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PROCLAMATION.

The exemption of our city during the present year from pestilence, while some of our sister cities have been sorely afflicted, and the numberless bounties and blessings which we have received from a beneficent Creator, call for the grateful recognition of our people, in the observance of the 27th inst., set apart by the President of the United States, and the Governor of this State, as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer; and I would recommend the suspension of all business on that day, and that the liberality of our citizens be extended to the poor and unfortunate among us, to enable them to participate in the enjoyments of this religious festival.

Given under my hand and seal at the Mayor's office this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

No. 15 CITY HALL,
MONDAY, November 24, 1873,
3 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their Chamber No. 15 City Hall.

Present:—Hon. S. B. H. VANCE, President, in the chair, and the following members:

O. P. C. Billings,	Patrick Lysaght,
S. V. R. Cooper,	J. A. Monheimer,
John Falconer,	John J. Morris,
Richard Flanagan,	Oswald Ottendorfer,
Peter Kehr,	John Reilly,
George Koch,	Jenkins Van Schaick.

The President of the Department of Police, and the President of the Health Department were present.

The minutes of the meetings held November 15th, 19th and 20th were read and approved.

PETITION.

By the President—
Petition of William Flagg in the matter relative to the extension of Church street, from the southerly side of Fulton street to Morris street. Which was ordered on file.

By the same—
Petition of the Federal Council of the I. W. A., relative to providing employment for working-women of this city. Which was ordered on file.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The following communications were received from the Department of Police:

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,
300 MULBERRY STREET, N. Y.,
November 24th, 1873.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: At a meeting of the Board held this day it was
Resolved, That the President address a communication to the Board of Aldermen recommending that the estimate for expenses of Police Department now before the Board of Aldermen be increased by the sum of \$190,000, on account of the annexation of territory from Westchester County to the city, to wit, for the

the expenses of the Police Department proper.....\$120,000
For expenses of street cleaning in the added territory..... 70,000

\$190,000

For the year commencing January 1, 1874.
The communication of Mr. President Smith in pursuance of the above resolution is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
S. C. HAWLEY,
Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,
300 MULBERRY STREET, N. Y.,
November 24th, 1873.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: The Department estimate for the maintenance of this Department for the year commencing on the 1st of January, 1874, was transmitted to the Board of Apportionment on the 4th of September last. At that date the question of annexation to New York of the towns of Morrisania, West Farms and Kingsbridge was undecided, and no provision was asked in the Departmental estimate on that account.

The result of the vote in November annexes the towns named, and enlarges the territory of the city to nearly double its former area. The whole of the added territory will require the patrol and other services of the Police Department. It seems, therefore, to be necessary that a considerable amount should be added to the sum asked for on account of expenses of the Police Department proper. A considerable portion of the added territory consists of thickly populated suburban villages, and in several points is occupied by population requiring active and energetic police surveillance. The more sparsely populated districts will require the services of a horse patrol, which they have had for several years past.

It is probable that the proper maintenance of the public peace and the protection of life and property, in the territory in question, will require the expenditure of about one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, during the year commencing the first of January next.

It is supposed that the consummation of the annexation referred to will impose upon the Board of Police the duty of extending to the annexed territory such measures of street cleaning as are applicable to territory similarly situated in the northern portion of New York Island.

The rate of expenditure for purposes of street cleaning in the Twelfth and Nineteenth Wards of the city, during the year last past, indicates an expenditure in the annexed territory at the rate of about \$70,000 per year. We therefore recommend an addition to the estimate now before the Board of Aldermen of the sum of \$70,000 on account of expenses of the Street Cleaning Bureau of the Police Department.

RECAPITULATION.

For expenses of Police Department proper.....\$120,000
For street cleaning, as above..... 70,000

Total.....\$190,000

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY SMITH,
President.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Monheimer—
Resolved, That Sixty-seventh street from Third to Fourth avenue be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where now not laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

G. O. 274.

By Alderman Koch—
Resolved, That Fourth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-third street to Harlem River, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, by day's work or otherwise, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
Which was laid over.

G. O. 275.

By Alderman Monheimer—
Resolved, That the regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging sidewalks, and the roadway or surface construction of the following named avenues and streets, to wit: The new avenue intermediate the Eighth and Ninth avenues, from the northerly line of One hundredth street to the southerly line of One hundred and tenth street, and from the northerly line of One hundred and fourteenth street to its intersection with Avenue St. Nicholas, between One hundred and twenty-third and One hundred and twenty-fourth streets; the Ninth avenue, from the northerly line of One hundred and twenty-third street to the northerly line of One hundred and twenty-sixth street; One hundred and twenty-

third street, from the westerly line of the new avenue on the westerly side of Mount Morris Square to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, and from the westerly line of Tenth avenue to the Boulevard; also the Twelfth avenue, from the southerly line of One hundred and twenty-ninth street to the northerly line of One hundred and thirtieth street, be executed under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, by day's work or in such manner as the said Commissioner may deem expedient for the best interests of the City and property owners, and of such material, and on such plans as may be prescribed or determined by said Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 276.

By the same—

Resolved, That the regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging sidewalks, and the roadway or surface construction of the following named avenues bordering the Morningside Park, to wit: The avenue known as Morningside Avenue West, from the northerly line of One hundred and tenth street, opposite the intersection of Ninth avenue, to, and including One hundred and twenty-second street, to the easterly line of Tenth avenue; the new avenue intermediate the Eighth avenue and Morningside Avenue West, from the northerly line of One hundred and Tenth street to the northerly line of One hundred and fourteenth street; the avenue known as Morningside Avenue East, from the westerly line of the new avenue last above mentioned to the Ninth avenue at One hundred and sixteenth street; the Ninth avenue, from the terminus of Morningside Avenue East at One hundred and sixteenth street to the northerly line of One hundred and twenty-third street; also One hundred and twenty-third street, from the westerly line of Ninth avenue to the westerly line of Tenth avenue; also the avenue known as Riverside avenue, intermediate the Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, from the northerly line of Seventy-second street to the southerly line of One hundred and twenty-ninth street—be executed under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, by day's work, or in such manner as the said Commissioner may deem expedient for the best interests of the city and property owners, and of such material and on such plans as may be prescribed or determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, as authorized by chapter 850 of the laws of 1873, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
Which was laid over.

By Alderman Morris—
Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Monday, December 1st, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Alderman Reilly moved to amend by fixing next Wednesday, the 26th inst. at 3 o'clock, P. M., as the time for the next meeting which was accepted by Alderman Morris.
The resolution was then adopted.

By the President:

Resolved, That the street lamp-post and lamp, now on the sidewalk near the West Side Chapel, No. 439 West 33d street, be removed and placed directly in front of the entrance to the chapel, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Law Department, to whom was referred the provisional estimates for the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the Law Department, respectfully

REPORT

such estimates back to your honorable body, without alteration or amendment.

The appropriation made for "The City Courts and Court Expenses," which appropriately comes within the purview of your Committee, an addition is necessary rendered so, to make provision for the new police district embraced in the portion of Westchester County recently annexed to this city. The following rectification of such appropriation is therefore respectfully recommended:

Police Court Justice, Sixth District, salary.....	\$8,000
Clerks, Stenographers, Interpreters and Janitors.....	10,000
Justice of the Tenth District Civil Court, salary.....	8,000
Clerks, Stenographers, &c., &c.....	10,000

S. V. R. COOPER,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,
RICHARD FLANAGAN,
Committee on Law Department.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the Provisional Estimates for the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the Department of Public Works, respectfully

REPORT.

The following rectifications in the estimate so referred, viz:

Increase appropriation for Free Floating Baths, from \$9,000 to \$12,000.

Increase the appropriation for Lamps and Gas, from \$750,000 to \$800,000.

Increase the appropriation for removing obstructions in streets and avenues, from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Omit the appropriation for streets, repairing and repairs to stone pavements, \$100,000; and the words "wooden and concrete pavements," from the item of repairing and keeping in order wooden and concrete pavements, \$50,000; and insert a new item of appropriation, as follows:

Repairing, repaving and keeping streets in order, \$300,000.

The paved streets and avenues of this city are now in the most wretched condition, and in need of immediate repair. Some of them are nearly impassable, and the injury and annoyance to all having occasion to use them, cannot be computed in money. In order to provide the means to repair the street pavements, of every description, your committee have been constrained to increase the appropriation therefor, to the amount of \$300,000, believing that it will require more than that sum to make the needed repairs, and to keep the streets in good condition for the ensuing year. This, and even a greater sum will be needed, as Section 115, of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, as amended by Section 22, of Chapter 757, Laws of 1873, makes it a condition precedent that any paved street requiring to be repaved, shall first be petitioned for by a majority of the owners of property interested. It will be difficult, if not impossible, in most cases, to obtain the assent of the requisite number of owners to warrant the repaving of many of our greatest thoroughfares, at their expense, and unless repaired by the city, will become absolutely dangerous to life and property. The First and Seventh avenues are cases in point; these two leading thoroughfares are now nearly impassable, and although the effort has been made to obtain the assent of the owners to have them repaved, it has been found impossible to procure it. Many other streets are in an equally bad condition, and in need of repairs; hence the increase in the appropriation.

GEO. KOCH,
JOHN J. MORRIS,
Committee on Public Works.

Which was adopted.

Alderman Van Schaick moved that the President be excused from voting on all subjects in this Board that require to be acted upon by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The Clerk put the question whether the Board would agree to excuse the President from voting on such questions.

And it was adopted.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices, to whom was referred the Provisional Estimate for the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the Legislative Department and the Mayoralty, respectfully

REPORT:

That although most of the items of appropriations contained in the estimate for the Legislative Department consist of items fixed by law for the payment of salaries of the members of the Common Council and do not admit of any rectification or amendment, but the other appropriations for this department could and should in the opinion of your committee be reduced, and in view that retrenchment must become the order of the day if the losses shall not reach an oppressive rate, and that your Honorable Body should not only advise economy, but practice it, in the management of affairs under our immediate control, your committee respectfully recommend a reduction of five thousand dollars in the appropriations for the Legislative Department.

The appropriation made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the Mayoralty for the year 1874 exceeds the amount appropriated for the present year by the sum of \$11,851.32, and is stated to be chiefly for the Bureau of Permits. The reasons given for the increase being the fact that during the year 1872, but \$10,786.37 was paid into the city treasury for permits by the Bureau, while the amount so paid thus far (to October 31,) in the year 1873, is \$46,403.00.

It is conceded on all hands that the Bureau of Permits during the present year has displayed commendable energy and efficiency in the performance of the duties of its employees, and your committee confidently anticipate a continuance of these characteristics of good and faithful officers. The same number of employees with the same salaries can certainly perform the duties of next year with as satisfactory a result as they have done during the present year as compared with the year 1872.

It is more than likely that the ordinances relating to this Bureau will be revised during the ensuing year, and so changed, simplified, and systematized that the present force of employees will be fully sufficient to perform the duties required of the officers of the Bureau.

Your committee therefore respectfully recommend that the appropriation for the Mayor's office for the year 1874 be reduced to the amount appropriated for the present year, viz., \$47,648.68.

OSWALD OTTENDORFER,
GEO. KOCH,
Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Which was adopted.

Subsequently Alderman Monheimer moved a reconsideration of the above action.

Which was agreed to.

He then moved that the appropriation for salaries of clerks in the Legislative Department be fixed at \$25,000.

Alderman Van Schaick presented the following as a substitute.

Resolved, That the estimates for the Legislative Department and the Mayoralty as submitted

to this Board by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be approved.

Which was adopted. The Committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen respectfully report that they have "carefully considered and investigated" the Provisional Estimate of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment "of the requirements of the Finance Department for the next ensuing financial year," and have arrived at the opinion that the aforesaid estimate should be reduced \$40,000.

The Comptroller claims a net decrease in his Department for 1874 of \$2,010.69, although he says the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments has been added to it this year, and the volume of business generally, largely increased by the Charter."

The accompanying comparative statement will give the items that have decreased, and will further show that an increased amount for salaries is asked for of nearly \$25,000:

Table with columns for 1873, 1874, DECREASE, and INCREASE. Rows include Cleaning Markets, Contingencies, Comptroller's Office, etc.

Provision is made in the estimate of \$8,000 for the salary of a Deputy Comptroller, as required by law. This place having been vacant for some two years, your Committee are of the opinion this amount could be saved in the future.

It appears there are not far from 200 appointments in the personal gift of the Comptroller, at salaries ranging from \$8,000 down to \$600 per annum, each of which can be removed at his pleasure, and the salaries increased or diminished at his will.

The estimate provides \$15,000 for contingencies in Comptroller's office, and \$20,000 "for examiners, assistants, experts, etc., in investigating work, claims and accounts." It seems to your Committee that this amount of \$35,000 is more than ample for purposes named.

1874 over 1873... \$25,000 Salary of Deputy Comptroller... 8,000 Other places not filled that might be dispensed with... 7,000

In all, say... \$40,000 And respectfully ask for the adoption of the accompanying resolution to this effect.

J. VAN SCHAICK, JOHN J. MORRIS, PETER KEHR, Committee on Finance.

In accordance with the report of the Finance Committee of this Board, which is hereto annexed—

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and they are hereby respectfully requested to reduce the appropriation for the Finance Department for the next ensuing year, from \$475,000 to \$435,000.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have carefully considered and investigated the provisional estimate of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, of the requirements for the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments for the next ensuing year.

There appeared to be 59 persons regularly employed by the Commissioners, at salaries ranging from \$1,200 to \$3,000 per annum. Total amount of pay roll about \$120,000.

For a considerable portion of the year a number of these employees have no duties to perform. Your committee, therefore, suggest the advisability of employing such persons by the day, and paying them only for the work they perform.

In order to bring this matter regularly before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, your committee ask for the adoption of a resolution suggesting the reduction of the estimate in the

sum of \$3,000. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. VAN SCHAICK, PETER KEHR, JOHN J. MORRIS, O. OTTENDORFER, Committee on Finance.

In accordance with the report of Finance Committee, which is hereto annexed, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is respectfully requested to reduce the appropriation for the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments for 1874, from \$143,000 to \$140,000.

Which was adopted. The Committee on Printing and Advertising to whom was referred the provisional estimates for the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for advertising, stationery, printing and blank-books, respectfully

REPORT: The estimates so submitted back to your Hon. Body without rectification or alteration.

PETER KEHR, OSWALD OTTENDORFER, JOHN FALCONER, Committee on Printing and Advertising.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Lands and Places, to whom was referred the provisional estimate for the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the Health Department of the City of New York, respectfully

REPORT: That upon examination and inquiry, made by the Committee, with a view of ascertaining the amount of money necessary to provide for the proper and efficient management and direction of the Department of Health, for the ensuing year, the fact has become apparent that the estimated amount asked by the Department and allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, is certainly more than will be needed, and is largely in excess of the amount your Committee is disposed to allow.

That your Committee, in their recommendation, are disposed to allow to that Department all that could be claimed as being necessary for the ensuing year, it is only necessary to state that the amount is nearly equal to that expended in 1867, when the Department had jurisdiction over both the counties of New York and Kings. Since that period no contingency has arisen, or is likely to arise in the year 1874, which will necessitate an increase in the expenditures for this county alone largely in excess of what was required for both counties in 1867. In item of salaries alone an enormous increase is apparent, as the following will show:

Salaries for New York County asked and allowed in 1874... \$128,950 00 Salaries for New York and Kings Counties in 1867... 37,150 50

Excess for New York City alone in 1874... \$90,799 50

Certainly no emergency is likely to arise to demand the above increase in the item of salaries alone, for the next year. The other items of appropriation bear a relatively large increase, which, under the circumstances, are in the opinion of your Committee, utterly unwarranted.

A careful examination of the needs of the Department, has resulted in convincing your Committee that the items of expenditure, under nearly every account, should be reduced in order to make them bear some relative proportion to the services required and duties to be performed by the Department and its employees, which, at best, are but superogatory, and might, by a proper and very desirable distribution of its duties among the bureaus and offices of the Police Department, be performed with equal efficiency and much greater economy, and even without any additional expense to the City.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following rectifications in the Provisional Estimates for the Health Department for the year 1874.

For salaries, \$75,000, instead of \$128,950. For contingencies, \$10,000, instead of \$19,300. For law expenses, &c., \$4,000, instead of \$6,000.

GEO. KOCH, ROBERT McCAFFERTY, Committee on Lands and Places.

Which was lost by the following vote: Affirmative—Aldermen Cooper, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Monheimer, Reilly—6. Negative—Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Lysaght, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Van Schaick—6.

On motion of Alderman Reilly the report was recommitted.

The Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the provisional estimates for the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the Fire Department of the City of New York, respectfully

REPORT: The estimates so referred back to your Hon. Body, without alteration or amendment.

JOHN J. MORRIS, PETER KEHR, PATRICK LYSAGHT, Committee on Markets.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the Provisional Estimates for the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the Department of Charities and Correction, respectfully

REPORT: Such estimate back to your Hon. Body, without alteration or amendment.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, O. P. C. BILLINGS, Committee on Streets.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Repairs and Supplies, to whom was referred the Provisional Estimates for

the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the "Department of Buildings" and for "Miscellaneous purposes," respectfully

REPORT:

That in respect of the estimate for the Department of Buildings they have no objection or suggestion to offer, and the same is therefore reported back without alteration or amendment.

That in the judgment of your Committee, the estimate for "special contingencies" should be reduced from \$500,000 to \$200,000, and that such estimate should be further restricted in accordance with the provisions of the following resolution, the adoption of which your Committee would respectfully recommend:

Resolved, That this Board objects to the item of \$500,000 in "miscellaneous items" for "special contingencies" contained in the provisional estimates submitted to this Board by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that the said item and estimate be rectified so as to read as follows: "Special contingencies, including all expenditures authorized by law for the support of the city government not embraced in any item enumerated in this estimate, two hundred thousand dollars—but no part of said sum shall be transferred to or appropriated for the use of any department or bureau, or any specific purpose whatever, except by a concurrent vote of all the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and no part thereof shall be transferred or used directly or indirectly for the payment of counsel, or for services or expenses connected with State and city legislation," unless by a like concurrent vote of said Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated New York, November 24, 1873.

PETER KEHR, RICHARD FLANAGAN, S. V. R. COOPER, Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

Alderman Ottendorfer moved to amend by increasing the appropriation to \$500,000.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Lysaght, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—7.

Negative—Aldermen Cooper, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Monheimer—5.

The question was then taken on the resolution reported by the committee as amended.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Van Schaick—6.

Negative—Aldermen Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Reilly—6.

Alderman Van Schaick moved a reconsideration of the above vote.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon, Alderman Flanagan moved to amend by striking out the sum of \$500,000, and inserting in lieu thereof the sum of \$195,000.

Which was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom was referred the provisional estimate for the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the Department of Police, respectfully

REPORT

for your adoption the following rectifications: Add to the item of cleaning streets, under Police Department, the sum of \$131,704.50, thereby increasing the amount under that head to the aggregate of \$1,131,704.50, being the amount originally asked for by that Department.

Add a new item of expenses of police force for the towns in Westchester County recently annexed to the City and County of New York, \$120,000, and for street cleaning in same district add \$70,000.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, J. VAN SCHAICK, Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences, to whom was referred the Provisional Estimates for the year 1874, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the Department of Parks, the Board of Education and the College of New York, respectfully

REPORT:

That upon investigation, your Committee have learned that a considerable reduction in the sums asked for by the Department of Parks, was made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The number and character of such reductions will appear by reference to the following schedule:

Table with columns FOR 1874, ESTIM'T'S, AWARD, REDUCT'N. Rows include Maintenance and government of parks and places, City Hall Park, etc.

The Commissioners of the Department of Parks, are most emphatic in declaring that the estimates as submitted by them to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the year 1874 were considered to be indispensably necessary for the proper administration of the duties entrusted to them; and it must be conceded that no other persons are as well qualified to be the judges of the correctness of the estimates. To dispute the statement is virtually to question the ability or integrity of the Commissioners, who say in a letter addressed to your committee, that "the Board is unanimous in the opinion that we cannot properly maintain the interests of this Department on the amount voted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment;" and should your committee believe the reductions were made solely with a view of limiting the expenses of this, equally with the other departments, to the lowest aggregate amount for the year, yet they think, that in the present instance, the Commissioners, who, in an eminent degree possess the confidence of the public, and are recognized by all as gentlemen of unquestioned integrity and ability, should be permitted to decide the sum necessary, properly to administer their duties, and agree with the President of the Department, who, in a letter addressed to your committee on the subject, says, "If your Committee shall decide to cut down the estimates, we will do the best we can, but I must frankly state my opinion that it is poor economy, in the long run to save by waste."

Your committee, therefore, respectfully recommend that the estimate for the year 1874 of the expenses of the Department of Parks, as originally made up by the Commissioners and as submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, be allowed, and the provisional estimate for the year be rectified in accordance with the recommendation, as follows:

1st.—That the appropriation for the "pavement in the City Hall Park" shall be increased by the addition of \$20,000 thereto, so that the same shall be thirty thousand dollars instead of ten thousand dollars as awarded in said provisional estimate.

2d.—That the appropriation for the "maintenance and government of parks and places, including the sum of \$30,000 for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art" shall be increased by the addition thereto of \$92,000, so that the same shall be five hundred and ninety-two thousand dollars, instead of five hundred thousand dollars as awarded in said provisional estimate.

3d.—Sea wall at Battery, \$10,000 instead of \$7,500.

4th.—Supplies of gas, etc., \$63,000 instead of \$58,000.

The estimate made for the College of New York, your committee find to be correct, and to the limit allowed by law. They therefore respectfully report the same to your Hon. Body without alteration or amendment.

The Estimate made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the Department of Education, your committee feel assured, is inadequate faithfully and efficiently to conduct that department for the year 1874. The Department in making the estimate submitted to the Board, were governed by the desire to limit the several items of expenditures to the lowest possible amount, keeping in view the absolute needs of the Board. Your Committee, having the most implicit reliance in the intelligence and probity of the Board of Education, and believing it done, has the knowledge of its requirements necessary to guide its members in arriving at a correct conclusion as to the amount of its expenditures, and believing, also, that the knowledge will be exercised in a manner the most beneficial to the interests of education in our City, are in favor of allowing the estimates as originally presented to this Board, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Accordingly, the following rectification is recommended to the estimate made by the latter Board, and referred to your committee:

To the item of supplies, rents, ordinary repairs, heating, &c., &c., add \$50,000, making the whole amount \$522,500, instead of \$472,500.

To the item of purchasing sites and erecting new school buildings, add \$50,000, making the whole amount \$450,000, instead of \$400,000.

To the item of alterations and extraordinary repairs to buildings, and for new heating apparatus and furniture, add \$20,000, making the whole amount \$220,000, instead of \$200,000.

Add item, as follows: Amount appropriated from the Normal College Building Fund, for other purposes in 1870, \$62,000.

The last item was asked for by the Board of Education, and was contained in the estimates for 1874, but was omitted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

O. P. C. BILLINGS, JOS. A. MONHEIMER, JOHN REILLY, Committee on Arts and Sciences.

Which was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By permission, Alderman Koch presented the following:

Resolved, That the President of this Board, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, be and he is hereby respectfully requested, in the consideration of the objections or rectifications made by the Board of Aldermen to the provisional estimate for the year 1874, as provided in Section 112 of Chapter 335, of the Laws of 1873, to sanction the action taken thereon by the Board of Aldermen, and to uphold, by his vote, the rectifications and alterations made in such provisional estimate by this Board.

Which, on motion of Alderman Koch, was laid on the table.

Alderman Koch also presented the following: Resolved, That a Committee of Five be ap-

pointed to confer with the members of the Legislature elect for the purpose of devising ways and means to employ the unemployed workman in this city on the public works.

Which was laid on the table. In connection with the above the President presented the following:

Hon. S. B. VANCE, President, etc.: SIR: A committee appointed at a meeting of the members elect to the next legislature would be pleased to meet your Board in an official form for the purpose of consulting upon measures best adapted to procure immediate work for the many workmen in this city now unemployed.

Understanding that your Board meets upon Monday 24th inst. at 3 P. M., the committee will then call.

Trusting that the arrangement may be agreeable.

I remain, sir, Yours respectfully, L. C. WAEHNER, Sec'y Committee.

Nov. 22, '73. Which was ordered on file.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The following message was received from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, Nov. 24, 1873.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith transmit to your Honorable Body the accompanying communication from the Commissioner of Public Works.

There is no doubt that the custom complained of by the Commissioner has grown into an abuse, which the Common Council should take immediate steps to correct. There is a necessity for placing extra lamps in front of many of our public buildings, but where such buildings are not owned or occupied by the city, I do not see why the city should be called upon to maintain them; and I cannot understand why the city should sustain, at its own expense, extra lamps in front of club-houses, restaurants, saloons, stables, business houses and private residences and grounds. The custom of maintaining extra lamps in front of the residences of ex-Mayors dates back to the early history of the city, and in my judgment should not be discontinued; but if it has grown into an abuse, in any exceptional case, or is made an excuse for placing and maintaining lamps elsewhere it should be subject to the same criticism and action, which attach to any other abuse.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, ROOM 19 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, November 19, 1873.

To Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the City of New York:

SIR:—During the past two years I have communicated with the Common Council on three several occasions, on the subject of the large number of extra lamps maintained and lighted at the public expense, without any adequate public benefit, recommending the adoption of measures authorizing this Department to discontinue such lamps.

At the beginning of last year, the number of extra lamps was 1,348, distributed as follows: In front of churches, 736; schoolhouses, 94; police stations, 32; armories, 26; hospitals and asylums, 24; various public buildings, 11; railroad depots 34; club houses, 63; restaurants and saloons, 50; for residences of ex-Mayors, 35; libraries, 15; stables, 12; various places of business, 25; and the balance, 201, in front of private residences and grounds.

Up to the present time this Department has removed 125 extra lamps, without any action on the part of the Common Council, and a recent partial investigation of the records of the Common Council shows thus far that 300 more such lamps are not covered by special ordinances or resolutions. I have, therefore, notified the several gas companies to discontinue lighting them at the expense of the Corporation on and after the 20th inst.

This number includes the lamps placed in front of residences of ex-Mayors, and it is found that although the custom of thus distinguishing these residences is very old, there is no law or ordinance to authorize it. A saving of \$16,887 annually is thus effected by the removal of extra lamps, and the investigation to ascertain if any more of them can be discontinued without conflicting with existing ordinances, will be further pursued.

But by far the greater portion of extra lamps have been erected in pursuance of ordinances of the Common Council, which are mandatory upon this Department. A general ordinance directs that two lamps be placed in front of each church edifice, but, in many cases, special ordinances have been adopted, giving four and six lamps to a church building.

I would now respectfully ask your co-operation in obtaining authority from the Common Council to remove all extra lamps which can be discontinued without injury or inconvenience to the public, and am

Yours, very respectfully, (Signed) GEO. M. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

On motion of Alderman Van Schaick, the Board then adjourned.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Wednesday next, the 26th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

Jos. C. PINCKNEY, Clerk.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

No. 16 CITY HALL, MONDAY, November 24, 1873, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, in their chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

Present—WILLIAM WADE, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:

Thomas Foley, John J. Kehoe, Henry Wisser, Edward Brucks, George F. Codrington, Stephen N. Simonson, Joseph P. Strack, Benjamin Beyea.

A quorum not answering to their names at roll call, the President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Monday next, the 1st proximo, at 2 o'clock P. M.

CONSTANTINE DONOHO, Clerk.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE, Friday, November 21, 1873—4:20 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, New York, Nov. 21, 1873.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of the act entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30th, 1873, and an act entitled "An act in relation to the City of New York," passed June 13th, 1873, and an act entitled "An act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for County purposes," passed June 14th, 1873, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Comptroller, on Friday, the 21st day November, 1873, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon such matters as may come before said Board, under the provisions of the acts above mentioned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

ENDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon this day, Nov. 21, 1873.

W. F. Havemeyer, Mayor; Andrew H. Green, Comptroller; Samuel B. H. Vance, President Board of Aldermen; John Wheeler, President Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present—All the members, viz.:

Wm. F. Havemeyer, the Mayor of the City of New York; Andrew H. Green, the Comptroller of the City of New York; Samuel B. H. Vance, President of the Board of Aldermen; John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held November 9th, 1873, and November 19th, 1873, were read and approved.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by provisions of sec. 112, of chap. 335, of the laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine not exceeding seven per cent. per annum,

Assessment Bonds of the City of New York, as authorized by chapter 397, laws of 1853, and chapter 580, laws of 1872,

Three hundred thousand dollars... \$300,000 00

The chairman put the question, whether the Board would agree with such resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of section 112 of chapter 335 of the laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) "Croton Water Main Stock of the City of New York," as authorized by chapter 865, laws of 1873.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$5,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the head of "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices," said amount to be transferred from the appropriation for "Extra Contingencies."

The chairman put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution; which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$5,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the head of "Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs," said amount to be transferred from the appropriation of "Extra Contingencies."

The chairman put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolution; which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Mayor presented application of the New York Juvenile Guardian Society for an appropriation.

Which was referred to the Special Committee on Charitable Institutions.

On motion the Board then adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

JOHN WHEELER, Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINIONS OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

Where land in the City of New York lies too low to be drained by the ordinary sewers, the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized by law to direct the construction of blind drains or other necessary works to procure the proper drainage; and reasonable charges for earth fillings along such drains, although not expressly mentioned in the act of the Legislature on this subject, may be included in the cost.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, Nov. 21, 1873.

Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller,

SIR:—A communication from you states that requisitions have been drawn upon the Finance Department by the Department of Public Works for underground drains in Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, and in Seventy-fourth and Ninety-second streets, between Eighth and Tenth avenues, under authority of chapter 566 of the Laws of 1871. You inform me that in these requisitions a large amount of earth filling is mentioned, none of which appears to you to be allowable under the act; and you remark that the law seems merely to provide for a blind drain to be carried along the natural water course to the sewer until the adjacent river shall be reached.

You request me to inform you whether the charge for earth filling can be allowed under the act, and whether any amount paid therefor can be legally computed in the assessment for the work.

The act in substance provides that whenever it shall appear to be necessary for the protection of the public health that any land within the corporate limits of the city needs to be drained by other means than sewers, such drainage shall be effected by the Department of Public Works. All land below the levels of the adjacent sewers upon which surface water remains stagnant, or through which water courses run, may, under the act, be so drained by a properly constructed blind drain carried along such natural water course until it can be made to enter any sewer at its proper level; or when such sewer cannot be reached, it can be carried to the adjacent river.

In constructing the underground drains mentioned in the requisitions to which you refer, I

am informed by the engineer in charge of sewers in the Department of Public Works that large quantities of earth filling have been necessarily resorted to. While it is true that the statute does not in express terms authorize what is called earth filling, yet the power given to the Department of Public Works to construct the drains in question must be legally held to carry with it authority to take such steps as to make them useful for the purposes of their construction. The Engineer, who has been before me, explains that unless large amounts of earth filling had been used on both sides of the drain, no effective drainage of the lands in question could have been accomplished.

The intention of the act was to provide for the drainage of lands lying too low to be properly drained by the sewers. Often this cannot be done without such earth filling as has been performed by the contractors for this work. These charges are, therefore, in my opinion, manifestly authorized by the law.

The third section of the act provides that all lands directly or indirectly benefited by such drains between the adjacent streets and avenues, shall be liable to assessment pro rata in proportion to the direct or indirect benefit derived from the construction of the drain; and that assessments shall be made and collected as other assessments for public benefits are provided for, and the assessments are to become a lien upon the property benefited.

It follows that assessments may be made for the several works mentioned in your letter, not only for the drains themselves, but also for the earth fillings included in the accounts. (See Laws of 1871, Volume II., page 1203.)

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

MAYOR'S MARSHAL.

Licenses granted and amount received for licenses and fines by Marshal D. S. Hart, for week ending November 22, 1873:

Licenses granted..... 208 Amount received..... \$452 25

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Statement of the hours during which all public offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICES. LOCATION. HOURS. Mayor's Office... No. 6, City Hall... 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Mayor's Marshal... No. 5, City Hall... 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Permit Bureau... No. 1, City Hall... 10 a.m.—2 p.m. License Bureau... No. 1, City Hall... 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Clk of the Common Council and of B'd of Supervisors. } 7 & 8 City Hall. 9 A.M.—4 P.M. Clerk of B'd of Assistant Aldermen. } 9 1/2 City Hall. 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Comptroller's Office, West end, New County Court House. 1—Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the City—Ground floor, West end, New County Court House. 2—Bureau for the Collection of Taxes—Brown-stone building, City Hall Park. 3—Bureau for the collection of arrear of taxes and Assessments and of water rents—Ground floor, West end, New County Court House. 4—Auditing Bureau—Main floor, west end, New County Court House. 5—Bureau of Licenses. } Ground floor, west end, New County Court House. 6—Bureau of Markets. } County Court House. 7—Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury, in the City and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor—(Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer.) Main floor, west end, New County Court House. 8—Bureau for the Collection of Assessments—Governor's room, City Hall (temporarily.)

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, 82 Nassau st., 9 a. m., 5 p. m. Public Administrator, 115 and 117 " " 10 a. m., 4 p. m. Corporation Att'y. " " " 8:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m. Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, 265 Broadway, Room 13, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, Room 52, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office, 300 Mulberry street, always open. Com's Office, " " " " Supt's Office, " " " " Inspector's Office, " " " 8 a. m., 5 p. m. Chief Clerk's Office, " " " " Property Clerk, " " " " Bureau of S't Clean'g, " " " " Bureau of Elections, " " " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioners' Office, 19 City Hall, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. Chief Clerk, " " " " Contract Clerk, " " " " Engineer in charge of sewers, 21 City Hall, " " Engineer in charge of Boulevards and avenues, 18 1/2 City Hall, " " Bureau of repairs and supplies, 18 City Hall, " " Bureau of Lamps and Gas, 13 City Hall, " " Bureau of Incumbrances, 13 City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Bureau of Street Improvements, 11 City Hall " Bureau of the Chief Engineer of the Croton aqueduct, 11 1/2 City Hall, " " Bureau of Water Register, 10 City Hall, " " Bureau of Water Purveyor, 4 City Hall, " " Bureau of Streets and Roads, 11 City Hall, " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office, 66 Third av. 8 a. m., to 5 p. m. Out Door Poor Dep't, 66 Third av., always open. Entrance on 11th Street.

