$15,000 per year rent, payable as last mentioned.

8th. The ferry from the foot of Desbrosses street to Jersey City, for the term of one year, from May 1, 1874, subject to \$6,000 per year rent, payable as last mentioned.

9th. The ferry from the foot of Whitehall street, East River, to the North shore, Staten Island, for ten years, from May 1, 1874, subject to payment of \$10,000 per annum rent, payable as last mentioned.

10th. The ferry from the foot of Christopher street, North River, to Hoboken, N. J., for the term of ten years, from May 1, 1874, subject to payment of \$15,000 per annum rent, payable as last mentioned.

Bids to be addressed to the undersigned, indorsed, for Ferry Franchises."

The right to reject any bid, if deemed to be to the interests of the City of New York, is reserved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

New York, Comptroller's Office, April 24, 1874.

AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS.

BUREAU OF COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, March 23, 1874.

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

DATE OF CONFIRMATION, I
February 10, 1874.

Opening and extending of
LEXINGTON AVENUE,
from road street to the Harlem river.

The limits embraced by said assessment includes all the lots and houses, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land embraced within the following boundaries:

59th street to Harlem river, and from 3d avenue to 4th avenue.

All payments made at this office within sixty days from this date are by law exempted from the charge for interest at seven per cent., which runs from the date of confirmation.

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

ANDREW W. LEGGAT,
Acting Collector.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 15th, 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 APRIL 9, 1874.

Underground drains between 73d and 81st streets, and between 1st and 5th avenues.

Alteration of sewer in Thomas street, between Church street and West Broadway.

Sewer in Elm street, between Grand and Broome streets.

Sewer in Little West 12th street, between Tenth and Hudson river.

Sewer in 110th street, between 5th and 8th avenues.

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, 12th street, from 3d to 6th avenues.

All payments made on the above assessments or before the 15th 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 FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 21, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED APRIL 16, 1874.

Sewer in 10th avenue, between Lawrence and 130th streets.

The limits embraced by said assessments includes the following blocks and ward numbers, viz.:

Block 1170, ward numbers 36 to 40, both inclusive.

Block 1171, ward numbers 33 to 37, both inclusive.

All payments made on the above assessment or before the 20th 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 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 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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Third Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Tuesday, May 5th, 1874, and until 4 o'clock, P. M., on said day, for fitting up the premises No. 67 Warren street, for school purposes.

Proposals will also be received, at the time and place above named, for the furniture required, including desks, seats, etc.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, will be required from the successful bidder; proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

The name of the party or firm submitting a proposal must be indorsed on the outside of the envelope containing said proposal.

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