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PROCLAMATION.

\$1,000 REWARD.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
New York, September 23, 1873.

WHEREAS, On the 22d day of August last, a fiendish outrage was committed on the person of Mr. Walter Gibson, proprietor of the "Harlem Local," by throwing a large quantity of vitriolic acid in his face, destroying the sight of the left eye, and endangering the sight of the other; and whereas active but unsuccessful efforts have been made to discover the perpetrators of the assault.

Now, I, W. F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the city of New York, do hereby offer a reward of one thousand dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who were guilty of the offense; the said reward to be paid on their conviction and the certificate of the District Attorney that such conviction was had upon the testimony of the person or persons claiming the reward. But all claims not presented to the Mayor within twenty days after such conviction shall be disregarded.

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The following opinions constitute a portion of the proceedings of the Law Department for the week ending September 27th, 1873:

The Board of Assessors have power to award damages to the owners of lands affected by the change of the grade of 123d street, in the City of New York.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE
CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, Sept. 26, 1873.

Hon. Thomas B. Aston, Chairman of the Board of Assessors:

SIR,—Your letter of the 12th instant, desiring my opinion as to the power of your Board to award damages for change of grade of 123d street to the owners of lands affected thereby, has been received.

The act, Chapter 697, Laws of 1867, provides that all damage to any land or to any building or structure thereon, existing at the time of the passage of this act, (April 24th, 1867,) on any street, avenue or road laid out on the map of the City of New York within the district specified in the first section of the act, (bounded northerly by 155th street, easterly by 8th avenue, southerly by 59th street, westerly by the Hudson River,) by reason of closing such street, or altering the grade thereof, shall be ascertained and paid in the manner provided in Sections 3 and 4 of the act, Chapter 52, Laws of 1852.

Section 3 of the last named act provides that whenever the grade of certain streets shall be altered, the assessors appointed to estimate and assess the expense of conforming to such change of grade, and regulating the street or avenue, shall estimate the loss and damage which each owner of lands fronting on such street or avenue will sustain by reason of the change and improvement, and make a just and equitable award of the amount of the loss and damage to the

owner or owners of such lands or tenements; and the amount of such award shall be included in the expense of such proceeding.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that under the statutes cited you have the power to award damages to the owners on the 24th of April, 1867, of lands or of buildings affected by changes of grade made by the Commissioners of the Central Park within the district herein above defined.

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

Persons in default to the corporation are not received as contractors, nor as sureties upon contracts for work required by the city; but such persons cannot be regarded as "in default to the corporation" until their liability has been determined, the amount due from them liquidated, and the city is in a position to receive the same or to commence suit therefor if unpaid. So held where a surety upon a contract for a certain work presented himself as a surety upon a contract for another and independent work under substantially these circumstances: The contract first mentioned provided among other things that if the contractor failed to perform, and a new contract with other persons should become necessary, any excess of the consequent cost of the work over the amount of the first contract should be paid to the city. The first contract was abandoned. A second, made with other persons, was for a sum less than that mentioned in the first, and was also forfeited. A third contract was entered into with still other persons at a sum greater than the amount fixed in the first. But the work had not yet been completed, and it was therefore uncertain whether the third contract, like the other two, might not yet be forfeited or abandoned. The excess of cost to which the city might ultimately be subjected was therefore a matter of uncertainty.

Where a person offers himself as a surety, the Comptroller may properly take into consideration any contingent liability to which such person has subjected himself by other agreements of suretyship; but the fact applies to his pecuniary responsibility, and not to his competency as a proper person for acceptance as a surety upon other and independent contracts.

OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
September 18, 1873.

Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the City of New York:

SIR—Your letter of the 27th ultimo makes substantially the following statement of facts:

On the 24th of June, 1872, a contract was awarded to James F. and William H. Keyes, as the lowest bidders for the construction of a sewer in 56th street, at \$5,804. The sufficiency of Henry Stollmeyer and Christopher Keyes as sureties was approved by the Comptroller on the 15th of July, 1872, and the bid was returned to the Department of Public Works, where it had been made. The Messrs. Keyes refused to execute the contract. After re-advertisement, a new contract for the work was awarded by the Commissioner of Public Works to Messrs. Gleason & Meyers, at \$5,337 40—a lower sum than that in the first contract. On the 29th of October, 1872, the sufficiency of William and Michael Loughlin as sureties upon the second contract was approved by the Comptroller. This second contract also was not performed, and on the 12th of August, 1873, after the usual preliminaries, a third contract was awarded for \$7,440, to R. J. Howe, the lowest bidder, being higher than either of the two previous awards.

The contract of suretyship in each case was substantially as follows:

We, the undersigned, consent and agree, that if the contract for which the preceding estimate is made be awarded to the person or persons making the same, we will become bound as sureties for its faithful performance; and if the said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute such contract, if so awarded, we will pay, without proof of notice or demand, to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, any difference between the sum to which such person or persons would have been entitled upon the completion of such contract and the sum which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

It appears that the names of Henry Stollmeyer and Christopher Keyes, the sureties of the first contractors above mentioned, are offered as contractors or as sureties upon other proposed contracts, and the question now submitted to me is whether, under the circumstances, these two persons are to be considered "in default to the corporation," and therefore incompetent to act as sureties upon contracts to which the corporation is a party.

The terms above quoted of the agreement ex-

ecuted by these gentlemen as sureties are so broad as, in my judgment, to render them liable to the city for any cost in excess of the amount of the first contract to which the city may be ultimately subjected upon the completion of the work by other persons, at any time after the first contract was abandoned. This liability was not cancelled by the act of the city in making a second contract with other persons for the performance of the same work, at a sum less than that mentioned in the first contract. The second contract having also been abandoned, the sureties must be held for any excess of cost to which the city may prove to have been subjected when the work is ultimately completed, no matter by whom, under a third or any successive contract to which the city may be driven by successive failures or abandonments, until the work shall have been ultimately completed.

At the same time the sureties cannot be regarded as "in default to the city" until such completion of the work has been accomplished, and the precise difference between the amount of the first contract and the ultimate expense and cost has been liquidated and ascertained. The city is not in a position to receive payment from these sureties on the first contract until the sum for which they have bound themselves has been accurately stated, and this of course cannot be done until the work in its completed state shall have been accepted by the city.

It is undoubtedly proper for the Comptroller, in considering the sufficiency of these sureties when offered upon contracts for other public works, to take into view the contingent liability to which they have subjected themselves by executing this and other contracts of suretyship; but they cannot be rejected as contractors or as sureties upon contracts for any new works upon the ground that they have made default in paying a sum which, as above explained, the city cannot receive. They present themselves as contractors or sureties upon contracts for new works in a light equally favorable to themselves as though they had never been accepted as sureties before; provided they are possessed of sufficient property and responsibility. It is also to be borne in mind that the amount for which they may ultimately prove liable as sureties upon the first contract, must be equitably apportioned and be shared by the sureties on the second contract whose principal's failure to perform involves those sureties in a like liability to that incurred by the sureties upon the first contract.

I am, sir,
Very respectfully yours,
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

Where a contract was made between the Croton Aqueduct Department an individual for paving an avenue and under the stipulations thereof, the Department annulled the same upon the ground that it was not being prosecuted by the contractor in good faith, and the Department entered into a new contract with another person for the performance of the same work at a sum greater than that mentioned in the first contract: Held, That a surety who as such had guaranteed both contracts could not be rejected as a proposed contractor for other and separate work required by the city, upon the ground that he was "in default to the corporation," until the paving in question should in some manner be wholly completed and accepted, and the city be placed in a position to ascertain and receive from such surety the exact excess of cost involved in the ultimate and complete performance of the work, under new contracts or otherwise, according to the stipulations of the original contract. A liability must be liquidated and absolute, not uncertain and contingent, in order to render a person "in default to the city" within the meaning of the provisions of law and of ordinance under which the Comptroller is called upon to refuse upon that ground his acceptance of a person proposed as a surety upon a contract with the city.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, Sept. 20th, 1873.

Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the City of New York.

SIR—From your letter of the 25th ultimo, I obtain substantially the following facts:

In July, 1867, the Croton Aqueduct Department opened bids for paving Second Avenue, from Sixty-first to Eighty-sixth street, and awarded the contract to Robert Jardine at \$99,425. The Comptroller approved the sufficiency of Theodore Martine and Charles Devlin as sureties. The contract was filed in the Department of Finance, as required by law.

The agreement of the sureties was in the shape of a money bond in the penalty of \$15,000, with the condition that their principal should well and truly, in good, sufficient, and workmanlike manner, perform the work mentioned in the contract in accordance with its terms, and comply with the conditions and covenants therein contained.

Among other stipulations, the contract contained a provision that if at any time the Board should be of opinion, and should so certify in writing, that the contractor was executing the contract in bad faith, they should have the power to discontinue the work and to employ persons, by contract or otherwise, to complete the same; and in case the expense should be less than the sum which would have been payable under the contract, if the same had been completed by the contractor, he should be entitled to receive the difference; and in case the expense should exceed the amount mentioned in the contract, the contractor should pay the amount of such excess upon notice from the Board.

After the work had been proceeded with for several months, the Croton Aqueduct Department annulled the contract, as they were therein authorized to do, for the regularly alleged reason that the contractor was prosecuting the same in bad faith.

In 1868, a proposal for the performance of the work was re-advertised, and in August of that year, John Gargan, being the lowest bidder, was awarded a new contract for the same work at \$100,450. His sureties were Charles Devlin and Matthew Sheridan. This proposal was returned to the Croton Department August 25, 1868, without the approval of the Comptroller, for the reason stated, that Mr. Sheridan had refused to justify in the amount required as surety, and that Mr. Gargan, the contractor, declined to accept the contract in a letter to the Finance Department on a Charles Devlin now appears as bids have been stated by the Department to the Department of Finance for the approval of the Comptroller.

This second contract, and the agreement of Mr. Devlin as surety thereon, are not before me; but I assume that Mr. Devlin's agreement of suretyship is similar to that executed by the sureties upon the first contract.

The question now submitted to me is whether under the circumstances Mr. Devlin is "in default to the Corporation" under the lettings to which I have referred.

I am not informed as to what, if anything, has been done since the second contract was awarded. I am, however, clearly of the opinion that Mr. Devlin cannot be regarded as "in default to the Corporation" upon the mere fact that the contractor in the first contract has forfeited the same; nor upon the further fact that the proceedings above mentioned have been taken toward the uncompleted execution of a second contract for the execution of the work by another person. Before Mr. Devlin could be held a debtor to the Corporation upon his agreements of suretyship under the first or second contract, the Board must, in my judgment, go on by contract or otherwise to the execution or completion of the work; and then, upon an account stated, it must be ascertained and certified to him what excess of cost over the amount mentioned in the first or in the second contract has been necessarily, actually, and ultimately incurred by the Board in procuring the execution of the work.

Upon the facts, therefore, as I understand them, and as above set forth, my answer to your communication must be that Mr. Devlin is not "in default to the Corporation" under the lettings of either 1867 or 1868.

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

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending Sept. 13, 1873:

Amounts paid into the Treasury:	
On account of the Sinking Fund	\$26,934 57
On account of the Treasury	317,646 15
	\$344,574 72

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS—CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MORTALITY—METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, ETC.

REPORTED MORTALITY (week ending September 20th,) AND THE ACTUAL MORTALITY (each day in the week, ending at noon, September 13th, 1873,) WITH AN ENUMERATION OF THE CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH. E. HARRIS, M. D., Registrar.

Main data table containing mortality statistics, meteorological observations, and causes of death. Includes columns for dates, barometer, thermometer (mean, maximum, minimum), wind, rain, and a detailed list of causes of death with corresponding death counts.

Amount of warrants registered for payment: On account of appropriations... \$71,499 63 On account of Trust Funds... 235,812 26

Samuel C. Holmes, Deputy Collector of City Revenue, penalty... 2,000 John O'Brien, First Assistant Clerk... 5,000 Franklin H. Bangs, Fifth Assistant Clerk... 5,000

furnishing the Department of Public Parks with screened gravel for four months. The Comptroller transmitted to the Bureau for Collection of Assessments for collection, twenty assessment lists for street improvements...

Sept. 8—The Comptroller attended a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, called for action on the issue of bonds. The Comptroller changed the compensation of Robert J. Quinlan, John Meehan, Peter Daly, and Philip Maher, messengers in the Bureau for Collection of Assessments, from \$2 50 to \$3 per diem, from Sept. 1st, 1873.

GENERAL SESSIONS.
 General Sessions, 32 Chambers street, 10 a. m., 4 p. m.
 Clerk's Office, 32 Chambers st., Room 14,
 OYER AND TERMINER.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.
 Special Sessions, Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a. m. —

JUSTICE'S (OR DISTRICT) COURTS.
 First District, 1st, 2d, 3d, and 5th Wards, S. W. corner of Centre and Chambers streets. 10 a. m., 4 p. m.
 Second District, 4th, 6th, and 14th Wards, 514 Pearl street. 9 a. m., 4 p. m.
 Third District, 8th, 9th, and 15th Wards, 12 Greenwich avenue. 9 a. m., 4 p. m.
 Fourth District, 10th, and 17th Wards, 163 East Houston street. 9 a. m., 4 p. m.
 Fifth District, 7th, 11th, and 13th Wards, 154 Clinton street. 9 a. m., 4 p. m.
 Sixth District, 19th and 22d Wards, 57th street, between Third and Lexington avenues. 9 a. m., 4 p. m.
 Eighth District, 16th and 20th Wards, S. W. cor. 22d st. and 7th ave. 9:30 a. m., 4 p. m.
 Ninth District, 12th Ward, 2374 Fourth avenue (Harlem). 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

POLICE COURTS.
 First District, 14th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and portion of Sanitary Precinct. Tombs, cor. Franklin and Centre streets. 7 a. m., 3 p. m.
 Second District, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 25th, 33d, 28th, and 29th Precincts. Greenwich ave., corner of 10th street. 9 a. m., 6 p. m.
 Third District, 7th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th, 18th, and portion of Sanitary Precinct. 69 Essex street. 8 a. m., 4 p. m.
 Fourth District, 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, and 19th sub station. 57th street, between 3d and Lexington ave. 8 a. m., 5 p. m.
 Fifth District, 12th Ward, 2374 Fourth avenue (Harlem). 8 a. m., 4 p. m.

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.:

- No. 1—For laying crosswalk front of No. 274 West street.
- No. 2—For laying crosswalk across Broadway, opposite No. 1259.
- No. 3—For laying crosswalk across 29th street, opposite No. 39.
- No. 4—For laying crosswalk across 12th street, opposite the Church of St. Ann.
- No. 5—For laying crosswalk from 561 6th avenue to 1200 Broadway.
- No. 6—For laying crosswalk from No. 186 to No. 187 Cherry street.
- No. 7—For laying crosswalk on West street from No. 177 to Pier 29 North River.
- No. 8—For flagging in front of Nos. 244, 246 and 248 East 35th street.
- No. 9—For flagging Attorney street, from Grand to Broome streets.
- No. 10—For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter and flagging 69th street from Public Drive to Hudson River.
- No. 11—For outlet sewer in 89th street, between East River and 2d avenue, with branches in Avenue A, 1st avenue, 87th and 88th streets.
- No. 12—For macadamizing 6th avenue, from 110th street to the Harlem River, and also setting curbstone and flagging 4 feet in width through the sidewalks of the same.

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

- No. 1—East side of West street, between Desbrosses and Watts streets.
- No. 2—Both sides of Broadway, between 31st and 32d streets.
- No. 3—Both sides 29th street, between Broadway and 6th avenue.
- No. 4—Both sides 12th street, between 3d and 4th avenues.
- No. 5—West side of 6th avenue, between 33d and 34th streets, and the property on the east side of same block known as Ward Nos. 540, 541, 542, 543, 611, 612, 613 and 614.
- No. 6—Both sides of Cherry street, from Pike to Market streets.
- No. 7—The property known as Ward Nos. 347, 348, 349, 350, 622, 623, 624 and 625.
- No. 8—The property known as Ward Nos. 3575, 3574 and 3573½.
- No. 9—The property known as Ward Nos. 1040 and 244.
- No. 10—Both sides of 69th street, from Public Drive to Hudson River, to the extent of ½ the block on 11th avenue.
- No. 11—The property bounded by the east side of 2d avenue and East River, and south side of 87th street and north side of 92d street.
- No. 12—Both sides of 6th avenue, between 110th street and Harlem River, to the extent of ½ the block on the intersecting streets.

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 Thomas B. Asten, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,
 JOHN MCHARG,
 MUNSON H. TREADWELL,
 VALENTINE S. WOODRUFF,
 Board of Assessors.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
 No. 301 Mott Street,
 NEW YORK, September 17, 1873.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH held at its office, No. 301 Mott street, on the 16th day of September, 1873, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That under the power conferred by law upon the Health Department, the following additional section to the Sanitary Code for the security of life and health in the City of New York, be and the same is hereby adopted and declared to form a portion of the Sanitary Code.

Section 181. That each of the several persons and companies that run or cause to be run any car drawn by horses for the transportation of passengers in any part of the City of New York, do cause both the front entrances from the street upon the platform of the fore end of each of said cars to be effectually barred or closed by gate or otherwise while said cars are in motion, so as to prevent access to any portion of the said platform or the hand rails or the steps thereof by any person not upon such car.

CHARLES F. CHANDLER,
 President.
 L. S. EMMONS CLARK,
 Secretary.

STREET OPENINGS.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Fortieth street, between the Eighth avenue and the Harlem river, in the City of New York.

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

That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Robert Sutherland, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 23d day of November, 1873, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 23d day of November, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 12 o'clock M.

That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 15th day of November, 1873.

That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, lying and being in the said City of New York, and included and contained within the following described limits or bounds, that is to say: on the north by the centre line of the blocks between 140th and 141st streets; on the south by the centre line of the blocks between 140th and 139th streets; on the west by the easterly line of the avenue Saint Nicholas; and on the east by the westerly line of Exterior street at the Harlem river.

And that our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court House, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 2d day of December, 1873, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, September 27, 1873.

ROBERT SUTHERLAND,
 GRATZ NATHAN,
 MICHAEL C. MURPHY,
 Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening and extending of Lexington avenue, from One Hundred and Second street to the Harlem river, in the City of New York.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to William Hitchman, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 22 Chambers street, Room No. 3, in the said city, on or before the 25th day of October, 1873, and that we, the said Commissioner will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 25th day of October, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 12 o'clock M.

Second.—That the abstract of said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 6th day of November, 1873.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, that is to say: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land in the City of New York, and contained, lying and being within the following bounds or limits: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly line or side of Third avenue and the northerly line or side of Fifty-ninth street; running thence northerly along the said westerly line or side of Third avenue to the southerly line or side of Exterior street; thence northerly and westerly along the southerly side of Exterior street to the southerly line or side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street; thence westerly along the southerly line or side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street to the easterly line or side of Fourth avenue; thence southerly along the said easterly line or side of Fourth avenue to the northerly line or side of Fifty-ninth street; and thence easterly along the northerly line or side of Fifty-ninth to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the New Court House, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 20th day of November, 1873, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated, New York, September 28, 1873.

WILLIAM HITCHMAN,
 SHEPARD F. KNAPP,
 DANIEL WHALEN,
 Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Seventieth street, from Fifth avenue to Fourth avenue, and from Third avenue to the East River, in the City of New York.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Cyrus H. Loutrel, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 11th day of October, 1873, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 11th day of October, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 12 o'clock M.

Second.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New York, there to remain until the 23d day of October, 1873.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, that is to say: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, and which taken together are bounded and contained as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the easterly line or side of Fifth avenue, equi-distant from Seventieth and Seventy-first streets, and running thence easterly and parallel with Seventieth street to the westerly line or side of Avenue B; thence southerly along the westerly line or side of Avenue B to a point equi-distant from Seventieth and Sixty-ninth streets; thence westerly and parallel with Seventieth street to the easterly line or side of Fifth avenue; and thence northerly along the easterly line or side of Fifth avenue to the point or place of beginning.

FOURTH.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the New Court House at the City Hall in the City of New York, on the 7th day of November, 1873, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, Sept. 26, 1873.

CYRUS H. LOUREL,
 GRATZ NATHAN,
 HENRY McDONNELL,
 Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Commissioners of the Central Park, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to Opening the Eleventh Avenue, from Fifty-ninth street to the Boulevard in the City of New York.

Notice is hereby given that the bill of the costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court at Chambers in the New Court House at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the third day of October 1873, at 10½ o'clock in the forenoon.

EMANUEL B. HART,
 JAMES MORROGH,
 BERNARD SMYTH,
 Commissioners.

Dated, New York, September 20, 1873.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
 346 AND 348 BROADWAY,
 NEW YORK, Sept. 17, 1873.

TO CONTRACTORS.
PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING SAND AND BROKEN STONE FOR MAKING CONCRETE AND RIP-RAP STONE FOR FOUNDATIONS, FROM 1st OCTOBER 1873, TO 1st OCTOBER 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THESE materials will be received at the office of the Department of Docks until 12 o'clock, noon, of Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1873, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

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.

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

Bidders will state the price in their proposals for each separate item of the material to be furnished, by which the bids will be tested.

Material to be furnished is as follows, and to be delivered in such quantities as shall be required:

- 2000 Cubic yards of Sand.
- 3000 Cubic yards of Broken Stone.
- 5000 Cubic yards of Rip-rap Stone, more or less.

Samples of the materials required under the specifications must be deposited at the Department of Docks, labelled with the name of the contractor, and locality from which they are taken, on the delivery of the proposals.

The Department of Docks reserves the right to decline any and all proposals, if deemed to be for the public interest; and no proposal 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 security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals can be obtained by application at the office of the Department.

Proposals must be endorsed as above, and addressed to "Commissioner Budd, Treasurer of Department of Docks."

JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
 WILLIAM GARDNER,
 WILLIAM BUDD,
 Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
 346 AND 348 BROADWAY,
 NEW YORK, September 19, 1873.

TO CONTRACTORS.
PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THREE STEAM PILE DRIVERS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING three (3) Steam Pile Drivers will be received at the office of the Department of Docks until 12 o'clock noon, of Tuesday, September 30, 1873, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

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.

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

Bidders will state in their proposal the price for the Pile Drivers complete and in working order, to be delivered within thirty days after signing the contract.

The Department of Docks reserves the right to decline any and all proposals, if deemed to be for the public interest; and no proposal 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 security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals, plans and specifications can be obtained by application at the office of the Department.

Proposals to be endorsed as above, and addressed to "Commissioner Budd, Treasurer of Department of Docks."

JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
 WILLIAM GARDNER,
 WILLIAM BUDD,
 Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Wednesday, October 3, 1873, and until 9 o'clock A. M. on said day, for the Desks, Seats and other Furniture required for Grammar School No. 19, on East Fourteenth street, near First avenue.

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

Two responsible and approved sureties will be required from the successful bidder.

Proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

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

HENRY MERZ,
 WM. BALSER, M. D.,
 ADAM WEBER,
 OWEN MURPHY,
 FREDK C. WAGNER,
 Board of School Trustees, 17th Ward.
 Dated New York, September 23, 1873.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
 BUREAU OF COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROOM No. 14, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, September 9, 1873.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
PROPERTY HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were this day received in this bureau for collection:

DATE OF CONFIRMATION.
 Aug. 25, 1873.

- Eighty-third street—regulating, setting and resetting curb and gutter, and flagging and reflagging sidewalks between Fourth and Fifth avenues.
- One Hundred and Thirty-third street—regulating, grading, curb gutter and flagging between Fourth and Eighth avenues.
- One Hundred and Ninth street—sewer between Fourth avenue and Harlem river.
- Eleventh street—sewer between Dry Dock street and East river.
- Sixty-fifth street—sewer between First and Third avenues.
- Fifty-fifth street—sewer between Avenue A and First avenue.
- One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street—sewer between Boulevard and Hudson river.
- Fifty-fifth street—sewer between Fifth and Sixth avenues.
- Sixty-sixth street—sewer between Avenue A and First avenue, and between Second and Third avenues.
- Second avenue—sewer between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Sixteenth streets; in One Hundred and Fifteenth street, between First and Third avenues and in One hundred and twenty-seventh street between Second and Third avenues.
- Third avenue—sewer between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.
- Worth street—sewer between Baxter street and Chatham Square.
- Underground drains between Seventy-second and Seventy-third streets, and First and Second avenues.
- Fencing vacant lots south side Ninetieth street, between Third and Lexington avenues.
- Fencing vacant lots west side Eighth avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets.
- Eighth avenue (west side)—flagging sidewalk 2½ feet south Fifty-sixth street, southerly, 75 feet.
- Thirty-eighth street—regulating and grading from First avenue to East river.
- Second avenue—trapblock pavement between Eighty-sixth and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets.
- Eighth avenue (west side)—flagging south-west, between Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth street.

All payments made at this office within sixty days from this date, are, by law, exempted from the charge for interest at seven per cent., which runs from the date of confirmation. The collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

ANDREW W. LEGGAT,
 Acting Collector.

BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES,
 September 24, 1873.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.—THE BOOKS FOR Taxes on Personal Property will be opened for payment at this office on Saturday next, September 27, 1873. Due notice will be given when the books for Real Estate and Bank Stock are ready.

MARTIN T. McMAHON,
 Receiver of Taxes.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.
THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND Stocks of the City and County of New York, due November 1st, 1873, will be paid on that day, by the Chamberlain at his office in the New Court House. The Transfer Books will be closed from September 27th to November 1st, 1873.

ANDREW H. GREEN,
 Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
 Sept. 23, 1873.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 NEW YORK, September 25, 1873.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
CHANGE OF GRADE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A petition of the property owners with map and plan for the change of grade in Sixty-eighth street, between Madison and Lexington avenues, and in Fourth avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-ninth streets, from an elevation of seventy-three, to seventy-five feet, is now pending before the Common Council.

All persons interested in the above mentioned change of grade and having objections thereto, are requested to present the same in writing to the undersigned at his office on or before the seventh day of October.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, (127 and 129 Mercer street,) Office Board of Commissioners, New York, Sept. 13th, 1873.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT these headquarters until 12 o'clock noon, of Monday, September 29th, 1873, for furnishing 6000 feet, in 50 feet lengths, 2½ inch Rubber Lined Linen Hose, Allen's couplings, with New York thread.

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

Samples can be seen and all information obtained on application at this office.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL POLICE,
 PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 300 MULBERRY STREET,
 NEW YORK, September 24, 1873.

OWNERS WANTED, BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: One box zinc nails, three gold watches, two silver watches from pawn shop, silver watch from body drowned man, lot rope and several small sums of money.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD.

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