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

*Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a Meeting held at the Mayor's Office, at 11 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, May 28, 1896.*

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

The reading of the minutes of the meetings held on May 12, 1896; May 13, 1896; May 15, 1896; May 18, 1896; May 21, 1896, and May 22, 1896, was dispensed with.

The Comptroller presented the following report on the petition of Joseph H. Godwin, Jr., for a grant of land, formerly under water, on the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, 125 feet east of Twelfth avenue:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 28, 1896. *To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—The petition of Joseph H. Godwin, Jr., for a release of the interest of the City in certain property, formerly under water, situated on the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, one hundred and twenty-five feet east of Twelfth avenue, was referred to me for examination and report on August 8, 1895, and has been carefully considered.

The Engineer of the Finance Department reports that the area of the plot in question is  $\frac{498}{1000}$  of a city lot.

Herewith I submit also a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation in which he advises that the application should be granted upon such terms as to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may seem just and proper.

The Comptroller and Commissioner of Public Works have appraised the interest of the City in and to said plot of land at three hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty cents (\$313.20), and all arrears of taxes and assessments to be paid by the petitioner, which appraisal is submitted herewith.

The following resolution is offered for such action as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may deem proper.

Respectfully, ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of and agree to a release of the interest of the City in and to a parcel of land under water and now filled in, bounded and described, as follows: Commencing at a point on a line drawn parallel with Twelfth avenue and one hundred and twenty-five feet distant therefrom, the said point being eighty-eight feet and one and one-half inches from the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence running along said parallel line eleven feet nine and one-half inches to the centre line of the block; thence easterly along the centre line of the block fifty feet; thence southwesterly on a line parallel with Twelfth avenue thirty-eight feet and three-quarters of an inch; thence northwesterly fifty-six feet five and three-quarter inches to the point or place of beginning, and equal in area to one thousand two hundred and forty-six and forty-nine one-hundredth square feet, being four hundred and ninety-eight one-thousandth of a city lot, to Joseph H. Godwin, Jr. The sum of three hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty cents hereby is fixed as the sum of money to be charged as a consideration for such release. The Comptroller is authorized and directed to cause a release or deed of conveyance thereof to be issued to the petitioner, to be executed by the Mayor and the Clerk of the Common Council, when prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, provided that all arrears of taxes and assessments and Croton water rents shall be paid by the petitioner. The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

#### APPRAISEMENT.

APRIL 23, 1896. *To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated September 27, 1895, and as provided by section 79 of Article VI, of chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1880, have examined and inquired into the facts relating to the petition of Joseph H. Godwin, Jr., for the release of the City's interest in certain property formerly under water, described as follows:

Commencing at a point on a line drawn parallel with Twelfth avenue and 125 feet distant therefrom, the said point being 88 feet  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence running along said parallel line 11 feet  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches to the centre line of the block; thence easterly along the centre line of the block 50 feet; thence southwesterly on a line parallel with Twelfth avenue 38 feet  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch; thence northwesterly 56 feet  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches to the point or place of beginning, and equal in area to 1,246.49 square feet, being  $\frac{498}{1000}$  of a city lot, and respectfully report that, in their judgment, the sum which should be charged as the consideration for the grant or release of the City's interest therein is \$313.20, which sum is deemed by them to be a just and equitable compensation for the same, all arrears of taxes and assessments on said property to be paid by the petitioner.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller; CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

#### OPINION OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, September 27, 1895. *Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:*

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of September 19, 1895, inclosing for my consideration an application of Mr. Joseph H. Godwin, Jr., for a release of the City's interest in and to certain property on the north side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, 120 feet east of Twelfth avenue; a report of the engineer of the Finance Department in relation to the property in question together with a map or diagram of the same, and requesting to be advised what action should be taken by you in regard to the application.

It appears from the petition that the petitioner has been for more than twenty-one years last past the owner and in the exclusive and undisputed possession of two certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, with the buildings thereon erected, situated on the north side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and beginning 125 feet east of Twelfth avenue, and running thence easterly 50 feet in front and rear on or parallel with One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and being about 99 feet and 11 inches deep on each side, and that said lots have been fenced and separated from the adjoining property for the space of more than thirty years; that the petitioner and his grantors have been in continuous possession of said lots and have occupied the buildings thereon erected since about November 14, 1808, when the same was duly granted to one Joseph Byrd as part of a lot of land under water; that said grant is duly recorded in your Department in Liber E of Grants, at page 525; that in and by said grant it is provided that the said Joseph Byrd, his heirs and assigns,

"Shall and will keep open, and uphold and maintain, at his and their own expense, such part of Cove street, sixty feet wide, and the half of Lawrence street, and the whole of the street along the bulkhead aforesaid in front of the grounds of said party of the second part, \* \* \* yielding, renting and paying therefor on the first day of May next, and yearly on the first day of May in every year thereafter, the rent of one peppercorn, when thereunto required, in full satisfaction of all rents, dues and demands whatsoever for the said premises."

The petition then goes on to allege that all of the streets referred to in said grant, so far as the same were in front of the petitioner's lots, were closed by an act of the Legislature, and thereupon the performance of the said covenant to keep, open and uphold and maintain the same was rendered impossible, and that the conditioned rent reserved of "one peppercorn when thereunto required," has never been required or demanded and is not likely to be of any value to the City, "but remains and subsists only as a formal and empty encumbrance upon the fee of said land, and by its existence delays, hinders and impedes the improvement of said lots and the erection of valuable buildings thereon, and in that manner deprives the said City Corporation from the benefits and advantages which it would otherwise derive from the increase in the taxation which would result and the other benefits which would accrue to said City Corporation in the event of the improvement thereof."

When the petitioner applied to have this incumbrance released he ascertained, as he alleges, for the first time, from Mr. McLean of your Department, that a portion of the lots claimed to have been in the possession of his grantors, and designated "C," "D," "E," "F" on the map or diagram accompanying the papers, were originally a part of Lawrence street, which was closed under the act of the Legislature hereinbefore referred to.

The prayer of the petition is that the Sinking Fund Commissioners "will fix and estimate a reasonable and proper sum to be received by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York as in full of all covenants, rent reserved or claims to any part of said lots, pieces or parcel of land, and that all the same may be released and quit claimed for the benefit of the petitioner, and to the advantage of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty."

Mr. McLean, of your Department, in his report to you under date of August 2, 1895, concedes the truth of the allegations of the petitioner, and correctly states that "commutation of rents has uniformly been given to parties owning under water grants whenever properly applied for."

Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that the application of the petitioner should be granted, and the release asked for should be executed by the proper city officials upon such terms as to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York may seem just and proper.

To quote from an opinion of my immediate predecessor, in passing upon a similar application, "the question of price to be paid by any applicant for a release of the City's interest in any land or for a grant of land owned by the City is entirely within the jurisdiction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and this office has always refused to pass upon the same."

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

170 BROADWAY, November 1, 1895. *Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:*

MY DEAR SIR—On behalf of Mr. Joseph H. Godwin, Jr., I propose the following description of rights to be sold and to be described in a conveyance in the matter of our correspondence concerning lots of land on the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, east of Twelfth avenue, in the City of New York.

All the right, title and interest, if any, of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in and to the following described piece or parcel of land:

Beginning at a point which was formerly on the southwesterly side of Lawrence street (now closed), which was about sixty-one and seventy-seven one-hundredth feet (61.77) northeasterly from the northeasterly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street at a point which is distant one hundred and seventy-five feet southeasterly from Twelfth avenue and running from the first-named point northeasterly about thirty-eight and six one-hundredth (38.06) feet; thence northwesterly and parallel with said One Hundred and Thirtieth street fifty feet; thence southwesterly and parallel or nearly so to Twelfth avenue eleven and seventy-nine one-hundredth (11.79) feet; thence southeasterly in a straight line to the point or place of beginning, be the said several dimensions more or less, containing about one thousand two hundred and forty-six and forty-nine one-hundredth (1,246.49) feet, more or less.

Also all that certain claim, or right, if any, of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for rent reserved or for breach of any of the covenants and conditions under the certain grant of a water lot at Manhattanville which was made the 14th day of November, in the year 1808, and which is recorded in Liber E., at page 525 of grants, in the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, so far as it affects the lots, pieces or parcels of land described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street one hundred and seventy-five feet southeasterly from the southeasterly side of Twelfth avenue, running thence northeasterly and parallel with Twelfth avenue about sixty-one and seventy-seven one-hundredth (61.77) feet; thence northwesterly along the line of what was formerly the southwesterly side of Lawrence street (now closed) to a point on the said southwesterly side of Lawrence street (now closed), which is about eighty-eight and four one-hundredth (88.04) feet northeasterly from One Hundred and Thirtieth street at a point on the northeasterly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, one hundred and twenty-five feet southeasterly from Twelfth avenue; thence running southwesterly and parallel with Twelfth avenue about eighty-eight and four one-hundredth (88.04) feet to the said northeasterly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and thence southeasterly along the said northeasterly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street fifty feet to the point or place of beginning, be the said several dimensions more or less.

Yours very truly, GEO. H. FLETCHER.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT AND MAP.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, August 2, 1895. *Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:*

SIR—Joseph H. Godwin, Jr., Esquire, as the owner of certain lots of land on the north side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street 125 feet east of Twelfth avenue, through his attorney, George H. Fletcher, Esq., in communication of May 16, 1895, makes a request "to have the certain rent reserved and conditions imposed in a certain grant of a tract of land under water, made in 1808, properly commuted and released, so that all technical questions as to the title in respect of these matters may be cleared up."

The communication states, correctly, that the grant referred to was dated November 14, 1808, and was made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to Joseph Byrd. That the rent reserved was "yearly on the 1st day of May, in every year, one peppercorn when thereunto required, in full satisfaction of all rents, dues and demands whatsoever for the said premises. In the said grant was included a condition, subsequent, that the grantee should keep open, uphold and maintain such part of Cove street, 60 feet wide, and half of Lawrence street and the whole of a street along the bulkhead in front of the grounds granted."

The streets referred to in the grant having been closed or done away with, the communication continues, "it is therefore eminently proper that the said rent which is nearly nominal be commuted, and the said conditions which have been themselves violated by the City which imposed them should be released unto the grantee of the grant and his assigns."

The object of the request is stated "that the title to the property mentioned which now bears this technical cloud, may be cleared for the joint benefit of the City and the present owners and so that improvements may be hastened upon said property in the immediate future."

The rent required being the smallest that could be named, and the streets no longer existing, having been done away with by proper authority, this is the most diminutive cloud that could be imagined to rest on any title to property.

Still the rent, though infinitely small, may interfere with the ownership, in fee simple absolute, which the applicant wishes to obtain.

As to the streets, there being none left, the covenant in connection with them I consider fulfilled.

Commutation of rents has uniformly been given to parties owning under water grants whenever properly applied for.

In this case the difficulty consists in naming a sum. Heretofore the commutations have been made on the six per cent. basis. For example, if the yearly rent was \$12, the commutation sum would be \$200. But the result of a calculation based on a peppercorn would be a very small fraction of one cent.

As a commutation is insisted upon in order to remove a cloud, however small, I would suggest a charge sufficient to cover the expenses of the deed and investigation, say, \$50.

In a communication from the same party, dated May 28, 1895, application is made to purchase so much of Lawrence street, now closed, as will be necessary to complete the lots, pieces and parcels of land, described as follows:

"Beginning at a point in the northeasterly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, one hundred and seventy-five feet southeasterly from the southeasterly side of Twelfth avenue, running thence northeasterly and parallel with Twelfth avenue, ninety-nine feet and eleven inches to the centre of the block; thence northwesterly and parallel with One Hundred and Thirtieth street fifty feet; thence southwesterly and parallel with Twelfth avenue, ninety-nine and eleven inches, to the northeasterly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence southeasterly along the northeasterly side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street fifty feet to the place of beginning."

The premises covered by the above description are shown on the accompanying diagram, lettered "A," "B," "C," "D." The part of these premises included by the letters "A," "B," "E," "F," is the portion for which the commutation is asked; the part colored pink, within the letters, "D," "C," "E," "F," is that which the applicant desires to purchase.

The grant to Joseph Byrd, shown on the diagram in yellow, did not include Lawrence street, though there is a covenant requiring him to build one-half thereof. Notwithstanding the absence of a grant, the property-owners on both sides of Lawrence street took possession of the street and have retained it for many years without opposition on the part of the City, and have paid taxes on it.

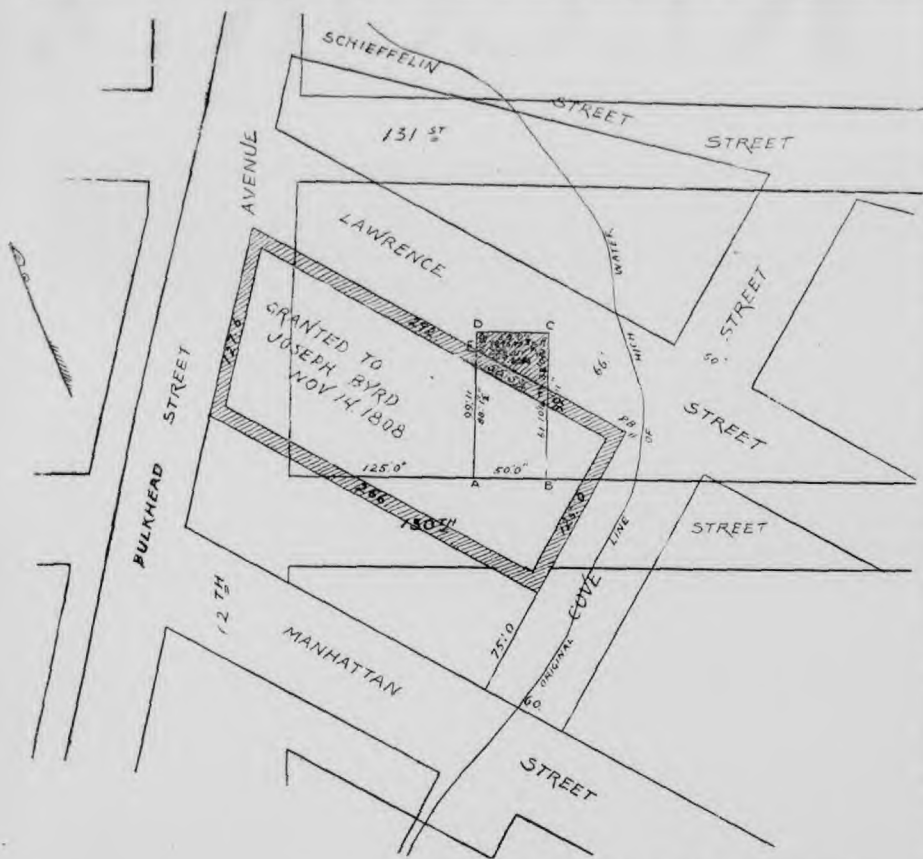
In the case of the application of George N. Lawrence and others, in every way similar to this, for a release of the City's interest to land in Lawrence street lying immediately west of this property, and containing 3 18-100 city lots, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at their meeting March 30, 1893, granted a release to said Lawrence and others for the sum of \$2,000.

The area of the parcel for which Mr. Godwin asks a release is  $\frac{498}{1000}$  of a city lot, and I would suggest that a fair and proper consideration for him to pay would be a proportionate amount of the \$2,000, or, in exact figures, \$313.20.

This similar application of George N. Lawrence and others, referred to above, was so completely investigated and fully reported upon in my communication of August 20, 1892, and was so elaborately considered and discussed by the Counsel to the Corporation, as shown by his communication to the Comptroller of December 5, 1892, that I do not consider a more minute report than I have given above necessary in this case.

Simple reference is made to the proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of March 30, 1893, where the reports are filed.





Respectfully, EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the appointment of an architect for an addition to the building in Crotona Park for the Department:

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS, May 18, 1896.

Sinking Fund Commission, Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman:

DEAR SIR—I hereby request your Honorable Body to employ, under the provisions of chapter 404 of the Laws of 1896, a competent architect, to prepare and submit plans and specifications for an addition or wing to the building in Crotona Park now being constructed for the use of this Department. The present building was commenced prior to annexation. When completed it will be inadequate to the accommodation of this Department. The sum appropriated in the first place was too small for a building of this character; but the completion of an addition, as provided for in chapter 404 of the Laws of 1896, will be sufficient for any contingency that is now manifest.

Hoping that your Honorable Body will give the subject of my request your earliest consideration, I remain, Respectfully, LOUIS F. HAFEN, Commissioner.

On motion of the Comptroller, Mr. George B. Post was selected as architect of the work.

The Comptroller then offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 404 of the Laws of 1896, George B. Post be and he is hereby appointed and employed as architect to prepare and submit plans and specifications for an addition or wing to the building in Crotona Park constructed under the authority of chapter 248 of the Laws of 1894—the entire cost and expense of which addition or wing, as well as the furnishing thereof, is not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); that the plans and specifications for said addition or wing, when prepared, shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for modification, rejection or adoption, and after their final adoption by the said Commissioner they shall be presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval; that the said plans and specifications may provide for any alteration of the building authorized by chapter 248 of the Laws of 1894 and such other improvements of it or in connection with it as the said Commissioner of Street Improvements may consider necessary and shall meet with the approval and concurrence of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; that the compensation to be paid to said architect shall be at the rates fixed by the American Institute of Architects, and shall be paid for out of the funds provided under the authority of the said Act.

Which was unanimously adopted.

#### CHAPTER 404—(Local).

AN ACT to improve and add to the building situated in Crotona park in the city of New York, the construction of which was authorized by chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Accepted by the city. Became a law April 27, 1896, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The commissioners of the sinking fund of the city of New York are hereby authorized in their discretion to construct and furnish an addition or wing to the building in Crotona park constructed under the authority of chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-four, the entire cost and expense of which addition or wing, as well as the furnishing thereof, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars; this addition to the building being for the purpose of providing sufficiently suitable accommodation for the conducting of the public business of the department of street improvements of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth wards in said city, and for the safe keeping and preservation of the records, maps, plans and surveys in the custody of the said department, affecting the public interests in said city; and the building heretofore authorized by chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-four shall be used for the same purposes as hereinbefore mentioned in this act by the department of street improvements of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth wards.

§ 2. The commissioners of the sinking fund are hereby further authorized to employ a competent architect to prepare and submit plans and specifications for said addition or wing to the commissioner of street improvements of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth wards, who shall have power to modify, reject or adopt said plans and specifications, and after their adoption by the said commissioner, they may be approved and concurred in by the commissioners of the sinking fund. The plans and specifications may provide for any alteration of the building authorized by chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and such other improvements of it, or in connection with it, as the commissioner of street improvements may consider necessary, with the approval and concurrence of the sinking fund commissioners. The compensation of the architect shall be provided for by the commissioners of the sinking fund out of the fund hereinafter provided for the purposes of this act.

§ 3. When the commissioners of the sinking fund shall have concurred in and approved a plan or plans and the specifications as authorized in the previous section, and shall decide to proceed with the work, or any part thereof, they may direct that said work shall be executed. The said commissioners shall publicly advertise for proposals for the construction, in whole or in part, of such addition or enlargement, and for the doing of all work and the supply of all materials necessary for the completion and furnishing of the same for the use and occupation, and for such other work as is provided for in this act. The forms of all contracts for which proposals are so invited, shall first be approved by said commissioners before advertisement thereof, and the work of constructing, completing and furnishing for occupancy said addition or wing, or any other work authorized by this act, may be distributed into as many different contracts as, in the opinion of said commissioners, will promote best the public interest. Such advertisements shall be inserted in the CITY RECORD, and in at least three of the public newspapers of the city of New York, to be selected by the commissioners of the sinking fund, and shall be continued therein for at least ten consecutive days. All bids or proposals received in response to said advertisement, shall be publicly opened at a meeting of the said commissioners, and they shall award each contract for which bids and proposals have been advertised for as aforesaid, to the lowest bidder therefor, or they may reject all of such bids and readvertise for bids and proposals, and may reject all bids and readvertise as often as they may deem it to be for the best interests of the city so to do. The terms of all such contracts shall be settled by the counsel to the corporation as an act of preliminary specification to the bid or proposal. Such contract or contracts, when awarded, shall be executed by the commissioner of street improvements of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth wards, under the direction of the

aforesaid commissioners, in behalf of the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York.

§ 4. Each bidder to whom a contract is awarded, as hereinbefore provided, must give security for the faithful performance of his contract, in such sum as shall be prescribed by the said commissioners of the sinking fund, and in the manner prescribed by the ordinances of the common council of said city applicable to similar work, and the adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties shall, in addition to this justification and acknowledgment, be approved by the comptroller. If the lowest bidder for any contract shall neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to his bid or proposal, or if he accepts but does not execute the contract and give the proper security, the said contractor shall forfeit the money deposited by him at the time of making his bid, as hereinafter provided, and the said contract shall be readvertised and relet as hereinbefore provided. No bid shall be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the corporation. Every bidder, as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of his proposal, shall deposit with the comptroller a certified check, drawn to the order of said comptroller, upon one of the state or national banks of said city, or money (such check or money to accompany the proposal) to such amount, not exceeding five per centum of the amount of the required security for the faithful performance of the contract bidden for, as the commissioners of the sinking fund shall determine and prescribe. Within three days after the decision as to who is the lowest bidder, the comptroller shall return all deposits made to the persons making the same, except the deposit made by the lowest bidder, and if the said lowest bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded, to execute the same and give the proper security, the amount of deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the said city, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and thereafter be appropriated to and expended in the erection of the addition or wing hereinbefore provided for, but if the said lowest bidder shall execute the contract and give the proper security within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit shall be returned to him.

§ 5. The said contracts, when executed, shall be carried out according to their terms, under the direction and supervision of the commissioner of street improvements of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth wards, who shall be authorized to employ a competent inspector upon the work, who shall be paid per diem wages from the fund hereinafter provided for the purposes of this act. In case any work shall be abandoned by any contractor, or if the said work or any part thereof, shall, in the opinion of the commissioner of street improvements, be by the said contractor unnecessarily delayed, or if the said contractor shall, in the opinion of the said commissioner, willfully violate any of the provisions of his contract, or execute the same in bad faith, so that said work is not being done or progressing according to the terms of said contract, and the said commissioner of street improvements shall so certify in writing to the commissioners of the sinking fund, notice thereupon shall be given by said commissioners of the sinking fund to the sureties of said contractor, and if said sureties shall fail to continue the performance of the work according to the terms of said contract, the said commissioner of street improvements shall notify said contractor to discontinue all work under his contract, or any part thereof, and the said contractor shall thereupon discontinue such work, or such part thereof, and the said commissioner of street improvements shall thereupon, with the consent and approval of the commissioners of the sinking fund and not otherwise, have power to place such and so many persons as he may deem advisable, by contract or otherwise, to work at and complete the said work, or any part thereof, or so much of said work, or such part thereof, as the said commissioners of the sinking fund shall direct, and the said contractor and his sureties so failing to perform said contracts shall be jointly and severally liable to the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York, for any and all losses and damage caused by their failure to complete the contract entered into by them as contractor and surety.

§ 6. For all expenses to be incurred under authority of this act, the commissioners of the sinking fund are hereby authorized to require the comptroller to issue consolidated stock of the city of New York in the manner prescribed by law; and of the proceeds of said stock or bonds there shall be paid, from time to time, upon the requisition of the commissioners of the sinking fund, or a majority thereof, the amount by them, from time to time, certified to be due for any of the purposes of this act provided.

§ 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

§ 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, May 1, 1896. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor, and Chairman, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to submit herewith, for the consideration and action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, plans and specifications prepared by Mr. George B. Post, architect, for changes and additional work on the public building in course of erection in Crotona Park.

Very respectfully, HOWARD PAYSON WILDS, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

An application was received from the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Streets Railroad Company for a reduction of percentages payable to the City.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following report and resolution for the sale at public auction of certain lots of land on the line of the New Aqueduct on the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, between Convent and Amsterdam avenues:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 28, 1896. To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held September 27, 1895, the Comptroller was authorized to take measures to sell at public auction to the highest bidder certain pieces or parcels of city property on One Hundred and Fifty-first street, west of the line of Convent avenue, as shown on a map or plan submitted by the Engineer of the Finance Department.

It has been deemed advisable to lease the premises on the north side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, described on said map or plan, for a term of three years from May 1, 1896. There is no reason, however, why the lots on the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street should not be sold, as originally intended, and I accordingly offer for adoption the following resolution, fixing terms and conditions of sale thereof, in accordance with a new map which has been prepared for that purpose by the Engineer of the Finance Department, and which is dated April 29, 1896.

Respectfully, ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the following described real estate, belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, be sold at public auction for the highest marketable price, after public advertisement pursuant to law, under the direction of the Comptroller, who is hereby authorized to make the necessary arrangements for said sale upon the terms and conditions of sale hereinafter set forth, and subject to appraisements of the minimum or upset price to be hereafter fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

Five (5) lots on the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, between Convent and Amsterdam avenues, known as Block No. 1077, Ward Nos. 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, each twenty-five (25) feet front and ninety-nine (99) feet eleven (11) inches deep:

One (1) triangular lot on Convent avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-first street, being parts of Ward Nos. 15 and 16, in Block No. 1077, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, being one hundred and eight (108) feet eleven and three-eighths (113 3/8) inches on Convent avenue, and containing 1.735 city lots; the aforesaid property being shown on a map thereof prepared by Eugene E. McLean, Engineer of the Finance Department, dated April 29, 1896, and this day submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, upon the following

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.

The City shall retain the right to maintain forever the New Aqueduct under the aforesaid lots and all the rights pertaining or necessary to such maintenance, and no excavation shall ever be made under the said lots below a point thirty (30) feet vertically distant from the established grade of the street.

The highest bidders will be required to pay ten (10) per cent. of the purchase money and the auctioneer's fee on each lot immediately after the sale; thirty (30) per cent. upon the delivery of the deeds, within thirty days from the date of sale; and the balance, sixty (60) per cent. of the purchase money, or any portion thereof, may remain, at the option of the purchaser, on bond and mortgage for five years, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, the mortgages to contain the customary thirty days' interest and ninety days' tax clauses.

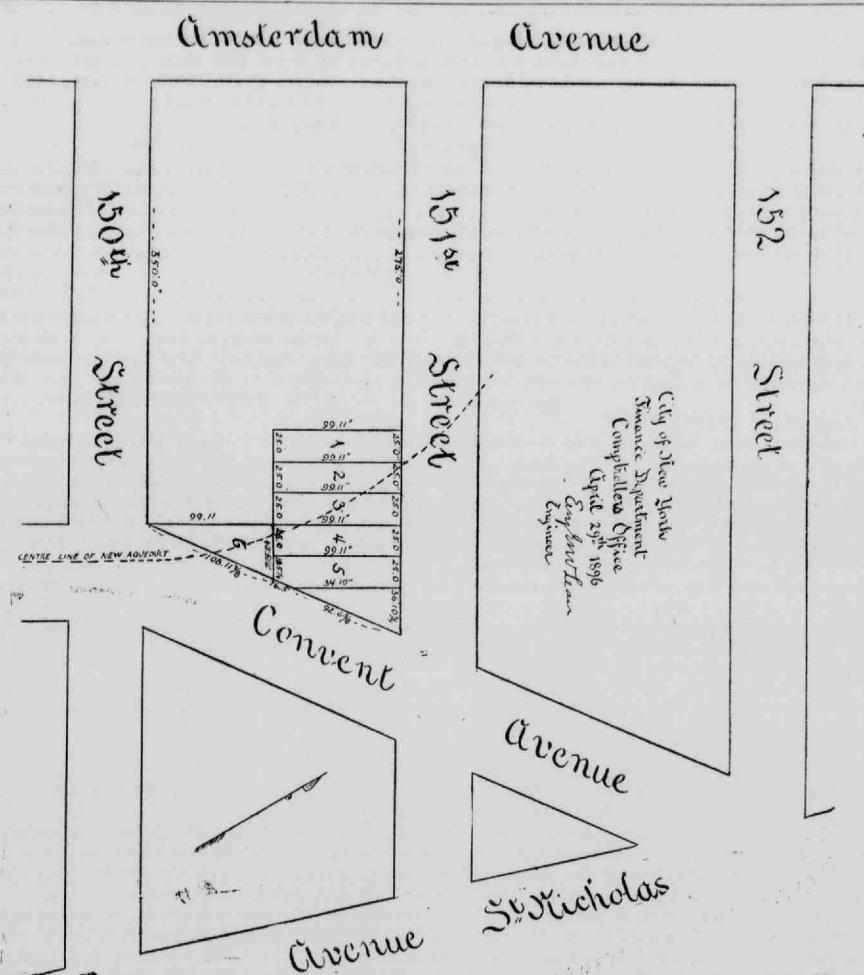
The bond and mortgage may be paid off at any time within the term thereof on giving thirty days' notice to the Comptroller, or it may be paid by installments of not less than five hundred dollars on any day when the interest is due, or on thirty days' notice. The bonds and mortgages will be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, and the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents will be charged for drawing, acknowledging and recording each separate mortgage. If more than one lot of land is included in any mortgage, the whole mortgage must be paid off before any release can be given by the Corporation, as a release of any part of the premises included in a mortgage to the Corporation is forbidden by law.

The Comptroller may, at his option, resell any lot which may be struck off to the highest bidder who may fail to comply with the terms of sale, and the party who may fail to comply therewith will be held liable for any deficiency that may result from any such resale.

The right to reject any bid is reserved.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.





An offer was received from Mr. P. J. Mahony for lease of premises, Nos. 8, 10, 12 and 14 Chambers street.

After discussion, in the course of which Mr. Mahony was heard in relation to the condition of the premises, the offer was referred to the Comptroller for his consideration and report thereon.

An offer was received from P. White's Sons, for lease of city property on Barren Island, as follows:

NEW YORK, April 30, 1896. *To the Honorable the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners:*  
GENTLEMEN—At the sale of leases of city property, which took place yesterday, there was included 112 acres, more or less, of marsh land on Barren Island, on which the upset price was fixed at \$700 per annum. The lease was offered for sale, but received no bids. As the greater part of the property is covered by water at one-half tide, it is of no commercial value; but as we heretofore leased it for a number of years to protect our adjoining property from trespassers, etc., we would be willing to continue such lease at the same rent as we are now paying, namely, \$405 per annum.

If this proposition be satisfactory, we will execute a lease and give necessary bonds.

Yours respectfully, P. WHITE'S SONS.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for lease of premises on College avenue at One Hundred and Forty-third street, and south of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street:

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS, May 23, 1896. *Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman:*

GENTLEMEN—The lease to the City of the premises northeast corner of College avenue and East One Hundred and Forty-third street, and of the seven lots on the west side of College avenue south of East One Hundred and Forty-third street, used by this Department for stabling and for the storage and repairs of city property, such as tools, sprinkling carts, wagons, etc., expired on May 1, 1896. The premises have been and are now used by this Department for the same purpose.

I respectfully request that a renewal of the lease from May 1, 1896, for one year, of the above described premises, and for the use herein mentioned, be made with "The Mott Haven Company," successors to "Estate of Jordan L. Mott, deceased," for the same rental as heretofore paid, viz.: \$900 per year.

Respectfully,

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

In connection therewith the Comptroller presented the following:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 28, 1896. *To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, dated May 23, 1896, requesting that a renewal be made of the lease to the City from the Mott Haven Company of the premises on the northeast corner of College avenue and East One Hundred and Forty-third street, and of the seven lots on the west side of College avenue, south of East One Hundred and Forty-third street, on the same terms and conditions as were contained in the lease which expired on May 1, 1896.

The expired lease was made pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted April 29, 1895, and the reasons which then prompted the execution of this lease on behalf of the City seem to me to now call for compliance with the request of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Respectfully, ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease from the Mott Haven Company, successors to the estate of Jordan L. Mott, deceased, of the plot of land, with the buildings thereon erected, on the northeast corner of One Hundred and Forty-third street and College avenue, and seven lots of land on the west side of College avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third street and One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, for the use of the Department of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at a rental of nine hundred dollars per annum, from May 1, 1896, to May 1, 1897, with the same covenants and conditions as were incorporated in the lease of said property authorized by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by a resolution adopted April 29, 1895; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interest of the City that such lease should be made, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to execute such lease when prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, as provided by sections 123 and 181 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board July 31, 1894, in relation to a new public building to be erected at Gouverneur Slip, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York be and hereby are requested and required, as provided by chapter 703 of the Laws of 1894, as amended by chapter 399 of the Laws of 1895, to designate and set apart so much of Gouverneur Slip, in the City of New York as will be requisite for the construction thereon of a building for the purpose of providing suitable accommodations for a reception hospital for patients injured or taken suddenly ill in the lower east side of the City of New York, and to construct upon the site so designated and set apart such a building, the entire cost, expense and equipment of which shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

A true copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment May 27, 1896.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The following communication was received from the Board of Police:

POLICE DEPARTMENT, April 17, 1896. *To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

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

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested to consent to the alteration of the plans and specifications for the building of the station-house, lodging-house and prison in Charles street, so that the rear building will be fitted for a prison only.

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

On motion, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund consented to the alterations requested by the Board of Police, as shown on the plans submitted this day by the architect of the work.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by a resolution adopted February 6, 1895, exempted from local taxation so much of the Consolidated Stock of the City of New York authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on June 19, 1893, for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem river at Third avenue, pursuant to chapter 413, Laws of 1892, as then remained unissued; and

Whereas, It is deemed expedient henceforth to issue said stock not thus exempted from local taxation;

Resolved, That said resolution of February 6, 1895, so far as it relates to that portion of the Consolidated Stock authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on June 19, 1893, to be issued for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem river at Third avenue, pursuant to chapter 413 of the Laws of 1893, which now remains unissued, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by a resolution adopted January 22, 1896, exempted from local taxation Consolidated Stock of the City of New York to the amount of one hundred and forty-one thousand three hundred dollars (\$141,300), which stock had been authorized to be issued for the purchase of lots for a new site for the College of the City of New York; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by a resolution adopted March 5, 1896, exempted from local taxation Consolidated Stock of the City of New York to the amount of thirty thousand one hundred and fifty dollars (\$30,150), which stock had been authorized for the purchase of lots for a new site for the College of the City of New York; and

Whereas, It is deemed expedient that the aforesaid stock, amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and seventy-one thousand four hundred and fifty dollars (\$171,450), be issued not thus exempted from local taxation;

Resolved, That the aforesaid resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, so far as they relate to the aforesaid stock, be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Board of Health for the transfer to the Department of a plot of ground at the foot of Seventeenth street, East river:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, May 25, 1896. *To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department, held May 19, 1896, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, A certain plot of ground located at the foot of East Seventeenth street, the property of the City of New York, hereinafter described, has been and is now occupied by the Health Department for the Willard Parker Hospital Annex for the care and treatment of persons sick with scarlet fever and for other hospital purposes; and

Whereas, A portion of said plot of ground is now required for the proposed Ambulance Station and Vaccine Laboratory authorized and provided for by chapter 721, Laws of 1896; therefore

Resolved, That the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested to transfer to this Department, for its use in part as an Ambulance Station and Vaccine Laboratory and the remainder for the Willard Parker Hospital Annex and other hospital purposes, that piece of land situated on the southerly side of the extension of Seventeenth street, beginning at a point four hundred and twenty-five feet east from the southeast corner of Seventeenth street and Avenue C, extending easterly two hundred and eleven feet; thence southerly parallel with Avenue C eighty-eight feet; thence westerly parallel with Sixteenth street eighty-six feet; thence again southerly parallel with Avenue C four feet; thence westerly and again parallel with Sixteenth street one hundred and twenty-five feet; thence northerly ninety-two feet to the point of the beginning.

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

Hon. Charles G. Wilson, President of the Health Department, was heard in support of the application.

Whereupon the Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the premises belonging to the City, on the southerly side of the extension of Seventeenth street, beginning at a point four hundred and twenty-five feet east from the southeast corner of Seventeenth street and Avenue C, extending easterly two hundred and eleven feet; thence southerly parallel with Avenue C eighty-eight feet; thence westerly parallel with Sixteenth street eighty-six feet; thence again southerly parallel with Avenue C four feet; thence westerly and again parallel with Sixteenth street one hundred and twenty-five feet; thence northerly ninety-two feet, to the point or place of beginning, be and the same hereby are transferred to the use of the Board of Health; said use to continue during the pleasure of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from the Board of School Trustees, Tenth Ward:

TENTH WARD GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 20, NO. 160 CHRYSTIE STREET, May 4, 1896.

*The Hon. the Sinking Fund Commissioners:*

GENTLEMEN—The Tenth Ward Board of School Trustees respectfully request that you find suitable rooms for the Volunteer Firemen's Association and have them vacate Essex Market Building, in order that it may be altered for school purposes.

Very respectfully,

EDGAR DUBS SHIMER, Clerk.

Which was ordered on file.

The following communication was received from the Clerk of the Common Council:

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

Whereas, The Board, at a regular meeting on June 4, 1895, Journal, page 511, by a resolution declared the building known as Essex Market to be no longer a public market, in order that said building could be used for school purposes; and

Whereas, The Sinking Fund Commission was requested to give the building over to the Trustees of the Tenth Ward for school purposes, and to grant the Volunteer Firemen's Association of the City of New York, occupying a portion of said building, the use of any public building or rooms, in any public building of said city, which the Mayor of said city shall certify is sufficient for the purposes of its organization; and

Whereas, Almost a year has elapsed since the passage of said resolutions and no apparent action having been taken by the Sinking Fund Commissioners in the matter; be it hereby

Resolved, That the Sinking Fund Commission be and hereby is requested to grant at its earliest convenience the Volunteer Firemen of the City of New York such public building as called for by the resolution of this Board at its meeting on June 4, 1895.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen April 22, 1896, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK, Clerk of the Common Council.

In connection therewith the Comptroller called up the communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, received on March 24, 1896, relative to the application of the Volunteer Firemen's Association for new quarters (Minutes, March 24, 1896, page 426).

After discussion, the application was referred to Engineer McLean for examination and report.

An application was received from the Children's Aid Society, as follows:

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY, NO. 105 EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET, May 15, 1896. *Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman, Sinking Fund Commissioners:*

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Education on May 6, it was suggested by Commissioner McSweeney that corporate schools which need additional furniture might, by applying to the Sinking Fund Commissioners, obtain possession of the discarded school seats and desks stored in East Twentieth street. Several of our schools are in need of desks owing to the demands of children for admittance who cannot find room in the public schools. The Children's Aid Society asks that some of these school desks be given to it or sold to it for a nominal sum. Will you kindly lay this matter before the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Very respectfully yours, C. LORING BRACE, Secretary.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

At this time the Recorder appeared, and thereafter participated in the proceedings.

The following communication was received from the Board of Health for rooms for the Bureau of Sanitary Inspection on the fourth floor of the Criminal Court Building:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, May 20, 1896. *To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department, held May 19, 1896, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, A part of the rooms recently occupied by the Board of Excise, on the fourth floor of this building, adjoining the rooms occupied by the Board of Health, are needed for the use of this Department; and

Whereas, The work of the Board of Health would be greatly facilitated by removing its Bureau of Sanitary Inspection from the ground floor to the fourth floor, and to rooms lately occupied by the Board of Excise; and

Whereas, The public would be greatly accommodated by having the principal offices of this Department upon the same floor; and

Whereas, Such change would leave vacant for some other public purpose the rooms now occupied by the Bureau of Sanitary Inspection on the ground floor, about equal in floor space to the rooms applied for in exchange on the fourth floor; therefore

Resolved, That the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested to assign to the Health Department, for the use of its Bureau of Sanitary Inspection, the rooms lately occupied by the Board of Excise on the fourth floor of this building,



adjoining the rooms now and heretofore occupied by the Health Department, with floor space about equal to the floor space now occupied by the Bureau of Sanitary Inspection and Burial Permit Clerk on the ground floor.

In connection therewith the Comptroller called up the application of the Civil Service Boards for new offices (Minutes, April 24, 1896, page 460), and submitted report of Engineer McLean of the Finance Department, as follows:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, May 26, 1896. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—In a communication to the Sinking Fund Commissioners of April 2, 1896, the Secretary of the Civil Service Board represents the insufficiency of the present accommodations in the Criminal Court Building for the purposes of the Board, and names "two offices which the Board has in view," viz.:

1st. The quarters now occupied by the Excise Board.

2d. Quarters on the eighth or ninth floors of the New York University Building, East Washington Square, which can be obtained at \$3,500 per annum.

In a communication from the Health Department to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of May 20, 1896, a resolution, adopted by the Board of Health May 19, 1896, is transmitted requesting the Commissioners "to assign to the Health Department, for the use of its Bureau of Sanitary Inspection, the rooms lately occupied by the Board of Excise, on the fourth floor of this building, adjoining the rooms now and heretofore occupied by the Health Department, with floor space about equal to the floor space now occupied by the Bureau of Sanitary Inspection and the Burial Permit Clerk on the ground floor."

The room desired is shown on the diagram accompanying the communication, and it happens to be identically the same as that wanted by the Civil Service Board, as explained to me by the Secretary.

It is an undoubted fact that the Civil Service Board is too much cramped in space. It needs about as much additional space as it asks for, in order to conveniently transact its business.

The business of the Health Department would unquestionably be greatly facilitated in its transactions by having its Bureau of Sanitary Inspection on the same floor as the other principal bureaus. No additional space is asked for, and that which would be vacated on the basement floor, shown in blue on the diagram, could be usefully appropriated.

In the greatly increased business connected with the criminal courts it appears to me that the whole of the third story ought to be cleared of all offices not connected with these courts.

In this view, it would be a great advantage to place the Civil Service Board on the fourth story, and I would venture to suggest the removal of the Coroners' Court to the rooms in the basement vacated by the Board of Health, if the Commissioners agree to such vacation.

These rooms have been fitted up for the different parties occupying them, and there would be considerable changes necessary to make them suitable for new conditions.

The second proposition of the Civil Service Board to rent offices in the New York University Building, East Washington Square, has only one objection and that is the payment of rent. I have examined the premises and consider them well suited for the purpose, and the rent proposed, \$3,500 per annum, including heat, electric-light and attendance, is very moderate.

As I have said in previous reports there is no reason, except the saving of rent, why this Civil Service Board should be in the Criminal Court Building.

Since writing the above I have received the inclosed letter from Mr. L. J. Tompkins to Mr. Briscoe, in which it will be seen that \$4,000 probably will be demanded for a certain space in the University Building. The space designated has a room area of 5,925 square feet, and the rate per square foot per annum would be 57 4-10 cents, including heat, electric-light, attendance and the erection of the necessary partitions.

This is a fire-proof building throughout, with two elevators for the floor proposed. The ceilings are about 12 feet high, and the rooms are well ventilated and lighted by a sufficient number of windows.

The heat is furnished by steam by direct radiation.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

After discussion the papers were referred to the Recorder and the Chamberlain.

Adjourned.

EDGAR J. LEVEY, Temporary Secretary.

#### BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, TUESDAY, June 30, 1896, 12.30 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment:

Present—William L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jeroloman, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Edward P. Barker, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; William L. Turner, the Acting Counsel to the Corporation. The minutes of the meeting held June 25, 1896, were read and approved.

The Comptroller presented the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS (CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING), NEW YORK, June 26, 1896. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller, New York City:

SIR—Inclosed herewith please find the following pay-rolls:

Ten (10) Medicinal Inspectors, \$1,000; Two (2) Life Saving Corps, \$80—\$1,080.

For audit and payment on account of Revenue Bond Fund, pursuant to chapter 535, Laws of 1893, and as per resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated respectively May 5 and June 9, 1896. Very respectfully, EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, the pay-rolls of the Health Department for the month of June, 1896, of ten Medicinal Inspectors, amounting to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and two members of the Life Saving Corps, amounting to eighty dollars (\$80), pursuant to the appropriations made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment May 6 and June 8, 1896, be and the same are hereby approved, and the Comptroller is authorized to pay the amounts thereon certified and approved to the persons entitled thereto, and to issue revenue bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the amount of one thousand and eighty dollars (\$1,080) for the payment thereof, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption of said bonds to be included in the Final Estimate for the year 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller called up the petition of Isaac and Simon Bernheimer, for the release by the City of its interests in a certain plot of land at Fifth avenue, One Hundred and Fortieth and One Hundred and Forty-first streets.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon the matter was referred back to the Comptroller for further examination and report.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, June 26, 1896.

Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—The Department of Public Parks, in communication of June 24, 1896, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, submits resolution adopted by the Board, 8th June, 1896, requesting "the issue of bonds, in the manner provided by chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of constructing park inclosing walls and posts, piers, steps, etc., for entrances to the Central Park."

Plans showing the work proposed to be done are forwarded with the resolution.

Chapter 194, Laws of 1896, authorizes the Department of Public Parks to expend an additional sum, not exceeding \$350,000, in improving, "in its discretion," parks and parkways and drives, but expenditure only to be made within, and upon such parks, etc., as shall be designated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The work to be done by contract.

The work proposed to be done is shown, in full detail, on the plans, and consists in constructing, to completion, the inclosing walls and entrances to the Central Park.

This is a commendable work, the unfinished condition of these walls and entrances having been, for many years, offensive to the eye.

The estimate of cost submitted by the Engineer of Construction, Mr. M. A. Kellogg, is as follows:

Fifth avenue, Ninety-seventh to One Hundred and Tenth street—3,152 lineal feet of wall, including bluestone base, trimming, foundations, etc., at \$19, \$59,888; 2 gneiss piers, at \$100, \$200; 4 bluestone posts, at \$75, \$300; 15 lineal feet granite sills, at \$3.50, \$52.50; bluestone steps and foundation, exclusive of coping, \$450—\$60,890.50. Five per cent. for contingencies and superintendence, \$3,044.57—\$63,935.07; say \$64,000.

Fifth avenue, Seventy-ninth and Eightieth streets—25 cubic yards foundation masonry at \$6, \$150; 272 lineal feet rock faced wall, including base, at \$25, \$6,800; 4 gneiss piers, at \$125, \$500; 4 bluestone posts, at \$75, \$300—\$7,750. Ten per cent. for contingencies and superintendence, \$775—\$8,525; say \$9,000.

Fifty-ninth street, between Fifth and Eighth avenues—310 lineal feet of wall, including base, at \$19, \$5,890; 3 gneiss piers, at \$125, \$375; 4 gneiss piers to be reset, at \$25, \$100—\$6,365. Ten per cent. for contingencies and superintendence, \$636.50—\$7,001.50; say \$7,000.

One Hundred and Sixth street and Eighth avenue entrance—50 cubic yards foundation masonry, at \$6, \$300; 127 lineal feet rock faced wall, base, etc., at \$25, \$3,175; 3 large gneiss piers, at \$200, \$600; 4 bluestone posts, at \$75, \$300; 3 gneiss piers, special, at \$150, \$450—\$4,825. Ten per cent. for contingencies, superintendence, etc., \$482.50—\$5,307.50; say \$6,000.

One Hundred and Tenth street and Eighth avenue—65 cubic yards foundation masonry, at \$6, \$390; 10 lineal feet park wall, base, etc., at \$19, \$190; 63 lineal feet rock face wall, base, etc., at \$25, \$1,575; 2 large gneiss piers, at \$150, \$300; 2 octagon gneiss piers, at \$125, \$250; 12 bluestone posts, at \$75, \$900; 24 lineal feet granite sills, at \$3.50, \$84—\$3,689. Ten per cent. contingencies, superintendence, etc., \$368.90—\$4,057.90; say \$4,000.

#### Summary.

Fifth avenue, Ninety-seventh to One Hundred and Tenth street.....	\$64,000 00
Fifth avenue, Seventy-ninth to Eighty-eighth street.....	9,000 00
Fifty-ninth street, Fifth to Eighth avenue.....	7,000 00
One Hundred and Sixth street and Eighth avenue entrance.....	6,000 00
One Hundred and Tenth street and Eighth avenue.....	4,000 00

Total..... \$90,000 00

The quantities in this estimate are closely calculated and the prices are those of similar work heretofore done, as nearly as they can be fixed in advance. All the work, in conformity with the law, is to be done by contract to the lowest bidder, in the usual manner. The total cost may be somewhat less or more than the estimate, but I think it more likely to be the former than the latter.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby designates Central Park as one of the parks to be improved under the provisions of said act, and hereby authorizes and directs the Comptroller to issue bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to an amount not exceeding ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, redeemable in such period as the Comptroller may determine, but not less than twenty years from the date of issue; the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the purpose of defraying the expense of constructing, inclosing walls and posts, piers, steps, etc., for entrances to said park, as specified in the resolution of the Board of Parks relating thereto, adopted June 8, 1896, and as provided for in the plans prepared by said Board for said work.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, June 29, 1896. *The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith requisition of the New East River Bridge Commissioners, referred to me by the Board at a meeting held June 15, transmitted by the Clerk on June 18.

Section 5 of chapter 789 of the Laws of 1895, being an act to authorize the construction of a bridge over the East river, between the cities of New York and Brooklyn, provides:

"If any corporation shall possess a valid charter with authority to construct a bridge such as is contemplated by the provisions of this act, said commissioners may, if they so determine, with the express consent of the mayors and comptrollers of the respective cities, purchase said charter, with all the rights and powers granted thereby, from the corporation holding the same so far as the same relates to the bridge authorized by this act, at a price to be mutually agreed upon \* \* \* The money to pay for said charter shall be furnished by said cities in equal portions out of the proceeds of bonds issued in pursuance of the provisions of § 6 of this act."

Under section 6 the payment of the cost of construction, etc., is directed to be provided for by bonds of the respective cities issued from time to time upon the requisition of the Bridge Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayors of the two cities, in such series and for such periods as shall be determined by the proper officers.

The Bridge Commissioners entered into a contract with the East River Bridge Company for the purchase of its franchise, etc., on the 18th of December, 1895, and now certify that said company has complied with its contract and delivered the property agreed to be delivered and have forwarded a requisition approved by the Mayors of New York and Brooklyn for the issuance of bonds of the respective cities, sufficient to produce one hundred and two thousand dollars, each making a total of two hundred and four thousand dollars, certified to be required for the purpose of paying the sum to the East River Bridge Company agreed upon, with interest at the rate of four per cent. from the 18th day of December, 1895, to June 18, 1896.

The validity of the contract having been affirmed by the courts, and the requisitions being in proper form, in accordance with the provisions of the statute, I advise the issuance of the amount of bonds requested.

Respectfully,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 789 of the Laws of 1894, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of one hundred and two thousand dollars (\$102,000), and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue the same, for such period and bearing such rate of interest conformable to law as he may determine, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the payment of the expenses to be incurred by the Board of Commissioners of the New East River Bridge, pursuant to the terms of its resolution adopted June 10, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, June 24, 1896.

Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—The Board of Police, at a meeting held May 20, 1896, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That, pursuant to chapter 673 of the Laws of 1896, entitled 'An Act to authorize the increase of the police force of the city of New York,' the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to provide, by the issue of revenue bonds as authorized in said act, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars for the payment of salaries of eight hundred additional patrolmen authorized by said act, and to appropriate the said sum for the payment of salaries of such patrolmen to be appointed at the rate of about one hundred dollars per month."

On January 3, 1896, there were 375 vacancies including the additional 100 patrolmen asked for in the Budget for 1896. Of this number 72 vacancies now exist, and I am informed that 60 appointments will be made on or about July 1, 1896, which will leave only 12 vacancies. These vacancies were not filled before, because the Department did not have enough money. The Police Department asked for \$100,000 for 100 additional patrolmen and only \$50,000 was allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; hence the appointments could not be made in the beginning of the year, but had to be made from time to time throughout the year, in order to keep within the appropriation.

I submit a statement compiled by Mr. Dobbs, Chief Examiner of the Police Department, showing when the 800 patrolmen, allowed by chapter 975, Laws of 1896, may be appointed. Assuming the statement to be correct, and that it is possible to make as many appointments as he claims, it will require \$268,125 to pay the salaries to January 1, 1897, apportioned as follows:

DATE OF APPOINTMENTS.	NO. OF MEN TO BE APPOINTED.	TIME IN MONTHS FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO JAN. 1, 1897.	RATE PER MONTH PER MAN.	AMOUNTS TO BE PAID ACCORDING DATES OF APPOINTMENTS.
July 15.....	150	5½	\$100 00	\$82,500 00
August 12.....	75	4½	100 00	33,750 00
26.....	75	4	100 00	30,000 00
September 9.....	75	3½	100 00	28,125 00
23.....	75	3	100 00	22,500 00
October 7.....	75	2½	100 00	20,625 00
21.....	75	2	100 00	16,875 00
November 4.....	75	2	100 00	15,000 00
18.....	75	1½	100 00	11,250 00
December 2.....	75	1	100 00	7,500 00
	825			\$268,125 00

In my judgment it will not be possible to appoint 150 on July 15, 1896, as the appointment of 60 to fill the old vacancies will have to be deducted from the eligible list. I think 75 would be a large number for July 15; this will reduce the moneys needed \$41,250, or the total to \$226,875. I have no means of determining how fast it is possible to examine and make the appointments, but I think the Police Department will have to work very rapidly to carry out Mr. Dobbs' schedule.

In view of the fact that the law does not require the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make this appropriation at any one time, I think \$150,000 would be sufficient to allow for this purpose at the present time, and that this amount will probably be found to be ample for the balance of this year.

Respectfully,

CHANDLER WITHINGTON, Assistant Engineer.



POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, June 24, 1896. Hon. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, President Board of Police Commissioners:

SIR—In compliance with your directions of June 22, that a list be prepared to you for submission to the Comptroller, showing when the 800 Patrolmen allowed by the Legislature to the City may be appointed, I submit the following statement:

This Board, beginning on June 10, holds examination for Patrolmen at intervals of three weeks, up to and including August 12. Thereafter, until December 16, examinations will be held at intervals of two weeks. As upon each examination 215 men are examined, and as about 35 per cent. of the competitors attain eligibility, this will mean that about 75 men may be appointed as the result of each examination.

Appointments, therefore, may be made as follows: On July 15 (as the result of the examination of June 10 and of July 1), 150 men; on August 12 (as the result of the examination on July 22), 75 men; on August 26 (as the result of the examination of August 12), 75 men; on September 9 (as the result of the examination of August 26), 75 men; on September 23 (as the result of the examination on September 9), 75 men; on October 7 (as the result of the examination of September 23), 75 men; on October 21 (as the result of the examination of October 7), 75 men; on November 4 (as the result of the examination of October 21), 75 men; on November 18 (as the result of the examination of November 4), 75 men; on December 2 (as the result of the examination of November 18), 75 men—a total of 825 men.

There are now 67 names on the Register of the Eligible. All the names, if the Board of Police so desires, may be appointed to the vacancies now existing on the force, leaving still about a dozen vacancies unfilled.

The act authorizing the employment of the 800 Patrolmen does not apparently fix the time during which the appointments must be made. The Chief of Police has furnished me with a copy of his report requesting that 800 additional men be asked at the hands of the Legislature, as also a copy of the act passed in pursuance of such request. These copies are transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully, WILLOUGHBY B. DOBBS, Chief Examiner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, NEW YORK, March 12, 1896. To the Board of Police:

GENTLEMEN—I beg leave to call your attention, for such action as you may deem proper, the imperative necessity that the Police Force of this City shall be increased somewhat commensurately with the increase of population, property value and police duty. The proportion of our Police Force to city population has never, to my knowledge, been as large as that of the principal European cities, and for the past twenty years this proportion has increasingly lagged behind. Thus, on May 31, 1876, the patrol force numbered 2,261, and the population of the city was 1,075,532, or one Patrolman to every 475 of population; on February 19, 1896, the patrol force was 3,584, or one Patrolman to every 540 of population.

In London there is one patrolman to every 330 of population; in Paris, one to 306, and in Berlin one to 447.

Several conditions have combined to produce this practical deficit in the force. Thus, the yearly increase of 100, authorized by law, has not been systematically made during the twenty years last past. An examination shows that the average increase has been only 70 per year.

Had a full quota thus provided for by law been yearly appointed much of the necessity for the present communication would have been obviated.

The increase in population and values set forth in this communication is, of course, the main reason calling for an increase of force. But it is not the increase of the resident population of the city alone, or of the property, which creates police duty. An enormous population from surrounding localities pours daily to and from the city, for the transaction of its business. Moreover, what London is to England and Paris is to France, New York is to a continent larger than all Europe, and from every part of the Union a large number of visitors, for business or pleasure, contribute a continuously increasing transient population, who, in some aspects, are apt to become more immediately the objects of police protection and guidance than the resident population.

To properly perform all the duties required of the police to-day, the force should have an increase of at least 800 men, for many reasons, chief of which are the following:

That portion of Manhattan Island north of Fifty-ninth street, west of Central Park, and all above One Hundred and Tenth street, has grown wonderfully in the last ten years, and the police force is not adequate in this district to cover the territory as it should be covered. The patrol posts in many sections of this portion of the city covers so much territory that it is difficult for a patrolman to go over it more than once during a tour of duty, and citizens frequently complain, with good reason, that a policeman is seldom seen. Many costly public and private buildings have recently been constructed in this district, particularly on the west side, and the value of personal property contained within its limits has increased to an extent hardly to be realized. One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street is now one of the most busy and important streets of the city. At all times during the day and late at night time this street is thronged by as large crowds as are any of the streets down-town. Indeed the entire district, which a few years ago was regarded as a comparatively inactive suburb, is become as active and important as any down-town section. This portion of the city should have 300 more patrolman without delay. This number could be housed with little difficulty in the present station-houses, and the superior officers would not need, at present, to be increased in number.

That portion of the city lying north of the Harlem river (not including the area annexed in June, 1895) had 203 patrolmen on January 1, 1881, and now has 251, an increase of only 48 in ten years, notwithstanding its enormous increase in population and property values. This force should be at least doubled with as little delay as practicable, in order to meet the present requirements of adequate police service. The villages of Mott Haven, Melrose, Morrisania, Tremont, Fordham, Highbridge and Kingsbridge, in 1874, are no longer villages but are connected in every way, by residences, places of business, lines of cars, and other evidence of continuity. Its population is increasing with a rapidity unequalled in any other portion of the city, and its business interests are advancing with still greater strides. Ordinary foresight would seem to demand prompt measures looking to the addition of at least 250 men at once. In addition to this, there should be more and better station-house accommodations, a matter for future consideration, though urgently needed at this time.

The territory annexed in June, 1895, larger in area than was annexed by the Act of 1874, has within its boundaries several large and prosperous villages, including West Farms, Williamsbridge, Wakefield, Westchester and City Island. This entire territory is policed by 37 Patrolmen, nearly all of whom are mounted. With this small force it is impossible to perform with satisfaction any part of the many duties demanded of the police. 100 more Patrolmen, though hardly sufficient for the purpose of making an exhibition of force, should be added within the next six months.

Manifestly, the first and most important duty of the police force is to prevent crime, which includes the strict enforcement of all laws and ordinances, and the protection of all property within the limits of its jurisdiction. The detection of crime, though secondary, is scarcely less important, as upon success in this branch of police work depends the arrest, conviction and restraint of the most able, fearless and vicious of the criminal classes. Our present force of 40 Detective Sergeants and the handful of men detailed to assist them, is insignificantly small as compared with Paris, and does not compare favorably, in numbers, with many other cities of this country or Europe. As efficient as our men concededly are, individually, the number is so small as to be entirely out of proportion to the work they are called upon to perform. Often a single great crime will require the undivided time and energy of several men for weeks, not only in securing the criminal, but in obtaining the evidence necessary to his conviction.

Whatever methods may be adopted to ensure the highest efficiency in a detective organization, there certainly can be no question as to the necessity of employing a sufficient number of men to do the work effectually and well. 50 men, qualified in all respects to do detective work, should be added to the force detailed to do that work, in order that complaints, often frequent and sometimes persistent, should no longer rest upon an injudicious economy, as in justice they now should.

The remaining 100 of the 800 additional men so urgently needed can be placed, with much advantage to the service, in several posts of duty now short of men south of Fifty-ninth street. In fact, there are very few sections of the city that are properly, or rather, it should be said, thoroughly policed. Our citizens demand a strict enforcement of all the laws and ordinances—a complete and satisfactory performance of all the duties the police are appointed and paid to perform; they demand that their lives and property be protected, peace and order maintained, and that they be made secure in all their rights and privileges as citizens.

In order that all this may be accomplished, the number of men necessary for the purpose, and the money to pay them, must be provided.

All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) PETER CONLIN, Chief of Police.

CHAPTER 673—(Local).

AN ACT to authorize the increase of the Police force of the City of New York. Accepted by the city. Become a law May 15, 1896, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The board of police in the city of New York are hereby authorized to increase the police force in said city by the appointment of not exceeding eight hundred patrolman in addition to the number of patrolmen now authorized by law, when and to the extent that the board of estimate and apportionment of the city of New York shall first have provided the moneys necessary for the payment of the salaries of said patrolman, or any part thereof, as hereinafter provided. The board of police shall appoint such additional patrolmen, after examination of the applicants for such appointment, in the manner provided by section two hundred and sixty-five of chapter four hundred and ten of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-two, as amended by chapter five hundred and sixty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, pursuant to the regulations heretofore or hereafter prescribed by said board of police pursuant to the statute hereinabove referred to.

Sec. 2. The board of estimate and apportionment may in its discretion, from time to time, provide the moneys necessary for the payment of all or any part of the salaries of said additional patrolmen by authorizing the issue of the revenue bonds of the city of New York, by the comptroller, in the number provided by law, and make provision for the payment thereof in the final estimate made and determined by said board next after any such issue.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 673 of the Laws of 1896, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue, from time to time, as may be required, revenue bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the payment of the salaries of additional patrolmen to be appointed by the Board of Police pursuant to said act; said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption thereof to be included in the Final Estimate for the year 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

BOARD OF EDUCATION, CLERK'S OFFICE, No. 146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, June 25, 1896. To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites, to whom was referred the following communication, viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, June 16, 1896. Hon. ROBERT MACLAY, President, Board of Education:

SIR—I have transmitted to the Comptroller a certified copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands on Henry, Catharine and Oliver streets, in the Fourth Ward, as a site for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court bearing date June 12, 1896, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 16th day of June, 1896, confirming said report.

The aggregate amount of the awards is \$230,654, and the costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding, other than expert witnesses' fees, were taxed at the sum of \$5,763.75.

Respectfully yours, FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

—respectfully report:

That it appears from the report and order made in the said proceeding that the amount of the awards and of the costs, charges and expenses, as confirmed by the Court, are as follows: Lands on Henry, Catharine and Oliver streets, in the Fourth Ward—Awards, \$230,654; costs, charges and expenses (other than expert witnesses' fees), \$5,763.75; total, \$236,417.75.

Your Committee therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he hereby is requested to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds, for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on Henry, Catharine and Oliver streets, in the Fourth Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, for the payment of the awards, costs, charges and expenses (other than expert witnesses' fees) confirmed by the Court in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two hundred and thirty-six thousand four hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$236,417.75), the same to be paid by said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds when issued, requisition therefor being hereby made.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on June 24, 1896.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of School-house Bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of two hundred and thirty-six thousand four hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$236,417.75); and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue the same, for such period as he may determine, but not longer than twenty years, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum; the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of lands on Henry, Catharine and Oliver streets, in the Fourth Ward, as a site for school purposes, awards being two hundred and thirty thousand six hundred and fifty-four dollars and costs, charges and expenses, five thousand seven hundred and sixty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, as specified in the resolution relating thereto adopted by the Board of Education, June 24, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, June 25, 1896. To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—On the 27th ultimo there was referred to me, by the Clerk of your Board, a communication from Mr. W. H. Delaney, representing John H. O'Rourke, relative to the latter's claim for compensation for extra work done by him on the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Mr. O'Rourke's claim was presented to your Board at a meeting held May 27, 1896, and the matter was referred to me for my consideration and advice.

John H. O'Rourke, on the 4th of October, 1888, entered into a contract with the Department of Public Parks for the excavation and removal of all earth and rock; furnishing the materials and erecting all the mason work, granite and other work required for the south approach of the enlargement, the east and west facades and the south wall of the old building of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the Central Park; the whole to be done in accordance with the plans, specifications, details and directions therefor.

Mr. O'Rourke proceeded with the work specified in the contract and completed the same, and on July 31, 1889, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks executed the payment on acceptance of the work, and the architect certified that the work had been done, completed and performed as required by the contract and in a satisfactory manner.

Thereafter the contractor was paid by the City the full amount certified in the said payment on acceptance of the work to be due him, to wit, the sum of \$19,388, which, together with the sum of \$29,032, which had been previously paid, amounted in all to the sum of \$48,420, the amount certified to have been earned by him under the contract.

Subsequently the contractor presented claims for certain extra work which he alleged to have done outside of but in connection with the performance of the said contract. The claims were as follows:

"Extra work on Metropolitan Museum of Art, Central Park, New York—Extending tunnel out forty-seven feet, at \$17, \$799; cutting out four windows, plastering, etc., in original building as per agreement with architect, \$400; cutting and turning arch in doorway of engine and boiler room, \$225—total, \$1,424. Date of contract, October 4, 1888."

On October 4, 1892, Mr. O'Rourke addressed to the Park Commissioners a communication, in which he again set forth his claim in detail and stated that he had furnished the extra work by orders of the architects, Messrs. Weston & Tuckerman.

He further stated that the bill had been rendered several times; that he had met Mr. Tuckerman at the Department, who advised him to wait until the Commissioners of Public Parks could apply to the Legislature for more money; that since the death of Mr. Tuckerman he had called on the Secretary of the Department of Public Parks several times about the bill, and recommended that Mr. Weston, the former architect, should be applied to for information concerning the correctness of the claim.

The matter seems to have rested in this condition until some time during the year 1895, during which year a bill was introduced into the Legislature entitled "An Act for the Relief of John H. O'Rourke," which was passed, accepted by the City, and which became chapter 907 of the Laws of 1895.

This act authorized the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to examine the claim of John H. O'Rourke "for balance due him under his contract," being the contract hereinbefore referred to, and authorized the Board, in its discretion, to fix and determine what sum, if any, is justly due and owing "under said contract," to be paid to the said John H. O'Rourke, and further authorized the Comptroller to provide for the payment of the amount so claimed to be due after determination thereof by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Thereafter an investigation as to the merits of the claim appears to have been made under the direction of the Comptroller. Mr. Weston, the architect, was examined as to the merits of the claim. It was found, however, that the claim was for extra work and was not for work done under the contract, and that, accordingly, chapter 907 of the Laws of 1895 did not seem to apply to the claim or to permit the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to audit the same and to authorize the Comptroller to pay the same.

Accordingly, the claimant had introduced into the Legislature a bill to amend chapter 907 of the Laws of 1895, which passed the Legislature, was accepted by the City, signed by the Governor and became a law on the 13th of May, 1896, being chapter 615 of the Laws of 1896.

By the act, as thus amended, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is authorized to examine Mr. O'Rourke's claim "for any balance due him for extra work under his contract" for extending the tunnel, making doors and windows on the extension to the Metropolitan Museum of Art; and it is also authorized to fix and determine what sum, if any, is justly due and owing



"for such extra work" under said contract, to be paid to the said John H. O'Rourke, and to file a certificate thereof in the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Therefore, if the claim is meritorious, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has authority to audit the same and to order it paid.

As to the merits of the claim, I transmit herewith a communication from Mr. Eugene E. MacLean, Assistant Engineer of the Finance Department, to Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller, dated February 15, 1896; communication from Mr. Theodore Weston, Architect, to Eugene MacLean, dated January 24, 1896; affidavit of Gregory Cox, verified the 21st day of January, 1896; copy of chapter 907, of the Laws of 1895; bill of Mr. O'Rourke, undated, for \$1,424, specifying the items of the claim; communication addressed to the Park Commissioners by John H. O'Rourke, dated October 4, 1892; bid of Henry White for certain work; order from Theodore Weston, Architect, to John H. O'Rourke, dated January 19, 1889, directing a door to be cut in elevator shaft and boiler room; affidavit of John H. O'Rourke, verified the 27th day of November, 1895; affidavit of Henry White, verified the 16th day of November, 1895; copy of a letter signed Robert McGinness, directed to Gen. L. P. de Cesnola, dated November 5, 1892; copy of a letter from L. P. de Cesnola to Charles De F. Burns, dated November 14, 1892; letter from same to same, dated October 26, 1892; letter addressed to the Comptroller by W. H. Delany for John H. O'Rourke, dated May 23, 1896; certified copy of chapter 615 of the Laws of 1896.

An inspection of these communications and documents shows that the work was ordered by the Architect, Mr. Weston, and actually done by Mr. O'Rourke, as to whether it was work included in the contract, or extra work outside the specifications, depends upon the Architect's decision. By the terms of the contract, the Architect's decision as to the meaning of the specifications was made final.

Mr. Weston, having decided that the work was not included in the specifications, that decision is final, and accordingly the work must be held to have been extra work done by Mr. O'Rourke in connection with the work under his contract.

If your Honorable Board shall determine to accept the report of Mr. Eugene E. MacLean as to the justice of the claim, which report appears to have been based upon the papers annexed to his report and inclosed herewith, chapter 615 of the Laws of 1896, amending chapter 907 of the Laws of 1895, authorizes your Board to audit the claim and to authorize the Comptroller to pay the same.

The correct amounts thereof would appear to be, according to Mr. McLean's report, the following:

1. For extending tunnel 44 feet, at \$17 per foot, \$748; 2. Cutting out four windows, plastering, etc., \$400; 3. Cutting and turning arch in doorway of engine and boiler-room, \$125—\$1,273.

Very respectfully, D. J. DEAN, Acting Counsel to the Corporation.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon the Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board hereby audits the claim of John H. O'Rourke at the sum of one thousand two hundred and seventy-three dollars, and authorizes the Comptroller to take such steps, pursuant to law, as may be necessary to pay the same.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, No. 220 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, June 24, 1896. Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—Owing to the great mass of work being done by this Department, as there is now three times the amount of work being done here than ever before, and as a great saving in expense and time, and greater efficiency will be accomplished, as the back records of the Department covering a period of thirty-four years are in terrible condition, and not even temporarily taken care of as there is no room for same, and as a large number of my employees have signified their willingness to work overtime and aid me in every way possible, and as we have, by working overtime up to the present date, saved sufficient to meet the expense, I desire to take another floor in this building, and would respectfully ask you to transfer from my present appropriation for "Salaries," the sum of \$750, being the rent of said floor from July 1st to December 31st of the present year.

Yours respectfully,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent of Buildings.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Buildings, for the year 1896, entitled "Department of Buildings—Salaries, etc.," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for 1896, entitled "Department of Buildings—Rents," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessment, and Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Requisition is hereby made upon you, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of chapter 4 of the Laws of 1891, entitled "An Act to provide for rapid transit railways in cities of over one million inhabitants," as amended by section 7 of chapter 752 of the Laws of 1894, by the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners organized under the aforesaid act as amended, for the sum of nine thousand six hundred and two dollars and fifty cents (\$9,602.50), which is requisite and necessary to properly enable said Board to do and perform, or to cause to be done and performed, the duties prescribed by the said statute as amended.

Appended hereto is a statement (marked Schedule "A" and authenticated by the signatures of the President and Secretary of this Board) showing the purposes to which it is intended to apply the appropriation for which requisition is now made.

This requisition is made and presented pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the concurrent vote of five members of this Board at a regular meeting thereof duly held on the 18th day of June, 1896.

In Witness Whereof, the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners has caused this requisition to be subscribed by its President and Secretary, and its official seal to be hereto affixed at the City of New York this 24th day of June, 1896.

LEWIS L. DELAFIELD, Secretary.

A. E. ORR, President.

#### SCHEDULE "A."

Purposes to which it is proposed to apply the appropriation for which requisition is now made:

1. Fees of the Commissioners appointed by the Court as established by the order of the Appellate Division—Frederic R. Coudert, \$2,000; George Sherman, \$2,000; William H. Gelshenen, \$2,000—\$6,000.

2. Fees of expert witnesses retained by the Board as follows—E. J. Farrell, \$75; Ferdinand Fish, \$250; William H. Burr, \$250; L. Tanenbaum, \$250; Frank S. Gannon, \$250; Charles Sooy-Smith, \$250; W. D. H. Washington, \$350; Thomas C. Clarke, \$400; W. T. Manning, \$500; David L. Barnes, \$527.50; Theodore Cooper, \$500—\$3,602.50; in all, \$9,602.50.

LEWIS L. DELAFIELD, Secretary.

A. E. ORR, President.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, JUNE 26, 1896, Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—In compliance of June 24, 1896, the Board of Public Parks transmits plans for the completion of the Aquarium, and requests the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to the same.

Section 2, chapter 254, Laws of 1893, under which the Aquarium is being constructed, allows the alterations and changes of plans, but requires the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment thereto.

The original plans were duly approved, and also changes made from time to time. The plans now submitted include all the changes expected to be made, though, the whole construction being tentative, there may be others yet to be presented. The plans now submitted are principally for ornamental work, in connection with the arrangement of lights, and will, doubtless, be very effective and satisfactory.

The cost will be about \$20,000. The plans are complete, and, I think, should receive the approval of the Board. Respectfully, EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

And moved that the said plans be approved.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, June 29, 1896. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Parks, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194, Laws of 1896, for the purpose of defraying the expense of paving and improving the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue.

Respectfully, WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, June 30, 1896. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—The Engineer of Construction, Department of Public Parks, incloses to me, by the instructions of the President, the following estimate of the cost of paving with asphalt "the Circle," at Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, viz.:

Total area of circle extending to the crosswalks of avenues and streets, 11,247 square yards; deduct area occupied by railroad tracks and extending two feet outside of same, 2,639 square yards—area to be paved, 8,608 square yards. 8,608 square yards of paving, at \$2.75, \$23,672; contingencies and inspection, five per cent., \$1,183—\$24,855—say, \$25,000.

The pavement to be laid upon the present Telford foundation with asphalt and five years' maintenance. The cost of paving with granite blocks is estimated at the same.

In the above estimate the space occupied by the railroads in, between and two feet exterior to the rails, is to be done by or at the expense of the railroad companies.

The above estimate is as near as can be made in advance of the contract.

The covering of this space would be a grand improvement for pedestrians and for the appearance of the entrance. Respectfully, EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby designates Central Park as one of the parks to be improved under the provisions of said act, and hereby authorizes and directs the Comptroller to issue bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, redeemable in such period as the Comptroller may determine, but not less than twenty years from the date of issue; the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the purpose of defraying the expense of paving and improving the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, as specified in the resolution of the Board of Parks relating thereto, adopted June 29, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, GREATER NEW YORK COMMISSION, No. 44 PINE STREET, NEW YORK CITY, June 30, 1896. To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York:

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Greater New York Commission, held at the office of the Mayor of the City of New York on June 25, 1896, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Commission be and they hereby are authorized to make requisition upon the Boards of Estimate and Apportionment of the Cities of New York and Brooklyn, respectively, to raise in sums of five thousand dollars at a time, and when and as requested by the President and Secretary of the Commission, the amount, to wit, twenty-five thousand dollars, provided for the expenses of the Commission by section 4 of chapter 488 of the Laws of 1896, and in the proportions mentioned in said section; and that the President and Secretary of the Commission be and they hereby are authorized at once to make requisition upon the said Boards of Estimate and Apportionment to raise their respective proportions of the sum of five thousand dollars, the same being part of the twenty-five thousand dollars authorized to be raised by said section."

In conformity with the foregoing resolution and to the end that the sum of \$5,000 may be immediately raised for the purpose of paying to that extent, and in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 488 of the Laws of 1896, expenses incurred by the Commission, we hereby make requisition that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York raise, in accordance with the foregoing resolution, and as required by said section 4 of chapter 488 of the Laws of 1896, its proportion of the sum of \$5,000, the same being part of the whole sum of \$25,000 directed to be raised for the expenses of the Commission by said section 4.

Yours very truly, B. F. TRACY, President.

GEO. M. PINNEY, JR., Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NEW YORK, June 29, 1896. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor, New York:

DEAR SIR—I inclose for your information a communication from the Superintendent of the Out-door Poor, under whose jurisdiction are employed the "Examiners of Dependent Children." If this, together with the matter of "insane clothing" and excess of appropriation in supplies of 1895, could be taken up at the next meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, it would very greatly facilitate the work of this Department.

Permit me to state further, that we are now ready to submit plans for the improvements at Bellevue Hospital and at the Almshouse for their approval. Advisory Architect Thomas, representing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, will meet at this office with the architects of this Department on Wednesday morning, for examination of these plans, with a view of harmonizing any differences that may be found to exist, prior to the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, of which due notice will no doubt be sent us.

Yours truly, S. C. CROFT, President.

NEW YORK, June 29, 1896. Hon. S. C. CROFT, President:

SIR—I would most respectfully and earnestly report to your honorable Board that the agents employed by this Department for the investigation of dependent children have not received any salary, though they have been working since last March. They being so faithful and performing their work so diligently and well, and from which we get such good results, I earnestly beg that your honorable Board press the matter before the Board of Apportionment to have the transfer made, so that these agents may get what is justly due them.

Respectfully, (Signed) WILLIAM BLAKE, Superintendent Out-door Poor.

Referred to the Comptroller and Counsel to the Corporation.

The following communications were received:

From the Department of Public Parks—CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, June 25, 1896. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Parks, held on the 23d inst., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of defraying the expense of paving and repaving with asphalt the walks in the Central Park.

Respectfully, WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

From the Department of Public Parks—

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, June 29, 1896. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Parks, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194, Laws of 1896, for the purpose of improving St. Mary's Park, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Respectfully, WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

From the Department of Public Parks—

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, June 29, 1896. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Parks, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194, Laws of 1896, for the purpose of improving Cedar Park, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Respectfully, WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

From the Department of Public Parks—

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, June 29, 1896. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Parks, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194, Laws of 1896, for the purpose of defraying the expense of rip-rapping



and cleaning the shores of the pond, known as the "Pool," near One Hundred and Second Street and Central Park, West, in Central Park.

Respectfully,  
WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

From the Department of Public Parks:  
CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,  
June 29, 1896. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City:  
GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Parks, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194, Laws of 1896, for the purpose of erecting additional greenhouses and improving the grounds adjacent thereto in Central Park.

Respectfully,  
WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, July 2, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.  
E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

#### AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 209 Stewart Building, on Monday, June 29, 1896, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—The Commissioner of Public Works and Commissioners Tucker, Cannon and Green. Vice-President Tucker in the chair.

The Construction or Executive Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, upon the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the following bills are hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment, viz.:  
1st. Of S. Bradley, for services as veterinary surgeon, amounting to \$20.  
2d. Of William James, for transportation, amounting to \$8.94.  
3d. Of R. D. Philbin, for transportation, etc., amounting to \$18.92.  
4th. Of Robert L. Fraser, for transportation, amounting to \$16.49.  
5th. Of Bert Tompkins, for transportation, amounting to \$19.76.

On motion of Commissioner Cannon, the same was adopted.

The Committee also recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, upon the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the accompanying bill of W. H. Langer, for transportation, amounting to \$52.74, is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

On motion of Commissioner Green, the same was adopted.

The Committee also recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and in accordance with the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, contained in a communication to the Comptroller under date of November 26, 1895, the accompanying bill of Sarah A. Travis, for refund of taxes paid by her on Parcel No. 27 of Reservoir "D," amounting to \$68.81, is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and in accordance with the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, contained in a communication to the Comptroller under date of November 26, 1895, the accompanying bill of Frances E. Cornish, for refund of taxes paid by her on Parcels Nos. 20, 22, 28 and 29 of Reservoir "D," amounting to \$65.83, is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and in accordance with the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, contained in a communication to the Comptroller under date of November 26, 1895, the accompanying bill of Benjamin Secord, for refund of taxes paid by him on Parcels Nos. 6, 7 and 8 of Reservoir "D," amounting to \$28.39, is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and in accordance with the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, contained in a communication to the Comptroller under date of November 26, 1895, the accompanying bill of Chancey Smith, for refund of taxes paid by him on Parcels Nos. 30 and 36 of Reservoir "D," amounting to \$76.62, is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

On motion of Commissioner Cannon, the same were adopted.

The Committee also recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Commissioners on June 9, 1896, approving and ordering certified to the Comptroller for payment the bill of William James for transportation and board, amounting to eighteen dollars and fifty-two cents (\$18.52), be and hereby is amended so as to read eighteen dollars and sixty-two cents (\$18.62).

On motion of Commissioner Cannon, the same were adopted.

The Committee of Finance and Audit reported their examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 11108 to 11120, inclusive, amounting to \$679.36.

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, the same were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

EDWARD L. ALLEN, Secretary.

NOTE.—On Wednesday, July 1, 1896, no quorum being present, the meeting stood adjourned.

NOTE.—On Wednesday, July 8, 1896, no quorum being present, the meeting stood adjourned.

**METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY**  
OF THE  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,**  
CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.  
Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the ground, 53 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

#### ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS

For the Week ending July 4, 1896.

Barometer.									
DATE.	7 A. M.			MEAN FOR THE DAY.	MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		
	Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Time.	Reduced to Freezing.	Time.	Time.
JUNE AND JULY.									
Sunday, 28	29.760	29.668	29.600	29.662	29.800	0 A. M.	29.560	5 P. M.	
Monday, 29	29.746	29.758	29.870	29.791	29.932	12 P. M.	29.622	0 A. M.	
Tuesday, 30	30.104	30.104	30.124	30.125	30.125	9 A. M.	29.932	0 A. M.	
Wednesday, 1	30.134	30.118	30.124	30.125	30.146	9 A. M.	30.098	2 A. M.	
Thursday, 2	30.130	30.080	30.034	30.083	30.140	0 A. M.	30.000	7 P. M.	
Friday, 3	30.024	29.980	29.988	29.997	30.030	9 A. M.	29.952	7 P. M.	
Saturday, 4	29.980	29.860	29.770	29.870	29.990	0 A. M.	29.708	12 P. M.	
Mean for the week				29.947 inches.					
Maximum				at 9 A. M., July 1st.	30.146				
Minimum				at 5 P. M., June 28th.	29.560				
Range					.586				

Thermometers.													
DATE.	7 A. M.		2 P. M.		9 P. M.		MEAN.	MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		MAXIMUM.	
	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.		Time.	Wet Bulb.	Time.	Dry Bulb.	Time.	Wet Bulb.
JUNE AND JULY.													
Sunday, 28	68	62	68	63	69	65	68.3	63.3	72	0 A. M.	66	12 P. M.	67
Monday, 29	69	62	68	63	73	63	74.3	63.6	83	4 P. M.	60	5 P. M.	67
Tuesday, 30	61	51	72	60	71	63	68.0	58.0	77	5 P. M.	64	7 P. M.	60
Wednesday, 1	69	61	75	72	78	72	77.3	68.3	88	6 P. M.	65	5 A. M.	59
Thursday, 2	73	64	83	72	79	73	78.3	69.6	85	5 P. M.	76	5 P. M.	68
Friday, 3	72	69	90	78	81	76	81.0	74.3	91	4 P. M.	80	4 P. M.	71
Saturday, 4	63	65	77	71	75	72	73.6	69.3	78	4 P. M.	74	12 P. M.	69
Mean for the week							74.4						
Maximum for the week, at 4 P. M., 3d.							91						
Minimum " at 5 A. M., 30th.							60						
Range							31						

Wind.												
DATE.	DIRECTION.			VELOCITY IN MILES.				FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT.				
	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 P. M. to 7 A. M.	7 A. M. to 2 P. M.	2 P. M. to 9 P. M.	Distance for the day.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Max.	Time.
JUNE AND JULY.												
Sunday, 28....	NW	ESE	W	22	19	13	54	0	1/4	0	1/4	1.30 P.M.
Monday, 29....	W	W	WNW	35	59	70	164	0	1 1/2	0	4 1/2	2.10 P.M.
Tuesday, 30....	NW	WNW	SSW	57	36	43	136	0	1 1/2	0	1 1/2	5.30 P.M.
Wed'sday, 1....	W	WSW	SSE	54	40	33	127	0	1 1/2	0	1	2.40 P.M.
Thursday, 2....	SW	S	SSW	48	32	51	121	0	1 1/2	0	1 1/4	1 P.M.
Friday, 3....	SW	S	ENE	68	53	38	159	1/4	3/4	0	1	11.40 A.M.
Saturday, 4....	NE	E	NE	67	37	28	132	1/4	1/4	0	1 1/4	0.30 A.M.

Distance traveled during the week..... 903 miles.  
Maximum force..... 4 1/2 pounds.

DATE.	Hygrometer.								Clouds.			Rain and Snow. Ozone.						
	FORCE OF VAPOR.				RELATIVE HUMIDITY.				CLEAR, O. OVERCAST, IO.			DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES.						
	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	Mean.	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	Mean.	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.	Duration.	Amount of Water.	Depth of Snow.	O. IO	
JUNE AND JULY.																		
Sunday, 28	.476	.509	.564	.515	69	74	79	74	IO	IO	IO	IO A.M.	4 P.M.	6.00	.05	.....	0	
Monday, 29	.462	.438	.412	.447	65	41	54	53	0	1 Cir.	0						5	
Tuesday, 30	.242	.358	.469	.350	45	45	62	50	0	0	0						0	
Wed'n day, 1	.430	.609	.704	.581	60	50	73	61	0	0	0						0	
Thursday, 2	.476	.636	.730	.614	59	56	74	63	0	0	0						0	
Friday, 3	.668	.795	.829	.764	85	56	73	73	1 Cir.	6 Cir.	0						0	
											8 Cu.						0	
Saturday, 4	.564	.678	.744	.662	79	73	86	79	IO	8 Cu.	IO	9.45 P.M.	12 P.M.	2.15	.13	.....	0	
Total amount of water for the week.....												.18 in.						
Duration for the week.....												8 hours, 15 minutes.						

DATE.	7 A. M.			2 P. M.		
	Close, calm.	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.
JUNE AND JULY.						
Sunday, June 28	Close, calm.	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.
Monday, " 29	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.
Tuesday, " 30	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Mild, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.
Wednesday, July 1	Warm, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.	Warm, pleasant.
Thursday, " 2	Warm, pleasant, hazy.	Warm, pleasant, hazy.	Warm, pleasant, hazy.	Warm, pleasant, hazy.	Warm, pleasant, hazy.	Warm, pleasant, hazy.
Friday, " 3	Warm, close, dew.	Warm, close, dew.	Warm, close, dew.	Warm, close, dew.	Hot, sultry.	Hot, sultry.
Saturday, " 4	Mild, overcast.	Mild, overcast.	Mild, overcast.	Mild, overcast.	Close, hazy.	Close, hazy.

DANIEL DRAPER, PH. D., Director.

#### APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Mott avenue to River avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb-stones set, the sidewalks flagged a space four feet in width, crosswalks laid at each intersecting and terminating street or avenue where not already laid, and fences placed along the sides thereof where necessary, under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 9, 1896. Approved by the Mayor, June 17, 1896.

Resolved, That a crosswalk of two courses, with a row of new specification paving-blocks between the courses, be laid across Columbus avenue, at its intersection with the northerly side of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, the materials to be used for said work to be bridge-stone of North river blue stone of the dimensions and according to the specifications now used in the Department of Public Works, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 9, 1896. Approved by the Mayor, June 17, 1896.

Resolved, That so much of G. O. 637 as is contained in the application of Santo Reda to keep and maintain a stand for the sale of soda-water in front of the premises No. 164 East Fifty-third street be and the same is hereby adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 9, 1896. Approved by the Mayor, June 17, 1896.

Resolved, That so much of G. O. 426 as is contained in the application of John Fleming to keep a newspaper stand in front of the premises Nos. 4 and 6 Old Slip, within the stoop-line, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 9, 1896. Approved by the Mayor, June 17, 1896.

Resolved, That a crosswalk of two courses of North river blue stone be laid across West Broadway, from the northeast corner of Walker street to the northwest corner of Beach street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 9, 1896. Approved by the Mayor, June 17, 1896.

#### ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

Law Department. Railroads.  
Streets and Law Dept.

LAW DEPARTMENT—The Committee on Law Department will hold an executive meeting on Monday, July 13, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room 13, City Hall.

STREETS AND LAW DEPARTMENT—The Committees on Streets and Law Department will hold a joint public meeting on Monday, July 13, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room 16, City Hall, "to consider ordinance regulating the use of sidewalks under the Elevated Railroad stairs."

RAILROADS—The Committee on Railroads will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 13, 1896, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Room 16, City Hall, "to consider proposed ordinance to regulate speed of surface-cars on curves."

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

#### OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING which the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which the Courts regularly open and adjourn, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held; together with the heads of Departments and Courts:

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.  
No. 6 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.  
WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor. JOB E. HEDGES, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.  
No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
EDWARD H. HEALY, First Marshal.  
JOHN J. BRENNAN, Second Marshal.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.  
Rooms 114 and 115, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
SETH SPRAGUE TERRY and RODNEY S. DENNIS.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.  
Room 209, Stewart Building, 5th floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JAMES C. DUANE, President; JOHN J. TUCKER; H. W. CANNON, GEORGE WALTON GREEN, and THE MAYOR, COMPTROLLER and COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, ex officio, Commissioners; EDWARD L. ALLEN, Secretary, A. FTELEY, Chief Engineer.

BOARD OF ARMY COMMISSIONERS.  
THE MAYOR, Chairman; PRESIDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, Secretary.  
Address EDWARD P. BARKER, Stewart Building.  
Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

#### COMMON COUNCIL.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.  
No. 8 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JOHN JEROME, President Board of Aldermen.  
WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK, Clerk Common Council.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

No. 150 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner; HOWARD PAYSON WILDS, Deputy Commissioner (17th Floor).  
HENRY DIMSE, Chief Clerk (17th Floor).  
GEORGE W. BIRDSALL, Chief Engineer (17th Floor); COLUMBUS O. JOHNSON, Water Register (1st Floor); HORACE LOOMIS, Engineer in Charge of Sewers (17th Floor); JOHN C. GRAHAM, Superintendent of Repairs and Supplies (17th Floor); EDWARD P. NORTH, Water Purveyor (Basement); STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent of Lamps and Gas (2nd Floor); JOHN SIMPSON, Superintendent of Streets and Roads (17th Floor); WILLIAM HENKEL, Superintendent of Incumbrances (Basement); STEVENSON TOWLE, Consulting Engineer and in charge of Street Improvements (17th Floor).

#### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

No. 220 Fourth avenue, corner of Eighteenth street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.  
No. 262 1/2 Third avenue, northeast corner of One Hundred and Forty-first street. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M. to 2 P. M.  
LOUIS F. HAFEN, Commissioner; JACOB SEABOLD, Deputy Commissioner; JOSEPH P. HENNESSY, Secretary.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.  
No. 15 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller; WILLIAM J. LYON, Deputy Comptroller; EDGAR J. LEVEY, Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.  
Nos. 19, 21 and 23 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JOHN F. GOULDSBURY, First Auditor.  
FRED'K L. W. SCHAFFNER, Second Auditor.  
FRED'K J. BRETTMAN, Third Auditor.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.  
Nos. 31, 33, 35, 37 and 39 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
EDWARD GILON, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

No money received after 2 P. M.  
Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets.  
Nos. 1 and 3 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
DAVID O'BRIEN, Collector of the City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.

No money received after 2 P. M.  
Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.  
No. 57 Chambers street and No. 35 Reade street, Stewart Building 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.



DAVID E. AUSTEN, Receiver of Taxes; JOHN J. McDONOUGH, Deputy Receiver of Taxes. No money received after 2 P. M.

**Bureau of the City Chamberlain.**  
Nos. 25 and 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
ANSON G. MCCOOK, City Chamberlain.

**Office of the City Paymaster.**  
No. 33 Reade street, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JOHN H. TIMMERMAN, City Paymaster.

**LAW DEPARTMENT.**  
*Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.*  
Staats Zeitung Building, third and fourth floors, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.  
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.  
ANDREW T. CAMPBELL, Chief Clerk.

*Office of the Corporation Attorney.*  
No. 110 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
GEORGE W. LYON, Corporation Attorney.

*Office of Attorney for Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.*  
Stewart Building, Broadway and Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

ROBERT GRIER MONROE, Attorney.  
MICHAEL J. DOUGHERTY, Clerk.

**Bureau of Street Openings.**  
Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway.  
JOHN P. DUNN and HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Assistants to the Counsel to the Corporation.

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.**  
No. 110 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WILLIAM M. HOES, Public Administrator.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.**  
*Central Office.*  
No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT, President; AVERY D. ANDREWS, FREDERICK D. GRANT and ANDREW D. PARKER, Commissioners; WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk; T. F. RODENBROUGH, Chief of Bureau of Elections.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**  
No. 145 Grand street, corner of Elm street.  
ROBERT MACLAY, President; ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.

**DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES.**  
*Central Office.*  
No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

SILAS C. CROFT, President; JOHN P. FAURE and JAMES R. O'BRIEN, Commissioners; H. G. WEAVER, Secretary.  
Purchasing Agent, GEO. W. WANMAKER; W. A. PRICE, General Bookkeeper and Auditor. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.  
Plans and Specifications, Contracts, Proposals and Estimates for Work and Materials for Building, Repairs and Supplies, Bills and Accounts, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.  
Out-Door Poor Department. Office hours, 8:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. WILLIAM BLAKE, Superintendent. Entrance on Eleventh street.

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.**  
*Central Office.*  
No. 145 East Twentieth street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner; ARTHUR PHILLIPS, Secretary; CHARLES BENN, General Bookkeeper and Auditor; CHARLES STEINBERG, Purchasing Agent.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**  
Office hours for all, except where otherwise noted, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.  
*Headquarters.*  
Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street.  
O. H. LA GRANGE, President; JAMES K. SHEFFIELD and AUSTIN E. FORD, Commissioners; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

HUGH BONNER, Chief of Department; GEO. E. MURRAY, Inspector of Combustibles; MARTIN L. HOLLISTER, Fire Marshal; WM. L. FINDLEY, Attorney to Department; J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph.  
Central Office open at all hours.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**  
New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
CHARLES G. WILSON, President, and GEORGE B. FOWLER, M. D., the PRESIDENT OF THE POLICE BOARD, ex officio, and the HEALTH OFFICER OF THE PORT, ex officio, Commissioners; EDMONDS CLARK, Secretary.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.**  
Arsenal Building, Central Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.  
S. V. R. CRUGER, President; SMITH ELY, WILLIAM A. STILES and SAMUEL McMILLAN, Commissioners; WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

**DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.**  
Battery, Pier A, North river.  
EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, President; EDWIN EISENBERG and JOHN MONKS, Commissioners; GEORGE S. TERRY, Secretary.  
Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

**DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.**  
Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.  
EDWARD P. BARKER, President; JAMES L. WELLS and THEO. SUTRO, Commissioners; C. ROCKLAND TYNG, Secretary.

**BOARD OF ELECTRICAL CONTROL.**  
No. 1262 Broadway.  
HENRY S. KEARNY, JACOB HESS, and THOMAS L. HAMILTON, and the Mayor, ex officio, Commissioners.

**DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.**  
No. 32 Chambers street. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
GEORGE E. WARRING, Jr., Commissioner; F. H. GIBSON, Deputy Commissioner; THOS. A. DOB, Chief Clerk.

**CIVIL SERVICE SUPERVISORY AND EXAMINING BOARDS.**  
Criminal Court Building, Centre street, between Franklin and White streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
EVERETT P. WHEELER, THOMAS STURGIS, E. RANDOLPH ROBINSON, C. W. WATSON and J. VAN VECHTEN OLCOTT, Members of the Supervisory Board.

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.**  
The Mayor, Chairman; E. P. BARKER (President, Department of Taxes and Assessments), Secretary; the COMPTROLLER, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, and the COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, Members; CHARLES V. ADER, Clerk.  
Office of Clerk, Department of Taxes and Assessments, Stewart Building.

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS.**  
Office, 27 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
THOMAS J. RUSH, Chairman; P. M. HAVERTY, JOHN W. JACOBUS, EDWARD MCCUE, Assessors; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**  
Nos. 6 and 7 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
EDWARD J. H. TAMSEN, Sheriff; HENRY H. SHERMAN, Under Sheriff.

**N. Y. COUNTY JAIL.**  
No. 70 Ludlow street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WILLIAM J. ROWE, Warden.

**REGISTER'S OFFICE.**  
East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WILLIAM SOMMER, Register; JOHN VON GLAHN, Deputy Register.

**COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.**  
Room 127, Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WILLIAM PLIMLEY, Commissioner; P. H. DUNN, Deputy Commissioner.

**COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**  
Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
HENRY D. PURROY, County Clerk; P. J. SCULLY, Deputy County Clerk.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**  
New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JOHN R. FELLOWS, District Attorney; HENRY W. UNGER, Chief Clerk.

**THE CITY RECORD OFFICE.**  
And Bureau of Printing, Stationery and Blank Books.  
No. 2 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., except Saturdays, on which days 9 A. M. to 12 M.  
JOHN A. SLEICHER, Supervisor; THOMAS C. COWELL, Deputy Supervisor and Accountant; HENRY McMILLEN, Deputy Supervisor and Expert.

**EXAMINING BOARD OF PLUMBERS.**  
No. 32 Chambers street.  
JOHN YULE, Chairman; JAMES M. MORROW, Secretary; JAMES P. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

**CORONERS' OFFICE.**  
New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, open constantly.  
EDWARD T. FITZPATRICK, WILLIAM H. DOBBS, EMIL W. HOFBER and THEODORE K. TUTTILL, Coroners; EDWARD F. REYNOLDS, Clerk of the Board of Coroners.

**SURROGATES' COURT.**  
New County Court-house, Court opens at 10:30 A. M.; adjourns 4 P. M.  
FRANK T. FITZGERALD and JOHN H. V. ARNOLD, Surrogates; WILLIAM V. LEARY, Chief Clerk.

**APPELLATE DIVISION, SUPREME COURT.**  
Court-house, No. 111 Fifth avenue, corner Eighteenth street. Court opens at 1 P. M.  
CHARLES H. VAN BRUNT, Presiding Justice; GEORGE C. BARRETT, PARKER C. WILLIAMS, EDWARD PATTERSON, MORGAN J. O'BRIEN, GEORGE L. INGRAHAM, WILLIAM RUMSEY, ALFRED WAGSTAFF, Clerk; WM. LAMB, Jr., Deputy Clerk.

**SUPREME COURT.**  
County Court-house, 10:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Special Term, Part I., Room No. 12.  
Special Term, Part II., Room No. 15.  
Special Term, Part III., Room No. 19.  
Special Term, Part IV., Room No. 11.  
Special Term, Part V., Room No. 23.  
Special Term, Part VI., Room No. 21.  
Special Term, Part VII., Room No. 25.  
Special Term, Part VIII., Room No. 34.  
Trial Term, Part I., Room No. 16.  
Trial Term, Part II., Room No. 17.  
Trial Term, Part III., Room No. 18.  
Trial Term, Part IV., Room No. 18.  
Trial Term, Part V., Room No. 32.  
Trial Term, Part VI., Room No. 31.  
Trial Term, Part VII., Room No. 30.  
Trial Term, Part VIII., Room No. 24.  
Trial Term, Part IX., Room No. 23.  
Trial Term, Part IX., Room No. 22.  
Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 26.

*Justices:* ABRAHAM R. LAWRENCE, GEORGE P. ANDREWS, CHARLES H. TRUAX, CHARLES F. MACLEAN, FREDERICK SMYTH, JOSEPH F. DALY, MILES BEACH, ROGER PRYOR, LEONARD A. GEIGERICH, HENRY W. BOOKSTAVEN, HENRY BISCHOFF, JR., JOHN J. FRIEDMAN, JOHN SEDGWICK, P. HENRY DUGRO, DAVID MCADAM, HENRY R. BEERMAN, HENRY A. GILDERSLLEEVE; HENRY D. PURROY, Clerk.

**COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.**  
New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M.; adjourns 4 P. M.  
JOHN W. GOFF, Recorder; JAMES FITZGERALD, RUFUS B. COWING, JOSEPH E. NEWBURGER and MARTIN T. MCMAHON, Judges.  
JOHN F. CARROLL, Clerk's Office, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

**CITY COURT.**  
City Hall.  
General Term, Room No. 20.  
Trial Term, Part I., Room No. 20.  
Part II., Room No. 21.  
Part III., Room No. 15.  
Part IV., Room No. 11.  
Special Term Chambers will be held in Room No. 19, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Clerk's Office, Room No. 10, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Chief Justice; JAMES M. FITZSIMONS, JOHN H. MCCARTHY, LEWIS J. CONLAN, EDWARD F. O'DWYER and JOHN P. SCHUCHMAN, Justices; JOHN B. MCGOLDRICK, Clerk.

**CRIMINAL DIVISION, SUPREME COURT.**  
New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Court opens at 10:30 o'clock A. M.  
JOHN F. CARROLL, Clerk; 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

**COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.**  
New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, between Franklin and White streets, daily, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturday, 9 A. M. to 12 M.  
*Judges:* ELIZABETH B. HINSDALE, WILLIAM TRAVERS JEROME, EPHRAIM A. JACOB, JOHN HAYES, WILLIAM C. HOLBROOK.

**DISTRICT CIVIL COURTS.**  
First District—Third, Fifth and Eighth Wards, and all that part of the First Ward lying west of Broadway and Whitehall street. Court-room, No. 32 Chambers street.  
WAUHOPE LYNN, Justice. MICHAEL C. MURPHY, Clerk. Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Second District—Second, Fourth, Sixth and Fourteenth Wards, and all that portion of the First Ward lying south and east of Broadway and Whitehall street. Court-room, corner of Grand and Centre streets.  
HERMANN BOLTE, Justice. FRANCIS MANGIN, Clerk. Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Third District—Ninth and Fifteenth Wards. Court-room, southwest corner Sixth avenue and West Tenth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

WM. F. MOORE, Justice. DANIEL WILLIAMS, Clerk. Fourth District—Tenth and Seventeenth Wards. Court-room, No. 30 First street, corner Second avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily, and remains open to close of business.

GEORGE F. ROESCH, Justice. JOHN E. LYNCH, Clerk. Fifth District—Seventh, Eleventh and Thirteenth Wards. Court-room, No. 154 Clinton street.  
HENRY M. GOLDFOGLE, Justice. JEREMIAH HAYES, Clerk.

Sixth District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards. Court-room, northwest corner Twenty-third street and Second avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily; continues open to close of business.

DANIEL F. MARTIN, Justice. ABRAM BERNARD, Clerk. Seventh District—Nineteenth Ward. Court-room, No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays), and continues open to close of business.

JOHN B. MCKEAN, Justice. JOSEPH C. WOLF, Clerk. Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards. Court-room, northwest corner of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue. Court opens at 9 A. M. and continues open to close of business.

Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. each court day.  
Trial days, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Return days, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.  
JOSEPH H. STINER, Justice. THOMAS COSTIGAN, Clerk.

Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, except all that portion of the said ward which is bounded on the north by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the south by the centre line of Eighty-sixth street, on the east by the centre line of Sixth avenue, and on the west by the North river. Court-room, No. 170 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeast corner of Sylvan place. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays), and continues open to close of business.

JOSEPH P. FALLON, Justice. WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, Clerk.  
Clerk's office open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Tenth District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Court-room, corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.  
Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court opens at 9 A. M.

WILLIAM G. MCCREA, Justice. WM. H. GERMAINE, Clerk.  
Eleventh District—Twenty-second Ward, and all that portion of the Twelfth Ward which is bounded on the north by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the south by the centre line of Eighty-sixth street, on the east by the centre line of Sixth avenue, and on the west by the North river. Court-room, No. 99 Eighth avenue. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES A. O'GORMAN, Justice. JAMES J. GALLIGAN, Clerk.  
Twelfth District—All that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward which was lately annexed to the City and County of New York by chapter 934 of the Laws of 1895, comprising all of the late Town of Westchester and part of the Towns of Eastchester and Pelham, including the Villages of Wakefield and Williamsbridge. Court-room, Town Hall, Main street, Westchester Village. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

RICHARD N. ARNOW, Justice. JOHN N. STEWART, Clerk.  
Thirteenth District—Northern part of Twelfth Ward. Court-room, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Columbus avenue. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES P. DAVENPORT, Justice. ADOLPH N. DUMAHANT, Clerk.

**CITY MAGISTRATES' COURTS.**  
*City Magistrates:* LEROY B. CRANE, ROBERT C. CORNELL, CHARLES E. SIMMS, JR., HENRY E. BRANN, CHARLES A. FLAMMER, HERMAN C. KUDLICH, JOSEPH M. DEUEL, JOHN O. MOTT, THOMAS F. WENTWORTH.

*Office of Secretary, Fifth District Police Court, One Hundred and Twenty-first street and Sylvan place.*  
First District—Criminal Court Building.  
Second District—Jefferson Market.  
Third District—No. 69 Essex street.  
Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue.

Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeastern corner of Sylvan place.  
Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

**CITY CIVIL SERVICE BOARDS.**  
NEW YORK, March 19, 1896.  
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE REGISTRATION days in the Labor Bureau will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and that examinations will take place on those days at 2 P. M.  
S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, June 30, 1896.  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE sale of a Horse, the property of this Department, on Friday, July 12, 1896, at 1 o'clock A. M., by Van Tassel & Kearney, Auctioneers, at their stables, Nos. 130 and 132 East Thirteenth street.  
By order of the Board of Police.  
WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, 1896.**  
OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 9, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc.; also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.  
JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

**QUARANTINE COMMISSION.**  
STATE OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF QUARANTINE, No. 71 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.  
BY THE POWER CONFERRED UPON THEM by law, the Commissioners of Quarantine will sell a three-story Frame Building, about 300 feet long, 50 feet wide, built in 1893, on Hoffman Island, "which has never been in use." Bids will be received at the office of the Commissioners of Quarantine, No. 71 Broadway, Room No. 98, where all particulars can be obtained.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT.**  
NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR OPENING STREETS AND AVENUES.  
IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 916 OF THE "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882," as amended, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice of the confirmation by the Supreme Court of the assessment for OPENING AND ACQUIRING TITLE to the following named streets and avenues in the respective wards herein designated:

**TWELFTH WARD.**  
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD STREET, BETWEEN TENTH AVENUE AND EDGEcombe ROAD; confirmed June 18, 1896, entered July 9, 1896.

Area of assessment: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Sixty-third street and One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street; on the south by the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Sixty-second street and One Hundred and Sixty-third street; on the east by the westerly line of Edgecombe road, and on the west by the easterly line of Tenth avenue.

SHERMAN AVENUE, BETWEEN KINGSBRIDGE ROAD AND TENTH AVENUE; confirmed June 16, 1896, entered July 9, 1896.

Area of assessment: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Kingsbridge road, distant about 501 feet 9 inches southerly from the junction of the easterly side of Kingsbridge road with the southerly side of Sherman avenue, running thence easterly 150 feet at right angles to Kingsbridge road; thence northerly along a line distant easterly 150 feet and parallel with the easterly side of Kingsbridge road for 130 feet 5 1/2 inches; thence easterly by a line parallel with Sherman avenue and distant 350 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof from the last-mentioned point to the west-

erly side of Dyckman street; thence easterly along the middle line of the blocks between Post avenue and Sherman avenue to a point in said centre line distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side of Isham street; thence southerly along a line parallel with Isham street and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof to the northwesterly side of Amsterdam avenue; thence easterly along the northerly side of Two Hundred and Eighth street to a line parallel with Amsterdam avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; thence northerly along said line parallel with Amsterdam avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof to the middle line of the block between Two Hundred and Twelfth street; thence northerly along said middle line of the block between Two Hundred and Twelfth street and Two Hundred and Eleventh street with Amsterdam avenue and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; thence southerly along the last-mentioned line to the southerly side of Two Hundred and Eleventh street; thence westerly along the southerly side of Two Hundred and Eleventh street to the middle line of the blocks between Sherman avenue and Vermilyea avenue; thence along said middle line of the blocks between Sherman avenue and Vermilyea avenue to the westerly side of Dyckman street; thence northerly along the westerly side of Dyckman street to a line parallel with Sherman avenue and distant 350 feet northerly from the northerly side thereof; thence westerly along said line parallel with Sherman avenue and distant 350 feet northerly from the northerly side thereof to a point in a line at right angles to the easterly side of Kingsbridge road and distant 110 feet easterly therefrom; thence northwesterly along said last-mentioned line at right angles to the easterly side of Kingsbridge road to a line parallel with Kingsbridge road and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; thence southerly along a line parallel with Kingsbridge road and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof to the first mentioned line produced, and thence easterly along a line at right angles to the westerly side of Kingsbridge road to the point or place of beginning; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown on our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

**TWENTY-THIRD WARD.**  
COURTLANDT AVENUE, AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THIRD AVENUE; confirmed June 19, 1896, entered July 9, 1896.

Area of assessment: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: All those lots fronting and abutting on either sides of Courtlandt avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-third street to its junction with Third avenue; all those lots fronting and abutting on either side of Third avenue, from East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street to East One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, and all those lots fronting and abutting on either side of East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, from Morris avenue to Willis avenue.

FARRAGUT STREET, FROM THE EAST RIVER TO HUNT'S POINT ROAD; confirmed June 26, 1896, entered July 9, 1896.

Area of assessment: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by the southerly side of Ryawa avenue; on the south by the United States bulkhead-line; on the east by the westerly side of Falconer street, from the southerly side of Ryawa avenue to the centre of Edgewater road; thence by the southerly side of Hunt's Point road to the United States bulkhead-line, and on the west by the easterly side of Sacrahong street, from the southerly side of Ryawa avenue to the northerly side of Edgewater road; thence by a line parallel to Farragut street and distant about 250 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof to the United States bulkhead-line.

**TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.**  
PEROT STREET, FROM BOSTON AVENUE TO SEDGWICK AVENUE; confirmed June 18, 1896, entered July 9, 1896.

Area of assessment: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by a line drawn parallel to Perot street and distant about 300 feet northerly from the northerly side thereof; on the east by a line drawn parallel to Sedgwick avenue and distant easterly 100 feet from the easterly side thereof; on the south by a line drawn parallel to Perot street and distant southerly about 300 feet from the southerly side thereof; on the west by a line drawn parallel to Boston avenue and distant westerly 100 feet from the westerly side thereof.

The above-entitled assessments were entered in the Record of Titles of Assessments kept in the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents" on the respective dates herein above given, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the said respective dates of entry of the assessments, interest will be collected thereon as provided in section 917 of said "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882."

Section 917 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents," Room 31, Stewart Building, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and all payments made thereon on or before September 7, 1896, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be charged interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the above respective dates of entry of the assessments in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.  
CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, July 9, 1896.

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.**  
IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 916 OF THE "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882," the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessment, viz.:

**NINTH WARD.**  
WASHINGTON STREET—PAVING AND LAYING CROSSTAKES, BETWEEN BANK AND GANSEVOORT STREETS. Area of assessment: both sides of Washington street, between Bank and Gansevoort streets, and to the extent of half the block on the intersecting and terminating streets.

—that the same was confirmed by the operation of law on June 25, 1892, and entered June 27, 1892, in the Record of Titles of Assessments Confirmed, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 917 of said "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882."

Section 917 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessment is payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears at the Bureau for



the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and all payments made thereon on or before August 26, 1896, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.  
CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, July 2, 1896.

PETER F. MEYER, AUCTIONEER.  
**CORPORATION SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, will offer for sale, at public auction, on Wednesday, July 15, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 115 Broadway, the following described lots, pieces or parcels of real estate belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, viz.: Four (4) lots on the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, between Convent and Amsterdam avenues, Block 1077, Ward Nos. 50, 51, 52 and 53, each 25 feet front and 60 feet 11 inches deep.

One (1) lot on the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, between Convent and Amsterdam avenues, Block 1077, Ward No. 49, 25 feet front on One Hundred and Fifty-first street, 99 feet 11 inches deep on the westerly side, 18 feet 5 1/2 inches in the rear on the southerly side, 16 feet 5 inches on Convent avenue and 84 feet 10 inches on the easterly side.

One (1) triangular lot on Convent avenue and One Hundred and Fiftieth street, Block 1077, Ward Nos. 15 and 16, 108 feet 13 1/2 inches front on Convent avenue, 99 feet 11 inches deep on the westerly side and 43 feet 5 1/2 inches on the northerly side thereof, and containing 1.735 city lots. The several parcels of the said property being shown on a map thereof prepared by Eugene E. McLean, Engineer of the Finance Department, dated April 29, 1896, and numbered respectively thereon Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

The City shall retain the right to maintain forever the new Aqueduct under the aforesaid lots and all the rights pertaining or necessary to such maintenance, and no excavation shall ever be made under the said lots below a point thirty (30) feet vertically distant from the established grade of the street.

The highest bidder will be required to pay ten (10) per cent. of the purchase-money and the auctioneer's fee on each lot immediately after the sale; thirty (30) per cent. upon the delivery of the deeds, within thirty days from the date of sale; and the balance, sixty (60) per cent. of the purchase-money, or any portion thereof, may remain, at the option of the purchaser, on bond and mortgage, for five years, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, the mortgages to contain the customary thirty days' interest and ninety days' tax clauses.

The bond and mortgage may be paid off at any time within the term thereof on giving thirty days' notice to the Comptroller, or it may be paid by installments of not less than five hundred dollars on any day when the interest is due, or on thirty days' notice. The bonds and mortgages will be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, and the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents will be charged for drawing, acknowledging and recording each separate mortgage. If more than one lot of land is included in any mortgage, the whole mortgage must be paid off before any release can be given by the Corporation, as a release of any part of the premises included in a mortgage to the Corporation is forbidden by law.

The Comptroller may, at his option, resell any lot which may be struck off to the highest bidder who may fail to comply with the terms of sale, and the party who may fail to comply therewith will be held liable for any deficiency that may result from any such resale.

The right to reject any bid is reserved.

Lithographic maps of said real estate may be had at the Comptroller's Office, Stewart Building, No. 280 Broadway, after June 15, 1896.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board held May 28, 1896.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, JUNE 8, 1896.

#### STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 23D AND 24TH WARDS.

July 2, 1896.

**SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR EACH OF** the following-mentioned works, with the title of the work and name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work, as in the advertisement, will be received by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at his office, No. 262 Third Avenue, corner of One Hundred and Forty-first street, until 11 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, July 18, 1896, at which time and hour they will be publicly opened:

No. 1. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET, from the existing sewer in Intervale avenue to West Farms road, WITH BRANCH IN SOUTHERN BOULEVARD, from East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street to Home street.

No. 2. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVENTH STREET (Isaac street), between Webster avenue and Decatur avenue, WITH BRANCHES IN DECATUR AVENUE, between East One Hundred and Ninety-seventh street and summits north and south.

No. 3. FOR CONSTRUCTING OULET SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES ACROSS MOSHOLU PARKWAY AND BRONX PARK, from the existing sewer in Webster avenue, at the westerly line of the Mosholu Parkway, to the center line of Newell avenue, at the northerly line of Bronx Park, and to the center line of Sheridan street, at the easterly line of Bronx Park.

No. 4. FOR CONSTRUCTING A TRUNK SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN CROMWELL AVENUE, from Jerome avenue to Inwood avenue; IN INWOOD AVENUE, from Cromwell avenue to Belmont street (Wolf place); IN BELMONT STREET, from Inwood avenue to Jerome avenue, AND IN JEROME AVENUE, from Belmont street to the existing sewer south of Featherbed Lane.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NEW YORK, July 7, 1896.

**SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING** this Department with the articles below specified, will be received by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, in the City of New York, until 10 30 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, July 22, 1896, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read:

500,000 pounds best, long, prime Timothy Hay.  
100,000 pounds best, long, clean Rye Straw.  
5,000 bags No. 2 clean, white Oats, clipped.  
2,000 bags fresh, clean, sweet Bran.

To deliver at the various houses of the Department south of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, at such times and in such quantities as may be required. The articles to be inspected and weighed at the several places of delivery by an Inspector in the presence of the officer or other employee in charge. The weighing to be upon beam scales furnished by the Department and transported by the contractor.

No estimate will be received or considered after the hour named.

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

Proposals must include all the items, specifying the price per cwt. for Hay and Straw and per bag for Oats and Bran.

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

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

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

The Fire Department reserves the right to decline any or all bids or estimates, and to accept the lowest proposal, as may be deemed to be for the public interest.

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

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance in the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

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

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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O. H. LA GRANGE, JAMES R. SHEFFIELD, and AUSTIN E. FORD, Commissioners.

#### DEPT. OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, July 1, 1896.

**TO CONTRACTORS.**  
**MATERIALS AND WORK REQUIRED FOR RETINING, REPAIRS TO ROOFS, GUTTERS, LEADERS, DRAINS, ETC., TO SEVERAL BUILDINGS AT RANDALL'S ISLAND.**

**SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE** aforesaid work and materials, in accordance with the specifications and plans, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until Wednesday, July 15, 1896, until 10 o'clock A. M. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Retining, Repairs to Roofs, Gutters, Leaders, Drains, etc., at Randall's Island," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

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

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

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

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) dollars.

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

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

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

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

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office, No. 66 Third Avenue, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of their provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon their absolute enforcement in every particular.

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

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

**SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED** by the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, until 3 o'clock P. M., on Monday, July 20, 1896, for making alterations and repairs to the heating apparatus in Grammar Schools Nos. 100 and 201; also for making sanitary improvements at Grammar School No. 69; also for making repairs, alterations, etc., at Grammar School No. 47 and Primary School No. 26.

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

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

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

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

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

The party submitting a proposal must include in his proposal the names of all subcontractors, and no change will be permitted to be made in the subcontractors named without the consent of the Committee and Superintendent of School Buildings.

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

JOSEPH J. LITTLE, Chairman.  
ARTHUR McMULLIN, Secretary.  
Dated NEW YORK, July 8, 1896.

**SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY** the Board of School Trustees for the Fifteenth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, until 3 30 o'clock P. M., on Monday, July 13, 1896, for supplying New Furniture, and Repairs of, in Grammar School No. 47.

RICHARD VAN COTT, Chairman, JOHN A. HARDENBERGH, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, Fifteenth Ward.  
Dated NEW YORK, June 30, 1896.

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

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

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

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

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

The party submitting a proposal must include in his proposal the names of all sub-contractors, and no change will be permitted to be made in the sub-contractors named without the consent of the School Trustees and Superintendent of School Buildings.

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

Dated NEW YORK, October 30, 1895.

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

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

#### DAMAGE COMM.—23-24 WARDS.

**PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAP.** ter 537 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act providing for ascertaining and paying the amount of damages to lands and buildings suffered by reason of changes of grade of streets or avenues, made pursuant to chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887, providing for the depression of railroad tracks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in the City of New York, or otherwise," and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, notice is hereby given, that public meetings of the Commissioners, appointed pursuant to said acts, will be held at Room 58, Schermerhorn Building, No. 95 Broadway, in the City of New York, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, at 2 o'clock P. M., until further notice.

Dated NEW YORK, October 30, 1895.

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

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

#### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

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

**NOTICE TO OWNERS, ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS.**

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

STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent Buildings.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET NEW YORK, July 10, 1896.

**TO CONTRACTORS.**

**BID OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A** sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at No. 150 Nassau street, corner of Spruce street, in the Chief Clerk's Office, Room No. 1704-7, until 12 o'clock M. on Thursday, July 23, 1896. The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, in the basement at No. 150 Nassau street, at the hour above-mentioned.

**NO. 1. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, AND WHERE GRANITE OR SYENITE IS USED, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION,**



THE CARRIAGEWAY OF FIRST AVENUE, between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-third street, Forty-ninth and Fifty-first street, Fifty-fourth and Fifty-sixth street, Sixtieth and Sixty-first street, Seventy-second and Seventy-fourth street, Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth street, Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth street and Ninety-first and Ninety-second street: AND ALSO LAY AND RELAY CROSSWALKS AND SET AND RESET CURB-STONES WHERE REQUIRED.

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, July 8, 1896.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 1896, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M., the Department of Public Works will sell at public auction, under the direction of the Consulting Engineer, by Messrs. Van Tassel & Kearney, Auctioneers, the buildings and parts of buildings herein described, viz.:

On One Hundred and Eighty-second Street, near Amsterdam Avenue.

One-Story Frame Shed, 22.2 by 79.8.

One-Story Frame Stable, 22.2 by 28.8.

Frame Shed, 6 by 12.

One-Story Frame Building, 11.6 by 21.3.

Near Wadsworth Avenue.

Six feet 6 inches by 20 feet 2 inches (and wooden stairs approaching) of the brick entrance to Primary School No. 32.

On One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Street, near Amsterdam Avenue.

Two-story Frame Dwelling, 12 by 36.6, with extensions, 6.6 by 15.3 and 5.4 by 7.8; also porch, 5 by 36.6.

One and one-half story Barn, 13.5 by 30.9, and part of open Frame Shed, 4.3 by 33.5; also part of 1 1/2-story Frame Building, 7.9 by 12.4, with porches, 11.9 by 13.6 and 10.6 by 6.4; also part of porch, 5.7 by 7.9.

TERMS OF SALE.

Cash payment in bankable funds at the time and place of sale, and the entire removal of the buildings, or parts of buildings, sheds, etc., from the streets by the purchaser or purchasers within twenty days after the sale. If the purchaser or purchasers fails or fail to effect the removal within that time, he or they shall forfeit his or their purchase-money or moneys and the ownership of the buildings, parts of buildings, sheds, etc., or any part thereof.

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, July 6, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

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No. 1. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF MARKETFIELD STREET, from Broad to New street; NEW STREET, from Marketfield to Beaver street, AND RECTOR STREET, from West to Greenwich street.

No. 2. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF FORTY-NINTH STREET, from Sixth to Seventh avenue.

No. 3. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING, WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF FIFTY-SECOND STREET, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, AND FIFTY-FOURTH STREET, from Sixth to Seventh avenue.

No. 4. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET, from Avenue A to Third avenue, AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH STREET, from Avenue A to Third avenue.

No. 5. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF EIGHTY-SECOND STREET, from Central Park, West, to Columbus avenue.

No. 6. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT

PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF NINETY-SECOND STREET, from Avenue A to First avenue.

No. 7. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDREDTH STREET, from Central Park, West, to Amsterdam avenue.

No. 8. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH STREET, at the intersections of Eighth, Ninth and Tenth avenues.

No. 9. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH STREET, from Avenue A to Lexington avenue.

No. 10. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH STREET, from Fifth avenue to East river.

No. 11. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF EIGHTY-FIFTH STREET, from Park to Madison avenue.

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, July 2, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BID OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at No. 150 Nassau street, corner of Spruce street, in the Chief Clerk's Office, Room No. 1704-7, until 12 o'clock M., on Tuesday, July 21, 1896. The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, in the basement at No. 150 Nassau street, at the hour above mentioned.

No. 1. FOR FURNISHING, DELIVERING AND LAYING WATER-MAINS IN FIFTH AVENUE AND WASHINGTON SQUARE, from Eightieth street to Fourth street.

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

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

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

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partment who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, July 2, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

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No. 1. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF FIFTH AVENUE, from the south side of Ninth street to the south side of Fifty-ninth street.

No. 2. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, from Second to Fourth avenue.

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, July 1, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

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No. 1. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ELEVENTH AVENUE, from Twentieth to Twenty-seventh street, so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water.

No. 2. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF TWENTY-FIRST STREET, from Tenth to Thirteenth avenue, so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water.

No. 3. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF TWENTY-SECOND STREET, from Eleventh to Thirteenth avenue, so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water.

No. 4. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT, WITH CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF TWENTY-THIRD STREET, from Tenth avenue to Hudson river, so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water.

No. 5. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF TWENTY-FIFTH STREET, from Tenth to Thirteenth avenue, so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water.

No. 6. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH

ASPHALT BLOCK PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH STREET, from Central Park, West, to Riverside Drive (except from Manhattan to Columbus avenue).

No. 7. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT BLOCK PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH STREET, from Fifth to L-nos avenue.

No. 8. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT BLOCK PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH STREET, from Seventh to Manhattan avenue.

No. 9. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT, WITH CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET, from Boulevard Lafayette to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad tracks.

No. 10. FOR SEWERS IN ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH AND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH STREETS, between Convent avenue and St. Nicholas Terrace, AND IN ST. NICHOLAS TERRACE, between One Hundred and Thirtieth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets.

No. 11. FOR SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH STREET, between Manhattan and Columbus avenues.

No. 12. FOR SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH STREET, south side, between Edgecombe avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

No. 13. FOR SEWERS IN AUDUBON AVENUE, between One Hundred and Sixty-sixth and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets, AND IN ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHTH STREET, between Audubon avenue and Kings-bridge road.

No. 14. FOR REPAIRS TO SEWER IN CEDAR STREET at and east and west of Greenwich street.

No. 15. FOR ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO SEWER IN MORRIS STREET, between Greenwich street and Broadway, AND NEW SEWER IN BROADWAY, west side, between Morris street and Exchange alley.

No. 16. FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE GROUNDS, ETC., OF THE NEW HIGH SERVICE WORKS, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINTH STREET, between Tenth avenue and Harlem river.

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, July 1, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

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No. 1. SEWERS IN FIFTH AVENUE, between Waverly place and Thirty-first street, AND ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO BASINS AT FOURTEENTH, SEVENTEENTH AND NINETEENTH STREETS; BETWEEN THIRTY-FIRST AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREETS, AND THIRTY-FIFTH AND THIRTY-NINTH STREETS, WITH ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO SEWERS IN THIRTY-FIFTH AND THIRTY-SIXTH STREETS; BETWEEN THIRTY-NINTH AND FORTY-SECOND STREETS, AND BETWEEN FORTY-SEVENTH AND FIFTIETH STREETS.

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

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

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

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

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, PIER "A," BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER, NEW YORK, JUNE 25, 1896.  
LEWIS J. PHILLIPS, AUCTIONEER, WILL sell at public auction, at Pier "A," Battery place, in the City of New York, on

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon, the right to collect and retain all wharfage and craning which may accrue or become due for the use and occupation by vessels of more than five tons burden, in the manner and at the rates prescribed by law, at the following-named wharf property:

For a Term of Four Years and Nine Months from August 1, 1896.

Lot 1. Westerly half of Pier 54 and bulkhead between Piers 53 and 54, East river.

For a Term of Four Years from May 1, 1897.

Lot 2. Easterly half of Pier 53, East river.

Also the lease of certain land and land under water, located and described as follows:

For a Term of Ten Years from August 1, 1896, with the Privilege of a Renewal Term for Ten Years, the Annual Rental for the Renewal Term to be 100 per cent. advance.

Lot 3. Land and land under water in the vicinity of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, Harlem river, beginning at a point in the line of high water where the southerly line of land under water granted to George Briggs July 28, 1868, intersects the same; thence running westerly along the southerly line of grant to George Briggs about 607 feet 7 inches to the pierhead-line of 1868; thence southerly along said pierhead-line of 1868 about 4.51 feet to the northerly line of land under water granted to Elizabeth M. Stephens June 27, 1870; thence easterly along said northerly line of grant to Elizabeth M. Stephens about 607 feet 10 inches to the line of high water; thence northerly along the line of high water as it winds and turns to the point or place of beginning, the same containing about 8,968 square feet.

For a Term of Ten Years from August 1, 1896, with the Privilege of a Renewal Term for Ten Years, the Annual Rental for the Renewal Term to be 100 per cent. advance.

Lot 4. Land and land under water beginning at a point on the westerly line of Thirteenth avenue where the center line of the block between West Fifteenth and West Sixteenth streets prolonged westerly intersects the same; thence running westerly along said prolongation 254.04 feet; thence southerly and at right angles to the preceding course 5 feet; thence easterly and parallel with the first mentioned course 160 feet; thence southerly and at right angles to the preceding course 42 feet; thence westerly and parallel with the first mentioned course 50 feet; thence southerly and at right angles with the preceding course about 5 feet; thence easterly and parallel with the first mentioned course 155.95 feet to the westerly line of Thirteenth avenue; thence northerly and along said westerly line of Thirteenth avenue 53.35 feet to the point or place of beginning; the whole area of the land under water herein described containing about 6,250 square feet.

For a Term of Ten Years from August 1, 1896, with the Privilege of Two Renewals of Ten Years each, at an advance in the Annual Rental for each Renewal of 10 per cent.

Lot 5. Land and land under water beginning at a point where the easterly prolongation of the northerly side of East Fifty-ninth street intersects the westerly line of the marginal street, wharf or place, as shown on a plan for the improvement of the water-front, from Fifty-ninth to Sixty-fourth street, on the East river, determined by the Board of Docks April 25, 1889, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund February 6, 1894, said point being distant about 170 feet from the easterly side of Avenue A; thence running northwesterly along the westerly line of said marginal street, wharf or place, to a point on the easterly prolongation of the southerly side of East Sixtieth street, distant about 92 feet from the easterly side of Avenue A; thence easterly along the easterly prolongation of said southerly side of East Sixtieth street 35 feet to the bulkhead-line shown on the plan determined by the Board of

Docks April 25, 1889, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund February 6, 1894; thence southeasterly along said bulkhead-line to a point in the easterly prolongation of the northerly side of East Fifty-ninth street, distant 250 feet from the easterly side of Avenue A; thence westerly along the easterly prolongation of the northerly side of East Fifty-ninth street a distance of 80 feet to the point or place of beginning; the same containing about 11,548 square feet.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:**  
The premises must be taken in the condition in which they may be at the commencement of the term of the lease, and no claim or demand that the premises or property are not in suitable and tenantable condition at the commencement of the term will be allowed by this Department.

All repairs, maintaining or rebuilding required or necessary to be done to or upon the premises, or any part thereof, or structures erected thereon, during the continuance of the term of the lease, shall be done by and at the cost and expense of the lessee or purchaser.

No claim or demand will be considered or allowed by the Department for any loss or deprivation of wharfage or otherwise, resulting from or occasioned by any delay on account or by reason of the premises or any part thereof being occupied for or on account of any repairs, rebuilding or dredging.

The upset price of the parcels or premises exposed or offered for sale will be announced by the auctioneer at the time of sale.

The Department will do all dredging at lots Nos. 1 and 2, whenever it shall deem it necessary or advisable so to do, and the lessees of lots Nos. 3, 4 and 5 will be required at all times during the term of the leases, or any renewals thereof, to keep the slips adjacent to said land under water or structures erected thereon well and sufficiently dredged.

The term for which leases are sold will commence at the date mentioned in the advertisement, and the rents accruing therefor will be payable from that date in each case.

Each purchaser of a lease will be required, at the time of the sale, to pay, in addition to the auctioneer's fees, to the Department of Docks, twenty-five per cent. (25%) of the amount of annual rent bid, as security for the execution of the lease, which twenty-five per cent. (25%) will be applied to the payment of the rent first accruing under the lease when executed, or will be forfeited to the Department if the purchaser neglects or refuses to execute the lease, with good and sufficient surety or sureties, to be approved by the Department, within ten days after being notified that the lease is prepared and ready for execution at the office of the Department of Docks, Pier "A," North river, Battery place.

The Department expressly reserves the right to resell the lease or premises bid off, by those failing, refusing or neglecting to comply with these terms and conditions, the party so failing, refusing or neglecting to be liable to the Corporation of the City of New York for any deficiency resulting from or occasioned by such resale.

Lessees will be required to pay their rent quarterly in advance, in compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease prepared and adopted by the Department.

In all cases where it is mentioned in the advertisement of sale, the purchaser shall be entitled to the privilege of occupying any shed upon the pier or bulkhead at the commencement of the term or that may thereafter be permitted or licensed by the Department, and to the rights attached to such permission or license, but subject to the conditions thereof, such purchaser being engaged in the business of steam transportation, and using and employing the same for the purpose of regularly receiving and discharging cargo thereat.

Not less than two sureties, each to be a householder or freeholder in the State of New York, to be approved by the Board of Docks, will be required under each lease to enter into a bond or obligation, jointly and severally, with the lessee, in the sum of double the annual rent, for the faithful performance of all the covenants and conditions of the lease, the names and addresses of the sureties to be submitted at the time of sale.

Each purchaser will be required to agree that he will, upon ten days' notice so to do, execute a lease with sufficient surety as aforesaid, in the form now used by this Department, a copy of which may be seen and examined upon application to the Secretary, at the office of the Department, Pier "A," Battery place.

If this Department requires, at any time, any of the said land under water for the purpose of building and constructing wharves, piers, bulkheads, basins, docks or slips, or either of them according to and under the "new plan," then and in that case, on notice given by said Department to said lessees or their assigns, the said lease shall immediately terminate and be of no effect, and the said land under water be returned to the exclusive control and uses of the said Department, as more particularly set forth in the form of lease above referred to.

No person will be received as a lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from this Department or the Corporation.

No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to this Department or the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to this Department or to the Corporation of the City of New York.

The auctioneer's fees (\$25) on each lot or parcel must be paid by the purchasers thereof respectively at the time of sale.

Dated NEW YORK, June 25, 1896.  
EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

#### TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

NEW YORK, July 6, 1896.  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments that the assessment rolls of real and personal estate in said city, for the year 1896, have been finally completed, and have been delivered to the Board of Aldermen of said city, and that such assessment rolls will remain open to public inspection, in the office of the Clerk of said Board of Aldermen, for a period of fifteen days from the date of this notice.

EDWARD P. BARKER, THEODORE SUTRO, Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

#### CORPORATION NOTICE.

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

List 5203, No. 1. Paving One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Mott to easterly crosswalk of Rider avenue, with granite blocks.

List 5244, No. 2. Receiving-basins and appurtenances on the northwest corner of Webster avenue and East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, and on the east side of Webster avenue, opposite East One Hundred and Seventy-second street.

List 5245, No. 3. Receiving-basin and appurtenances on the northeast corner of Fulton avenue and East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street.

List 5246, No. 4. Receiving-basins and appurtenances on the northeast and northwest corners of St. Paul's place and Third avenue.

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

No. 1. Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Mott avenue to the easterly side of Rider avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 2. East side of Webster avenue, from Wendover avenue to One Hundred and Seventy-third street, and north side of One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, from Webster avenue to Clay street, and west side of Webster avenue, extending about 291 feet north of One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street.

No. 3. East side of Fulton avenue, from One Hundred and Sixty-eighth to One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street; north side of One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, from Fulton to Franklin avenue, and west side of Franklin avenue, extending from One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street to a point 280 feet south of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street.

No. 4. Both sides of Third avenue, from St. Paul's place to One Hundred and Seventy-first street, and north side of Julia street, from Crotona place to Third avenue.

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

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation on the 10th day of August, 1896.

THOMAS J. RUSH, Chairman; PATRICK M. HAVERTY, JOHN W. JACOBUS, EDWARD McCUE, Board of Assessors.  
NEW YORK, July 10, 1896.

#### SUPREME COURT.

##### SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT—WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

In the matter of the application of Thomas F. Gilroy, as Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, under and in pursuance of chapter 490 of the Laws of 1883, and chapter 196 of the Laws of 1887, for the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisal of lands in North Salem, Westchester County.

RESERVOIR "M"—PARCELS 17-38.  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the second separate report of John Berry and George Caulfield, who were appointed Commissioners of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date July 23, 1892, and David Thompson who was appointed Commissioner of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date October 28, 1893, which said report bears date June 6, 1895, and was filed in the Westchester County Clerk's Office June 11, 1896.

Notice is further given that an application will be made to confirm the said report, at a Special Term of the Supreme Court, to be held at the Court house, in the City of Brooklyn, Kings County, on the 27th day of July, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

Dated, June 25, 1896.  
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation  
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, by and through the Counsel to the Corporation, to acquire title to certain lands in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York as and for a public park, under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 224 of the Laws of 1896.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court bearing date the 10th day of June, 1896, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 20th day of June, 1896, Commissioners of Appraisal, for the purpose of ascertaining and appraising the compensation to be made to the owners and all persons interested in the real estate hereinafter described and laid out, appropriated or designated by said chapter 224 of the Laws of 1896, as and for a public park in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, and proposed to be taken or affected for the purposes named in said act, and to perform such other duties as are by said act prescribed.

The real estate so proposed to be taken or affected for said purposes comprises all the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not now owned or the title to which is not vested in The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, within the limits or boundaries of the parcels of land laid out, appropriated or designated for said public park by said act of the Legislature, namely: All those pieces or parcels of land situate in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

On the north by the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-second street; on the east by the westerly line of Cromwell's avenue as far south as the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and south of that point by the northwesterly line of the channel of Cromwell's creek; on the south by said northwesterly line of the channel of Cromwell's creek and the easterly bulkhead-line of the Harlem river, and on the west by the easterly line of Jerome avenue, excepting and reserving therefrom all public streets, avenues or places now laid out across or over any part of said land and shown on the official field maps of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York.

All parties and persons, owners, lessees or other persons interested in the real estate above described and to be taken for the purposes of said public park, or any part thereof, or affected by the proceedings had under or authorized by said act, chapter 224 of the Laws of 1896, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are required to present the same to us, duly verified, with such affidavits or other proof in support thereof as the said owner or claimant may desire, within sixty days after the date of this notice (July 9, 1896), at our office, Room 2, on the fourth floor of the Staats Zeitung Building, No. 2 Tryon Row, in the City of New York.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 15th day of September, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and in case any such person or claimant shall desire at such time and place to offer further and additional proofs or testimony, such person or claimant will be heard or said proofs or testimony will be received by us.

And at such time and place, or at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear the proofs and allegations of any owner, lessee or other person in any way entitled to or interested in such real estate, or any part or parcel thereof, and also such proofs and allegations as may be then offered on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, July 9, 1896.  
CHARLES L. GUY, WILLIAM H. BARKER, H. H. PORTER, Commissioners.

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF ESTIMATE AND ASSESSMENT.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, acting by and through the Board of Docks, relative to acquiring right and title to and possession of the wharfage rights, terms, easements, emoluments and privileges appurtenant to Pier 35, East river, not now owned by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and all right, title and interest in and to said pier, or any portion thereof, not now owned by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be taken for the improvement of the water-front of the City of New York, on the East river, at or near Catharine Slip, pursuant to the plan heretofore adopted by the said Board of Docks and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 715, CHAPTER 410 of the Laws of 1882, and all the statutes in such cases made and provided, and especially in pursuance of chapter 609 of the Laws of 1896, notice is hereby given

that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term, Part I., of said Court, to be held in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 22d day of July, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition, in the name of and for the benefit of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the execution of a certain plan for the improvement of the water-front of the City of New York, pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided and determined upon by the Department of Docks on the 13th day of April, 1897, adopted and certified by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the 27th day of April, 1897, and filed in the office of the Department of Docks, of all the wharfage rights, terms, easements, emoluments and privileges not now owned by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and appurtenant to the premises described as follows, to wit:

"All the interest in the pier known as Pier 35, East river, not now owned by the City of New York, said interest being an undivided half interest, said Pier 35 being bounded and described as follows, to wit:

"Beginning at a point on the southerly side of South street 33.40 feet easterly from the point where the easterly line of Catharine Slip produced intersects the southerly side of South street, as laid out by law, said point being 70 feet southerly of the northerly side of said South street; thence running easterly along said southerly side of South street about 34 feet; thence southerly along the easterly line of said Pier 35, as it formerly existed 84.84 feet; thence continuing southerly along the easterly line of said pier 52.15 feet; thence continuing southerly along said easterly line of pier 42.55 feet; thence still continuing southerly along the easterly line of said pier 36.40 feet; thence westerly 8 feet; thence again southerly along the easterly line of said pier 36.30 feet; thence continuing southerly along the easterly line of said pier 63.07 feet to the southerly or outer end of said pier; thence westerly along the southerly line of said pier 33.55 feet to the westerly line of said pier 37.22 feet; thence continuing northerly along the westerly line of said Pier, old 35, as it formerly existed, 228.5 feet to the southerly side of South street, to the point or place of beginning, be the said several dimensions more or less; together with all rights of wharfage and other rights connected with or appertaining to said wharf or pier."

Dated NEW YORK, July 9, 1896.  
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,  
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, acting by the Board of Docks, relative to acquiring right and title to and possession of the uplands, lands, wharf property, rights, terms, easements, emoluments and privileges of and to the uplands and lands to be taken for the improvement of the City of New York on the North river, between West Twelfth and Jane streets, and between West street and Thirteenth avenue, pursuant to the plan heretofore adopted by the said Department of Docks and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 2d day of June, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the uplands, lands, wharf property, wharfage rights, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose by and in consequence of the acquisition of the same by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and more particularly set forth in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 12, title 1, and chapter 16, title 2, of the Act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the uplands, lands and wharf property taken or to be taken for the said improvement of the water-front of the City of New York, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, No. 253 Broadway, in the City of New York, Rooms 312 and 313, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice, and on or before July 30, 1896.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 30th day of July, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, July 3, 1896.  
WILBUR LARREMORE, Chairman; FREDERICK S. PARKER, JOHN H. SPELLMAN, Commissioners.  
JOHN A. HENNEBERRY, Clerk.

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

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 10th day of July, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Ninety-seventh street, from Webster avenue to Marion avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."  
Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Decatur avenue distant 350.61 feet southwesterly from the intersection of the eastern line of Decatur avenue with the southerly line of Travers street (East One Hundred and Ninety-eighth street).

1st. Thence southwesterly along the eastern line of Decatur avenue for 50 feet.

2d. Thence southeasterly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 201.11 feet to the western line of Webster avenue.

3d. Thence northeasterly along the western line of Webster avenue for 50.35 feet.

4th. Thence northwesterly for 204.48 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."  
Beginning at a point in the western line of Decatur avenue distant 421.05 feet southwesterly from the inter-



