

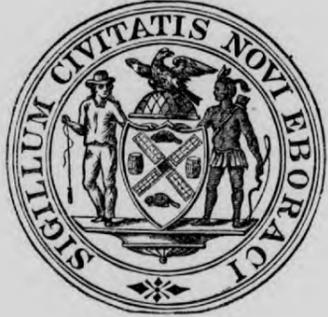
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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

TUESDAY, December 23, 1879, }
12 o'clock M. }

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

PRESENT:

Hon. Jordan L. Mott, President;

ALDERMEN:

Michael W. Burns,
Thomas Carroll,
John Cavanagh,
Frederick Finck,
Robert Foster,
George Hall,
Robert Hall,

Nicholas Haughton,
J. Graham Hyatt,
John W. Jacobus,
Patrick Keenan,
Bernard Kenney,
Terence Kiernan,
John J. Morris,

Henry C. Perley,
William R. Roberts,
William Sauer,
Thomas Sheils,
James J. Slevin,
Matthew Stewart,
Joseph P. Strack.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

INVITATIONS.

An invitation was received from the Eleventh Ward Bachelors' Union, to attend their annual ball at Irving Hall, on Friday evening, December 26, 1879.
Which was accepted.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Perley—

Petition of plumbers and masons for the passage of an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to secure the proper pavement of streets and avenues and public places in the City of New York, after excavations for whatever purpose, except those directly authorized by law."
Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Morris—

Whereas, Public exhibitions of female pedestrians are offensive to the sense of propriety and decency, demoralizing in their influence on the community, and cruel and inhuman to the participants, without affording any redeeming feature in their favor;

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully requested to draft an act for the suppression and prevention of such exhibitions, and for the punishment of all persons who engage therein, or promote the same, and to present the same to the Legislature, with a suitable memorial in behalf of the Common Council, in favor of the passage thereof.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said preamble and resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Kiernan—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to C. A. Cole to place and keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of his premises, No. 1323 Broadway, such posts not to exceed the dimensions prescribed by ordinance or resolution of the Common Council, the work to be done and gas supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Stewart—

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby respectfully requested to return to this Board for amendment, a resolution passed at the last meeting of this Board, authorizing and empowering the "Prall Heating and Power Company" to lay mains and pipes in the streets, avenues, and public places in the city.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President, by request of Alderman Morris, laid before the Board the following:

NEW YORK, December 22, 1879.

Hon. JOHN J. MORRIS:

DEAR SIR—I am informed there is some prospect that Mayor Cooper may at last consent to send to the Board of Aldermen the name of some gentleman to succeed me as Police Commissioner who will in fact represent the Republican party of the City of New York.

I am also informed that some of my very good friends have expressed an unwillingness to consent to putting any one in my place. I take the liberty of requesting you to inform the Board of Aldermen, and all friends of mine who may take an interest in the Board's action, of my views and wishes upon this subject.

You know that my term of office expired in May, 1878. I originally accepted the office with reluctance, and since its expiration I have continued in the position at great personal sacrifice, solely because it has been at no time possible to secure a successor whose appointment would not jeopardize the interests of the Republican party.

I made my arrangements last spring to go into business, and consented, much against my wishes, to remain in office until after the late election, because of the evident desire to use the Police Board for political ends, to the detriment of our party.

The election is over, and I feel that I ought not to be asked to make any further sacrifice.

My wish is that my successor shall be nominated and confirmed without delay.

While I do not wish to do anything to the detriment of my political friends, my personal business arrangements are such that I most earnestly desire this course.

Very respectfully yours,

DE WITT C. WHEELER.

Which was ordered on file.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Burns—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to A. W. Barney to place and keep a watering-trough on the northeast corner of Jay and West streets, the work to be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Kiernan—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Bernheimer & Schmid to erect a platform scale in front of premises known as the Lion Brewery, in Ninth avenue, between One Hundred and Seventh and One Hundred and Ninth streets, as shown in the annexed diagram, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman R. Hall—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to W. Jones to retain a flag-pole thirty feet high in front of premises No. 72 Chatham street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to M. Adolph Bernheimer to erect a bay-window, with balcony over the same, as shown in the annexed diagram, on premises known as No. 7 East Fifty-seventh street, the consent of the adjoining property-owners having been obtained, and is hereto annexed, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Haughton—

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of \$32,14 from the appropriation for "City Contingencies," 1879, to the appropriation for "Salaries—Clerks and Officers Board of Aldermen," 1879, to meet a deficiency in the latter appropriation occasioned by paying the clerks, etc., of 1878, for six days in January, 1879, at the rate of \$20,000 per annum, the appropriation for the present year being \$18,000.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 410.)

By Alderman Keenan—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid and street lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in Cliff street, from St. Ann's to Grove avenue (or Delmonico place), in the Twenty-third Ward, and that two street lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted in Concord avenue, from Cliff street to Denman place, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 411.)

By the President—

Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in Prospect avenue, from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street to Westchester avenue, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Sauer—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George Kemp to retain the bay-windows now erected on premises at the northwest corner of Fifty-sixth street and Fifth avenue, as shown in the annexed diagram; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 412.)

By Alderman Hyatt—

AN ORDINANCE to amend an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend sections 43 and 45 of article 4 of chapter 42 of the Ordinances of 1859, entitled 'Of pawnbrokers, dealers in second-hand articles, and keepers of junk-shops,' as amended by an ordinance passed December 31, 1863, entitled 'An ordinance to amend sections 33, 43, and 45 of article 4 of chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances,' approved June 9, 1879.

Section 1. Section 43 of article 4 of chapter 42 of the Ordinances of 1859, entitled "Of pawnbrokers, dealers in second-hand articles, and keepers of junk-shops," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 43. Every licensed keeper of a junk-shop, for the purchase and sale of rags, old rope, old iron, brass, copper, empty bottles, tin, slush or lead, shall be entitled to keep one or more carts, wagons or other vehicles, and one or more boats or other vessels, for the purpose of collecting old junk, rags, old rope, old iron, brass, copper, empty bottles, tin, slush or lead, in the City of New York, provided he or she shall, before using such carts, wagons, boats or other vessels, or causing the same to be used, cause to be painted on the outer side of such handcars, wheelbarrows, or other carts or vehicles, boats or vessels, his name at length, the street and number of his place of business, the number of his license, in plain letters and figures, put on with paint, of not less than two and a half inches in length. The Mayor shall, from time to time, grant licenses to such persons as he shall think proper, to keep one or more carts, wagons or other vehicles, or one boat or other vessel, for the purpose of collecting old junk, rags, old rope, old iron, brass, copper, empty bottles, tin, slush or lead, in the City of New York, providing the person receiving such license shall, before using such cart, wagon, boat or other vessel, cause to be painted on the outer side of such handcars, wheelbarrows, or other carts or vehicles, boats or vessels, his name at length, the street and number of his place of residence, the number of his license, in plain letters and figures, put on with paint, of not less than two and a half inches in length. The Mayor shall also from time to time grant licenses to such persons, citizens of this State, not less than twenty-one years of age, as he may think proper, to be engaged or employed as drivers, boatmen, assistants or attendants in any capacity upon or in attendance on any cart, wagon or other vehicle, or any boat or other vessel for which a license shall have been granted as aforesaid to the person keeping the same. No person not so licensed shall be engaged or employed upon or in attendance on any such cart, wagon or other vehicle or any boat or other vessel. The Mayor may at any time revoke any license granted as aforesaid. Every person so licensed and employed in collecting old junk shall wear a badge, conspicuously displayed, which shall contain the words "junk-cart" or "junk-boat," as the case may be, in letters not less than one inch long, and a number thereon corresponding with the number on his cart or other vehicle, boat or other vessel. Any person who may lose his badge shall report the fact, within twenty-four hours, to the Mayor and Superintendent of Police. No person other than those licensed as aforesaid shall display or use any badge of a collector of junk, or, if licensed, shall wear or display a badge differing from the number of his cart or other vehicle, boat or other vessel. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a penalty of twenty dollars for each offense, or in lieu thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Kiernan—

Resolved, That Joseph Ullman be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, and Stewart—17.

Negative—Aldermen Burns, Foster, and Strack—3.

Subsequently Alderman Burns moved a reconsideration of the above vote.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Roberts, and Strack—3.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Carroll, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, and Sauer—13.

(G. O. 413.)

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That two lamp-posts be erected and boulevard lamps lighted in front of the Press Club Rooms, Nos. 119 and 121 Nassau street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Kiernan—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Perley—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Stephen D. Hatch, architect, to erect a storm-door in front of the Boreel Building, 115 Broadway, as shown on the accompanying diagram, at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Carroll—

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby respectfully requested to return to this Board a resolution permitting James Kehoe to erect a bay-window on the northeast corner of One Hundred and Fourteenth street and Second avenue, which was adopted December 9, 1879.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 414.)

By Alderman Burns—

Resolved, That the leasing of premises for an armory and drill-room for the use and occupation for military purposes of the Eighth Regiment of the National Guard in the City and County of New York, be and the same is hereby authorized, and that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a lease, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and to affix the seal of the said Corporation thereto, of the hall and rooms on the upper story of the building situated on southwest corner of Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street, and known as Nos. 281, 283, 285, and 287 Ninth avenue, and Nos. 404, 406, 408, and 410 West Twenty-seventh street, for the term of two years from the first day of January, 1880, at the yearly rental of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), payable quarterly, to be used and occupied by all the companies of the Eighth Regiment for a regimental armory. That the said lease shall provide that no alterations or additions to the said premises shall be made by the said Corporation or the said regiment, without the previous written consent of the owners, and the said owners are to expend the sum of one thousand dollars for stoves, gas-fixtures, and sundry other fixtures as may be needed other than military fixtures, as may be directed by the Commandant of said Eighth Regiment; and that the building shall be put in good repair before its occupation by the regiment, and kept in good repair during the term of said lease, by and at the expense of the owners of said property, and that there be inserted in said lease the usual fire clause. That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to pay the said rent quarterly, and that the right shall be reserved to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, in case the said Eighth Regiment shall cease to occupy said premises during the term of the lease, to use and occupy said premises as an armory for any other company's batteries, troops, or regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 415.)

By Alderman Roberts—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor Ashley W. Cole, amounting to \$69, for services as per annexed bill for services rendered as Stenographer to Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen, appointed June 24, 1879, to investigate certain charges relative to the alteration of the manuscript copy of the Codification of the Corporation Ordinances, and charge the amount of said bill to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are hereby directed to furnish to the Board of Aldermen as soon as possible a copy of all the proceedings had or taken by said Department in relation to the use of a portion of the Battery Park by any of the elevated railroad companies, together with a copy of any and every lease, agreement or contract entered into between the said Park Department, for itself or on behalf of the Corporation of the City of New York, with any, or either, or all of said railroad companies.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Haughton—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Albert Crane to regulate, grade, set curb and gutter, and flag a space four feet wide through the centre of the sidewalks in One Hundredth street, from the Second avenue to the Harlem river, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 416.)

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That the attention of his Honor the Mayor and the Commissioners of Police are hereby respectively called to the provisions of an ordinance which became adopted February 26, 1875, entitled "An ordinance to regulate the use of snow-ploughs and sweeping-machines by railroad companies and others in the City of New York," and they are hereby respectfully, yet earnestly, requested to cause the provisions of the said ordinance to be rigidly enforced.

Section 3 of said ordinance is as follows: "No such permit, or renewal thereof, shall be granted unless upon the express condition and agreement, to be assented to on the part of the company, proprietor, or corporation applying for such permit or renewal, that in case of any fall of snow so deep that the throwing up of the snow by any such snow-plough or machine will render the highway unsafe for travel, or make inconvenient the approach to the curb-stone, then, within twenty-four hours after any such fall of snow, and after the use of such snow-plough or machine, such company, proprietor, or corporation shall and will, at his or at their own expense, remove and carry away the snow thrown up by such plough or machine, and shall and will reduce the snow upon the highway adjacent to their tracks or lines to such level as will make convenient for all vehicles the approach to the curb-stone, and render the whole width of the roadway safe for travel; and that such snow-plough, sweeping-machine, or other instrument be so constructed as not to throw any snow or slush on the walks or buildings, under a penalty of ten dollars for every house, or sidewalk in front thereof, upon which such snow or slush shall be thrown."

Which was laid over.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to David Davidson to place a stand, during lunch hours only, in front of premises No. 29 William street, the consent of the occupant of the premises having been obtained and is hereto annexed; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following paper, returned by request of the Board: Resolved, That the "Prall Heating and Power Company" be authorized and empowered to lay mains and pipes in the streets, avenues, and public places in the City of New York, for conveying hot water or steam for the purpose of supplying heat and power to the inhabitants for warming buildings, driving elevators, extinguishing fires, and for all other purposes for which hot water or steam may be employed under the Prall patented system, upon the following conditions, viz.:

First—That said company shall annually pay into the City Treasury one-half of all bona fide profits earned over and above ten per cent., and as a guarantee said company shall pay annually the sum of three cents for each lineal foot of streetway in which the mains are laid; it being understood that the amount so paid per lineal foot as a certainty shall be deducted from the amount payable to the city as their one-half of the surplus profits.

Second—That said company shall furnish heat for heating all public buildings situated on the line of their mains at forty per centum (40%) less than the average annual cost has been during the years from 1872 to 1879.

Third—That said company shall also provide taps for connecting fire hydrants along the line of their mains, wherever required to do so; and shall supply hot water from their mains under sufficient pressure to rise through stand-pipes to the tops of the highest buildings, and at a cost that shall be reasonable to the city.

Fourth—Before proceeding to disturb the pavement of any street or other public place in the City of New York, the company shall deposit, in cash, with the Comptroller, subject to the order of the Commissioner of Public Works, a sum sufficient, in the opinion of said Commissioner, to defray the entire cost of replacing said pavement and keeping such portion as is disturbed by said company in repair for one year.

Fifth—That said company shall also pay the expenses of an engineer, to be appointed by the city, at a salary at a rate not exceeding \$1,500 annually, to inspect the laying of the pipes, and to furnish a record of the location of said system.

Sixth—That said company shall supply all apparatus, patented to their system, to the city at rates ten per centum (10%) lower than to other consumers.

Alderman Sauer moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the above was adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Sauer moved to strike out the fourth proposition.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Stewart offered the following as a substitute for the fourth proposition:

In all cases where the pavements are to be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing said pipes, a permit therefor shall first be obtained from the Commissioner of Public Works, and the company, before taking out such permit, shall deposit with the Comptroller of the city a sum, in cash, sufficient, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, to defray the entire cost of replacing said pavement, and keeping such portion as is disturbed by said company in repair for one year. The pipes shall be laid under such regulations as the Commissioner of Public Works may from time to time establish, and under such part of roadway or sidewalk as he may prescribe on the permit; and if at any time the Commissioner of Public Works shall direct any changes to be made in the location or arrangement of said pipes, for the purpose of the laying, altering, or removing city water-pipes or sewers, or doing any other public work, such changes shall be made by the company at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and in no case shall the city be liable for any injury or damage to the said pipes. And in laying said pipes the company shall in no wise interfere with any sewers, water-pipes, or other pipes heretofore laid, without the consent of the Commissioner of Public Works and the owners of said pipes.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said substitute.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution as amended.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Morris, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—14.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Finck, Jacobus, Morris, Perley, and Roberts—6.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed petition of residents of the upper part of the city, on the west side, in relation to the stoppage of the cars of the Eighth Avenue Railroad, above Fifty-ninth street, respectfully

REPORT:

That your Committee visited the office of the company and stated the purpose of their visit to be to ascertain the views of the company and the explanation, if any, they were prepared to make for withdrawing their cars. The company informed your Committee that they would communicate by letter, and some days after the accompanying, from the president of the company, was received. Your Honorable Body may learn therefrom the intentions of the company, which your Committee believe they intend to carry into effect as soon as possible.

Your Committee therefore respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the paper be placed on file.

ROBERT HALL,
WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, } Committee
JOHN W. JACOBUS, } on
Railroads.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said report.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 23, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I hereby request that the name Hugh A. McDonald, on the list of persons nominated December 16, 1879, for appointment as Marshals of the City of New York, be corrected so as to read Henry A. McDonald.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 23, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 9, 1879, authorizing the laying of Croton water-mains in One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Westchester and Prospect avenues.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that this part of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street is not yet legally opened, and has not been regulated or graded, or any grade established. I am informed that the ordinance is erroneously drawn, and that the intention was to authorize the laying of mains in Prospect avenue from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street to Westchester avenue.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Westchester and Prospect avenues, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

Which was laid on the table, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 22, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 9, 1879, giving permission to James Kehoe to erect a bay-window on premises at the corner of One Hundred and Fourteenth street and Second avenue.

I am informed that the premises of the applicant are on the corner of One Hundred and Fourteenth street and First avenue, not Second avenue, as specified in the resolution.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Kehoe to erect a bay-window on premises at the corner of One Hundred and Fourteenth street and Second avenue, as shown in the accompanying diagram, the consent of the adjoining property-owners having been obtained, and is hereto annexed, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid on the table, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 22, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 9, 1879, authorizing the laying of Croton water-mains in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Southern Boulevard to Beach avenue and thence to One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that there are only a few houses to be supplied with water, and that nearly eight thousand feet of pipe would be required. He, therefore, considers the work unnecessary at present.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Southern Boulevard to Beach avenue, thence to One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

Which was laid on the table, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 18, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 9, 1879, giving permission to Messrs. Phelps, Dodge & Co. to repair sidewalk in front of No. 16 Cliff street.

This resolution is unnecessary. Under the provisions of the General Ordinances, persons may repair the sidewalks in front of their premises at any time.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Phelps, Dodge & Co. to repair the sidewalk in front of their premises, No. 16 Cliff street, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid on the table, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 18, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 9, 1879, giving permission to Joseph Dion to erect a storm-door in front of his premises, No. 605 Sixth avenue, for the reason that the occupant of adjoining premises objects strongly to the storm-door as obstructing the view of his store.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Joseph Dion to erect a storm-door in front of his premises, No. 605 Sixth avenue, the same to be within the stoop-line, and to be of the following dimensions, 9 x 10 high and 3 x 9 1/2 feet deep ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid on the table, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 18, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

I return, without my approval, the following resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 9, 1879, viz. : a resolution permitting Andrew Gardella to retain a stand at the curb-stone line on the southeast corner of Pearl and Chatham streets ; a resolution permitting Mary Kelly to retain a stand at the curb-stone line on the corner of Centre street and City Hall place ; a resolution permitting Richard J. Ludlow to place a sign in front of No. 855 Third avenue ; a resolution permitting C. S. King to erect a post and sign in front of No. 797 Second avenue ; a resolution permitting Bernard Haak to place a barber's pole in front of No. 176 East One Hundred and Tenth street and in front of No. 1868 Third avenue ; a resolution permitting John Sakmann to erect a barber's pole in front of No. 356 1/2 Fourth avenue ; and a resolution permitting the New York Sarvan Wheel Company to erect two hitching-posts at No. 83 Bowery ; also a resolution, adopted by the Board of Aldermen December 11, 1879, permitting James A. Sharp & Brother to place a sign and sign-post in front of No. 846 Sixth avenue.

Licenses for stands and signs inside the stoop-line are granted by the Bureau of Permits on the payment of an annual license fee of one dollar, and compliance with the usual and reasonable conditions. Stands, signs, sign-posts, or hitching-posts, placed outside the stoop-line are special privileges generally detrimental to the use or appearance of the streets. Nothing appears to show that any one of the above cases constitutes exception to the general rule.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Andrew Gardella to retain stand for the sale of fruit at the curb-stone line on the southeast corner of Pearl and Chatham streets, said stand not to be more than five feet long and two feet wide, he having obtained the consent of the occupant of said premises ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mary Kelly to retain stand for the sale of fruit at the curb-stone line on the corner of Centre street and City Hall place, said stand not being more than five feet long and two feet wide, she having obtained the consent of the owner of said premises ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Richard J. Ludlow to place and keep a sign in front of his place of business, No. 855 Third avenue, said sign to be not over thirty inches by five feet, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to C. S. King to erect a post and sign in front of his premises, No. 797 Second avenue ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Bernard Haak to place and keep a barber's pole in front of No. 176 East One Hundred and Tenth street, and in front of No. 1868 Third avenue, the work to be done at his own expense ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Sakmann to erect and keep a barber's pole in front of his premises No. 356 1/2 Fourth avenue, the work to be done at his own expense ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the New York Sarvan Wheel Company to erect and maintain two hitching-posts in front of No. 83 Bowery, the work to be done at their own expense ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James A. Sharp & Brother to place and keep a sign and sign-post in front of their place of business, No. 846 Sixth avenue, said sign to be four by six feet, and post to be ten feet high, the work to be done at their own expense ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid on the table, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Health :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, No. 301 MOTT STREET, }
NEW YORK, December 13, 1879. }

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Esq., Clerk of the Common Council :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The Sanitary Superintendent and City Inspector has certified, under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 566 of the Laws of 1871, and of chapter 549 of the Laws of 1875, amendatory thereof, that it is necessary for the protection of the public health that the part and parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City and County of New York hereinafter described, need to be drained by other means than by sewers ; it is hereby

Ordered, That the said certificate be filed among the records of the Board of Health of the City of New York, and that duplicates thereof, duly signed by said Sanitary Superintendent, City Sanitary Inspector, be forwarded to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York for their designation of the Department to do the work required, under and pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of chapter 549 of the Laws of 1875 ; and it is

Ordered and directed, pursuant to the provisions of the acts hereinbefore recited, that the following-named parts and parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of New York, shall be drained by other means than by sewers, by and under the direction of the Department of said city and county hereafter authorized and empowered to do such work by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City and County of New York, pursuant to section 1, chapter 549 of the Laws of 1875 ; said parts and parcels of land being situated as follows, viz. : lands bounded on the north by Westchester avenue, on the east by Brook avenue, on the south by One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and on the west by Willis and Bergen avenues.

(A true copy.)

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

SANITARY BUREAU—HEALTH DEPARTMENT, }
NEW YORK, December 9, 1879. }

To the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York :

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 566 of the Laws of 1871, entitled "An act to provide for the proper drainage of lands within the corporate limits of the City and County of New York," and of chapter 549 of the Laws of 1875, amendatory thereof, I hereby certify that it is necessary for the protection of the public health that those parts and parcels of land lying and being within the corporate limits of the City and County of New York, and bounded as follows : on the north by Westchester avenue, on the east by Brook avenue, on the south by One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and on the west by Willis and Bergen avenues, need to be drained by other means than by sewers.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that this certificate be filed among the records of the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, as provided by the acts hereinbefore recited, and that the said Board of Health shall direct the said parts and parcels of land to be drained in the manner and by the Department authorized and empowered by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York to do said work, under and pursuant to the provisions of said chapter 549 of the Laws of 1875.

WALTER DE F. DAY, M. D.,
Sanitary Superintendent and City Sanitary Inspector.

Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Public Administrator :

LAW DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR,
No. 49 BEEKMAN STREET, NEW YORK, December 20, 1879. }

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York :

The undersigned herewith transmits, in compliance with the Revised Ordinances, a statement showing the titles of all actions prosecuted by or against him, now pending and undetermined, with such other information in respect thereto as he deems necessary and proper.

Respectfully,
ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator.

CITY COURT OF BROOKLYN.

Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of John Moore, deceased, against Mary T. Moore and others.	Action to set aside conveyance of real estate. Summons has been issued and complaint and lis pendens filed.
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Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of John Moore, deceased, against Elizabeth C. Fehrman and others.	Action to set aside conveyance of real estate. Summons has been issued and complaint and lis pendens filed.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of John Moore, deceased, against Thomas M. Moore.	Notice to set aside bill of sale. The summons has been served on the defendant, but the time to answer has not expired.
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NEW YORK SUPREME COURT.

Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of James Votey, deceased, against Jedediah Ryno and others.	Action to foreclose mortgage. Judgment of foreclosure and sale has been entered.
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Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of Henry H. Morigure, deceased, against Henry H. Statesbury and another.	At issue.
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SUPERIOR COURT.

Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of George A. V. Rauscher, deceased, against Leonard Hagan.	Action for goods sold, etc.
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Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of Elizabeth Walsh, deceased, against Patrick A. Fogarty.	Action on administrator's bond. At issue.
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NEW YORK SUPREME COURT.

Adolph Cohen against Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of George W. Wood, deceased.	Claim referred to W. J. Curtis, Esq., as referee, and still pending.
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William McWhoods against Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of George W. Wood, deceased.	Claim referred to W. J. Curtis, Esq., as referee, who has made a report in defendant's favor.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Appolloine Mundorff against Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of Mary I. Magnes, deceased.	At issue.
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Julia Catharine Witthaus against Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of Rudolph A. Witthaus, deceased, and others.	Action to foreclose mortgage. At issue.
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NEW YORK COMMON PLEAS.

Charles H. Holman and another against Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of Richard S. Campbell, deceased.	Action to restrain defendant from foreclosing chattel mortgage, etc. Decision in favor of plaintiffs.
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NEW YORK SUPREME COURT.

Hannah M. Caulfield against Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator, etc., of Henry Yelverton, deceased.	On appeal to the General Term from judgment in favor of defendant.
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James S. Carpentier against Algermon S. Sullivan, Public Administrator, and administrator of John Whitbeck, deceased.	Order entered reviving action.
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Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Counsel to the Corporation:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 20, 1879.

The Hon. Common Council of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—I am in receipt, this day, of a resolution requesting me to furnish another copy of a letter addressed to the Corporation Counsel by George Ticknor Curtis, Esq., on the subject of the litigation with the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

When I learned from your Clerk that the copy of Mr. Curtis' letter sent you under cover of my communication of November 20, 1879, I sent another copy, but, in case the letter is not before you, I have prepared another copy, and trust that it will furnish you the required information.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

NEW YORK, October 25, 1879.

Hon. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, Corporation Counsel:

DEAR SIR—I have received your letter of the 23d inst., inclosing a resolution of the Common Council, asking for information relative to the suit of the city against the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Under your retainer I commenced a suit in equity in the United States Circuit Court in this district some time ago, to procure a determination of the question whether that company is using a ferry franchise for which a license by the city is necessary, and to obtain an account, and for other purposes.

The testimony has been taken, but I have not yet brought on the argument of the case, for the following reason:

There is now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, also under my charge, a suit by the city against the New England Transfer Company. The argument of this case will probably be reached at the present term of that court. The case involves one of the same questions as the case of the Central Railroad, namely, whether the periodical and stated transportation of its own passengers, by a railroad company, from any part of our city territory to the shores of New Jersey, and vice versa, constitutes the use of a ferry franchise for which compensation must be paid to the city. Until the Supreme Court have decided this question, I do not deem it expedient to bring the case of the Central Railroad to trial in the Circuit Court. Indeed, I presume that the Circuit Court would not, under the circumstances, act upon this question before the Supreme Court have acted upon it.

The Central case, however, does not turn wholly on this question. That company carries and has long carried the general public as passengers from its termini in this city and Jersey City. But I do not think it expedient to try a part of this case before the other question is finally settled by the Supreme Court.

This will convey to the Common Council all the information that I can give in answer to their inquiries, and I remain,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
GEORGE TICKNOR CURTIS.

Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Comptroller:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 20, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 112, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Common Council from January 1 to December 31, 1879, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof, for and on account of each appropriation.

Title of Appropriations.	Am't of Appropriations.	Payments.
City Contingencies.....	\$1,000 00	\$103 22
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council.....	250 00	177 06
Salaries—Common Council.....	107,000 00	90,697 71
Legal expenses incurred by the Common Council in 1878, in defending the members thereof, on indictment for passing ordinances relating to pretended obstructions in the streets, under resolution of the Common Council of October 14, 1878.....	10,000 00	10,000 00

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Corporation Attorney, being his annual report for the year 1879.

Which was ordered on file.

(For which see CITY RECORD hereafter.)

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Perley moved to take from on file a report of the Committee on Streets, in favor of repealing permission given John Birmingham to keep a platform scale at the foot of Twenty-third street, East river.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Sauer, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, G. Hall, R. Hall, Jacobus, Kenney, Morris, and Perley—11.

Negative—Aldermen Foster, Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, and Strack—9.

Alderman Slevin moved that the paper be laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Foster, Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, and Strack—9.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, G. Hall, R. Hall, Jacobus, Kenney, Morris, and Perley—11.

Alderman Perley moved the adoption of the resolution repealing the permission.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Finck, G. Hall, Jacobus, Kenney, Morris, Perley, and Strack—10.

Negative—Aldermen Cavanagh, Foster, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—12.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Sauer, as provided in section 13 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor of resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the owner of the St. Germain Hotel to place and keep bay-windows on the hotel building as shown on the accompanying diagram, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the same in the manner prescribed by law, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—19.

Negative—Aldermen Morris, Perley, and Roberts—3.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By Alderman Carroll—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Kehoe to erect a bay-window on the basement and first story of the premises on the northeast corner of One Hundred and Fourteenth street and First avenue, as shown in the accompanying diagram, the applicant being the owner of the next adjoining fifty feet north, and the consent of the owner of the next adjoining fifty feet south having been obtained, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Sauer was here called to the chair.

REPORTS RESUMED.

The Special Committee to whom was referred, with the accompanying papers, a message from his Honor the Mayor vetoing a resolution to exempt the buildings used as orphan asylums by the Board of Managers of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylums in the City of New York, from payment of water tax, respectfully

REPORT:

That, in examining the subject so referred, your Committee have confined themselves almost entirely to an investigation of the laws relating to the case. The propriety of the measure, your Committee believe, will be conceded on all hands. So meritorious is the application of the Board of Managers, and so great the claims of these asylums upon the city, that it will be regarded as but a fitting recognition of both, if the small favor they ask can be legally granted. An examination of the laws and ordinances bearing upon the application has convinced your Committee, as they hope it will your Honorable Body, that this can be done.

The Counsel to the Corporation, in an opinion addressed to the Chief Clerk of the Mayor, dated December 2, 1879, adverse to the power of the Common Council to exempt these buildings from taxes for the use of Croton water, upon which the Mayor bases his action, says, after quoting from the ordinance of the Common Council of February 22, 1844, and the act of the Legislature of May 13, 1845: "This law put it out of the power of the Common Council, so long as any Croton water stock was outstanding, to divert the water rents from the Sinking Fund."

Five years later, in the year 1850, when the laws relating to the use of Croton water were administered by the men who framed them, and who certainly understood them better than the officials of to-day, Nicholas Dean, then President Commissioner of the Croton Aqueduct Department, who personally prepared the ordinances, and after their passage enforced them, addressed a communication to the Common Council, from which the following are extracts:

"In compiling the table last referred to, and to which this Department would especially call the attention of the Common Council, particular regard has been had to the interests of the more humble classes, by keeping the charges upon buildings usually occupied by them at the lowest possible point, while the necessary advance required to produce the aggregate is placed upon erections of more imposing character, and involving increased cost in their construction. So also in the 'extra rents' and miscellaneous rates shown in Schedule 'G,' the Department has sought to encourage the pursuits of industry, and to aid in the introduction and extension of manufactures, by imposing the lowest practicable charges upon them, while articles of luxury, hitherto omitted, have been brought in as subjects of legitimate revenue."

"The annual income which ought to be credited to this Department has been essentially diminished by gratuitous grants of water made by the Common Council to schools, public institutions and public offices within the city. The propriety of these grants this Department does not presume to question; yet by the mode adopted, neither the charitable appropriations of the city government nor the amount contributed through this Department to those charities are known to the taxpayers. It is a fair subject of inquiry, whether the object would not be better attained if the rents were in all these cases charged, and payment collected directly from the city treasury."

"The whole subject is one of legislation, and therefore belongs exclusively to the Common Council. Any and all ordinances passed upon the subject will be executed by this Department to the extent of its powers."

The above does not seem to warrant the conclusions arrived at by the Counsel to the Corporation. Nicholas Dean most assuredly knew the intent and meaning of an ordinance prepared by himself, when he recommended its passage in the year 1850, much better than the present learned Counsel to the Corporation, and was better able to interpret that intent and meaning than could possibly be expected by any person attempting it thirty years later.

Your Committee beg your Honorable Body to mark the care exercised for the interest of the humble classes (orphans are a humble class), and the anxiety to "encourage the pursuits of industry," and "to aid in the introduction and extension of manufactures, by imposing the lowest possible charge upon them"—not the faintest allusion to water meters—and contrast it with the exactions now practiced upon the city's water customers.

The Committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen, in a report presented February 11, 1850, on the communication from President Commissioner Dean, above referred to, says:

"Your Committee have given a full and careful examination of the matter presented in the report of the Department, together with the various tables annexed thereto, and are fully impressed with the belief that the scale of rents marked F, and accompanying said report, is the one best calculated to equalize the proportions to be paid, while the amount of revenue to be derived from its adoption will, in the opinion of your Committee, meet the interest annually accruing on the water bonds, and one that will relieve the real estate from assessment specially levied to defray the deficiency arising from the insufficient revenue from sale of the water. They therefore recommend its adoption."

Clearly showing that it was intended by the ordinance fixing the rates for use of water only to realize sufficient to "meet the interest annually accruing on the water bonds," and "to relieve the real estate from assessment specially levied to defray the deficiency arising from the insufficient revenue from sale of water."

The ordinance was adopted as recommended, and its provisions are in force to this day, with the sole exception of the power to establish rates. It directs how, and when, and upon what property taxes for water may be levied, and the right to discriminate in favor of charitable institutions, etc., as recognized as "a subject of legislation, and therefore within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Common Council," by Nicholas Dean, Myndert Van Schaick, and all other Presidents and heads of the Water Department, who succeeded him (until the time of W. M. Tweed and his water meters), still exists unimpaired.

The scheme to introduce water meters by the Commissioner of Public Works, when the Street Department and Croton Aqueduct Department were consolidated in the Department of Public Works, under the "Charter" of 1870, and other laws of that year, did not meet with the success anticipated; and in order to more effectually empower the Commissioner to carry out his plans, it became necessary to take from the Common Council the power to establish water rates. This was accomplished by section 5, chapter 574, Laws of 1871; and when, in 1873, a new "Charter" was thrust upon this city, this power was continued, with G. M. Van Nort, then Commissioner, and Tweed's immediate successor, who was continued in office, and the power to establish water rates was therein saved to him, the water meter scheme not having been yet perfected. It is a very effective method, if properly used, to force meters upon this class of water consumers. If they object to pay the price asked now for water, as unjust or exorbitant, why, then the Department will apply a water meter as a remedy.

Up to this time (1873), the small amount of water tax charged to "the more humble classes," and the merely nominal amount charged to the various charitable and other institutions, worked no hardship to either, and their taxes were paid promptly and without murmuring. Even then, however, some availed themselves of the power vested in the Common Council to escape payment of the small sum then charged as tax for water, notably the "Cooper Union," which, by resolution approved by Mayor Tiemann, May 28, 1858—fourteen years after the Corporation Counsel says the power was taken from the Common Council—had taxes then due remitted, and the building exempted for all time from payment of any further water tax. If the Counsel's opinion is good law, then the Cooper Union is indebted to the corporation for a good round sum for taxes for Croton water, and steps should be taken to collect what is now due, and to impose rates in the future, for the benefit of the "Sinking Fund." The buildings of many other institutions have had like exemptions, or remissions of tax, before and since that time—among them the Church of St. Lawrence, in 1868; the Yorkville M. E. Church, in 1869; St. Peter's Church, in 1870, and others.

To illustrate the difference in the water tax charged, and heretofore paid, on the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum buildings, under the ordinances of the Common Council, and at the dictum of the Commissioner of Public Works, the following is given:

AMOUNT PAID UNDER ORDINANCE OF COMMON COUNCIL.	AMOUNT PAID UNDER RATES ESTABLISHED BY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.		
1867 Two buildings.....	\$135 00	1873 Three buildings.....	\$1,809 00
1868 Three buildings.....	323 50	1874.....	1,812 00
1869.....	309 50	1875.....	1,814 00
1870.....	309 00	1876.....	1,814 00
1871.....	153 00	1877.....	1,814 00
1872.....	309 00	1878.....	1,814 00
Totals in six years.....	\$1,539 00		\$10,877 00

The principal sources from which the Managers derive the means to support the orphans in their asylums are collections in the several churches in the diocese on Easter day and Christmas day, each year. Since 1873 this income has, in consequence of the financial depression that afflicted the country, been diminished fully thirty per cent., and other and extraneous means have been resorted to. At times the Managers have been compelled to borrow money in anticipation of these collections. Singularly enough, the Corporation of the great City of New York, through its Commissioner of Public Works, at the very beginning of the financial embarrassments of the Managers, in 1873, imposed an extra water tax of fifteen hundred dollars over any former year, thereby adding that amount to their other burthens; in other words, seized fifteen hundred dollars in 1873, and every year since that time, from the voluntary offerings of the good people of the diocese, poor and rich, deposited by them on the plates passed in the several churches to receive contributions for the orphans! This, too, in face of the fact that of the several orphan asylums, reformatories, etc., in this city, the Roman Catholic orphan asylums alone support the inmates without aid from the city, thereby saving nearly \$150,000 per annum to our tax-payers. A singular commentary on the boasted charity of the City of New York!

Section 5, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, among other things, provides that "the said Commissioner of Public Works shall from time to time establish scales of rents for the supplying of Croton which rents shall be collected in the manner now provided by law."

The "manner prescribed by law" was by ordinances of the Common Council, under the State

law of 1849, and it is still in the power of the Common Council to designate the property liable to pay water rates, and the manner of collecting them.

This power was never taken from the Common Council. Previous to the passage of the law of 1871, the scale of rates was fixed by the Common Council. If the law of 1862, which the counsel quotes, applied to their powers to remit water taxes, while they retained the power to establish rates (which we do not admit), it certainly could not apply to the Common Council after that power was vested in a subordinate of the city government, instead of the Common Council itself.

Section 119 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, continues the power over the establishment of scales of water rates in the Commissioner of Public Works, and repeals all other laws or parts of laws inconsistent with that law—including, of course, the law of 1862, above quoted by the Corporation Counsel, thereby relieving the Common Council from responsibility for the disposition made of the moneys realized by the rates established by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Suppose the Commissioner of Public Works, in the exercise of this power, should establish a scale of rates that would largely reduce the revenue of the Sinking Fund, from this source; could the Common Council, under the law of 1862, so quoted, be held responsible? Assuredly not! Yet, in quoting this law, the Corporation Counsel answers this question affirmatively. With equal propriety, could the Common Council be held responsible for the diversion of the Excise and other moneys pledged to this fund?

The Commissioner of Public Works is simply authorized by law to establish a scale of water rents, from time to time; the manner of collecting these rents, the property to be taxed, the purposes for which the water is to be used, and all the other details of supplying and using the water and imposing the tax, are now, and since the organization of the Croton Water Department have been, vested in the Common Council exclusively, as, of right, they should be.

His Honor the Mayor has quite recently vetoed resolutions permitting persons to keep watering-troughs in front of their respective premises, after the Common Council had passed the resolutions authorizing them to be established. This is most assuredly a violation of the law of 1862, as "it tends to diminish" the revenue from the sale of water, if that law is properly interpreted by the Counsel to the Corporation, as every such person pays a tax for the water used in his watering-trough. The opinion of the learned Counsel should have been obtained before his Honor wrote the messages vetoing the resolutions referred to. It is not fair that his Honor should insist on a compliance with this law on the part of the Common Council, as interpreted by the Counsel, while he violates it himself.

The original cost of the Croton water works was less than \$13,000,000; all the bonds issued therefor, both principal and interest, have long since been redeemed and paid, or sufficient money has been derived from the sale of Croton water to pay them. Consequently, the law of 1851, quoted by the Counsel, does not apply to the case under consideration.

The revenue from the sale of water in the year 1862 was \$893,986.82; the revenue from the same source in 1878 was \$1,606,509.29. The exemption of the orphan asylums from water tax will not diminish this amount of revenue. After deducting the amount of the exemption, the remaining revenue will be nearly double the whole amount received in 1862. The law of 1862, even if not repealed by the law of 1873, would not therefore be applicable to the case.

The whole cost of the water system of this city to January 1, 1879, including construction, maintenance, and repairs, is \$35,820,081.46; the entire income from the sale of Croton water to the same date is \$32,001,535.73; so that the income has amounted to sufficient to pay the original cost of the aqueduct and its appurtenances twice over, and within a sum less than four millions of dollars of the entire cost of the introduction and distribution of the water, including the high-service works, the acquisition of lands and water, and the erection of storage reservoirs in Putnam and Westchester Counties. The present income from the sale of water should be graded to an amount sufficient to pay the interest on the latter sum annually, and the water rates should be reduced to that amount. It was never intended that the present should pay the entire cost of a work that is designed for, and will be used and enjoyed by, future generations; nor was it ever intended that the city should derive an income from the sale of water beyond a sum necessary to pay the interest annually accruing on the bonds issued for the construction of the water works outstanding each year. Real estate, that now bears nearly all the burthens of taxation for local and State purposes, should be relieved to that extent. It needs this relief, as it has been, and still is, taxed to an extent out of all proportion to its value, and to such a degree that investments in this interest has financially ruined thousands of our citizens; and it is very questionable, if relief does not come speedily in this or some other shape, if real estate will ever again in this city, as a rule, be a paying investment. Assessment and taxation on real estate in this city already amounts in some instances to confiscation.

It is not clear that the taxes for the use of Croton water were ever pledged to the redemption of the principal or the payment of the interest on the city debt, other than the interest on that portion of it incurred for the original cost of the water works (less than \$13,000,000); and the bonds issued for that purpose have been long since redeemed and canceled.

Your Committee unhesitatingly assert that the power to exempt any particular property from taxation for the use of water is, in their opinion, still vested in the Common Council. They feel that it is, possibly, presumptuous in them to hold this opinion, in opposition to the expressed opinion of the law officer of the city. Nevertheless, they believe they are acting in the interest of the people when they recommend that the question be settled definitely. They do not think the opinion of the Counsel is conclusive; and in order that the subject may be judicially determined in the Courts, they recommend that the resolution be adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor. This will enable the managers of the asylums to test judicially the legality of the grant, and they have assured your Committee they will resort to the Courts, if necessary to do so, in order that they may be relieved from the payment of the large sum they are annually compelled to pay to the city for the use of the Croton water, under the rates established by the Commissioner of Public Works.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
NICHOLAS HAUGHTON,
MICHAEL W. BURNS,
WILLIAM SAUER,
PATRICK KEENAN, } Special
Committee.

The Board then, as provided in section 13, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, considered the resolution vetoed, as follows:

Resolved, That the buildings used and occupied by the Managers of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylums in the City of New York, as asylums for orphans, viz.: at No. 32 Prince street, and on Fifth avenue and Madison avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, be and they are hereby exempted from the payment of all taxes or rents for the use of the Croton water used on the premises above specified.

And, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—17.

Negative—Aldermen Finck, Jacobus, Morris, and Perley—4.

(G. O. 417.)

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annexed application of W. H. Bertholf, by his attorney, Robert Roden, for payment for services rendered as one of the census enumerators in the year 1875, respectfully

REPORT:

That upon examination your Committee have learned that Mr. Bertholf was duly appointed one of the census enumerators, and assigned to the Thirtieth Election District of the Twentieth Assembly District, on the 5th day of May, 1875, and completed the duties assigned him, and was paid therefor with the other enumerators. On the 29th day of June he was appointed to take the census on that portion of Blackwell's Island which includes the Small-pox Hospital, the Fever Hospital, and the Charity Hospital, and performed the duties incident to the position, filing his returns and statements as required by law. For this latter service Mr. Bertholf was never compensated, and as he was so employed for fifty-eight days, he should be paid therefor at the legal rate allowed by law, viz.: \$3 per diem, amounting to the sum of \$174. The papers herewith accompanying are conclusive as to the correctness and validity of the claim. Your Committee therefore respectfully offer for your adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Robert Roden, assignee of W. H. Bertholf, for the sum of one hundred seventy-four dollars, to be in full for services rendered by said Bertholf as a census enumerator, under a second appointment, for which payment has never been made; the amount to be charged to the credit of "City Contingencies."

NICHOLAS HAUGHTON,
MICHAEL W. BURNS,
ROBERT HALL,
BERNARD KENNEY, } Committee
on
Finance.

Which was laid over.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AGAIN RESUMED.

The President pro tem. laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 19, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 9, 1879, amending the ordinances of the City of New York in relation to the corporate seal.

The terms of the resolution would require all instruments in writing executed by any executive department, pursuant to law, to have the seal of the city affixed.

The city seal is not required to be affixed to the great majority of written instruments, contracts, etc., executed by the Departments, and I do not think it within the power of the Common Council to require it. I presume, however, that what was intended by the resolution was merely to authorize, by ordinance, the Clerk of the Common Council to affix the seal to all instruments in writing to which by law the city seal is required.

A resolution in the following terms would accomplish that purpose:

Resolved, That section 22 of article 2 of chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 22. He shall keep the common seal of the Corporation and cause it to be affixed to all instruments in writing made or executed by order of the Common Council, pursuant to law, and to all instruments in writing made or executed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, or any executive department of the city government to which by law the common seal of the Corporation is required to be affixed.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That section 22 of article 2 of chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 22. He shall keep the common seal of the Corporation and cause it to be affixed to all instruments in writing made or executed by order of the Common Council or the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund or any executive department of the city government, pursuant to the Charter of the city or any law of the State.

Which was laid on the table, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Burns moved to discharge the Committee on Salaries and Offices from the further consideration of the nomination of James McCauley as a City Marshal.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns and Roberts—2.
Negative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—19.

Alderman Burns then moved to discharge the Committee on Salaries and Offices from the further consideration of the nomination of James Campbell as a City Marshal, in place of Louis McDermott.

Alderman Slevin moved to lay the motion on the table.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman G. Hall, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—17.
Negative—Aldermen Burns, R. Hall, Haughton, and Kenney—4.

Alderman Hyatt moved to take up G. O. 173, being a preamble and resolutions, as follows:

Whereas, It is proposed to hold a World's Fair in the City of New York in the near future, for the exhibition of the industry of all nations, at a date as nearly as possible to the centennial anniversary of the inauguration of Washington as President of the United States; and

Whereas, A strong competition of localities exists in connection with the site for said exhibition, in view of the great benefits which must arise to the favored locality, as it is intended to surpass in magnificence all predecessors of like character; be it therefore

Resolved, That in view of the fact that this enterprise is to be brought out and fostered by the wealth and talent of this city, it is essential that it should be an institution of the same metropolitan character, and located on Manhattan or New York Island; and be it further

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the President to co-operate with the Committee charged with the selection of a site, to represent the city government in carrying forward the great enterprise in all its interests and details.

Alderman Morris moved that the paper be placed on file.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman Hyatt called up G. O. 375, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Southern Boulevard, from the present termination of street-lamps on said Boulevard to Westchester avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—20.

Alderman Strack called up G. O. 318, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and boulevard lamps lighted in Madison avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to One Hundred and Fifteenth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—18.
Negative—Aldermen Burns and Slevin—2.

Alderman Strack called up G. O. 362, being a report of the Committee on Public Works adverse to regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Fourth to Seventh avenue.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said report.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Strack, for the President, called up G. O. 376, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That a lamp-post be erected, and a street-lamp placed and lighted thereon, in Teller place, opposite the rear entrance of the Melrose station of the Harlem Railroad Co. (corner of Fourth avenue and Teller place), under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—20.

Alderman Finck called up G. O. 111, being a report of the Committee on Public Works and resolution, as follows:

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed petition in favor of filling in and fencing four vacant lots on One Hundred and Twenty-first street, commencing one hundred feet east of First avenue, and repairing sidewalks in front thereof, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the annexed resolution and ordinance be adopted. Your Committee are informed by the Commissioner of Public Works that said sidewalks have been once flagged full width by the city for the property-owners, and must now be kept in repair by the property-owners. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to compel the owners of said lots to repair flagging of sidewalks in front thereof.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—19.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Hyatt moved that when the Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet again on Friday, next, the 26th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Jacobus, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—14.
Negative—Aldermen Burns, Finck, Jacobus, Morris, and Perley—5.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Finck called up G. O. 120, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That vacant lots on the south side of One Hundred and Twentieth street, between First avenue and Avenue A, be filled in and fenced in, and the sidewalk flagged and reflagged four feet wide, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—18.
Negative—Alderman Slevin—1.

Alderman Perley called up G. O. 373, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Madison avenue, from Eighty-sixth to Ninetieth street, be paved with granite 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.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—19.

Alderman Perley called up G. O. 356, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That One Hundred and Twelfth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, be regulated and graded, curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged four feet wide, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—19.

Alderman Morris called up G. O. 382, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and boulevard lamps lighted in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Fifth to Eighth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—18.
Negative—Alderman Hyatt—1.

Alderman Morris called up G. O. 400, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That Croton water-pipes be laid in Tenth avenue, from Eighty-first street to connect with the main at Eighty-third street, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—17.
Negative—Alderman Hyatt—1.

Alderman Carroll, as provided in section 13 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor of resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Owens to place and keep a watering-trough in front of his premises, No. 554 Tenth avenue, corner of Forty-first street, the work to be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the same in the manner provided by law, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—16.
Negative—Alderman Finck—1.

Alderman Carroll called up G. O. 304, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That Croton mains be laid in One Hundred and Ninth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, from the Boulevard to Tenth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—17.

Alderman Foster, as provided in section 13 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor of resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to H. C. Ahrens & Bro. to erect a storm-door in front of premises Nos. 24 and 26 East Eighteenth street, the same to be inside the stoop-line ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the same in the manner provided by law, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—18.

Alderman Foster called up G. O. 386, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That the vacant lots on the block bounded by Seventy-second street, the Boulevard, Seventy-third street, and Tenth avenue, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—15.
Negative—Aldermen Burns and Jacobus—2.

Subsequently, on motion of Alderman Perley, the above vote was reconsidered, and the paper again laid over.

Subsequently, Alderman Jacobus again called up G. O. 386, being the above resolution and ordinance.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—17.
Alderman Burns was excused from voting.

Alderman Roberts called up G. O. 409, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Gault to erect and keep a bay-window on premises on Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Seventeenth street, as on accompanying diagram, the permission of property-owners having been obtained, as hereto annexed, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—18.

Alderman G. Hall called up G. O. 378, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That Eighty-third street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, be paved with granite 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.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—18.

Alderman G. Hall called up G. O. 287, being an ordinance, as follows :
AN ORDINANCE to amend section 6 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, entitled 'Of pawnbrokers, dealers in second-hand articles, and keepers of junk shops, relating particularly to pawnbrokers,'" passed February 24, 1875.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows :
Section 1. Section 6 of the above-entitled ordinance is hereby amended and shall read as follows :

§ 6. The said book shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Mayor, all Judges of Criminal Courts, the Aldermen, Superintendent of Police, Police Inspectors, Captains of Police, and Police Justices of the City of New York, or any or either of them, or of any policeman who shall be duly authorized in writing for that purpose by any or either of them, and who shall exhibit such written authority to such pawnbroker, loanbroker, or keeper of a loan office.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said ordinance. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—18.

Alderman G. Hall called up G. O. 384, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That two boulevard lamps be substituted for the two street-lamps now in front of the

Third avenue entrance of the building now occupied by the Department of Public Charities and Correction, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—17.

Alderman Keenan called up G. O. 345, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—17.

Alderman Cavanagh called up G. O. 296½, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of West Thirteenth street, from West Fourth street to the Ninth avenue, be flagged full width, where not already so flagged, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—18.

Alderman Cavanagh called up G. O. 377, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That Seventh avenue, from Greenwich avenue to Fourteenth street, 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.

Alderman Cavanagh moved that the resolution be taken from the list of General Orders and be placed on file.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Cavanagh called up G. O. 370, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Michael Harrington, messenger of the Special Committee on apportioning the county into new assembly districts, for the sum of fourteen dollars and seventy cents, in full for bill annexed, and charge the amount to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—17.
Negative—Alderman Morris—1.

Alderman Stewart, as provided in section 13 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor of resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to A Schencke, No. 9 Oliver street, to suspend a banner from a pole from a window on the third story, such banner not to exceed eight by twelve feet, the work to be done at his own expense ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the same in the manner provided by law, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was finally lost by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, and Stewart—14.
Negative—Aldermen Finck, Morris, Perley, and Strack—4.

Alderman Jacobus, as provided in section 13 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor of resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That two crosswalks be laid across West Thirteenth street, one at or near the easterly and one at or near the westerly intersections of West Fourth street, as shown on the annexed diagram, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the same in the manner provided by law, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was finally lost by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, R. Hall, Jacobus, Sauer, and Stewart—6.
Negative—Aldermen Finck, Foster, G. Hall, Hyatt, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, and Strack—11.

Alderman R. Hall called up G. O. 385, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That this Common Council, as provided in section 49, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, authorize and approve of the action taken by the Board of Police of the Police Department of the City of New York, in the location of a station-house for the police force of the Second Precinct at the High Bridge, on the easterly side of the Harlem river.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Stewart, and Strack—18.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman R. Hall moved that the Board do now adjourn.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President pro tem. announced that the Board stood adjourned until Friday next, the 26th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

BOARD OF STREET OPENING AND IMPROVEMENT.

The Board of Street Opening and Improvement met in the Mayor's office at 2 P. M. on Tuesday, December 16, 1879.

The following were present—Edward Cooper, Mayor ; John Kelly, Comptroller ; Allan Campbell, Commissioner of Public Works ; Jordan L. Mott, President of the Board of Aldermen. Absent—James F. Wenman, President of the Department of Public Parks.

On motion, the Mayor was elected Chairman, and Richard J. Morrisson was re-elected Secretary. The minutes of the meeting held May 25, 1874, were read.

The Mayor presented a copy of the call issued by him for the present meeting, which was ordered on file.

Mr. M. W. Brown, of the Mayor's office, appeared before the Board and stated he had duly notified President Wenman of the Department of Public Parks to attend the meeting.

The Mayor presented the following communication, which was ordered on file :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NO. 301 MOTT STREET, }
NEW YORK, December 10, 1879. }

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Chairman of Board of Street Opening and Improvement :
SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held the 18th day of November, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, It appears to this Board from the reports of its inspectors and Sanitary Superintendent, that there exists an immediate necessity for public sewers in Fifty-third street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues ; in Fifty-second street, between Eleventh avenue and Hudson river, and in Fifty-fourth street, between Eleventh avenue and Hudson river, for sanitary reasons ; and it further appears that no proceedings have yet been taken for acquiring title to the land bounded by the street lines in the said streets adjacent to the Hudson river ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Street Opening and Improvement be and are hereby respectfully requested to take the necessary action in this behalf.

(A true copy.) EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.
Dr. Edward H. Janes, Assistant Sanitary Superintendent, explained to the Board the necessity for its proposed action.

The Mayor then offered for adoption the following resolution :
Resolved, That the Board of Street Opening deem it to be for the public interest to lay out and open West Fifty-third street, as laid down on the map or plan of the City of New York, from the Tenth avenue to the Eleventh avenue, and to lay out and open West Fifty-fourth street, as laid down on said map, from the Tenth avenue to the established bulkhead line on the Hudson river, and propose so to lay out and open the same.

Which on being put was adopted by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the President of the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor also offered for adoption the following resolution :
Resolved, That the proposed action of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, as stated in the foregoing resolution, be laid before the Board of Aldermen, and that the same be published for ten days in the CITY RECORD.

Which was also adopted by the following vote, viz. :
Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Commissioner of Public Works, and the President of the Board of Aldermen.
On motion, the Board then adjourned.

RICHARD J. MORRISON, Secretary.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, December 22, 1879.

Appointed.

James E. Morrison, as Secretary to the Mayor.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business...

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor; JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. JOHN TYLER KELLY, First Marshal.

Permit and License Bureau Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. DANIEL S. HART, Registrar.

Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. WILLIAM EYLER, Sealer First District; ELIJAH W. ROE, Sealer Second District; JOHN MURRAY, Inspector First District; JOSEPH SHANNON, Inspector Second District.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. JORDAN L. MOTT, President Board of Aldermen. FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner's Office.

No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner; FREDERICK H. HAMLIN, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Water Register.

No. 10 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.

Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 13 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

Bureau of Sewers.

No. 21 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. STEVENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 11 1/2 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORIS, Deputy Comptroller.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

First floor Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park. MARTIN T. McMAHON, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED VREDEBURG, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

No. 18 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. J. NELSON TAPPAN, City Chamberlain.

Auditing Bureau.

No. 19 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. DANIEL JACKSON, Auditor of Accounts.

Bureau of Arrears.

No. 5 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ARTEMAS CADY, Clerk of Arrears.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation; ANDREW T. CAMPBELL, Chief Clerk.

Office of the Public Administrator.

No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator.

Office of the Corporation Attorney.

No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WILLIAM A. BOYD, Corporation Attorney.

Attorney to Department of Buildings' Office.

Corner Cortland and Church streets. JOHN A. FOLEY, Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. SETH C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office.

Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. TOWNSEND COX, President; JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Headquarters.

Nos. 153, 155, and 157 Mercer street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. VINCENT C. KING, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

No. 301 Mott street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. CHARLES F. CHANDLER, President; EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 36 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES F. WENMAN, Topographical; EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, 64th street and 5th avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards. Fordham 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN WHEELER, President; ALBERT STORER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, No. 114 White street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

No. 2 Fourth avenue, 8:30 A. M. to 4 P. M. HENRY J. DUDLEY, Superintendent.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Corner Mulberry and Houston streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. RICHARD J. MORRISON, President; J. B. ADAMSON, Chief Clerk.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. BERNARD REILLY, Sheriff; JOHN T. CUMMING, Under Sheriff.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,

32 NEW CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, December 1, 1879.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OMITTED TO PAY their taxes for the year 1879, are hereby notified, as required by law, to pay the same to the Receiver of Taxes at his office, on or before the 1st day of January, 1880.

One per cent. will be collected on all taxes paid before the 15th day of December, instant; two per cent. on all taxes paid on and after that date, and interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, computed from the 27th of October last (the day on which the assessment rolls and warrants were delivered to the Receiver), on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after the said 1st day of January, 1880.

No money will be received after 2 o'clock P. M. Office hours from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M.

MARTIN T. McMAHON, Receiver of Taxes

REAL ESTATE RECORDS

THE ATTENTION OF LAWYERS, REAL Estate Owners, Monetary Institutions engaged in making loans upon real estate, and all who are interested in providing themselves with facilities for reducing the cost of examinations and searches, is invited to these Official Indices of Records, containing all recorded transfers of real estate in the City of New York from 1653 to 1879, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records.

Grants, grantees suits in equity, insolvents and Sheriffs' sales, in 61 volumes, full bound, price, \$100 00 The same, in 25 volumes, half bound, price, 50 00 Complete sets, folded, ready for binding, price, 15 00 Records of Judgments, 25 volumes, bound, price, 15 00 Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell Comptroller's Office New County Court-house, JOHN KELLY, Comptroller

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,

FIRST FLOOR (NEW WING), NEW COUNTY-COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 10, 1879.

83d street sewer, between 10th avenue and Boulevard. 95th street sewer, between 3d and Lexington avenues, etc. 107th street sewer, between 4th and 5th avenues. Water street basin, southeast corner Jefferson street. 92d street basin, southwest corner 8th avenue. 99th street, regulating, grading, etc., from 1st to 3d avenue. 9th avenue, regulating, grading, etc., from 63d street to Boulevard. 74th street, paving from Avenue A to East river. 45th street, flagging south side, between 1st and 2d avenues. 4th avenue, flagging east side, between 65th and 66th streets.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 11, 1880, 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 entry. The Collector's office is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON, Collector of Assessments

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, December 18, 1879.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from Bellevue Hospital—Unknown man; aged about 50 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; brown hair; sandy beard. Had on brown coat, dark striped vest and pants, plaid shirt, white knit undershirt and drawers, white cotton socks, Oxford tie shoes.

At Hart's Island Hospital—Jacob Moses; aged 58 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; dark hair; blue eyes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, December 16, 1879.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Mary Hanlon; aged 40 years; 5 feet 1 inch high; black hair and eyes. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

Catharine Foster; aged 41 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; brown hair and eyes. Had on when admitted calico skirt, brown striped shawl, black saccie, gaiters. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—Kate Godfrey; aged 18 years; committed September 18, 1879. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—Daniel Coughlin; aged 33 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; brown hair; blue eyes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

Charles Winnick; aged 44 years; 5 feet 7 1/2 inches high; brown hair; gray eyes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Branch Lunatic Asylum, Hart's Island—Isabel Napole; aged 44 years; 5 feet high; brown eyes; black hair. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, December 16, 1879.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Hart's Island Hospital—Bridget Shandley; aged 62 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; gray hair and eyes. Had on when admitted dark dress, shawl, shoes, stockings. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING the fresh meat which will be required during the year 1880 for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M., of the 27th day of December, 1879. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for furnishing Fresh Meat," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be from time to time directed by the said Department. The quantities and qualities of the meat that will be required are as follows:

- Chunks of Beef and Shoulder Clods, about 2,000,000 pounds. Extra Diet Beef, about 60,000 pounds. The above to be from cattle weighing not less than 600 pounds dressed. Mutton, in pieces of forequarters, breast and shoulders, without ribs, about 300,000 pounds. Roasting pieces of Beef, about 55,000 pounds. Beefsteaks, Sirloin, about 65,000 pounds. Corned Beef, rumps, and plates or navels, about 25,000 pounds. The above to be from cattle weighing not less than 650 pounds dressed. Mutton, hind quarters, about 50,000 pounds. Pork, loins, about 10,000 pounds. Veal, cutlets and loins, about 25,000 pounds. No ram mutton, nor bruised beef, bull beef, or cow beef will be received.

Reference is made to the approved form of contract and the specifications forming a part thereof on file in the office of the Department for fuller and more particular information as to the kinds and sizes of the pieces of meat to be furnished.

All the above quantities are estimated and approximate only, and bidders are notified that if the Department shall require more than those quantities, or any of them, the contractor must furnish all that is required, and will be paid therefor only at the rates or prices named in the contract; and that in case the above-named quantities or any of them shall not be required by the Department, no allowance will be made for any real or supposed damage or loss of profit.

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

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect, that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars before making their estimates. Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment for the officers, nurses, attendants, etc., will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued monthly; and for the other meats by a like requisition issued weekly.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 13, 1879.

TOWNSEND COX, THOMAS S. BRENNAN, JACOB HESS, Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING, during the year 1880, fresh fish for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M., of the 27th day of December, 1879. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Furnishing Fresh Fish," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

The kind of fish required are fresh cod, porgies, and blue fish. Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be, from time to time, directed by the said Department. The entire quantity required to be delivered during the year will be about 500,000 pounds.

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

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above-mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars before making their estimates. Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate, in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued monthly.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 13, 1879.

TOWNSEND COX, THOMAS S. BRENNAN, JACOB HESS, Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING, DURING THE YEAR 1880, FOR THE VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CONDENSED COWS' MILK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING, during the year 1880, for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, Condensed Cows' Milk, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M., of the 27th day of December 1879. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for furnishing Condensed Cows' Milk," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Department. The entire quantity required to be delivered during the year will be about two hundred and twenty thousand (220,000) quarts.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties in the penal sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above-mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety, and otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and re-let as provided by law.

The quality of the milk must conform in every respect to the requirements of the specifications. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars before making their estimates.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued from time to time as set forth in the proposed form of contract.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 13, 1879.
TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 13, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR 5,000 TONS OF WHITE ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-DOOR POOR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, the 27th day of December, 1879, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for 5,000 tons White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality; each ton to consist of two thousand pounds, to be well screened, and delivered in such quantities and in such parts of the city as may be required in specifications, and ordered from time to time, south of Eighty-sixth street, after the 1st day of January, 1880 to be subject to such inspection as the Commissioners may direct, and to meet their approval as to the quality, quantity, time, and manner of delivery in every respect.

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

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

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

PROPOSALS FOR POULTRY.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS FOR 6,535 POUNDS TURKEYS, 7,395 pounds Chickens.

To be of good quality as to age and condition, and subject to careful inspection, and all delivered on Wednesday, 24th December, before six o'clock, A. M.

—will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Saturday the 20th day of December, 1879. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate" for Poultry, and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept any bid or estimate as a whole, or for any one or more articles included therein. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who

is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Department, but the entire quantity will be required to be delivered on the 24th of December, before 6 o'clock A. M., after the date of the contract.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent. of the estimated amount of the contract.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety, and otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and re-let as provided by law.

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

Payment will be made by requisition on the Comptroller, issued on the completion of the contract, or from time to time as the Commissioners may determine.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept any bid or estimate as a whole, or for any one or more articles included therein. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 9, 1879.
TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE ON LAW DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday in the City Library, Room No. 12 City Hall, at 1 o'clock P. M.

By Order of the Committee,
I. GRAHAM HYATT,
Chairman

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, December 15, 1879.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS, INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE,

which must be indorsed with the name of the bidder, and the title and number of the work, as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until Monday, December 29, 1879, at 12 o'clock, A. M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read, for the following works:

- No. 1. SEWER in Front street, between Dover and Roosevelt streets.
- No. 2. SEWER in Fifth avenue, east side, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-ninth streets.
- No. 3. SEWERS in Avenue B, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-sixth streets, and in Eighty-fifth street, between Avenues A and B.
- No. 4. SEWER in Forty-third street, between First avenue and East river.
- No. 5. SEWER in One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues.
- No. 6. SEWER in Macdougall street, between West Fourth street and West Washington place, from end of present sewer in West Washington place.
- No. 7. REGULATING, GRADING, AND SETTING CURB AND GUTTER STONES AND FLAGGING in Seventy-first street, between Fifth avenue and the East river.
- No. 8. PAVING Seventy-sixth street, between Second avenue and Avenue A, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

Blank forms of proposals, the specifications and agreements, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the bids, and any further information desired, can be obtained for each class of work, at the following offices: Sewers, Room 21; Regulating and Grading, Room 11; and Paving Room 4, City Hall.

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in his judgment the same may be for the best interests of the City.
ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, No. 2 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUILDERS.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR INTERESTS, property owners and builders are requested to refuse admittance into their buildings to any officer of this Department who does not show his proper badge of office on demand.

All badges issued from this office are shield shaped, with the title of the officer, the name of this Department, and the number engraved thereon, and are numbered from 1 to 50. The following badges are lost or stolen: Inspectors, badges Nos. 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, and 50. Fire Escape Examiners, badges Nos. 3 and 8, and Messenger's badge No. 7. All parties professing to be officers of this Department not provided with badges of the above description, or who attempt to use badges of the above named missing numbers, or an oval shaped badge, formerly used in the Department, are impostors, and the public are cautioned against recognizing such persons, and are requested to report the same to this office in any case that may come to their notice.
HENRY J. DUDLEY,
Superintendent of Buildings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 and 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, November 7, 1878.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Commissioners of this Department will meet daily at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

By order of the Board,
VINCENT C. KING, President,
JOHN J. GORMAN, Treasurer,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Commissioners.
CARL JUSSER, Secretary

JURORS.

NOTICE IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, June 1, 1879.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE heard here, from 9 to 4 daily, from all persons hitherto liable or recently serving who have become exempt, and all needed information will be given.

Those who have not answered as to their liability, or proved permanent exemption, will receive a "jury enrolment notice," requiring them to appear before me this year. Whether liable or not, such notices must be answered (in person, if possible, and at this office only) under severe penalties. If exempt, the party must bring proof of exemption; if liable, he must also answer in person, giving full and correct name, residence, etc., etc. No attention paid to letters.

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called or pay their fines. No mere excuse will be allowed or interference permitted. The fines, received from those who, for business or other reasons, are unable to serve at the time selected, pay the expenses of this office, and if unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delinquents.

All good citizens will aid the course of justice, and secure reliable and respectable juries, and equalize their duty by serving promptly when summoned, allowing their clerks or subordinates to serve, reporting to me any attempt at bribery or evasion, and suggesting names for enrollment. Persons between sixty and seventy years of age, summer absentees, persons temporarily ill, and United States and District Court jurors are not exempt. Every man must attend to his own notice. It is a misdemeanor to give any jury paper to another to answer. It is also punishable by fine or imprisonment to give or receive any present or bribe, directly or indirectly, in relation to a jury service, or to withhold any paper or make any false statement, and every case will be fully prosecuted.

THOMAS DUNLAP, Commissioner,
County Court-house (Chambers street entrance).

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-ninth street, from Eighth avenue to the new road or drive, and from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson river, in the City of New York.

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

That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections, in writing, duly verified, to George W. McGlynn, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 22), in the said city, on or before the twenty-first day of January, 1880, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said twenty-first day of January, 1880, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office, on each of said ten days, at three o'clock P. M.

That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New York, there to remain until the twenty-first day of January, 1880.

That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, lying and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line or side of Eighth avenue, distant one hundred feet and eight inches northery from the northwesterly corner of Eighty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, and running thence westerly and parallel with Eighty-ninth street to the established bulkhead line on the Hudson river; thence southerly along said bulkhead line two hundred and sixty-two feet and six and one-half inches; thence easterly and parallel with Eighty-ninth street to the westerly line or side of Eighth avenue; and thence northerly along the westerly line or side of Eighth avenue two hundred and sixty-one feet and four inches to the point or place of beginning.

That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 31st day of February, 1880, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, December 3, 1879.
CHARLES H. HASWELL,
BERNARD SMYTH,
RICHARD CROKER,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-second street, from First avenue to Avenue B in the City of New York.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Menzo Diefendorf, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 71 Broadway, Room 124, in the said city, on or before the 20th day of January, 1880; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within ten week days next after the said 20th day of January, 1880, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Second.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 20th day of January, 1880.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of First avenue distant one hundred and two feet, two inches from the northerly side of Eighty-second street; thence easterly and parallel with Eighty-second street to a point distant one hundred feet easterly from the easterly side of Avenue B, and one hundred and two feet and two inches northerly from the northerly side of Eighty-second street; thence southerly and parallel with the easterly side of Avenue B to a point distant one hundred and two feet two inches southerly from the southerly side of Eighty-second street; thence westerly and parallel with Eighty-second street to a point on the easterly side of First avenue distant one hundred and two feet two inches southerly from the southerly side of Eighty-second street; and thence northerly along the easterly side of First avenue to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the third day of February, 1880, at the opening of the court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, December 2d, 1879.
MENZO DIEFENDORF,
GEORGE H. SWORDS,
THOMAS L. FEITNER,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-first street, from the Boulevard to the new avenue, and from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson river, in the City of New York.

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

That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the Court-house in the City of New York, on the 30th day of December, 1879, at 10 o'clock A. M. on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, November 15, 1879.
CHARLES PRICE,
JOSEPH MEEKS,
LOUIS MESIER,
Commissioners

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of a new road or street, commonly known as Bronx River road, though not yet named by proper authority, from Grand avenue to the north line of the City of New York, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of said city.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to George W. McGlynn, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 261 Broadway, Rooms 34 and 35, in said city, on or before the first day of December, 1879; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said first day of December, and will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 3 o'clock P. M.

Second.—That the abstract of said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits taken, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, there to remain until the 15th day of December, 1879. That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the northerly line of Grand avenue, with the westerly line of the lands of the Harlem Railroad Company, thence running northerly along the westerly line of the said railroad company's lands to the westerly bank of the Bronx river; thence northerly along the westerly bank of the Bronx river as the same winds and turns, to the northerly line of the City of New York; thence westerly along the northerly line of the City of New York to a point where the said line would be intersected by the prolongation of a line drawn parallel to, and two hundred feet westerly of the westerly line of First street; thence southerly along the prolongation of said line, and along said line to the northerly side of Grand avenue; thence easterly along the northerly side of Grand avenue, to the point or place of beginning.

That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof to be held at Chambers in the Court-house in the City of New York on the 31st day of December, 1879, at ten o'clock of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that then and there a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, October 28, 1879.
GEORGE W. MCGLYNN,
BERNARD SMYTH,
JULIUS HEIDERMAN,
Commissioners.

THE CITY RECORD

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