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BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

MONDAY, September 14, 1874, }
2 o'clock P.M. }

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

PRESENT:

JOSEPH P. STRACK, Esq., President, in the chair,

AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

John C. Keating, Stephen N. Simonson,
Michael Healy, Philip Cumisky,
George F. Codrington, Benjamin Beyea.

A quorum not answering to their names at roll-call, the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Monday next, the 21st inst., at 2 o'clock P.M.

WILLIAM H. MOLONEY,
Clerk.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, &c., &c.,

PASSED BY BOTH BRANCHES OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL

AND
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR,

DURING THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12,
1874.

Resolved, That Sixty-sixth street, from Third avenue to Avenue A, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now 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.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 13, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 11, 1874.

Board of Assistant Aldermen, June 29, 1874, received from his Honor the Mayor, with his objections thereto.

Board of Assistant Aldermen, July 13, 1874, taken up, and adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor (three-fourths of all the members elected having voted therefor).

Board of Aldermen, September 3, 1874, taken up, and the above action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen concurred in (three-fourths of all the members elected having voted therefor); therefore, under the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to reorganize the Local Government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1874, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to J. D. and L. Minuse to place and keep a bay-window on each of the fronts of their premises on the corner of Park and Worth streets, as shown on the annexed diagram, the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and the permission hereby granted to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 3, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, September 7, 1874.

Approved by the Mayor, September 8, 1874.

Resolved, That Philip J. Bonesteel be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 3, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, September 7, 1874.

Approved by the Mayor, September 8, 1874.

Resolved, That John Galbraith be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 3, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, September 7, 1874.

Approved by the Mayor, September 8, 1874.

Resolved, That Henry S. Farley be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of Joseph F. Mosher, who has failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 5, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, September 7, 1874.

Approved by the Mayor, September 8, 1874.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk C. C.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The provisions of law, placing restrictions upon officers of the City with regard to dealings therewith, were limited, so far as respects the Charter of 1870, to any contract, work, or business, or the sale of any article, the expense, price, or consideration of which would be payable from the City Treasury; and while the purchase of any property belonging to the Corporation was therein prohibited to such officer, there was no mention of the leasing of real estate.

Held, that an officer in the Department of Parks called Superintendent, might lawfully, under the Charter of 1870, enter into a contract to sell refreshments at such buildings in the Park as the Commissioners might from time to time designate, and to pay to the City a certain percentage upon the profits of such sales.

Such a contract is not a lease.

The provisions of section seven of the act for the regulation of the Park, passed April 17, 1857, to the effect that the Commissioners might let from year to year any buildings belonging to the City then being within the Park, until required for the laying out and regulation thereof, at which time the buildings should be removed, except such as might be used for the purposes of the Park, was a temporary regulation, and does not operate to forbid the Commissioners from executing leases for a term longer than a year.

The restrictions contained in the Charter of 1870 upon the officers of the Corporation with regard to dealings with the City are substantially re-enacted in section 101 of the Charter of 1873, with the addition that an officer shall neither be nor become interested in any lease or purchase of real estate or other property owned by the Corporation; and adding the penalty that if such officer shall acquire an interest in any contract with the City, he shall forfeit his office and be punished for a misdemeanor, and that all contracts in which an officer should be interested might at the option of the Comptroller be forfeited.

These provisions did not forbid the appointment to office of a person who was already a contractor or lessee of the City.

The prohibition is that a person who is already an officer of the City, shall not become a contractor or lessee.

These provisions in the Charter of 1873 became of force when that Charter was passed, and were not retroactive.

It was not within the constitutional power of the Legislature to invalidate a contract, existing at the time the Charter was passed, upon the ground that the contractor might be or become an officer of the City or otherwise.

The penalty of the law reaches an officer who should, after its passage, acquire an interest in a contract; but he does not forfeit his office for the reason that before and at the time of the passage of the act he was already a contractor with the City.

From some period in or before the year 1872, one Ryan held, and has since continued to hold by successive re-appointments, the office of Superintendent of Parks. By verbal agreement entered into on the 1st of November, 1872, and renewed by a written contract on the 28th of February, 1873, Ryan held, and under the terms of the contract continues to hold, for the agreed term of five years, a license to sell refreshments in certain buildings in the Central Park, to be designated and changed from time to time in the discretion of the Commissioners and under such regulations as they might prescribe.

Held, that Ryan was not prohibited by the Charter of 1870, and is not prevented by the Charter of 1873, passed on the 30th of April in that year, from holding the two positions, receiving salary as an officer of the City, and also realizing whatever benefits the exercise of his contract with respect to the sale of refreshments may afford.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE
COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, September 11, 1874.

The Honorable the Commissioners of
Public Parks:

GENTLEMEN—It appears that on the 1st of November, 1872, Mr. Columbus Ryan was employed in your Department, holding the position called Superintendent of Parks, and was on your payroll at a salary of \$5,000 per annum. This position he continued to hold until the 27th of October, 1873, when he was reappointed.

With the information above stated, you at the same time transmit to me an agreement, in writing, between the President of the Department of Parks and Mr. Ryan. The date of this agreement, at its beginning, is the 1st of November,

1872; but, at the end of the document, appear the words, "In token whereof, we have hereunto affixed our hands and seals, this 28th day of February, 1873." I understand from your letter that this agreement was verbal from November 1, 1872, to the time of its actual execution, February 28, 1873. It purports to be executed by the President on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks. It recites in substance that, in consideration of the permission therein granted to Mr. Ryan to sell refreshments in certain park buildings for the term of five years, it is agreed that he may sell such refreshments under such regulations, restrictions, and prohibitions as the Commissioners may make. By the terms of the instrument the permission is not assignable. The structures at which refreshments may be sold are mentioned; but the Commissioners may from time to time make new designations and change them at pleasure. Upon the expiration of the contract Ryan is to remove from the buildings, leaving them in as good state and condition as "reasonable use and wear thereof will permit—damages by the elements excepted." The Commissioners are to have the power to annul the agreement upon a violation by Ryan of any of its provisions. Ryan agrees to pay to the Commissioners, "for this license or privilege," six per cent. of the gross receipts of all sales of refreshments of every character sold in the park under this agreement, and on or before the 10th day of each month to furnish the treasurer of that Department a true and detailed return and statement, in writing, upon oath, of all receipts and sales for the previous month. The buildings are to be kept in repair by the Commissioners. It is stipulated that Ryan shall, in all respects, conform to such rules and regulations as are prescribed by the Commissioners "respecting the occupancy and use of any buildings or portions of said park used for the sale of refreshments, and that all persons employed by him shall keep and conform to the rules, regulations, and ordinances of the Central Park."

It will be observed that Mr. Ryan's appointment as Superintendent was made, and also that the contract above mentioned was executed, before the adoption of what is called the new Charter, which became a law on the 30th of April, 1873.

You inquire whether in my opinion there is any thing in the Charter of 1873 which prohibits Mr. Ryan from holding the contract and at the same time the office of Superintendent.

As to the rights of Mr. Ryan at the time the contract was entered into, we must look into what is called the Charter of 1870. Section 115 of that Charter is as follows: "No member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, work, or business, or the sale of any article, the expense, price, or consideration of which is paid from the city treasury, or by any assessment levied by any act or ordinance of the Common Council, nor in the purchase of any real estate, or other property belonging to the Corporation, or which shall be sold for taxes or assessments, or by virtue of legal process at the suit of the said Corporation."

The first question presenting itself under the Charter of 1870, is whether Ryan, being Superintendent, and on your pay-roll at a salary, could be interested in this contract? As "the expense, price, or consideration" of this contract does not appear to be paid from the city treasury, but, on the contrary, any thing to be gained from the contract is to be realized from persons resorting to the various contemplated places of refreshment in the park, it does not seem possible, under this provision of the Charter of 1870, to declare that Mr. Ryan was prohibited from being interested therein.

We now come to consider such provisions of the Charter of 1873 as might apply to the question submitted. The material parts of section 101 are as follows: "No member of the Common Council, head of department, chief of bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or any other officer of the Corporation shall be or become directly or indirectly interested in or in the performance of any contract, work, or business, or the sale of any article, the expense, price, or consideration of which is payable from the city treasury, or by any assessment levied by any act or ordinance of the Common Council; nor in the purchase or lease of any real estate, or other property belonging to or taken by the Corporation; or which shall be sold for taxes or assessments, or by virtue of legal process at the suit of the said Corporation. If any person

in this section mentioned shall, during the time for which he was elected or appointed, knowingly acquire an interest in any contract or work with the city, or any department or officer thereof, unless the same shall be devolved upon him by law, he shall on conviction thereof forfeit his office, and be punished as for a misdemeanor. All such contracts in which any such person is or becomes interested shall, at the option of the Comptroller, be forfeited and void."

It must first be noticed that this section does not say that being a contractor or lessee of the city such contractor or lessee may not also be an officer thereof. What it says is, that being an officer he shall not be or become a contractor or lessee. I am clearly of the opinion that this prohibition must be applied to cases subsequent to the adoption of the Charter. It is true that the words are that "no officer of the Corporation shall be or become interested in any contract." But under the constitutions both of the United States and the State of New York, it was not within the power of the Legislature to nullify an existing contract.

In my judgment, it was not the intention of the Legislature that a person who, at the time of the passage of the Charter of 1873, happened to be a contractor or lessee of the city, might not be appointed or retained an officer thereof; nor was it in the power of the Legislature to annul a then existing contract or lease, by declaring that it should become void, if the contractor or lessee should be or become an officer of the city. The law does not seem to me to have been retroactive in intent, and if it had been so intended it would have contravened constitutional provisions.

Assuming that the instrument, the essential parts of which I have above given in synopsis, must be regarded as a lease within the meaning of the term, as used in section 101 of the Charter of 1873, the result seems to be as follows: Mr. Ryan held the lease when the Charter of 1873 was adopted. There was no law up to that time incapacitating him to be a lessee of the city. He was, therefore, in no way prohibited from being such lessee, and at the same time holding the office of Superintendent. The Charter then comes in and authoritatively says, not that a lessee of the city may not be an officer thereof, but that no officer shall become a lessee.

The mischief to be guarded against was the use of the powers of a place under the city, or, in other words, the employment of official influence, to obtain advantageous leases from or contracts with the city. Assuming that this instrument is a lease, Ryan was not prohibited, by the new Charter, from continuing to hold it; nor from, at the same time, continuing in his office. Section 101, after prohibiting any officer of the Corporation from being or becoming interested in the performance of any contract, the price or consideration of which is payable from the city treasury, and also from purchasing or leasing any real estate from the Corporation, proceeds to declare the penalty of a violation, and the words are: "If any person in this section mentioned shall, during the time for which he was elected or appointed, knowingly acquire an interest in any contract or work with the city, or any department or officer thereof, unless the same shall be devolved upon him by law, he shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit his office and be punished as for a misdemeanor." This penalty must be construed strictly. The terms do not declare that an officer of the Corporation already interested in a contract shall for that reason forfeit his office. The declaration is, that if he shall acquire such an interest the forfeiture shall take place. And then the section goes on to say, that "all such contracts in which any such person is or becomes interested, shall, at the option of the Comptroller, be forfeited and void." This does not forbid contracts in existence at the time the new Charter was passed; and if such be the intention, the constitutional inhibition could be invoked by the contractor to sustain his contract, in spite of a legislative effort to invalidate it.

It has been suggested that this contract is in effect a lease, and that being such it is invalid because for a term more than one year. The act for the regulation and government of the Central Park of the City of New York, passed April 17, 1857, enacts "that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to let, from year to year, any buildings in the grounds attached thereto belonging to the City of New York, now being within said park, until the same shall be required for the laying out and regulation thereof, when the said buildings shall be removed, except such as may be used for the purposes of the park." (Chapter 771, Laws of 1857, section 7.) An examination of this act will show that the section above quoted was temporary.

It plainly refers to such buildings as were found upon the grounds, and it provides that they may be let from time to time, until they shall be either removed or devoted to the permanent use of the Park.

But an examination of this contract satisfies me that it is not a lease within the meaning of the Charter, nor under the laws and adjudications defining the meaning of the term.

My conclusion is, that Mr. Ryan has a legal right to his office, with its salary; and also to the contract in question, with the receipts which may be realized upon his sales of refreshments, after paying to the city the agreed percentage thereof.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 11th day of September, 1874. Present—Messrs. Matsell, Duryee, Disbecker, and Voorhis, Commissioners.

Leave of Absence Granted.

Table with columns: Name, Precinct, Days Without pay. Lists names like Michael Foley, Sam'l B. Seaman, Thos. F. McEvoy, etc.

Surgeon Clark E. Loomis, Thirteenth District, 14 days, from 14th inst. Surgeon S. B. W. McLeod, Second District, 5 days. Seth Hawley, Jr., Clerk, 10 days.

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

Communication from B. H. Sealey and others, asking the appointment of Charles R. Townsend as Doorman, Thirty-fifth Precinct, was ordered on file.

Reports relative to closing the following places and arrests made, were received and ordered on file: Second Precinct, Edward Adams, lottery policy-office, 2 Fulton street.

Fifteenth Precinct, Louis J. Parker, lottery policy-office, 182 Mercer street.

The Chief Clerk submitted a list of applicants for appointment on the Police force, examined and passed by the Surgeons on Tuesday, September 8, which was ordered on file.

(List published in CITY RECORD on 12th inst.)

An application of Patrolman Philip Blass, Eighteenth Precinct, to receive \$6 from Henry Bergh, was denied, on motion of Commissioner Voorhis.

An application of Captain John J. Ward and others, asking permission to present a gold shield to Inspector Francis C. Speight, was denied on motion of Commissioner Voorhis.

Parades Allowed.

Saloon-keepers' Society, September 9. Parade. Veteran Guard, September 9. Parade.

Saloon-keepers' Twentieth Ward, September 9. Parade.

Saloon-keepers' Ninth Ward, September 9. Parade.

Union Lodge, No. 3, S. of M., September 10. Parade.

Bailey's Circus, September 14. Parade.

Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, September 8. Funeral.

Aschenbrodel Society, September 8. Funeral. Columbus Lodge, No. 20, O. D. H. S., September 9. Funeral.

Teutonia Lodge, No. 12, O. D. D. G., September 9. Funeral.

Washington Lodge, No. 2, O. D. S. F., September 9. Funeral.

Americus Lodge, No. 535, F. & A. M., September 10. Funeral.

Yorkville Brewers' Guard, September 9. Target Excursion.

Independent New York Scheutzen, September 9. Target Excursion.

Gardeners' Guard, September 9. Target Excursion.

Albert Lane Guard, September 9. Target Excursion.

German Singing Societies, September 14. Festival.

Eleventh Ward Sharp Shooters' Society, September 14. Pic-nic.

Bloomington Turn Verein, September 10. Funeral.

Horseshoers' Society, September 12. Funeral.

An application of Patrolman Reuben P. Rogers, Twenty-second Precinct, for transfer or detail, was ordered on file.

An application of Patrolman Martin Gilfeather, Second Precinct, for a detail, was referred to the President.

On motion of Commissioner Disbecker, the application of Patrolman Augustus Willow, Sixteenth Precinct, for detail to Court, was referred to the President.

Communication from George W. Lane, relative to promotion of Patrolman Philip Cassidy, Twenty-first Precinct, was ordered on file.

On motion of Commissioner Disbecker, a communication from Richard Baxter, complaining that certain Patrolmen had obtained sums of money from him, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Discipline.

Communication from Anchor Steamship Co., asking detail of Patrolman William Wright, Seventh Precinct, was ordered on file.

On motion of Commissioner Matsell, it was Resolved, That Joseph A. Gardner be appointed Patrolman, and assigned to the Second Precinct for duty. (Name, etc., published in CITY RECORD September 5, 1874.)

On motion of Commissioner Duryee, it was Resolved, That Edward Kiernan, Sixteenth Precinct, and Patrick Kindelon, Eleventh Precinct, be appointed Patrolmen, and assigned to duty in precincts named. (Name, etc., published in CITY RECORD, September 5, 1874.)

On motion of Commissioner Disbecker, it was Resolved, That James McCarthy be appointed Patrolman, and assigned to the Fifteenth Precinct for duty. (Name, etc., published in CITY RECORD September 5, 1874.)

On motion of Commissioner Voorhis, it was Resolved, That Adam Fuerstein be appointed Patrolman, and assigned to the Nineteenth Precinct for duty. (Name, etc., published in CITY RECORD, August 22, 1874.)

On motion of Commissioner Disbecker, a communication from George H. Sheldon, Fire Marshal, asking detail of Patrolman Richard Hawkey, Nineteenth Precinct, for duty at the Fire Marshal's office, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Discipline.

On motion of Commissioner Voorhis, the following transfers were ordered:

Table with columns: Name, From Precinct, To Precinct. Lists transfers for John Farrell, John Hagan, Mich'l C. Cunningham, Thomas McLaughlin.

The following bills were referred to the Comptroller for payment:

M. B. Brown, Election Books, \$71 00 Lange, Little & Hillman, Election

Books, 1,302 00 Snyder & Black, Maps, 135 00 Kennard & Hay, Printing, 71 50

An application of Patrolman William A. Smith, Twentieth Precinct, for transfer to one of the new precincts, was referred to the President.

The Chief Clerk submitted an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to the proposal of Caldwell, Weston & Co., for supplying the Department with coals; which was ordered on file.

Street Cleaning.

Daily reports (3) of the Superintendent of Boats were referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Communication from the Health Department, transmitting report of the Sanitary Superintendent on collection of ashes and garbage without separation, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Communication from the Health Department, transmitting report of the Sanitary Superintendent on collection and removal of manure in violation of section 100 of the Sanitary Code, was, on motion of Commissioner Disbecker, referred to the Superintendent to enforce the section referred to.

Report of arrest for violation of Health ordinance, was ordered on file as follows:

Twenty-first Precinct—Richard Mullady. Fined \$200.

Communication from Charles H. Haswell, asking that repairs of steam-tugs be placed under his direction, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Report of James Lee, Superintendent of Boats, relative to scows, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Petition of Wm. H. Perry and others for the appointment of Charles Eifer as Map Clerk, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

On hearing the report of the Committee on Street Cleaning, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the proposition of Mr. Dana, to receive a certain quantity of street dirt at 10 cents per cart load, be accepted.

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be directed to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the Department of Docks, stating that clean ashes may be deposited at dumping ground foot of Christopher street, free of charge; and to inform the Department of Docks that this Department will avail itself of the permission when the interests of the city can be thereby subserved.

Resolved, That John Battersbury, Foreman First Ward, be and is hereby dismissed.

Resolved, That Thomas Fitzsimmons, William Jamison, and Charles W. Brandt, be appointed Foremen in the Bureau of Street Cleaning.

Resolved, That Jeremiah Seaman and Charles Rosch be and are hereby appointed Inspectors of Dumps, Bureau of Street Cleaning, the latter in place of —

Resolved, That William Fagan, Wheelwright, be paid at the rate of \$3 per day, for each day of actual service, from the 14th day of September inst.

Resolved, That the Bureau of Street Cleaning employ two caulkers for the repairing of scows, at a rate not exceeding \$18 per week.

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be directed to communicate with the Comptroller, acquainting him with all the facts relating to the lease of stables, 72 and 73 West street, formerly occupied by the Bureau of Street Cleaning, and transmit to him all the documents in relation thereto.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Street Cleaning be authorized to take measures for a strict enforcement of the separation of ashes and garbage.

Resolved, That the compensation of gang men, Bureau of Street Cleaning, be fixed at the rate of \$2 per day, from and after the 15th inst.

Bureau of Elections.

The Chief Clerk submitted an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to an election for Justice in the Tenth Judicial District. Whereupon, on motion of Commissioner Voorhis, said opinion was ordered to be entered in full in the minutes, and the Chief Clerk directed to reply to the letter of Charles H. Watson and others.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, September 7, 1874.

WILLIAM H. KIPP, Esq., Deputy Clerk, Police Department:

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 28th ultimo, enclosing a demand upon the Board of Police to make provision for the conducting of an election within the Tenth Judicial District, for the office of Justice of the District Court in the said District at the approaching general election, to be held on the third day of November next, and asking my opinion thereon.

I do not think that the application of the petitioners should be complied with. At the general election held in the year 1873, votes were cast for a Justice of the Tenth District Court in this city, and subsequently John Flanagan was declared by the canvassers to have been duly elected such Justice, and since the first day of January, 1874, the duties of the office have been continuously discharged by him. He is, therefore, at least de facto judge, holding the office under the color of title, and the only method, so far as I am aware, by which the question whether he rightfully holds the office can be raised is by an action in the nature of quo warranto, which action has already been brought by the Attorney-General and is now pending.

I do not understand that the Secretary of State has included this office in his notice, and I think it is clearly the duty of the Police Department to assume that the office is lawfully held by Judge Flanagan until it shall be otherwise decided by the Courts.

If the petitioners or their counsel think that I am wrong in my views as to the duty of the Police Department, they can easily apply for a mandamus to compel the Board to make provision for an election, and thus obtain a judicial determination of the matter.

I am, sir, Yours, respectfully, (Signed) E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Counsel to the Corporation.

Adjourned. S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

The Board of Police met on the 12th day of September, 1874. Present—Messrs. Matsell, Disbecker, and Voorhis, Commissioners.

On motion of Commissioner Voorhis, the following resolution was adopted; all present voting in the affirmative:

Resolved, That the list herewith submitted and marked "A," containing the names of persons heretofore under consideration for Inspectors of Election in the 9th Assembly District, which has been published in the CITY RECORD since September 10, in accordance with the resolution of 21st July, and no objections having been submitted thereto, be approved, and the persons so named be selected as such Inspectors in and for the Ninth Assembly District, and the Chief of the Bureau of Elections be directed to issue the necessary notice to said persons, and examine them as to their qualifications, as provided by law.

Adjourned. S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW COURT HOUSE, Thursday, September 10, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, September 8, 1874.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, being an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and section 1 of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation, in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An Act to consolidate the Government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the Government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An Act in relation to the Estimates and Apportionment for the support of the Government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874,—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 Thursday, September 10, 1874, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purposes specified in the requisition of the Comptroller of September 8, 1874.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, September 8, 1874.

Hon. WILLIAM F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor:

SIR—Please call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to be held on Thursday, September 10, 1874, at 3 o'clock P. M., or such other hour as may suit your convenience, for the purpose of authorizing the issue of "Third District Court-house Bonds," as authorized by chapter 55, Laws of 1871, \$50,000; "New Court-house Stock No. 5," as authorized by section 7, chapter 583, Laws of 1871, \$10,000; and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said Board.

Respectfully, ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

INDORSED: Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this day, September 8, 1874.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President of the Board of Aldermen. JOHN WHEELER, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present—All the members, viz.: William 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, the President of the Board of Aldermen; John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held Aug. 24, 1874, were read and approved.

The Chairman offered the following resolution: Resolved, That, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by section 2 of chapter 308 of the Laws of 1874, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to transfer twenty thousand dollars of any excess of appropriation remaining to the credit of "Salaries—Department of Finance," of any previous year or years, to any insufficient appropriation for the same purpose in any other year or years.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman) and the Comptroller of the City of New York—2.

Negative—The President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—2.

The Comptroller presented a communication

from the Board of Education, and moved that it be transmitted to the Law Department.

Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller presented and read a communication from H. H. Porter, President of the Commissioners for the erection of the Court-house in the Third Judicial District of the City of New York.

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller presented and read a communication from the New Court-house Commissioners relating to the completion of the New Court-house.

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That 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, City Parks Improvement Fund Stock, authorized by chapter 645, Laws of 1874, as per requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated July 3, 1874, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of eighty dollars (\$80) is hereby transferred from the appropriation "City Contingencies, 1873," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the same title of appropriation prior to 1871, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

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 sixteen hundred and seventy-three dollars and twenty cents (\$1,673.20) is hereby transferred from the appropriation, "Incumbrances in Harbor, Removal of," of 1871, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation, "Armories and Drill Rooms," 1873 (County), the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

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 one thousand three hundred and fifty-two dollars and ninety-three cents (\$1,352.93) is hereby transferred from the appropriation, "Incumbrances in Harbor, Removal of," of 1871, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation, "Repairs to County Buildings," of 1871, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

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 the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The Legislature, by chap. 383 of the Laws of 1870, appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars to the German Dispensary of the City of New York; and

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and apportionment, by resolution adopted June 25, 1873, transferred said one thousand dollars, with other amounts, to the "General Fund;" now, therefore,

Resolved, That, in order to carry out the provisions of said act in donating to the German Dispensary one thousand dollars, the said amount be and the same is hereby appropriated from any surplus moneys derived from excise licenses received prior to May 21, 1873, and the Comptroller and Mayor are hereby authorized to pay to the treasurer of said dispensary the amount herein appropriated.

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 three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) is hereby transferred from the appropriation "Seventy-seventh street, regulating between the Eighth and Ninth avenues," prior to 1871, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Roads and Avenues, 1871," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

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 presented a communication from Thomas F. De Voe, Superintendent of Markets.

Which was laid over.

The President of the Board of Aldermen offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen, on the 21st day of July last, adopted a resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for repaving with Belgian pavement the streets and roadways of West Washington Market; therefore,

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by section 2, of chapter 308, of the Laws of 1874, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation remaining to the credit of "Salaries—Department of Finance," for the years 1871 and 1872, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purpose and objects thereof, to the appropriation of "Streets—Repaving and repairs, stone pavement," said sum to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for paving with Belgian pavement the streets and roadways of West Washington Market.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President of the Board of Aldermen—1.

Negative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The Comptroller presented a communication from the Department of Public Parks accompanying a statement by William H. Grant, Engineer, Bureau of Construction, in reference to the Harlem river bridges.

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller presented a communication from the Department of Public Works calling for an additional issue of Croton Water-main Stock.

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller presented a communication from the Department of Public Works requesting the Board to provide means for constructing a new roof to Tompkins Market Building, lately destroyed by fire.

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller presented a communication from A. L. Munson, attorney for Francis Munson, requesting the action of the Board on the claim of Francis Munson for fifteen thousand dollars for the use of Patent Method of Filing Bonds.

Which was laid over.

The Chairman presented the following communication from the Department of Public Works, in reply to resolution adopted by the Board at the meeting of June 23, 1874:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Room 19, City Hall, NEW YORK, September 9, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In reply to your resolution of June 23, I have the honor to submit a statement showing approximate estimates of the amounts which will be required to complete the works on street improvements in progress on June 23, 1874, by contract and by day's work, whether under ordinances of the Common Council or by authority of laws of the State.

The works are divided into four classes, and the aggregate amounts approximately estimated to be necessary for their completion are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description of work class and Amount. Includes Class I (Contracts publicly advertised), Class II (Contracts made in pursuance of ordinances), Class III (Contracts made in pursuance of laws of the State), and Class IV (Improvements carried on by days' work).

Total \$4,156,502 26

Of the above amount the sum of \$1,830,478.35 is for work begun prior to January 1, 1872, under the direction of the late Street and Croton Aqueduct Departments, the Commissioners of the Central Park, the Department of Public Parks, and my predecessor in this Department, and the sum of \$2,326,023.91 for works begun during my administration of the Department of Public Works.

The time required for the completion of the several improvements above included varies from five working days to five hundred working days, and on work done by contract thirty per cent. of the cost is reserved until after the completion and acceptance of the work. The issue of assessment bonds to meet the payments for these works will therefore be gradual, and will be apportioned over a period of at least two years, while, at the

same time, assessment lists will be made out for works as they are completed from time to time, and collections of assessments made, the proceeds of which are applied to the redemption of assessment bonds.

All street improvements are carried on under authority of ordinances of the Common Council and laws of the State, which are mandatory upon the Commissioner of Public Works as to their execution, and upon your Honorable Board as to providing the means therefor.

All work on street improvements commenced during my administration is to be paid for entirely by assessment upon adjoining property, and no part of it by the city at large, except where the city is a property owner.

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

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, On the 30th day of June, 1874, the following preamble and resolution was adopted by this Board:

"Whereas, It has been provided by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that, as respects the Department of Public Parks, all salaries of clerks, officers, and employees, other than foremen and laborers, shall be paid out of the moneys provided from taxation, and not from the avails of bonds; and

Whereas, It is understood that several persons are employed by the Department of Public Works other than those paid from the funds provided by this Board from taxation, and are paid from the avails of bonds; and

Whereas, It is desirable to reduce, as far as practicable, the amount of the issue of bonds; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Department of Public Works be, and is hereby requested to furnish this Board, as soon as practicable, with a complete list of all persons employed in and by that Department, except laborers; showing the official position and duties performed, and the salary or compensation received by each person; distinguishing which are paid from taxation and which from bonds."

And whereas, No information has been received from the Department of Public Works in reply thereto,

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Board be requested to notify the Department of Public Works that this Board awaits the information called for in the foregoing resolution of June 30, 1874, before taking action on the concerns of that Department.

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 presented communications from the following institutions, asking for appropriations from the Excise Fund:

- Home of Rest for Consumptives. St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Working Women's Protective Union. Women's Educational and Industrial Society. Prison Association. Northeastern Dispensary. New York Dispensary for Diseases of Throat and Chest. Society for Relief of Destitute Blind.

The Comptroller called up the following resolution, laid over at meeting of August 24, 1874.

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is hereby transferred from the appropriation, "Commissioners of Records—Expenditures of," made prior to 1871, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation, "Contingencies—Law Department 1874," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

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 submitted a communication in answer to resolution adopted at the meeting of August 24, 1874.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-six hundred and thirty-five dollars and ninety-five cents is hereby transferred from the appropriation of "City Contingencies" for 1872, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the same title of appropriations for the year 1874.

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 fifteen thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation, "Commissioners of Records—Expenditures of," prior to 1871, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation, "Paving the Ways of West Washington Market."

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.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for the week ending Saturday, September 5, 1874.

A map dated "August 31, 1874," and signed "John Bogart, Engineer, Department of Public Parks," was adopted, showing the location of the railroad track on that portion of Eighth avenue adjoining Central Park.

Park-keeper John Steinert was reprimanded for not promptly relieving Park-keeper Frederick Vanni.

Park-keeper Vanni was censured for leaving his beat before he was relieved, and the Captain was censured for not enforcing proper discipline.

Application was made to the Common Council for authority to repair the sea-wall at the Battery by days' work.

Application was made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for \$5,000, to be expended during the remainder of the year in repairing the Central and Third avenue bridges; as they are reported by the Engineer to be in a dangerous condition.

The application of Calvert Vaux, for a payment of \$2,000 on account of the working, drawings, and plans of the Art Museum building, was granted.

The account of sales of the old iron railing and other material, recently sold at public auction, was received, showing the net proceeds of said sale to be \$1,786.05.

Pay Rolls.

Transmitted to the Finance Department for payment..... 40,168 00

Bills.

Audited and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment..... \$45,299 13

Cash Received.

Amount of license, etc., received and deposited with the City Chamberlain, \$13 35

WM. IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

BOARD OF REVISION AND CORRECTION OF ASSESSMENTS.

At a meeting of the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, held at the Comptroller's Office, in the New Court-house, Thursday, Sept. 3, 1874, at 12:35 o'clock P.M.

Present—Andrew H. Green, Comptroller; E. Delafield Smith, Counsel to the Corporation; John K. Hackett, Recorder.

The minutes of August 31, 1874, were read and approved.

The Comptroller presented to the Board the following assessment lists received from the Board of Assessors, and transmitted with communication of September 2, 1874, viz.:

- 1. Fifty-seventh street, flagging, from Sixth to Eighth avenue. 2. Fifty-seventh street, flagging, from Eleventh avenue to North river. 3. Fifty-seventh street, curb and gutter, from Eleventh avenue to North river. 4. Sixty-eighth street, regulating and grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging, from Third to Fourth avenue. 5. Montgomery street, sewer, between Henry street and East Broadway. 6. Mangin street, sewer, between Stanton and Houston streets. 7. Manhattan street and Broadway, basin—northwest corner of. 8. Underground drains, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, and between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

The foregoing assessment lists being in proper form, and no objections having been filed,

On motion of the Comptroller, the same were confirmed, all the members of the Board voting in the affirmative.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

RICHARD A. STORRS, Chief Clerk Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Report for the week ending September 12, 1874:

Licenses granted and amounts received for licenses and fines by First Marshal:

Licenses granted..... 163 Amount received..... \$429 00 Permits issued for street stands, signs, show-cases, etc., and amount received for same:

Permits issued..... 197 Amount received..... \$250 00

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending September 12, 1874:

Deposits in the Treasury. On account of the Sinking Fund... \$42,200 47 City Treasury... 2,183,923 17 \$2,226,123 64

Bonds and Stock issued. Six per cent. Stock... \$10,000 00 Six per cent. Bonds... 25,000 00 Seven per cent. Bonds... 141,000 00 \$176,000 00

Premiums on the above... \$2,260 00

Warrants registered and ready for payment.

Additional Alterations of Aqueduct... \$6,729 98 American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals... 60 00 Assessment Fund... 33,520 00 Aqueduct-Repairs and Maintenance Armories and Drill-rooms... 7,039 16 Armories and Drill-rooms-wages of Armorer, etc... 388 00 Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of... 121 54 City Parks Improvement Fund... 21,066 35 Croton Water Fund... 500 00 Croton Water Main Fund... 26,439 88 Cleaning and Supplies of Offices, formerly belonging to the County... 2,525 20 City Courts... 196 22 College of the City of New York... 250 00 City Contingencies... 585 50 Contingencies, Comptroller's Office... 10 50 Law Department... 2,826 29 Contingencies, Department of Public Works... 100 00 Dock Fund... 63,280 35 Disbursements and Fees, County Officers and Witnesses... 1,022 00 Foundling Asylum under charge of Sisters of Charity... 13,625 28 Health Fund... 1,834 89

Harlem River Bridges, Maintenance and Government of... 116 66 Interest on the City Debt... 6,800 87 Judgments... 1,192 95 Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places... 1,620 73 Maintenance and Government, Public Places in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards... 12 25 Nursery and Child's Hospital... 7,793 57 New York State Lunatic Asylum... 967 19 New York Catholic Protectory... 17,358 38 Observatory, Museum, and Gallery of Art... 433 33 Public Instruction... 17,150 20 Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books... 2,716 08 Public Charities and Correction... 6,638 24 Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs... 2,820 16 Redemption of the Debt of the Annexed Territory of Westchester County... 4,500 00 Refunding Assessments Paid in Error... 1,004 19 Refunding Croton-water Rent Paid in Error... 7 62 Real Estate—Expenses of... 188 00 Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc... 1,170 00 Repairing and Preserving Records, Register's Office... 250 00 Repairing and Keeping in Order Wooden and Concrete Pavements... 1,369 62 Surveying and Monumenting etc., above One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Streets, Repaving and Repairs to Stone Pavements... 2,805 67 Street Improvement Fund... 5,263 77 Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning... 69,661 25 Street Improvements above Fifty-ninth street... 1,127 75 Salaries—Department of Finance... 8,378 64 Salaries—Department of Finance, Special Service, etc... 54 20 Salaries—Judiciary... 766 66 Salaries—City Courts... 323 93 State Taxes... 4,549 94 Water Stock of 1870, Improvement of Lower Reservoir... 500,000 00 657 75 \$850,032 74

MARKET PERMITS AND TRANSFERS.

Table with columns: MARKET, Number of Stand, FROM WHOM, TO WHOM. Includes entries for Centre Market and Bernard Hein.

CONTRACTS FILED.

Table with columns: NO., DEPARTMENT, NAMES OF CONTRACTORS, TITLE OF WORK. Lists various contractors and their work titles.

SUITS, ORDERS OF COURT, Etc.

Table with columns: COURT, PLAINTIFF OR RELATOR, AMOUNT, NATURE OF ACTION, ETC., ATTORNEY. Lists court cases and their details.

CLAIMS FILED.

Table with columns: NAME OF CLAIMANT, AMOUNT, DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM, ETC., ATTORNEY. Lists claims and their descriptions.

Opening of Proposals.

The Comptroller attended the opening of proposals at the office of the Commissioner for the erection of the Court-house in Third Judicial District, for Mason and Bricklayers' work.

Transfers, etc.

The following Clerks were detailed from duty in their respective Bureaus, and ordered to repair for duty to the Receiver of Taxes until further notice.

From Comptroller's Office—Robert Sutherland, Timothy Daly, Joseph McSpedon, Thomas B. Bills, William Steele, Theodore Bourne,

Frank Trimble, Charles M. Esig.

From Auditing Bureau—George E. Douglass, Richard F. Stevens, Charles H. O'Connell, Henry M. Garvin.

From Bureau of Arrears—Albert Elsasser, John C. Boeckel, Benjamin S. Valentine, Charles Smith, Jonathan D. Harris, George M. Johnson, Edward F. Dickel, Edward Higgins.

From Bureau of City Revenue—Michael McLaughlin.

The following Clerks, detailed for duty in the Comptroller's office, were notified to return to the Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

William B. Humbert, Warren Lazell.

George W. Powell was restored to duty, and ordered to report to the Bureau for the Collection of Taxes, September 10, 1874.

Appointments.

Michael Finn, Cartman, Washington Market. John Mulligan, Sweeper, Public Markets.

Removals.

John Dunn, Cartman, Washington Market. Thomas Leavey, Sweeper, Public Markets.

Designation of Salaries.

William H. Tisdale, Clerk in Auditing Bureau, \$1,500 per annum, from September 1, 1874, subject to deduction of 20 per cent., made necessary because of reduced appropriation.

John O. S. Lynch and George W. Powell, Clerks in Bureau for the Collection of Taxes, \$1,600 per annum each, from September 10, 1874, subject to deduction of 20 per cent., made necessary because of reduced appropriation.

AB'M L. EARLE, Deputy Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Commissioner's Office, Room 19, City Hall, NEW YORK, September 5, 1874.

In accordance with section 110, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending this day:

Public Moneys received and deposited with the City Chamberlain.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Croton water rent, Penalties on Croton water rent, Tapping Croton pipes, etc.

Contracts entered into.

Sewer in Laight street, between Varick and Hudson streets. Contractor—Terence Smith, of 319 East Thirty-eighth street; sureties, John Mulholland of 43 East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, and Michael Gavin, of 341 East Thirtieth street.

Sewer in Twenty-fourth street, between Second and Third avenues. Contractor and sureties same as preceding contract.

Paving Fifty-second street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues. Contractor—William A. Cumming, of 5 Dey street; sureties, James Cunningham and Robert Cunningham, of 746 Lexington avenue.

Curb, gutter, and flagging north side of Eleventh street, from Avenue D to East river, and east side of Avenue D, from Eleventh to Thirteenth street. Contractor—Terence Smith, of 319 East Thirty-eighth street; sureties, M. Gavin, of 340 East Thirtieth street, and J. D. Meagher, of 340 East Thirtieth street.

Flagging Thirty-fourth street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues. Contractor—Thomas Gearty, of 811 Lexington avenue; sureties, M. Murray, of 24 West Fifty-fourth street, and T. Sanderson, of 309 East Sixtieth street.

Curb, gutter, and flagging Third street, from Goerck street to East river. Contractor and sureties same as preceding contract.

Contracts Completed.

Regulating, grading, etc., Eighty-sixth street, from Eighth avenue to River Drive.

Flagging Fifty-eighth street, from Fifth to Sixth avenue.

Curb, gutter, and flagging Eleventh street, Dry Dock street to East river.

Curb, gutter, and flagging Thirteenth avenue, from Twenty-third to Twenty-fourth street.

Paving Forty-third street, from Madison avenue to Grand Central Depot.

Certificates of cost of improvements, transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

Regulating, grading, etc., Fifty-sixth street, from Third avenue to East river \$5,970 64

Regulating, grading, etc., Ninety-second street, from Eighth avenue to Boulevard. 8,007 72

Regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Sixth street, from Third avenue to East river. 28,004 75

Flagging Fifty-eighth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues... 2,203 86

Total \$44,186 97

New Street Lamps ordered to be Lighted.

1 lamp on Broadway, at junction of Seventh avenue, near Forty-third street.

1 lamp on Broadway, at junction of Seventh avenue, near Forty-sixth street.

1 lamp at Boulevard and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

2 lamps in One Hundred and Twentieth street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues.

1 lamp in One Hundred and Thirtieth street, west of Third avenue.

Old Street Lamps ordered to be Relighted. 6 lamps on One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, between Tenth avenue and Boulevard.

Laying Croton Pipes.

Laying 48-inch pipe in Forty-second street, between Seventh and Ninth avenues.

Laying 12-inch pipe in Morrisania.

Laying 12-inch pipe in Lexington avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Seventieth streets.

Laying 10-inch pipe across Harlem River at Second avenue.

Laying 6-inch pipe in Ninety-seventh street, transverse road, Central Park.

Laying 6-inch pipe in Fifth avenue, between Ninety-fourth and Ninety-seventh streets.

Repairing Stone Pavements.

In Twenty-third street, Seventh to Eighth avenues.

In Canal street, Varick street to Broadway.

In First avenue, Sixth to Eighth streets.

In Bayard street, Division street to Broadway.

In Madison street, from Catharine to Gouverneur street.

In James street, from Chatham street to East river.

Repairing Crosswalks.

In Thirty-ninth street, at Lexington and Third avenues.

In Fifth avenue, from Fifty-sixth to Fifty-ninth street.

Repairing Wooden Pavements.

In William street, from Chambers to Pearl street.

In Lexington avenue, at Twenty-fourth street.

In Twenty-ninth street, from Eighth to Ninth avenue.

Permits Issued.

8 permits to flag sidewalks and set curb and gutter stones.

2 " to construct vaults under sidewalks.

11 " to make sewer connections.

16 " to repair sewer connections.

21 " to place building material on streets.

Free Floating Baths.

The number of bathers at the two public baths during the week was as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bath location, Males, Females. Total: 40,390

Appointments.

William L. Proach, George H. Davenport, Meyer Meyer, S. V. Reeves, and John P. Clark, Inspectors on Regulating and Grading.

Joseph Ogle and S. H. Herriman, Inspectors on Sewers.

William H. Clark, Inspector on Paving. George D. Lanchart, Clerk in office of Contract Clerk.

Suspended on Completion of Work.

Daniel F. Birdsall, John Bergen, and Ezra Dennison, Inspectors of Regulating and Grading. Michael Sullivan, Inspector of Paving.

Resigned.

S. V. Reeves, Clerk in office of Contract Clerk.

The following are the estimated Balances of Appropriations to date:

Table with 6 columns: Appropriations for, Balance August 31, 1874, Liabilities during week ending Sept. 5, 1874, Cr. by Over Estimate, Dr. to Under Estimate, Balance Sept. 7, 1874.

STATEMENT of Laboring Force employed in the Department of Public Works during the week ending September 5, 1874:

Table with 5 columns: Nature of Work, Mechanics, Laborers, Teams, Carts.

The following communication, showing the estimate of the Department for the year 1875, was sent to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, (ROOM NO. 19), CITY HALL, NEW YORK, Sept. 1, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with section 112 of the Charter, I have the honor to transmit herewith the following estimate of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City of New York under the charge of the Department of Public Works for the year ending 1875, together with a statement of the salaries of each of its officers, clerks, employees, and subordinates.

Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance... \$125,000

Appropriation for 1874... 125,000

This account includes the salaries of superintendents, watchmen, mechanics, laborers, etc., on forty miles of aqueduct and reservoirs of a capacity of four thousand seven hundred million gallons; the supplies for the pumping-engine at the high-service reservoir; the materials required for ordinary repairs; and the renewal of the six-foot pipes in Eighth avenue and in Ninetieth street, which conduct the water into the reservoirs in Central Park, and are liable to frequent breaks.

Boulevards, roads, and avenues—Maintenance of... \$80,000

Appropriation for 1874... 75,000

The length of roadways now under maintenance is about fourteen miles, to which there will be added for 1875 about four miles of the Eastern Boulevard and about one-half mile of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street. The increase of \$5,000, asked for in this appropriation, is therefore much less in proportion than the anticipated increase in the surface of roadways to be maintained. A want of proper care of these roadways on account of insufficient appropriations would cause great damage and involve their gradual destruction.

Contingencies—Department of Public Works... \$5,000

Appropriation for 1874... 5,000

This amount is intended to cover traveling expenses of officers and employees of the Department in the discharge of their official duties, postage, and other incidental and unforeseen expenses.

Flagging sidewalks and fencing vacant lots in front of city property... \$5,000

Appropriation for 1874... 5,000

Free Floating Baths... \$10,000

Appropriation for 1874... 9,000

The two existing baths have been in use for four seasons, and are showing signs of decay, especially in the portions which are under water; they can only be kept in serviceable condition by extensive repairs, including the building of new bottoms, which cannot be done unless the appropriation is fixed at the full amount asked for.

Lamps and Gas—Old Wards... \$685,000

Appropriation for 1874... 650,000

The cost of lighting the public lamps is calculated at existing contract prices, and at these rates there will be a deficiency of about \$1,000 in the appropriation for this year. The number of public lamps will be necessarily increased in obedience to ordinances of the Common Council calling for the erection of new lamps, it being estimated that about five hundred new lamps will be erected during the coming year. The cost of erecting new lamps, resetting old lamps, removed on account of improvements in progress, and repairing and keeping in order all public lamps, is estimated at the lowest figures. An additional charge on this appropriation is created by furnishing gas for County offices, formerly paid out of "County Appropriations."

Lamps and Gas—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards... \$130,000

Appropriation for 1874... 124,000

Contracts for lighting the public lamps in these wards were in existence at the time of annexation, and were made for two years from January 1, 1871. At present rates there will be a deficiency in this year's appropriation of about \$1,500. It is calculated that about 100 new lamps will be erected in this district during the coming year, and extensive repairs to the old lamps will be required, as no repairs can be made this year on account of the inadequacy of the appropriation.

Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs, including former County Buildings... \$60,000

Appropriation for 1874, City Buildings... \$50,000

County Buildings... 10,000

Past experience proves that the above amount is absolutely necessary to do the ordinary repairs and to keep the public buildings in serviceable condition. The market buildings, especially are so dilapidated that they require constant repairs.

Public Drinking-hydrants... \$7,500

Appropriation for 1874... 5,000

Since the introduction of public drinking-hydrants, they have continually grown in public favor, and are considered a great public benefit. The appropriation for the current year is barely sufficient to keep in order the existing hydrants, and the increase of \$2,500 will be necessary to erect new hydrants in obedience to ordinances of the Common Council.

Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues... \$2,500

Appropriation for 1874... 2,500

Under certain ordinances of the Common Council, and upon notices from the Police Department and complaints of citizens, a large number of obstructions on sidewalks and streets are to be removed, requiring an expenditure not less than the amount stated:

Repairs to Wooden and Concrete Pavements... \$50,000

Appropriation for 1874... 50,000

The system of replacing the worn-out wooden and concrete pavements with stone-blocks, will be continued during the coming year. The area of wooden and concrete pavements is 446,600 square yards, one-third of which are in need of renewal. With the above appropriation only the most urgent repairs can be made.

Repairs to Stone Pavements... \$100,000

Appropriation for 1874... 100,000

The area of cobble-stone pavements is 1,559,000 square yards; stone-block pavements, 2,648,000 square yards; total, 4,207,000 square yards.

The Engineers of this Department estimate that one-tenth of the cobble-stone, and one-twelfth of the stone-block pavements, require to be relaid during the coming year. It is apparent, therefore, that the above amount will be necessary to cover the most needed repairs.

Repairing and renewal of pipes, stop-cocks, etc... \$90,000

Appropriation for 1874... 85,000

Upwards of 400 miles of Croton water-pipes, varying from 4 to 48 inches in diameter, are now in use for the distribution of Croton water. A large portion of those below the old Distributing Reservoir have been over thirty years in use, and require frequent repairs and renewal. There are also over 3,000 fire-hydrants, and a very large number of stop-cocks, which require constant attention. The strictest economy cannot prevent a gradual increase in the expenditure on this account, in proportion to the extension of the Croton pipe system and the increase in the decay of old pipes and stop-cocks from rust and corrosion.

Roads and avenues and sprinkling... \$25,000

Appropriation for 1874... 25,000

The travel on the unpaved roads and streets in the upper part of the city increases from year to year, and a due regard for the convenience of the population in that district and for the accommodation of traffic and pleasure travel require that they be kept in good condition as heretofore.

Salaries, Department of Public Works... \$155,000

Appropriation for 1874... 155,000

Although the duties of the Department have been increased to a considerable extent by the act consolidating the city and county governments, no increase in this appropriation is asked. The superintending and clerical force of the Department is thoroughly disciplined and efficient, otherwise an increase in the force and appropriation would be unavoidable.

Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning... \$75,000

Appropriation for 1874... 75,000

Notwithstanding the continual additions to the sewerage system, which now includes over 300 miles of sewers, 6 miles of drains, 15 miles of culverts, and nearly 4,500 receiving-basins, the Department will be enabled by the exercise of strict economy and vigilance, to do the work of repairing and cleaning the sewers, etc., without any increase in the appropriation, as each year's work improves the condition of the old sewers.

Street Improvements—For Street Signs, etc. \$2,500

Appropriation for 1874... 2,500

The surveys for establishing house numbers on uptown streets, the replacing of monuments, showing grades and street lines, and the establishment and renewal of street signs, require the expenditure of the above amount.

Supplies for and cleaning Public Offices, including County Offices... \$112,000 00

Appropriation for 1874, City Offices... \$50,000 00

Appropriation for 1874.
County Offices..... 50,000 00
Appropriation for 1874.
Heating Offices..... 12,000 00
\$112,000 00

Careful scrutiny of requisitions for supplies from the various offices, departments, and courts, and the greatest care and economy in the purchase of articles, will be necessary to confine the expenditure to the amount stated.

Wells and pumps—Repairing and Cleaning..... \$1,500 00
Appropriation for 1874..... 1,500 00

The usual repairs to wells and pumps, where Croton water is not yet introduced, as well as the covering of old wells in the lower part of the city, require this expenditure. The Department will also be required to keep the wells and pumps in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards in a condition to supply the population with pure water.

The actual increase in the aggregate amount required for the conduct of the affairs of the Department for 1875, over the appropriations for 1874, is as follows:

For maintenance of Boulevards, Roads, and Avenues..... \$5,000
For Free Floating Baths..... 1,000
For Lamps and Gas (old Wards)..... 35,000
For Lamps and Gas, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... 6,000
For public drinking-hydrants..... 2,500
For repairs and renewal of pipes, stop-cocks, etc..... 5,000

Total..... \$54,500

The estimate is also increased by the amounts required for repairs to county buildings, and supplies to county offices, amounting to \$72,000, which were formerly provided out of county appropriations made to the Board of Supervisors.

A tabulated statement of the amounts required, and a statement of the salaries of each of the officers, clerks, employees, and subordinates is herewith appended.

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

Departmental Estimate for 1875.
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
Sept. 1, 1874.

| Titles of Appropriations. | Estimated Amounts. |
|---|--------------------|
| Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance. | \$125,000 |
| Boulevards, Roads, and Avenues—Maintenance of..... | 80,000 |
| Contingencies—Department of Public Works..... | 5,000 |
| Flagging and Fencing in front of City Property..... | 2,000 |
| Free Floating Baths..... | 10,000 |
| Lamps and Gas..... | 685,000 |
| Lamps and Gas—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... | 130,000 |
| Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs (including those formerly designated County)..... | 60,000 |
| Public Drinking-hydrants..... | 7,500 |
| Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues..... | 2,500 |
| Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc..... | 90,000 |
| Repairs, etc., to Wooden and Concrete Pavements..... | 50,000 |
| Repairs, etc., to Stone Pavements..... | 100,000 |
| Roads and Avenues and Sprinkling..... | 25,000 |
| Salaries—Department of Public Works..... | 155,000 |
| Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning..... | 75,000 |
| Street Improvements—For Street Signs, etc..... | 2,500 |
| Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices (including those formerly designated County)..... | 112,000 |
| Wells and Pumps—Repairing and Cleaning..... | 1,500 |
| Total..... | \$1,718,000 |

Statement of Officers and Employees, Department of Public Works.

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| 1 Commissioner of Public Works..... | \$10,000 |
| 1 Deputy "..... | 6,000 |
| 1 Chief Clerk..... | 5,000 |
| 1 Book-keeper..... | 4,000 |
| 1 "..... | 3,500 |
| 1 Contract Clerk..... | 5,000 |
| 1 Chief Engineer..... | 7,500 |
| 1 Assistant Engineer..... | 5,000 |
| 1 Superintendent of Street Improvements..... | 4,000 |
| 1 " Streets..... | 2,750 |
| 1 " Lamps and Gas..... | 2,750 |
| 1 " Repairs and Supplies..... | 2,750 |
| 1 " Incumbrances..... | 2,750 |
| 1 Water Purveyor..... | 3,000 |
| 1 Water Register..... | 5,000 |
| 1 Deputy Water Register..... | 3,000 |
| 4 Clerks, at \$2,500..... | 10,000 |
| 1 Clerk..... | 2,250 |
| 3 Clerks, at \$2,000..... | 6,000 |
| 8 " at 1,800..... | 14,400 |
| 9 " at 1,500..... | 13,500 |
| 2 " at 1,200..... | 2,400 |
| 1 Clerk..... | 1,000 |
| 1 "..... | 900 |
| 1 Inspector..... | 1,800 |
| 1 "..... | 1,500 |
| 2 Inspectors, at \$1,200..... | 2,400 |
| 2 " at \$3 per day..... | 1,872 |
| 1 Messenger..... | 1,500 |
| 2 Messengers, at \$1,200..... | 2,400 |
| 1 Messenger..... | 1,000 |
| 1 " at \$2.50 per day..... | 750 |
| 1 " at 1.00 "..... | 312 |
| 1 Keeper of City Hall..... | 1,800 |
| 1 Regulator of Public Clocks..... | 250 |
| 15 Water Policemen, at \$1,000..... | 15,000 |
| Total..... | \$153,064 |

Requisitions on the Finance Department.
The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department upon the Finance Departments during the week is \$98,047.80.
GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DAILY MEETINGS AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1874.

Present—Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen, and Stern.

The following communications were received:
From all Institutions—Reporting daily census. Ordered on file.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's and Ward's Islands—Transmitting history of patients admitted. Referred to Examining Clerk.

From Alms-house—Amount of labor performed by Mechanics (inmates) for week ending August 29, 1874. Ordered on file.

From Lunatic Asylums, Blackwell's and Ward's Islands—Daily report of inmates and how employed. Ordered on file.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners to be discharged from 5th to 12th September, 1874. Transmitted to Prison Association.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners received during week ending August 29, 1874. Ordered on file.

From Work House—Daily statement of transfers to other Institutions. Ordered on file.

From Charity Hospital—Excursion of 300 patients by Steamboat.

From Nursery—Overhauling and repairing Reservoir.

From Penitentiary—Escape of Chas. Lanigan, a prisoner, from Ward's Island, in charge of Keeper Kearney and Guard Fitzgerald. Kearney and Fitzgerald discharged.

From Penitentiary—Escape of Jer'h Colden, Jr., a prisoner.

From Penitentiary—Attempted escape of James Duffy, Alfred Johnson, Thomas Muskell (alias John Regan, and John Duffy, prisoners.

Insecurity of house for Doctors' pleasure boat. Chief of Staff to report a more secure place for the boat.

From Free Labor Bureau—Daily and weekly report.

From Central Office—Supply Clerk, in answer to communication from F. P. Albert on 300 barrels of flour.

From James Crowley, Superintendent Telegraph—For an order to employ help in connecting telegraph apparatus.

From Gas Works, Blackwell's Island—Consumption of gas during August, 1874.

From Penitentiary—Death of Mary Dunn, a prisoner at Hospital. Coroner and brother notified.

From Charity Hospital—On securing Doctors' boat.

From Medical Board, Bellevue Hospital—Minutes of meeting August 31, 1874.

From Insane Asylum, Ward's Island—Escape of William Ganz, a patient.

From Insane Asylum, Ward's Island—Death of Otto Schultz and James Campin, patients. Published in CITY RECORD.

From Hart's Island—Interments in Trench No. 2, August 28, Nos. 123 to 130.

From Central Office—On matter of flour in dispute with Jesse Hoyt & Co. and Coleman & Co. Settling by arbitration. Comptroller notified of meeting at Produce Exchange, September 4, 1874, to have witnesses present.

From Penitentiary—Completing steam-launch— for materials for painting. Referred to Supervising Engineer.

From Penitentiary—Warden, for leave of absence from September 7 to 18. Granted. Deputy Warden Miner to act.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Consumption of liquors during August, 1874. Referred to Medical Inspector.

From Lunatic Asylum—Statement of extra diet issued to patients during August, 1874. Referred to Medical Inspector.

From Lunatic Asylum, Ward's Island—Consumption of liquors during August, 1874. Referred to Medical Inspector.

From Lunatic Asylum, Ward's Island—Consumption of gas during August, 1874.

From Examining Physician, Bellevue Hospital—Monthly report, August, 1874, assigning patients to hospitals.

From Lunatic Asylum, Ward's Island—Reporting drowning of John Switzer, inmate. Coroner and friends notified.

From Work-house—Elopements and deaths during August, 1874.

From City Prison—Amount of fines received during August, 1874, \$399.

From Charity Hospital—Consumption of liquors during August, 1874.

From Bellevue Hospital—Unknown man from Pier 7, East River. Published in CITY RECORD.

From Gas Works, Ward's Island—Consumption of gas during August, 1874.

From Infants' Hospital—Consumption of liquors during August, 1874. Referred to Medical Inspector.

From Nursery Hospital—Consumption of liquors during August, 1874. Referred to Medical Inspector.

From Hart's Island—Interments in Trench 2, August 31, Nos. 131 to 136.

From Alms-house—Death of Sarah Brown, an inmate. Published in CITY RECORD.

From Penitentiary—Death of Mary McLaughlin, alias Ellen Matthews.

From Charity Hospital—Statement of extras issued to patients during August, 1874. Referred to Medical Inspector.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—For leave of absence to Mrs. Brandt, nurse, for 10 days. Granted.

From Charity Hospital—Medical Board minutes of meeting September 1, 1874, recommending appointment of Physician at Small-pox Hospital.

From Bellevue Hospital—For leave of absence to Dr. Lewis for two weeks. Granted.

From Hart's Island—On disinterring body of John Lynch.

From Hart's Island—Interments in Trench 2, Nos. 137 to 150. Interments in Trench 3, September 3, Nos. 1 to 3.

NEW YORK, August 28, 1874.

WM. LAIMBEER, ESQ., President:

SIR—I have examined the proposals received for the construction of an elevator at Bellevue Hospital, and I respectfully report: That, with the exception of Copeland & Bacon, the proposals are all for patented machines; and that, with the same exception, the proposals are not in accordance with the law. Copeland & Bacon's proposal is, in all respects as required by the law; is at the lowest price; and is in my opinion equal to either of the others. I therefore recommend that the proposal be accepted.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM H. KNAPP,
Supervising Engineer.

By the Board—So ordered, subject to approval by the Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, August 31, 1874.

Hon. WILLIAM LAIMBEER,
President of the Department of Public Charities and Correction:

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 25th instant, in which you ask my opinion whether, under existing laws, your Department is required to purchase the meats used in the several institutions under your charge, by contract made in pursuance of section 91 of the Charter of 1873, and the ordinances of the city.

The section in question contains a provision that whenever any supply to be furnished to the Corporation is needful for any particular purpose, and the several parts of such supply shall, together, involve the expenditure of more than one thousand dollars, the same shall be procured by contract, under such regulations concerning it as shall be established by ordinance of the Common Council. It is further provided that all contracts shall be founded on sealed bids or proposals, made in compliance with public notice daily advertised in the CITY RECORD; and the ordinances contain similar provisions requiring contracts for supplies to be made by public letting, after due advertisement.

The question submitted by you is not free from difficulty. There is nothing in the Charter itself, nor in any other statute of this State, nor, so far as I am aware, is there any decision of the courts, which affords material assistance in interpreting the above-cited provisions of section 91. The language used is somewhat obscure, and it is a matter of some doubt as to when the several parts of a supply needful for a particular purpose do involve the expenditure of more than one thousand dollars.

It is evident that the question whether a particular supply involves an expense of more than one thousand dollars will depend upon the nature and price of the article to be purchased, and the time during which the supply is to last. A week's supply of some articles would cost more than one thousand dollars, while the supply of other articles for a month or even a year would not amount to that sum.

There is no law, so far as I am aware, that contains any provision as to how large a supply of any article shall be purchased at any one time, nor for what period of time supplies shall be laid in. As the laws are silent on these points, I can come to no other conclusion than that the matter is left to the sound discretion of the Commissioners governing your Department. If, therefore, meats can be obtained of a better quality and at a lower price by private purchase than by contract at public letting (as I am informed, and believe is the case), I think the Commissioners have the right to procure them in that manner, provided the amount of each purchase does not exceed one thousand dollars.

I must add, however, that I have no doubt the Legislature expected that the provisions of section 91 of the Charter would have the effect of compelling all the Departments of the City Government to purchase most of their supplies by contracts, to be made in the manner prescribed in that

section. And I think that the purchasing of supplies in quantities less than one thousand dollars, for the purpose of evading these provisions, would be a violation of the law. It seems to me, also, that, presumptuously, supplies should be purchased in large quantities, and by contract with the lowest bidder; and that the purchase of quantities, costing less than one thousand dollars, should so closely appear to be for the interest of the city as to completely rebut this presumption, and prevent any inference or suspicion that the supplies are purchased in small quantities, with the intent to evade the statute.

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

By Commissioner Bowen—
Resolved, That Dr. A. E. Macdonald be appointed Resident Physician of Insane Asylum, Ward's Island.

Adopted August 31, 1874.

By Commissioner Bowen—
Resolved, That Dr. Daniel H. Kitchen be appointed Chief of Staff of Charity Hospital.

Adopted August 31, 1874.

By Commissioner Bowen—
Resolved, That the attention of the Dock Department be respectfully called to the frail condition of the Dock at Hart's Island; and the necessity of removing a rock immediately in front of the Dock recently constructed by that Department, at Randall's Island.

Adopted August 31, 1874.

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

Hon. WILLIAM LAIMBEER,
President of the Department of Public Charities and Correction:

SIR—I duly received your letter of August 15, inclosing the application of residents of the recently annexed district for the establishment of a hospital, and also a copy of a proposed lease, and asking my opinion as to the power of your Board to lease premises for such hospital.

I have carefully examined the laws which define the powers of your department, and I am unable to find any provision authorizing the establishment of such a hospital. I find that in 1869 a law was passed, authorizing the then Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction to establish a hospital south of Canal street (see chapter 376 of the Laws of 1869, vol. 1, p. 853). The existence of this statute indicates that the gentlemen then controlling your Department considered that they had no right to establish such hospital, except under the authority of an express act of the Legislature; and, of course, if the Department had no authority to establish a hospital, south of Canal street, it would have no authority to establish such hospital in any other part of the City. The fact, that the old Commissioners entertained such a view of the law strengthens my own convictions; though aside from such fact, I am of the opinion that the Department has no authority to establish the proposed hospital in the Westchester district. If it is desirable that there should be such a hospital, as I have no doubt it is, I recommend that an application should be made to the next Legislature for authority to establish it. I return herewith the proposed lease and petition.

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

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be instructed to advertise in the CITY RECORD for proposals to supply this Department with 1,000 barrels of flour.

Adopted September 1, 1874.

By Commissioner Laimbeer—
Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board advertise for proposals for the meats required by this Department, from the 1st day of October, 1874, during the pleasure of the Board after thirty days' notice. The meats to be of the same quality as now being used, and to be delivered as shall be directed by the Commissioners, upon the daily requisition of this Department, and of such proportions of beef and mutton so ordered; the bills for the same to be rendered weekly, and to be paid for by the Comptroller of this City, as per certificate of the Weighmaster appointed by this Board.

Adopted September 5, 1874.

Ayes—Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen, and Stern.

By Commissioner Bowen—
Resolved, That the Honorable the Board of Aldermen be respectfully requested to give this Board of Commissioners an early opportunity to reply to the report made to that body by the Commissioners of Accounts on Thursday, 3d instant.

Adopted September 5, 1874.

Ayes—Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen, and Stern.

WM. LAIMBEER,
MYER STERN,
JAMES BOWEN,
Commissioners.

NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE COMMISSION.

JUNE 12, 1874.

The Commissioners of the New County Court-house met on Friday, June 12, 1874, at 1:30 P. M. The roll was called, and the following were present:

Willis Blackstone, and Thomas B. Tappen.
Absent—John P. Cumming and Smith E. Shaw.
An opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated June 5, 1874, was received and ordered on file.

The Commission then adjourned to meet again at 1:30 P. M., Monday, June 15, 1874.

RICHARD J. MORRISON,
Secretary pro tem.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, 346 and 348 BROADWAY.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING IRON MATERIAL FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS material, addressed to "Jacob A. Westervelt, President of the Department of Docks," will be received at this office until 11 o'clock A. M. of Friday, September 25, 1874, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The award of the contracts will be made as soon as practicable thereafter. Any bidder must be well prepared for the business, and shall give security for the faithful performance of his contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance.

The period of each contract will be for six months from the date of the signing thereof, and the material must be delivered as called for by the requisitions issued by the Department.

The quantities to be delivered under the contracts are estimated at about as follows:

- Screw bolts, 48,600 pounds.
Armature plates, 38,000 "
Brace rods, 43,000 "
Bands, rings, etc., 24,000 "
Button-headed spikes, 1,500 "
Mooring-posts hollow cast-iron, 17,000 "
Strap bolts for mooring-posts, 2,000 "
Cast-iron washers, 4,000 "
Wrought-iron washers, 16,000 "
Spikes, hand made, 107,000 "
Bolts, hand made, 162,000 "
Corner plates, hand made, 2,600 "
Stay plates, hand made, 4,000 "

Separate proposals will be received, and contracts awarded for the material, as numbered above.

No proposals 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 security required.

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

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, and the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the material, is annexed thereto.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, 346 and 348 BROADWAY.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING WOOD MATERIAL AND DOCK PILES FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS material, addressed to "Jacob A. Westervelt, President of the Department of Docks," will be received at this office until 11 o'clock A. M. of Tuesday, September 22, 1874, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The award of the contracts will be made as soon as practicable thereafter. Any bidder must be well prepared for the business, and shall give security for the faithful performance of his contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance.

The period of each contract will be for six months from the date of the signing thereof, and the material must be delivered as called for by the requisitions issued by the Department.

The quantities to be delivered under the contracts are estimated at about as follows:

- 1.—White Pine Timber, 23,000 cubic feet.
2.—Yellow Pine Timber, 153,500 cubic feet.
3.—White Pine Planks, 46,000 feet face.
4.—Yellow Pine Plank, 270,000 feet face.
5.—Spruce Timber, 2,000 cubic feet.
6.—Oak Plank, 43,400 feet face.
7.—Oak Fenders, 4,000 cubic feet.
8.—White or Yellow Pine or Spruce Piles, 45 feet to 70 feet long, 12 inches to 16 inches at butt, and 6 inches at small end, 5,500 piles.
9.—Spruce or Hemlock Dock Logs, 300 logs.

A separate proposal will be received, and a contract awarded, for each kind of material, as numbered above.

No proposals 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 security required.

Bidders will state the price in their proposal for each separate item of the work to be done, by which the bids will be tested.

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, and the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the material, is annexed thereto.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, 346 and 348 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, AUG. 31, 1874.

NOTICE.—WILLIAM KENNELLY, Auctioneer, will sell at public auction, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, on Tuesday, September 15, 1874, at 12 o'clock M., the right to collect and retain all Wharfage which shall accrue for the use by vessels of more than five tons burthen at the pier foot of Fortieth street, N. R., for and during the term of five years from the date of the lease to be issued by the Department of Docks.

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

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK, September 10, 1874.

CONCRETE FLAGGING, ON FIVE POINTS PARK, NEW YORK.

PROPOSALS IN SEALED ENVELOPES, FOR laying Concrete Flagging on Five Points Park in the City of New York, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, as above, until Wednesday, the 23d day of September, 1874, at the hour of 9.30 o'clock, A. M., when they will be publicly opened.

The said flagging is to be laid and completed in accordance with the specifications contained in the contract, on or before the 1st day of November, 1874.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residences being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal.

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

In addition to the above-mentioned security, the party to whom the award is made will be required to furnish security, to be approved of by the Department of Public Parks, that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, as well as said Department of Public Parks, will be held harmless and free from any liability on account of any patented article or process used by the contractor in the execution of said work.

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

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

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Concrete Flagging, Five Points Park."

H. G. STEBBINS, President, PHILIP BISSINGER, D. B. WILLIAMSON, THOMAS E. STEWART, Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK, SEPT. 10, 1874.

MASON'S, CARPENTER'S, PAINTER'S, AND IRON WORK OF THE "OUTSET ARCH" AND "GAPSTOW BRIDGE," ON THE CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

SEPARATE PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, will be received at the Office of the Department of Public Parks, as above, until Wednesday, the 23d day of September, 1874, at the hour of 9.30 o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened, for the following works, namely:

1st. The mason's and stone-cutter's work of the "Outset Arch."

2d. The carpenter's, painter's, and iron work of the same.

3d. The mason and stone-cutter's work of the "Gapstow Bridge."

4th. The carpenter's, painter's, and iron work of the same.

All said works to be finished and completed in accordance with the plans for the same (which can now be seen at the office of the Architect, at the above address), on or before the following dates, namely:

Mason and stone-cutter's work of the "Outside Arch," December 1, 1874.

Carpenter's, painter's, and iron work of the same, April 1, 1875.

Mason and stone-cutter's work of the "Gapstow Bridge," October 15, 1874.

Carpenter's, painter's, and iron work of the same, December 15, 1874.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residences being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal, in the following amounts, namely:

For the mason and stone-cutter's work, "Outset Arch," \$3,000.

For the carpenter's, painter's, and iron work of the same, \$6,000.

For the mason's and stone-cutter's work, "Gapstow Bridge," \$2,000.

For the carpenter's, painter's, and iron work of the same, \$1,000.

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

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

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

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Mason and Stone-cutter's work," or "Carpenter's, Painter's, and Iron Work, Outset Arch," or "Gapstow Bridge," as the case may be.

H. G. STEBBINS, President, PHILIP BISSINGER, D. B. WILLIAMSON, THOMAS E. STEWART, Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

CORPORATION SALE OF FERRY LEASE.

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED, TO BE publicly opened at the Comptroller's office, on Saturday, September 19, 1874, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the Lease of Franchise or Right to maintain the Ferry from the foot of Grand street, New York, to Grand street, Brooklyn, for the term of five years from September 15, 1874, subject to \$15,000 per annum rent for pier and wharf property belonging to the city, which rent has been established by and will require to be paid quarterly yearly to the Department of Docks.

The lease will be made to conform to the requirements of the laws relative to ferries, and subject to such regulations, ordinances, or by-laws as are now or hereafter may be made or passed by the Common Council, or the Legislature of the State of New York.

No bid will be accepted which is not at least two per cent. of the gross receipts for ferriage that shall hereafter accrue at this ferry.

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

Bids to be addressed to the undersigned, endorsed "Bids for Ferry Lease," New York, Comptroller's Office, September 9, 1874.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF ARREARS, September 1, 1874.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS for Unpaid Assessments for Streets, Avenues, and Park Openings, Widening, and Extensions. Under the direction of Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the City of New York, the undersigned hereby gives public notice, pursuant to the provisions of the act entitled "An act for the collection of taxes, assessments, and Croton water rents in the City of New York, and to amend the several acts in relation thereto, passed April 8, 1871," that the respective owners of all the lands and tenements on which assessments have been laid and confirmed, and are now due and unpaid, and have remained due and unpaid since the confirmation of said assessments for streets, avenues, and park openings, widenings, and extensions, confirmed prior to January 1, 1871, are required to pay the amount of the assessments so due and remaining unpaid to the Clerk of Arrears, at his office, in the Finance Department, in the New Court-house, in the City of New York, together with the interest thereon, at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum to the time of payment, with the charges of this notice and advertisement.

And if default shall be made in such payment, such lands and tenements will be sold at public auction at the New Court-house in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, December 15, 1874, at 12 o'clock noon, for the lowest term of years, at which any person shall offer to take the same, in consideration of advancing the amount of the assessment so due and unpaid, and the interest thereon as aforesaid to the time of the sale, and together with the charges of this notice and advertisement, and all other costs and charges accrued thereon.

And that such sale will be continued from time to time until all the lands and tenements here advertised for sale shall be sold.

And notice is hereby further given that a detailed statement of the assessments, the ownership of the property assessed, and on which the assessments are due and unpaid, is published in a pamphlet, and that copies of the pamphlet are deposited in the office of the Clerk of Arrears in the Finance Department, and will be delivered to any person applying for the same.

A. S. CADY, Clerk of Arrears.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, COURT-HOUSE, PARK, NO. 32 CHAMBERS STREET, September 4, 1874.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS—NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Assessment-Rolls, or Tax Books on Real Estate, for the year 1874, will be opened for payment at this office on Thursday next, September 10, 1874. Payment can be made between the hours of 8 A. M. and 2 P. M.

A deduction at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, calculated from the date of payment to the first day of December, will be made on all taxes paid previous to the first of November.

MARTIN T. MCMAHON, Receiver of Taxes.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, August 26, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED AUGUST 11, 1874.

Sewer in Washington street, between Christopher and West Tenth streets.

Sewer in Washington street, between West Eleventh and Bank streets.

Sewer in Greenwich street, between West Twelfth and Jane streets.

Sewer in Fifty-sixth street, between Eleventh avenue and Hudson river.

Sewer in Seventy-fifth street, between First and Second avenues.

Basin on the north side of Sixtieth street, between Boulevard and Ninth avenue.

Flagging Sixty-ninth street, from Third to Fourth avenue.

Regulating, grading, setting curb, gutter, and flagging Lexington avenue, from Sixty-sixth to Ninety-sixth street.

Regulating, grading, setting curb, gutter, and flagging One Hundred and Fourth, One Hundred and Fifth, and One Hundred and Sixth streets, from Eighth avenue to the Public Drive.

Regulating and grading One Hundred and Eighteenth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before October 19, 1874, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 5 P. M. for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, July 29, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED JULY 21, 1874.

Paving with stone-blocks, Seventy-seventh street, from Third to Madison avenue.

Paving with stone-blocks, Seventy-fourth street, from Third to Fifth avenue.

Paving with stone-blocks, Eighty-sixth street, from Third to Fifth avenue.

Paving with stone-blocks, Sixty-ninth street, from Third to Fifth avenue.

Regulating and grading Seventy-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

Regulating and grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging One Hundred and Twelfth street, from Second avenue to Harlem river.

Basin on the southwest corner of Beekman and South streets.

Basin on the northwest corner of Beekman and South streets.

Basin on the northwest corner of Fifty-first street and Sixth avenue.

Basin on the northwest corner of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and Third avenue.

Underground drains between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, and between Fifth and Madison avenues.

Underground drains between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-eighth streets, and between Ninth avenue and Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before the 28th day of September, 1874, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. for the collection of money, and until 5 P. M. for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, September 10, 1874.

OWNER WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, room 39, 300 Mulberry street, for two cases of cloth, found in front of No. 174 Church street, by officer of Fifth Precinct. Said cloth, unless claimed, will be sold at the next auction sale of Unclaimed Property, according to law.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BUREAU OF ELECTIONS, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, September 9, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT this office until 10 o'clock A. M. on Saturday, 19th inst., when the same will be publicly opened, for fitting up the polling places, in the City of New York, for the ensuing election, five hundred and fifty-seven in number, or as many of the same as shall require such fitting up. Specifications can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

D. B. HASBROUCK, Chief of the Bureau of Elections.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 300 Mulberry Street, NEW YORK, September 2, 1874.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO DEALERS IN FORAGE

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Central Department of Police until 10 o'clock A. M. of the 21st day of September instant, at which time and place proposals will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing the Police Department (for the use of the Bureau of Street Cleaning) with the following articles, to wit:

- 1,500 bags of White Oats, 80 lbs. to the bag.
44,000 lbs. of first quality Corn Meal.
59,000 lbs. of do Fine Feed.
206,000 lbs. of Hay, of the quality and standard known as good Sweet Timothy.
52,500 lbs. of good clean Rye Straw.

All of which is to be delivered at the Stables of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, from time to time, and in such quantities, as the Department may require.

Proposals must be endorsed, "Proposals for furnishing Forage," and shall contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same.

The names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact.

That it is made without any connection with any other person or persons making proposals for the same matter, and is in all respects fair, and without collusion or fraud.

That no member of the Common Council, head of department, Chief of Bureau, deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or any other officer of the Corporation of the City of New York, is directly or indirectly interested therein, nor in the profits thereof or any part thereof.

Two responsible sureties, residents of this city, will be required with each proposal, who must justify in the amount of five thousand dollars each.

Proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named, and sworn according to law.

Specifications and blank proposals may be obtained by application to the undersigned, at his office, in the Central Department, on and after September 10th, instant.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, SEPT. 5, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT this office until 10 o'clock A. M. on the 17th instant, when the same will be publicly opened, for furnishing the necessary Stationery for the ensuing Registration and Election, and for Printing and Supplying the "Manual" and such other Blanks as shall be required.

Specifications may be obtained and samples examined on application to the undersigned.

By order of the Board of Police.

D. B. HASBROUCK, Chief of the Bureau of Elections.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW YORK CITY, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 39, NEW YORK, SEPT. 2, 1874.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, 300 Mulberry street, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants:—Seven revolvers, two silver and one gold watch, male and female clothing, two loads furniture, segars, mats, child's carriage, trunk and contents, and small amount of money.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, September 2, 1874.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO COAL DEALERS.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Central Department of Police, until 10 o'clock A. M. of the 22d day of September instant, at which time and place proposals will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Tons (of two thousand pounds each) of coal, for steamboat purposes, for the use of the Police Department and of the Bureau of Street Cleaning. Said coal to be of first quality, to consist of Eight Hundred and Fifty Tons of the size known as Broken, and Six Hundred Tons of the size known as Chestnut, and to be delivered at such times and places, and in such quantities, as the Department may require.

Proposals must be endorsed, "Proposals for furnishing coal," and shall state the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact.

That it is made without any connection with any other person or persons making proposal for the same matter, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

That no member of the Common Council, head of Department, chief of bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or any other officer of the Corporation of the City of New York, is directly or indirectly interested therein, nor in the profits thereof, or any part thereof.

Two responsible sureties, residents of this city, will be required with each proposal, who must justify in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars each.

Proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named and sworn, in accordance with law.

Specifications and blank proposals may be obtained by application to the undersigned, at his office, in the Central Department, on and after September 10th instant.

By order of the Board.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD.

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