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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

TUESDAY, April 6, 1880,
12 o'clock, M.

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

PRESENT:

Hon. John J. Morris, President;

ALDERMEN

Matthew J. Coggey,
Frederick Finck,
Robert Foster,
Bernard Goodwin,
Henry Haffen,
Robert Hall,
Frederick Helbig,

John W. Jacobus,
Patrick Keenan,
Bernard Kenney,
William P. Kirk,
Charles H. Marshall,
John McClave,
Jeremiah Murphy,

Henry C. Perley,
William Sauer,
Thomas Sheils,
James J. Slevin,
Joseph P. Strack,
William Wade.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Coggey—

Petition to open One Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Eighth to St. Nicholas avenue.

NEW YORK, April 6, 1880.

We, the undersigned owners of property on West One Hundred and Thirty-third street, between Eighth and St. Nicholas avenues, petition your Honorable Body to authorize the opening, grading, sewerage and curbing of West One Hundred and Thirty-third street, between Eighth avenue and St. Nicholas avenue.

B. G. OPPENHEIM,
HUGH TIERNAN,
TH. LESSTER,
HENRY G. PETERS.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the President—

Memorial in relation to the proposed removal of Murray Hill Reservoir, with a letter on the subject from Mr. J. McAlpine, C. E.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works, to be read in connection with a report of that Committee on the veto of his Honor the Mayor of preamble and resolution censuring Allan Campbell for suspending the operation of the reservoir, when presented.

By Alderman Slevin—

Petition of property-owners for the fencing in of vacant lots in One Hundred and Twentieth street, between First and Second avenues.

NEW YORK, March 27, 1880.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, being property-owners and residents in East One Hundred and Twentieth street, between First and Second avenues, on the south side of said street, do respectfully submit to your Honorable Body that we are seriously inconvenienced, and our property materially injured by exposure, on account of the open lots which lie in the rear of our premises on One Hundred and Nineteenth street, extending from the corner (northeast) of Second avenue more than half of the distance to First avenue; that the open condition of said lots is dangerous, on account of the easy access of thieves to our yards, and dangerous to the health and comfort of the neighborhood on account of the said lots being used for the deposit of all manner of filth and ashes, etc. Already several thefts have been committed through the easy access through the open lots referred to, and, in consideration of the above facts, and many others with which we will not annoy your Honorable Body, we earnestly and respectfully request that the Honorable Board of Aldermen will order that the property complained of be properly inclosed, and such nuisances be abated at once.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Malcom McLean, M.D., 304 E. 120th st.
John M. Farrington, 306 E. 120th st.
Edward Molson, 308 E. 120th st.

Sarah M. Bertine, 312 E. 120th st.
Andrew J. Dunn, 310 E. 120th st.
James W. Farrington, 306 E. 120th st.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Haffen—

Petition for laying Croton-mains in Terrace place, from One Hundred and Fifty-seventh to One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

Petition for laying Croton-mains in One Hundred and Fiftieth street, from Third to Courtland avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Sauer—

Petition of sundry persons for the establishment of a ferry from the foot of West Fourteenth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Ferries and Franchises.

By Alderman Perley—

Petition of residents of Nineteenth Ward, to regulate Sixty-second street, from Eastern Boulevard to bulkhead line on East river.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned citizens of the Nineteenth Ward of the City of New York, beg leave to inform you that a new pier has recently been erected by the Department of Docks at the foot of East Sixty-second street, but which is of little or no use to the public for the reason that a portion of said street, extending from the Eastern Boulevard to the above-named pier, a distance of about 100 feet, has never been regulated or graded. We would also acquaint you with the fact that the free and unhampered use of this pier is much desired by the business men of the vicinity.

We, therefore, earnestly and respectfully request that an ordinance be speedily passed empowering and directing the Department of Public Works to proceed and regulate, grade, and curb that portion of Sixty-second street lying between the Eastern Boulevard and the East river, and also an additional ordinance directing the proper authorities to pave the same when regulated, graded, and curbed.

Geo. N. Williams, 132 E. 71st st.
F. Base, 402 E. 61st st.
Thomas McMahon, Avenue A, 70th and 71st st.
Sigmund Kohn, 203 E. 56th st.
Joseph Marron, 348 E. 55th st.
James Orom, 158 E. 57th st.

W. S. Williams, Jr., 310 E. 58th st.
Thomas J. Dunn, 182 E. 64th st.
B. A. Williams, 327 E. 58th st.
Martin Schmerkenbecker, 312 E. 56th st.
Henry Fisher, East 61st st., E. R.
F. S. Oppenheimer, 311 E. 54th st.

E. H. Field, 406 E. 58th st.
Edw. Petzold, 237 E. 53d st.
Mayer Rosenthal, 1109 Second ave.
Solomon Schiels, 441 E. 58th st.
Dreyfus & Sachs, 239 to 245 E. 56th st.
D. Heidgerd, 239 E. 60th st.
E. Popper, 247 E. 58th st.
Ch. Schutz, 943 Third ave.
Chas. Fraenzwick, 202 E. 56th st.
Bernard Hess, 221 E. 76th st.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Wade—

Petition for permission to erect a bay-window on house northeast corner of Broadway and Fifty-second street.

Alderman Wade moved that the prayer of petitioner be granted.

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

By the President—

Petition of C. R. Robert for permission to place a bay-window on house corner University place and Washington square.

Whereupon the President offered the following:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to C. R. Robert to place and keep a bay-window and stoop on the building on the northwest corner of University place and Washington square, as shown on the annexed diagram, he being the owner of the entire property from Washington square to Washington alley, the work 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.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Goodwin—

Whereas, The slip at the foot of West Twenty-third street was for many years the outlet for the large sewers in that street; the deposit of filth and refuse matter that accumulated then in the slip and sewer remains to the present time; the outlet of the sewer has been changed to the foot of Seventeenth street, the main sewer running through Eleventh avenue; the large sewer in Twenty-third street, from Eleventh avenue to the North river, is therefore unnecessary, but three or four connections being made with it, and a small pipe drain would be ample to connect the houses on Twenty-third street with the main sewer in Eleventh avenue; and

Whereas, A due regard for the health of the neighborhood imperatively demands that the large and nearly unused sewer in Twenty-third street, from the Eleventh avenue to the North river, be removed and a small pipe drain substituted therefor, as the said sewer, which is broken and depressed in many places, is filled up, or nearly so, with stagnant water, and the refuse and filthy matter deposited in the slip, which, by the action of the water when the ferry boats enter the slip, at low tide, is forced into the sewer and there remains, exhaling odors and noxious gases that, particularly during the prevalence of westerly winds, affect detrimentally the health of thousands of residents in the vicinity; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Docks be and is hereby directed to cause the slip at the foot of West Twenty-third street to be dredged out to such an extent as to remove all the sediment and filth deposited therein by the sewer in Twenty-third street, and to thoroughly cleanse and purify the slip, by removing these deposits; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take up and remove the old and nearly unused sewer in Twenty-third street, from the Eleventh avenue to the North river, and substitute therefor a pipe drain to connect with the sewer in Eleventh avenue, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for "Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning," or any other appropriate account.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, That Lorenz Zeller be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of William Stoddart, whose term of office expires April 13, 1880.

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 Coggey, Finck, Foster, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—20.

By Alderman Keenan—

Resolved, That George W. White be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of George W. White, whose term of office expires April, 1880.

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 Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—21.

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By Alderman Sauer—

PUBLIC HACK OWNERS' ASSOCIATION,
OFFICE, 215 EAST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET,
NEW YORK, April 6, 1880.

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

GENTLEMEN—The above Association do most respectfully petition your Honorable Board for the following amendments to the ordinances governing hackney coaches and cabs. The Legislature having passed the necessary amendments to chapter 50, Laws of 1824, a copy of which is annexed hereto, we ask you to re-enact section 81, as passed by your Honorable Board in 1879, and declared invalid in Supreme Court, by Judge Van Brunt, on mandamus proceedings instituted by us against the Mayor. In consideration of the reduced license we ask you for we are giving the benefit to the riding public in the reduced schedule of fare.

Sec. 81. Every person who may be licensed as aforesaid shall pay to the license bureau the sum of three dollars for every hackney coach and two dollars for each cab which shall be kept for hire, and for every renewal of every such license, one-half the above fee shall be paid, and all such vehicles licensed for the year ending first Monday in June, 1879, shall be deemed as renewals.

To strike out clause 1 of section 89.

To amend clause 2, section 89; to read, when amended, For conveying one or more passengers any distance not exceeding two miles, one dollar.

To amend clause 3, section 89; to read, when amended, For conveying one or more passengers any distance exceeding two and not exceeding three miles, one and a half dollars.

To amend clause 4, section 89; to read, when amended, For conveying one or more passengers exceeding three and not exceeding four miles, two dollars.

To amend clause 16, section 89; to read, when amended, For the use of a carriage or cab by the hour, with privilege of going from place to place, and stopping as often and long as required, one dollar per hour, for not less than two hours at any one time.

To strike out section 84, relating to transfer of drivers.

To amend section 86; to read, when amended, Every driver of a hackney coach or cab, shall pay to the license bureau the sum of fifty cents for such license, and for every renewal of the same, twenty-five cents, and all drivers now licensed shall be deemed renewals, on expiration of their present license.

N. B.—The above sections and clauses are those referred to in the ordinances of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonality of the City of New York, as published in the CITY RECORD, February 16, 1880.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Jacobus—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Rufus H. Van Orden to retain a sign over the sidewalk in front of his place of business, No. 130 West Fourteenth street, such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Alderman Marshall moved to refer to the Committee on Streets and Street Pavements.

But the motion was not seconded.

Whereupon the President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Marshall, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Coggey, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, McClave, Murphy, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Strack—16.
Negative—The President, Aldermen Finck, Marshall, Perley, and Wade—5.

By Alderman Strack—
Resolved, That Joseph Steiner 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 Alderman Sheils—
Resolved, That the vacant lots on the south side of Seventy-seventh street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Coggey—
Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in Lexington avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.
NEW YORK, March 27, 1880.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:
The undersigned, having erected several expensive buildings on Lexington avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, in the City of New York, said buildings being now nearly ready for occupancy, respectfully petition your Honorable Board to order the Croton-water mains laid in said Lexington avenue, between said One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets.
Very respectfully,
NUMAN & RUSSAK, 497 Broadway,
Representing 100 feet on Lexington avenue, and 115 feet on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, all with first class buildings.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Foster—
Resolved, That Edward Smith 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 Alderman Helbig—
Resolved, That Austin V. Pettit 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 Alderman Murphy—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Louis Rhodenberg to erect a storm-door in front of his premises, No. 8 Old slip, the same to be within the stoop-line, and not to be more than five feet long and thirty-inches wide; 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 Perley—
Resolved, That the vacant lots on the south side of Seventy-sixth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Kirk—
Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council 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, from the owner or owners of the building situate on the southeast corner of Centre and Franklin streets, and known as Nos. 106, 108, and 110 Centre street, for the second floor of said building, for the use of the Public Administrator, for a period of five years from the first day of May, 1880, at an annual rental of twenty-five hundred dollars, payable quarterly, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to pay said rent quarterly from the proper appropriation; that said premises be placed in good order and kept in good repair during the term of said lease by and at the expense of said owners.
Which was referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

By Alderman Goodwin—
Resolved, That Pierre C. Talman be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of William Ettinger, whose term of office has expired.

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 Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—21.

By Alderman Perley—
Resolved, That the vacant lots on both sides of Lexington avenue, between Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth streets, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Jacobus—
Resolved, That William M. Montgomery be 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 Alderman Kirk—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Eugene Sullivan to place and keep a bridge over the gutter in front of his premises, No. 358 Water street, the work done 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 Perley—
Resolved, That William H. Murphy 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 Alderman Helbig—
Resolved, That John Klein be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John Klein, whose term of office has expired.
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 Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—21.

By Alderman Keenan—
Resolved, That A. M. Ehrlich 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 Alderman Foster—
Resolved, That Charles H. Pentz be and he is 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 George J. Smith be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of George J. Smith, whose term of office expires April 14, 1880.

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 Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—21.

By the President—
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in Eighty-first street, between Avenue A and First avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.
Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Helbig—
Resolved, That Thomas A. McGlade 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 Alderman Slevin—
Resolved, That the fire-hydrant now standing near the northwest corner of Spring and Mulberry streets be removed and placed close to the curb-stone, as the hydrant, in its present location, is a serious obstruction to the use of the sidewalk by the public.
Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Pavements.

By Alderman McClave—
Resolved, That Terrence G. O'Brien 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 Alderman Hall—
Resolved, That M. G. Lane 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 Alderman Haffen—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Morris Dietsch to erect or place a hay-scale in front of his premises on the east side of the Southern Boulevard, about twenty-five feet southerly from Eastern avenue, 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.

Alderman Marshall moved to refer to the Committee on Streets and Street Pavements.

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

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Hall, Jacobus, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Strack, and Wade—8.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Helbig, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—13.

Alderman Strack moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

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

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Coggey, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Keenan, Kirk, Murphy, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—12.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Finck, Jacobus, Marshall, McClave, Perley, Strack, and Wade—8.

By Alderman Murphy—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Jones to place and keep a net banner opposite 157 Fulton street, 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.

Alderman Marshall moved to refer to the Committee on Streets and Street Pavements.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

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

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Coggey, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Murphy, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Strack—14.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Finck, Jacobus, Marshall, McClave, Perley, and Wade—7.

By Alderman Helbig—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Golding Brothers to place and keep gas jets over the sidewalk in front of their premises, Nos. 517 and 519 Eighth avenue; 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 Perley—
Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted on the west side of the First avenue, from Fifty-fifth to Fifty-eighth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the President—
Resolved, That Eightieth street, between First and Second avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Pavements.

By Alderman Jacobus—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William H. Maier to place and retain a news-stand in front of premises on the northwest corner of Seventh and Greenwich avenues; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Alderman Marshall moved to refer to the Committee on Streets and Street Pavements.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

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

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Coggey, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Keenan, Kirk, Murphy, Sauer, and Sheils—11.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Finck, Marshall, McClave, Perley, Strack, and Wade—7.

Alderman Jacobus 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, on a division called by Alderman Slevin, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Coggey, Hall, Jacobus, Kenney, Kirk, Murphy, Sauer, and Sheils—8.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Keenan, Marshall, McClave, Perley, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—12.

By Alderman Foster—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Joseph Jacobson to extend show-window in front of his premises, No. 264 Broadway, as shown on the accompanying diagram, and to be within the stoop-line, the consent of the occupant of the adjoining premises having been received and is hereto annexed, the work 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 referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Pavements.

By Alderman Goodwin—
To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

At a regular meeting of the Central Taxpayers' Association, held this Monday evening, April 5, 1880, at the Parlors of the Taxpayers' Association, No. 340 Third avenue, corner Twenty-fifth street.

Mr. Charles J. Nehrbas being in the chair.

Dr. M. J. B. Messmer offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, Senate Bill No. 259, introduced in the Legislature by Senator Bixby, on March 23, 1880, entitled, "An act in regard to Markets in the City of New York, and to provide for the rebuilding of the same and the acquisition of land for market purposes; and

Whereas, Said bill provides that Commissioners shall be appointed to select a block of land in the vicinity of Washington Market, and to pay three hundred thousand dollars for the same, and the further sum of two hundred thousand dollars for the erection of a suitable market building thereon; and

Whereas, Said bill further provides that if five hundred thousand dollars be insufficient for the purchase of such block of land, and the erection of suitable market buildings thereon, such deficiency shall be provided for by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; and

Whereas, In the opinion of good judges of real estate in the neighborhood of Washington Market, such block of land cannot be purchased without expending several millions of dollars therefor; and

Whereas, Paragraph ten (10) of said bill provides that the Market Commissioners appointed according to said bill shall designate and appoint for each and every present standholder a stall equal in size and dimensions to his present stall, at rentals which such Commissioners shall deem sufficient; and

Whereas, The Central Taxpayers' Association would prefer to have such stalls, if any new market building be erected on the site of the present Washington Market, sold at public auction to the highest bidder; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the members of the Taxpayers' Association, Gansevoort Market in addition to Washington Market is more than ample for market purposes for the population of this

city, which now largely resides in the upper portion of the city, and as two market buildings already erected at an immense cost, one in the Eighteenth Ward, at the foot of East Sixteenth street, and the other at the foot of East Thirty-fourth street, are not now being used, and found superfluous, although more convenient to the majority of the residents of this city than Washington Market; and

Whereas, The Honorable the Board of Aldermen recently received a committee of five from the Central Taxpayers' Association in a very cordial manner, and heard their protests against the removal of the Forty-second Street Reservoir, and acted in accord with said committee in opposition to its removal, thereby, as on many other occasions, manifesting their zeal and interest in the welfare of the City and County of New York; be it therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to go before the Board of Aldermen to-morrow, Tuesday, April 6, 1880, and there protest against the passage of this act or bill, or any part thereof, as it is plainly against the interests of the taxpayers of this city, and that said committee ask the Board of Aldermen to present a memorial to the Legislature protesting against the passage of such bill, said committee thereafter to proceed before the Senate Committee on Cities, and there give their reasons why said bill should not become a law. Said committee to be further empowered to attend to such other matters at Albany as in their opinion relates to the city government, and are advocated or opposed by the Central Taxpayers' Association, who have the welfare of the city at heart.

The foregoing preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted. And the President appointed on such committee Dr. M. J. B. Messemmer, Chairman, and Messrs. James C. Owens, James E. Serrell, George N. Williams, and P. A. Cassidy.

Very sincerely yours,
GEO. B. KOPLICK,
Secretary of the Central Taxpayers' Association.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets.

REPORTS.

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The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Taylor, and a preamble and resolution offered by the President in relation to increasing the capacity of the locks of the Erie canal, having considered and investigated the subject, respectfully

REPORT :

Your Committee heard the statements of the petitioner in regard to the inefficiency of the enlarged canals as an economic medium of transportation, and the desirability of so improving them that their truly capacious and untaxed waterway capacity can be availed of to the very highest point of commercial advantage, which now compels a resort to much lower rates of transportation than hitherto, on account of a threatened diversion of the traffic of the canal and commerce of the Cities of New York, Buffalo, and Oswego, by the near completion of the Welland canal, by which grain laden steamers from Chicago, Duluth or Milwaukee can deliver their cargo in Montreal for European shipment at very near the same price as at Buffalo or Oswego; and as a reduction in the Erie canal rates will equalize the cost of transportation between the interior points of grain shipment and tide water at Montreal or New York, preference will be given to the Erie canal route, because of the better market of New York, and the greater competition in ocean transportation, besides the necessity of giving grain an intermediate cooling, cleaning, and brightening which enhances its value on change whether for European shipment or domestic distribution.

As this latter advantage can only be secured by a preparation of the Erie Canal for a more vigorous and much cheaper transit of grain than hitherto, through an increased length of lock chamber by which boats 130 feet long, and carrying 11,000 bushels of wheat, can traverse the same canal, and boat owners obtain satisfactory remuneration, your Committee are clearly of the opinion that such improvement of the locks of said canal as set forth in the preamble and resolution ought at once to be authorized, it being rendered necessary by the exigencies of commerce; therefore your Committee recommend the passage of the preamble and resolution hereto annexed.

Whereas, A necessity exists for so improving the Erie canal that its enlarged water-way capacity can be more economically utilized than hitherto, as the shortness of the chamber of locks controls the maximum power of the canals for commercial usefulness; and

Whereas, The State of New York is the owner of this artificial estuary of the lakes at Buffalo and Oswego and of the sea at Albany, by which the grain products of the lake-bordering States reach tide-water at New York for foreign shipment or domestic distribution; and

Whereas, It is the duty of the State to keep this avenue of commerce in the very highest condition of efficiency, whereby the commercial advantages of the State, especially of this city, may be all the more thoroughly promoted; and therefore

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State be and hereby is requested to pass a canal-improving bill, by which authority be given to the Superintendent of Public Works to cause to be adjusted to the locks of the enlarged canals, or such of the enlarged canals as he may deem best for the interests of the State, such system of mechanically operated iron gates as will lengthen their chamber the greatest number of feet, within the limits of their present side walls, consistent with their safety, by which improvement it is believed the commercial interests of the State, and especially of this city, will be greatly promoted; and the members of the Legislature from this city are requested to use every honorable means to secure the passage of such canal-improving bill.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be and he hereby is directed to transmit a copy of the preamble and resolutions and the accompanying papers to the Governor of the State, Superintendent of Public Works, State Engineer and Surveyor, the President of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, and to each representative of this city in the Legislature.

HENRY C. PERLEY, } Committee
JOHN McCLAVE, } on
HENRY HAFFEN, } Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 132.)

The Committee on Streets and Street Pavements, to whom was referred the annexed petition in favor of paving Fifty-fifth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the accompanying resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That Fifty-fifth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

BERNARD GOODWIN, } Committee on Streets
HENRY C. PERLEY, } and Street Pavements.
BERNARD KENNEY, }

Which was laid over.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, April 6, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

I herewith transmit and account of the expenses and receipts of the Mayor's Office and Bureau of Permits during the three months ending March 31, 1880, together with a statement in detail of the amounts paid for salaries to clerks and subordinates in said office and bureau, and the general nature of their duties in the same period.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Statement of the Receipts and Payments of the Mayor's Office for the three months ending March 31, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

For Fees, Licenses, and Fines collected in the Office of the Mayor's Marshal :	
For account of the City Treasury.....	\$7,246 25
" Sinking Fund.....	818 00
	\$8,064 25
For License Fees of Places of Amusement :	
Wood's Theatre.....	\$150 00
European Museum.....	150 00
Steinway & Sons.....	150 00
Daly's Theatre.....	250 00
Concordia Assembly Rooms.....	150 00
Automatic Museum.....	150 00
National Garden.....	150 00
Aberle's Theatre.....	250 00
Windsor Theatre.....	150 00
Bowery Varieties.....	150 00
Belvedere.....	150 00
Volks' Garden.....	150 00
	2,000 00
	\$10,064 25

PAYMENTS.

By the Mayor's Marshal to the Chamberlain :	
For account of the City Treasury.....	\$7,246 25
" Sinking Fund.....	818 00
	\$8,064 25
License Fees for Places of Amusement paid to the Treasurer of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents, as provided by chapter 836 of the Laws of 1872.....	2,000 00
	\$10,064 25

Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Bureau of Permits.

RECEIPTS.

For Stands, Signs, and other privileges.....	\$903 00
" Dog Licenses.....	39 00
	\$942 00

PAYMENTS

To the Chamberlain.....	\$942 00
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Statement in Detail of the Amounts Paid for Salaries to Clerks and Subordinates in the Mayor's Office and Bureau of Permits.

James E. Morrison, Secretary.....	\$874 98
John Tracey, Chief Clerk.....	692 19
Wm. A. Marshall, Clerk.....	249 99
Charles P. Chipp, Clerk.....	249 99
David S. White, Stenographer.....	375 00
Michael W. Brown, Messenger.....	199 98

MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

John Tyler Kelly, First Marshal.....	624 99
Hermann Schroeter, Second Marshal.....	375 00
A. M. Petchshaw, Clerk.....	249 99
Wm. R. Swift, Temporary Clerk.....	249 99
	\$4,142 10

BUREAU OF PERMITS.

Daniel S. Hart, Registrar.....	600 00
Robert Prati, Interpreter.....	300 00
P. N. Ganlon, First Clerk.....	249 99
Charles M. Roth, Clerk.....	199 98
Edward L. Waterbury, Clerk.....	199 98
James P. Burns, Inspector.....	199 98
Bernard Neis, Inspector.....	199 98
Wm. H. Megie, Temporary Inspector.....	199 98
Nicholas J. Hayes, Temporary Inspector.....	199 98
	2,349 87
	\$6,491 97

Which was ordered on file.

REPORTS RESUMED.

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the veto, dated March 23, 1880, by his Honor Mayor Cooper, of the preamble and resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 9, 1880, which resolution condemns as "unauthorized and detrimental" the action of the Commissioner of Public Works in partially and for a time wholly cutting off the water to and from the Murray Hill Reservoir, and also directs that the said reservoir shall be efficiently used, respectfully

REPORT :

The ground taken by his Honor the Mayor in support of his veto, that the Commissioner of Public Works has sole authority in the premises, is based wholly on the clause that the Department of Public Works shall have "cognizance and control of all structures and property connected with the supply and distribution of Croton water."

Section 71 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873 (the Charter), which the Mayor quotes above as giving the Commissioner "cognizance and control" of all the structures and property connected with the supply and distribution of Croton water, is as follows :

1. Of all structures and property connected with the supply and distribution of Croton water;
2. Of the collection of the revenues arising from the sale or use of the Croton water;
3. Of opening, altering, regulating, grading, flagging, curbing, guttering, and lighting streets, roads, places, and avenues;
4. Of repairing and construction of public roads;
5. Of the care of public buildings;
6. Of the filling of sunken lots;
7. Of public sewers and drainage;
8. Of street vaults and openings in sidewalks;
9. Of paving, repairing, and repaving streets, and keeping the same clear of obstructions;
10. Of digging and constructing wells; and the Mayor says, "There is no provision of law conferring upon the Board of Aldermen authority to instruct the Department upon the subject" of the first subdivision.

Your Committee are not willing to believe that his Honor the Mayor is ignorant of the fact that "the Board of Aldermen," under Art. II., section 2, of the act above quoted, now alone constitutes the Common Council of the City of New York, and that all the legislative power of the Corporation is vested exclusively in that body, nor does your Committee believe his Honor the Mayor is ignorant of the fact that the Department of Public Works cannot exercise control or take cognizance of any of the matters mentioned in the law he quotes without the order of the legislative power of the Corporation. He cannot lay one foot of Croton water pipe, erect a single lamp-post, open, alter, regulate, grade, flag, pave, or gutter a street, construct a road, dispose of a room in a public building, fill a sunken lot, authorize a street vault or opening in the sidewalk, repave a street, or dig a well without such legal warrant, and his Honor the Mayor almost daily, in the exercise of the power conferred upon him by this same law, gives his sanction, as chief executive, to orders of this character, emanating from the legislative power. This the Mayor must know. Yet he asserts in his veto that an officer who is powerless to lay a foot of water pipe in any of our streets without legislative action, can tamper at his will and pleasure with the water supply of a million and a half of people, and can increase it, diminish it, or discontinue it altogether if he so elects, and that "there is no provision of law conferring upon the Board of Aldermen (now the Common Council) authority to instruct the Department upon the subject."

This is simply preposterous. If this was true then the people of this city would be without a local government. But it is not true; it is the very reverse of the truth. The ample powers conferred upon the Common Council of the City of New York, by the charter of 1730, "to frame, constitute, ordain, make, and establish, from time to time, all such laws, statutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions which to them, or the greater part of them, shall seem to be good, useful, or necessary for the good rule and government of the body corporate aforesaid," which were confirmed to the corporate authorities and made perpetual by the first constitution of the State, in 1777, and reiterated in the constitutions of 1821 and 1846, still exist, with some slight modifications. These powers are recognized and continued in the present "charter," particularly in sections 2 and 17 of Article II., and in sections 90, 91, and 119 of Article XVI. They now exist, and will continue to exist, as there is no power anywhere under our system of republican government that can take them from the people of the city.

Among the structures and property in addition to the Murray Hill Reservoir are the aqueduct leading from the Croton Basin to the Central Park Receiving Reservoir, forty miles in length, the reservoirs in Putnam County, and those in the Central Park, and the same power exists over the whole of them to discontinue their use, as over any one. The control of these various structures and property by the Commissioner of Public Works is a very different matter from discontinuing the use of them, for otherwise the Aqueduct itself might be discontinued by him for any purpose, and the city, without remedy, be wholly deprived of water.

The object of the control of the structures and property may be gathered from the succeeding section of the Act of 1873, which provides that the Commissioner of Public Works shall create a bureau "having the care of all structures and property connected with the supply and distribution of Croton water."

This corresponds with the Act of April, 1849, which created the Croton Board, and it would be monstrous to suppose that control of the structures, etc., meant anything more than the preservation of them. If control over the structures means that the Commissioner of Public Works may discontinue the use of the Murray Hill Reservoir or the Aqueduct, the power of the Commissioner to remove both or either would be involved in it. There can be no doubt that the control of the structures was given for one and the same object, which was the constant care of the Aqueduct and its appurtenances, so as to be constantly used for the benefit of the city and its inhabitants.

It thus appearing that the right of the Department of Public Works to discontinue the use of the Aqueduct as well as of the Murray Hill Reservoir stands on the same grounds, is the Mayor justified

in saying, in case of the unauthorized and illegal discontinuance by the Department of the reservoir in question, that there is no existing provision of law conferring upon the Board of Aldermen authority to instruct that Department upon the subject?

By chapter 515 of the Laws of 1874, it was enacted as an amendment to the Act of 1873, that the Board of Aldermen "shall exercise the entire legislative powers of the said city."

By the Act of 1873, chapter 335, it was provided that the charters of the city of New York known as Dongan and Montgomery charters, "so far as the same or either of them are now in force, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall continue and remain in full force."

Chancellor Kent, in his work entitled City Charter and Kent's Notes, thus refers to the Montgomery charter: "The general power under the charter was to make, ordain, and establish from time to time laws and ordinances such as to the Common Council should 'seem to be good, useful or necessary for the good rule and government of the body corporate, and of all officers, inhabitants and residents of the city within the limits thereof,' and for 'the further public good, common profit, trade, and better government and rule of the said city,' and for governing and disposing of the corporate property real and personal."

These broad and latitudinal powers were given (he says) to be exercised with sound discretion, and with a liberal spirit commensurate with the growing wants and prosperity of a great commercial metropolis. In another place he speaks of them as the "never-failing powers under the charter which give broad and large authority commensurate to every case."

This last charter, he adds, is entitled to our respect and attachment for its venerable age and the numerous blessings and great commercial prosperity which have accompanied the due exercise of its powers. It has withstood the shock of the American Revolution, which for a time suspended its functions, and it was confirmed by the Constitution of 1777, and again by the Constitution of 1821, and again in 1846.

It will be seen, therefore, that the powers of the Board of Aldermen are commensurate to every exigency which may arise in the fortunes of the city, in which they have not been abridged by legislation. The legislation with respect to the reservoir, as has been shown, comes far short of what is claimed for it by the Mayor, and allows ample scope for the action of the Common Council, when the authority of the Commissioner of Public Works is exceeded by capriciously and illegally stopping the use of the Aqueduct or its important appurtenances.

The lands covered by the Murray Hill Reservoir are part of the very lands mentioned in the ancient Montgomery charter, and belong with the reservoir to the Mayor, Alderman, and Commonalty of the city, which Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty may protect the reservoir from disuse to the same extent as they might protect the Aqueduct from disuse. The preservation and continuation of the water system of the city are subjects of the deepest interest to every inhabitant, and the Committee on Public Works cannot admit that control over the mere structures and property given to the Commissioner embraces authority to discontinue their use, and thus deprive the city of the benefits of the Croton supply.

The alleged object of the Commissioner in the disuse of the reservoir for nearly a month was to determine the question whether or not it is practically useful, but it will appear that this, which is no part of his duty, was performed in the spirit of partisanship, and solely with a view to aid the passage of the bill now pending at Albany for its removal.

In the report made by the Commissioner to the Common Council in October, 1877, he states that there is an accumulation of "about two million gallons of water in the reservoir during the night which is drawn off again in the morning."

On Monday mornings the accumulation is of course doubled, or say four million gallons, as two nights follow, each—Saturday and Sunday—without any intervening draft of water for business purposes occurring. These quantities, two and four million gallons, are in addition to the fifteen or twenty million gallons which pass through the reservoir in advance of the accumulation.

As the reservoir holds 24,000,000 United States gallons, or 20,000,000 imperial, and contains thirty-six feet of water when full—the two millions of accumulated water in the night would add one-twelfth or 3 feet to the height of water, while the 4,000,000 gallons would add one-sixth, or 6 feet. This accumulation gives a corresponding elevation in houses, and as the 2,000,000 gallons furnish 50 gallons to each of 40,000 houses, it will readily be seen that the service is of the greatest value to the community. "The accumulated water," said the Commissioner in October, 1877, "is drawn off in the morning," but yet, as appears by his published report of the test applied, he took the pressure not until 10 o'clock A. M., when the head of water had been drawn down.

The Commissioner in his test report omits wholly to state what was contained in his October report as to the night's accumulation of water in the reservoir, as the naked fact overthrows his theory and discredits his test.

It is well known that the water in the Park reservoirs fell last winter from 29 feet at the beginning of the year to about 19 feet, and that it has been gaining by slow degrees until it had reached in March, 1880, about 34 feet and 4 inches.

The test as to Murray Hill was applied when the head of water was low, and the test to ascertain the pressure of the reservoirs in Central Park was applied later, when the head in the latter was higher and the pressure consequently greater, such aid being furnished on both occasions by the officers of the Department who appear at Albany in aid of the bill as the emergency called for.

There is still another omission in Commissioner Campbell's report of an important character. He favors the high-service system for Murray Hill, Fort Washington, Ninety-seventh street, and in the new wards. The waters for these four services are either pumped from the Aqueduct, as in the first three cases, or flow by gravity from it, as in the latter.

The reservoir on Murray Hill holds 24,000,000 gallons, and by connection of its two mains with the Aqueduct, would be capable of a high service without pumping for all of the high grounds below Murray Hill, and including the most valuable business portions of the city. By thus limiting the area to be supplied, the water could be thrown from hydrants upon the roofs of buildings without the intervention of steam, and thus prevent extensive fires. By prudent management as to waste, this object could be accomplished without a new supply of water, but a new supply is now being provided in the Aqueduct from the Bronx and Byram rivers, and a still larger supply is contemplated. No objection on the ground of a want of water can therefore be made.

The Committee respectfully submit to the Board that the capacity of the reservoir for this especial service, in addition to its ordinary service, ought not to have been omitted from a report by the Commissioner which sought to furnish the public with accurate information of the true value of the reservoir.

In order to illustrate the disastrous effects of the unwise and illegal action of Commissioner Campbell in suspending the operations of the distributing reservoir at Murray Hill, your Committee are induced to incorporate as part of this report a communication which appeared in one of the daily newspapers published in this city on the 15th ult., emanating from Dexter A. Hawkins, Esq. The correctness of the positions taken by him is admitted on all hands, as his statements and assertions remain uncontradicted to this day. Speaking of the proposed removal of the reservoir, Mr. Hawkins says:

"Certain important points against its removal have perhaps not yet been brought clearly before the public.

"First—It can be at small expense converted into a new high-service system for at least ten thousand houses that now are obliged to pump the water to the bedroom floors, at an annual cost of from ten to fifty dollars per house, or three hundred thousand dollars per year for the ten thousand houses.

"The water-tower at High Bridge gives high service for Washington Heights; the reservoir at High Bridge gives high service for Murray Hill and certain other localities similarly located as to altitude; the Ninety-seventh street tower and works, that will be finished the coming season, will furnish high service for houses located at least sixty feet above mean tide. But the large number of houses located between forty and sixty feet above mean tide will get water only on their first floors—a few, in favorable locations, on the second floors, but not on the second floors except very early in the morning or on Sundays. At a very small expense, by such an arrangement of cut-offs as any competent hydraulic engineer could easily plan, the Forty-second street reservoir would give a fourth high service for all houses between forty and forty-six feet above mean tide. This would save an annual expense of at least three hundred thousand dollars in pumping, would largely increase the healthfulness of these houses, by preventing the overflow of the nauseous gases into the upper parts of the houses through empty or insufficiently flushed water and waste-pipes. If this reservoir is removed, this fourth high service can only be obtained at great cost to the city. The city has been to large expense to accommodate the Murray Hill residents with a high service, and the occupants of the ten thousand houses needing a fourth high service think it a very ungracious act for the Murray Hill people, after they have obtained their high service at public expense, to destroy the Murray Hill reservoir, and thereby prevent the construction of a fourth high service.

"Second. Mr. Campbell is entirely mistaken in supposing that cutting off the water from the Murray Hill reservoir for twenty-four days did not affect the service of water in the houses below Murray Hill. It did affect it so seriously that in many cases the supply was one story lower than when the Murray Hill reservoir was in action, and in some cases it failed altogether. A committee of citizens visited the reservoir to learn what was the matter, and discovered that by being shut off it had only fourteen feet of water, and was inactive, when it should have had thirty-four feet and been in full action. We did not know what was the cause of this then, but a deal of complaint was made at the time about the deficiency of water. We now learn that it was the highly improper act of Commissioner Campbell in cutting off this water for twenty-four days for the purpose of deceiving Senator Astor and inducing him to say to the Senate, what is not true, that the cutting off of this reservoir for twenty-four days did not affect the water supply, and that the people never noticed it.

"Third. The great importance of this reservoir for the prompt application of pressure in case of fires. A few days ago when the fire occurred in Broadway, below Canal street, had the Fire Department had sufficient pressure of water at the outset the fire would have been readily and easily extinguished. But the water supply (to extinguish this fire) having to come five miles through the mains from Central Park, when it reached the fire was so largely drawn off by the taps to the mains which supply all the local uses for those five miles that the pressure was insufficient for effective use on the fire. The Department had to send to Central Park for more pressure to be let on. It took forty minutes for the pressure to come five miles down to the fire, and during those forty minutes the fire

gained such headway that it destroyed half a million of property before it could be extinguished. Had Commissioner Campbell kept the Forty-second street reservoir up to thirty-four feet, as he would had he done his duty, the water would have been turned on at Fortieth street, instead of at Eighty-sixth street, and the pressure would have reached the fire in twenty minutes instead of forty. This would probably have saved two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of loss in that single fire. A year or two ago, when the great fire occurred in Worth street, destroying four millions of property, it took twelve million gallons of water to extinguish it. The pressure was insufficient, and the Fire Department worked at a great disadvantage. Had the Forty-second street reservoir then been properly managed by Commissioner Campbell, and the proper arrangements and connections made for just such emergencies, at least a million of property at that fire might have been saved. A year ago last September, when the fire occurred in Hale's piano factory, destroying half a million of property, the water gave out almost immediately the engines were attached, and at least half the destruction was owing to the defective and improper management of the Croton water supply. Had Commissioner Campbell had the proper connections and cut-offs ready for use, and kept the Forty-second street reservoir as full as it should and could (as well as not) be kept, he could have directed the pressure from the Forty-second street reservoir to this fire (near Thirty-fifth street and Tenth avenue), and in fifteen minutes have given a supply of water that would of itself, without the aid of the fire-engines, have reached the top of the factory and the top of every house that was destroyed.

"Fourth—The great defect in the Croton water management to-day is this: Mr. Campbell himself is not, and does not pretend to be, a hydraulic engineer. He is a railroad and constructing engineer, and no doubt very competent in that line, but quite out of his element in hydraulics. He has not to-day in his service in the Croton Water Department, for chief engineer one who is thoroughly competent and qualified in hydraulics. But the present chief, instead of being a man regularly trained as a hydraulic engineer, has a sort of picked-up training that lacks breadth and depth and foresight sufficient to manage wisely so vast and important a subject as the Croton water supply of this city, and to effect its prompt, immediate, and efficient distribution to any quarter of the city where emergency may call for it.

"It may seem a pleasant thing to enlarge the Forty-second street park by removing the reservoir; but to one who understands hydraulics it is plain that if it is removed it will either work a very serious damage to the water service of the city or it will necessitate an expenditure of some millions of money to lay special mains from the Central Park Reservoirs to the different quarters of the city where an emergency for a large supply of water may suddenly occur, and keep these mains free from the taps, except near their extremities. The draught on the mains running at present from the Central Park Reservoirs is more than four times the amount of water allowed to flow into those mains at the reservoir. The consequence is that within an hour after people rise in the morning the pressure is drawn off from these mains throughout their upper half to such an extent that their lower half fails to supply the city below Fortieth street with sufficient water.

"What a prudent, economical, and sufficient supply in the lower part of the city requires is not the destruction of the reservoir, but the building of another just like it, on the high ground near the Bowery, Grand, and Canal streets, which, with the Forty-second street reservoir, could easily be filled every night with the surplus water, while the use is at a minimum, and be ready to pour it out in the morning from an efficient head close by the points where it is to be used."

Your Committee, therefore, in view of these facts, recommend the passage of the preamble and resolution of March 9, 1880, notwithstanding the objection of his Honor the Mayor.

HENRY C. PERLEY,
JOHN McCCLAVE,
THOMAS SHEILS,
HENRY HAFFEN, } Committee
on
Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept the report and adopt the preamble and resolution, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, McClave, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—17.
Negative—Aldermen Coggey, Hall, Marshall, and Murphy—4.

Whereas, The Murray Hill Reservoir formed originally an important part of the system of water supply and distribution in this city, and especially for that portion below Fortieth street; and

Whereas, In the opinion of eminent civil engineers and experts, and many persons interested in the water supply of that section of the city, this reservoir is now considered necessary for domestic convenience and the safety of property in case of fire; and

Whereas, Great inconvenience has been felt in the lower part of the city, especially within the last few years, on account of low pressure, and an insufficient supply of water; and

Whereas, There has not been maintained a full head of water in the Murray Hill Reservoir by keeping the main connecting it with the Receiving Reservoir in Central Park always open and the supply constant; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of Public Works has recently addressed a communication to one of the State Senators from this city, in which he states, that by his direction "for five weeks no water was let into the Forty-second Street Reservoir, and for three weeks none was let out," with the evident purpose of influencing legislation in favor of a pending bill for the removal of the said reservoir; and

Whereas, It appears from this communication that the Commissioner of Public Works has, without lawful authority, discarded the Forty-second Street Reservoir as a part of the system of supply and distribution of water of this city, by partially, and for a time wholly, cutting off the water to and from the reservoir; therefore

Resolved, That this Board strongly condemns this unauthorized and detrimental action of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that he is hereby instructed to take measures immediately for opening, and keeping open constantly, the mains leading to and from the Murray Hill Reservoir, in order to maintain therein a full head of water, and constant supply therefrom, equal to its greatest capacity, and that he be directed also not to lessen the supply of water from that source without the consent of the Common Council first had and obtained.

The memorial offered by the President at this session, in its appropriate place, and laid over to be read in connection with the foregoing, is as follows:

Murray Hill Reservoir.

In the month of May last, a resolution was passed by the Assembly requesting the views of Comptroller Kelly, of New York, as to whether the reservoir should be removed or retained, and on the 18th of May he reported to the House that he had consulted "eminent and experienced engineers" on the subject, who had given him the opinions against its removal contained in the report, and that they appeared to him to be very practical.

In the argument of Judge Fancher against the removal of the reservoir, before the Committee on Cities of the Assembly, the fact that such consultation was held was stated by him, and seeming to be questioned by the Chairman of the Committee on Cities, Mr. Kelly confirmed the statements made on the subject before the Committee, as will be seen by the following letter. The letter of Mr. McAlpine, one of the "eminent and experienced engineers" referred to, is appended, showing the necessity for retaining this reservoir:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 30, 1880.

Hon. ENOCH L. FANCHER:

DEAR SIR—In your argument before the Assembly Committee on Cities, upon the bill for the removal of the Murray Hill Reservoir, on Wednesday, in which a report from me to the Assembly, dated May 18, 1879, relative to that project, was introduced, an inquiry was made who were "the eminent and experienced engineers" therein referred to, with whom I had consulted. I beg respectfully to state that the gentlemen referred to, on whose authority I expressed the views presented, were Mr. John C. Campbell, Mr. William J. McAlpine, and Mr. Charles H. Haswell, all well known and accomplished engineers.

Mr. Campbell was for a long time Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct, and Mr. McAlpine designed or built the Brooklyn, Albany, and Chicago Water Works, and is now Engineer of the Department of Public Parks.

Respectfully,
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

The Forty-second Street Reservoir.

ENGINEER McALPINE EXPLAINING ITS VALUE TO THE CITY. INSTEAD OF RECOMMENDING ITS ABANDONMENT, HE ADVISES ITS ENLARGEMENT, AND A MORE COMPLETE PLAN FOR MAKING IT SERVICEABLE.

The following letter was sent to the Comptroller yesterday:

NEW YORK, April 2, 1880.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

SIR—I have heretofore expressed to you the opinion that the Forty-second Street Reservoir is a valuable adjunct to the present water supply of New York, and beg leave to again express this opinion more in detail and in writing.

In the original plan of the work, Mr. Jervis designed this reservoir, not only because of its storage capacity, but also because, by its position so much nearer to the centre of consumption of water, it would tend to equalize the head of water on the distribution pipes south of it during the day, and would also afford a large supply in cases of exigency with much less loss of head by friction in passing through two miles or more extra length of pipes.

The reservoir, if properly used, is capable of rendering these precise advantages to the distribution of the water to its surrounding district, to a greater extent than when it was first constructed, and instead of recommending its abandonment, I would advise its enlargement, and a more complete plan for rendering it more serviceable.

The storage capacity of the reservoir is equal to one-fourth of the daily consumption in the city, and when the supply of water is cut off from the aqueduct it becomes an important source of supply.

This stored water will be of immense advantage whenever a large demand is made—as at a great fire occurring somewhat near the reservoir (and of more or less advantage as the fire is distant from or near it), by the saving of the lost of head of the water passing through the additional two miles of pipes.

In the original plan of the works the top surface of the water in the Forty-second Street Reservoir was designed to be about the same level (I believe 112 to 115 feet above tide) as that of the Central Park Reservoir.

If the pipes which connect these reservoirs are open, and no draft of water is made from the lower one, the water will of course stand at the same level in each.

Whatever quantity of water is drawn from the lower of these reservoirs it will ultimately reduce the elevation of its surface by the amount of the friction of that quantity passing through its feeding pipes. The larger these pipes are the less will be the reduction of the level of the water in the lower reservoir, and consequently the greater will be the head on the distribution pipes leading from it.

The consumption of water in the city is about twice as great during the twelve hours of daylight as during the same number of hours at night, and the consumption during some of the hours of the day is again twice as great as during other hours.

During these hourly periods of diminished draft of water from this Reservoir its supply pipes will be constant in their delivery, and to a considerable extent fill up the excess of draft during those hours of greater consumption, and thus give a greater head on all of the pipes leading from it, and the larger the supply pipes are the greater will be this beneficial effect of head and nearer storage. In the last quarterly report of the Superintendent of Public Works is given a table which showed, on three separate trials, the pressure of the water in the pipes leading from the Forty-second Street Reservoir. The first and the last of these trials was when this reservoir was in use—that is, with two inlet pipes of three feet diameter and two outlet pipes of the same size, all of which were open, and the intermediate trial when the water was shut of from the reservoir—and he draws the conclusion therefrom “that in respect to stowage, distribution, uses and pressure, this reservoir is practically useless.”

By allowing for the difference of the pressure due to the difference in the elevation of the water in the Central Park Reservoir, and comparing the pressure in the first two of these trials, it would apparently show that the reservoir was worse than useless, but on comparing those of the last two of these trials, it was useful.

These considerations destroy the value of these trials.

It may also be observed that one set of these trials was made at 10 A. M. and the other at midnight.

The greatest consumption of water during the day is between 6 and 9 A. M., and the trial referred to was made after this heavy draft had exhausted the surplus which had accumulated during the night, and the midnight trial was made too early to show the effect of the lessened draft from the reservoir.

An allusion has been made to the storage capacity of the street pipes as compared to that of this reservoir. Its contents is equal to eighty miles of street pipes, and its elevation is a hundred feet above tide, while the latter is several feet below the surface of the street, and when subject to a sufficient draft the water in such pipes would have no head.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM J. McALPINE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Perley asked unanimous consent to call up G. O. 98.

Objection being made,

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to give the permission asked by Alderman Perley.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon Alderman Perley called up G. O. 98, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to re-lease the premises in Ninety-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, now used as a reception hospital, for the period of five years, from the first day of May, 1880, at a rent of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, said premises to be used as a reception hospital, under the charge of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction.

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 Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—21.

Alderman Strack, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 124, being a preamble and resolution, as follows:

Whereas, By chapter 66 of the Laws of 1880 power is conferred upon the Common Council to direct the Department of Public Parks to complete the restoration of Tompkins Square as a public park or square.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be and the same is hereby directed to immediately take and adopt all necessary measures to complete the work of restoring Tompkins Square as a public park or square, said work to be done by day's work or by contract, as said Department may deem necessary.

Alderman Marshall moved to amend by striking out the words “by day's work or.”

But the motion was not seconded.

Whereupon the President put the question whether the Board would agree with said preamble and resolution.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—20.

Negative—Alderman Marshall—1.

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, April 5, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the following resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 23, 1880, viz.: A resolution permitting A. Esterly to retain a meat-rack at No. 834 Eighth avenue; a resolution permitting W. H. & J. E. Miller to retain two canvas signs on awning at No. 304 Bleeker street; a resolution permitting James Dillon to place a stand on the sidewalk, and a resolution permitting George F. Bates to place a pole and banner sign across the sidewalk at No. 325 Grand street.

These resolutions grant privileges to individuals which, in my opinion, are detrimental to the public for reasons which I have repeatedly stated to the Board of Aldermen in similar cases. The privilege proposed to be granted George F. Bates is especially objectionable. The pole projects from the third story, sustaining a banner 8 feet by 12 feet, and is not only unsightly but is unsafe. The occupants of the second story, who are dressmakers, object to it, as it darkens their windows. The pole and banner was, for these reasons, removed by the Bureau of Incumbrances.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to A. Esterly to retain meat-rack in front of his premises, No. 834 Eighth avenue; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to W. H. & J. E. Miller to retain two canvas signs on awning in front of their place of business, No. 304 Bleeker street, the work 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.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Dillon to place and keep a news-stand on the sidewalk at the curb-line at the northwest corner of Third avenue and Fourteenth street, under the stairway of the Elevated Railroad station, he having obtained the consent of the occupant of the premises on said corner, said stand to be three feet wide by seven feet long, and not to be an obstruction to the free use of the sidewalk; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and it is hereby given to George F. Bates to place and maintain a pole and banner-sign across the sidewalk in front of premises No. 325 Grand street; 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, April 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 23, 1880, permitting Henry Maillard to erect a bay-window on premises No. 115 West Twenty-fourth street.

It does not appear that the consent of the owners of the next adjoining premises on the east side has been obtained, as required by the general ordinance. I do not think the projecting structure can properly be considered a bay-window. The ordinary purpose of a bay-window is to afford a view up and down the street from the interior. The openings and windows in the proposed stable are to be parallel with the line of the street and the projection is solely for the purpose of extending

more than one-half of the building one foot beyond the street-line. Although the projection is not great it seems to me that the provision of the charter that the Common Council shall have power “to prevent the extension of building fronts and house-fronts within the stoop-lines” clearly implies that they shall not authorize the extension of any part of a building beyond the street-line for the mere purpose of giving the owner the benefit of the additional space.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Henry Maillard to erect a bay-window on premises No. 115 West Twenty-fourth street, as shown on the annexed diagram, and to project only twelve inches from the house-line, the consent of the adjoining property-owner having been received and accompanies the petition, the work 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, April 5, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 23, 1880, giving permission to John F. Berrigan, to erect a tin awning at the southwest corner of Hudson and Desbrosses streets.

A permit for this awning has been granted by the Bureau of Permits, the applicant having finally conformed to the requirements of the general ordinance.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John F. Berrigan to erect a tin awning in front of his premises, southwest corner of Hudson and Desbrosses streets; to continue 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, April 5, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 23, 1880, giving permission to Joseph Keane to place a bridge over gutter in front of No. 235 Water street.

This part of Water street has lately been repaved. The work has not yet been accepted from the contractor. Until the final adjustment with the contractor has been made, the permission proposed by the resolution should not be granted.

The clause “at his own expense,” in the printed form upon which the resolution is written, is stricken out. This clause should be retained in all resolutions of this character to avoid any question of liability on the part of the city for the expense.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Joseph Keane to place and keep a bridge over gutter in front of premises No. 235 Water street, 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 THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 3, 1880.

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, 1880, 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	\$16 72
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council.....	250 00	20 00
Salaries—Common Council.....	105,200 00	26,790 27

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the County Clerk:

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE—NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 3, 1880.

Hon. JOHN J. MORRIS, President of the Board of Aldermen:

DEAR SIR—Herewith please find list of Commissioners of Deeds whose terms of office will expire during the month of April, 1880.

Yours respectfully,
WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Clerk.

List of Names of Commissioners of Deeds whose Terms of Office expire during the month of April, 1880.

Names.	Term Expires.
Berrian, Charles M.....	April 12, 1880.
Berlinger, Jacob.....	“ 18, “
Cauldwell, Alexander A.....	“ 12, “
Campbell, John W.....	“ 30, “
Ettinger, William.....	“ 1, “
Fitzsimmons, Bernard.....	“ 13, “
Harrison, Richard T.....	“ 18, “
Harper, Edward R.....	“ 18, “
Klein, John.....	“ 1, “
Knight, E. J.....	“ 18, “
Maclay, Moses B.....	“ 18, “
O'Beirne, P.....	“ 5, “
O'Brien, Timothy D.....	“ 18, “
Peck, Hulbert.....	“ 18, “
Smith, George J.....	“ 12, “
Stoddart, William.....	“ 13, “
Sarback, William.....	“ 18, “
Spellissy, Denis A.....	“ 27, “
Simpson, Angel J.....	“ 27, “
White, George W.....	“ 18, “

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman McClave called up G. O. 128, being a resolution, as follows:
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-post erected, and street-lamps lighted on the south side of Sixty-ninth street, between the Boulevard and Ninth avenue, under the direction 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 by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Keenan, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—19.

Alderman Murphy called up veto message from his Honor the Mayor of resolutions, as follows:
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to H. M. Paris to retain signs now on the awning in front of No. 701 Eighth avenue; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Daniel Lennahan to retain post and sign in front of his premises, No. 133 Canal street, the work 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 Philip Dexheimer to place and keep a barber's pole at the curb-stone in front of his premises, No. 726 Eighth avenue, said pole not to be over 10 feet high and 10 inches in diameter, the work done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to S. H. Emanuel & Co. to place a sign on their premises, No. 125 Hudson street, said sign to be placed at an elevation of 20 feet clear of the

sidewalk, not to obstruct the street in any way, and to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William Rielly to place and keep a stand for the sale of newspapers, etc., under the stairway of the Elevated Railroad Company, on the northeast corner of Third avenue and Forty-second street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Spellman to place and keep a canvas strip, with his name thereon, across the street opposite his premises, No. 69 Chatham street, the said canvas to be not more than two and half or three feet wide; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Jordan & Moriarty to place and keep a canvas strip, with their name thereon, across the street opposite their premises, Nos. 167 and 169 Chatham street, the said canvas to be not more than two and a half or three feet wide; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John McNulty to keep a newspaper stand in front of No. 205 Grand street, the same to be no obstruction, the work 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.

Alderman Marshall moved that a vote be taken on each resolution separately. The President ruled the motion out of order, for the reason that the several subjects were included in one veto, and therefore not divisible.

The Board then, as provided in section 13, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was finally lost, as follows:

Affirmative—Aldermen Coggey, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, McClave, Murphy, Sauer, Sheils, and Slevin—14.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Finck, Jacobus, Marshall, Perley, and Wade—6.

Alderman Murphy called up veto message from his Honor the Mayor of resolution, as follows: Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Mitchell to place and keep a watering-trough, 4 feet long and 2 feet wide, in front of premises No. 99 Hudson 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, as provided in section 13, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was finally lost, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, McClave, Murphy, and Strack—14.

Negative—Aldermen Helbig, Marshall, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Wade—7.

Alderman Kenney called up G. O. 123, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across Fiftieth street, in front of No. 26 East Fiftieth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that he charge the same to the appropriation of "Repairs and Renewal of Pavements."

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 Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—19.

Negative—Alderman Marshall—1.

Alderman Coggey called up G. O. 111, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That the free drinking-hydrant now on the northeast corner of the Southern Boulevard and Third avenue be removed to the southeast corner thereof, under the direction 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 by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kirk, Marshall, Murphy, Perley, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—18.

Negative—Alderman Marshall—1.

Alderman Kenney called up G. O. 129, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, between Third and Elton avenues, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

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 Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sheils, Strack, and Wade—19.

Negative—Alderman Hall—1.

Alderman Hall called up G. O. 99, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby authorized and directed to lease the second, third, and fourth floors of the building No. 2 Fourth avenue, for the use and occupation of the Department of Buildings (being the premises now occupied by said Department), for a term of five years from the first day of May, 1879, at an annual rental of three thousand dollars, payable quarterly by the Comptroller from the proper appropriation, the said premises to be placed and kept in good repair during the term of the lease.

Alderman Hall moved as an amendment that the word "five," before the word "years," be stricken out, and the word "one" inserted in lieu thereof.

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

Alderman Sheils moved that the resolution as amended be again laid over.

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

Alderman Hall called up G. O. 127, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from St. Ann's to Union avenue, where not already done, under the direction 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 by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—20.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Hall moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday next, 13th instant, at 12 o'clock, M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 1880.

CHAPTER 27.

AN ACT to amend chapter five hundred and fifty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the general acts relating to public instruction."

Passed February 23, 1880; three-fifths being present.

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

Section 1. Section ten of title three of chapter five hundred and fifty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the general acts relating to public instruction," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 10. Whenever any school district or separate neighborhood shall have been excluded from participation in any apportionment made by the superintendent, or by the school commissioners, by reason of its having omitted to make any report required by law, or to comply with any other provision of law, or with any rule or regulation made by the superintendent under the authority of law, and it shall be shown to the superintendent that such omission was accidental or excusable, he may upon the application of such district or neighborhood, make to it an equitable allowance; and if the apportionment was made by himself, cause it to be paid out of the contingent fund; and if the apportionment was made by the commissioners, direct them to apportion such allowance to it, at their next annual apportionment, in addition to any apportionment to which it may then be entitled. And the superintendent may, in his discretion, upon the recommendation of the school commissioner having jurisdiction over the district in default, direct that the money so equitably apportioned shall be paid in satisfaction of teachers' wages earned by a teacher not qualified in accordance with the provisions of the law as hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held; together with the heads of Departments and Courts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office. No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor; JAMES E. MORRISON, Secretary; 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 EYBERS, 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. JOHN J. MORRIS, President Board of Aldermen. FRANCIS I. 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 Lamps and Gas. No. 21 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets. No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES J. MOONEY, 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. GEORGE W. BIRDSALL, Chief Engineer.

Bureau of Street Improvements. No. 11 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. GEORGE A. JEREMIAH, Superintendent.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies. No. 18 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. THOMAS KEKCH, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor. No. 4 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. DANIEL O'REILLY, Water Purveyor.

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park. JOHN F. SLOPER, City Hall.

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 VREDENBURG, 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.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments. No. 16 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. EDWARD GILON, Collector.

Bureau of City Revenue. No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. EDWARD F. FITZPATRICK, Collector of City Revenue.

Bureau of Markets. No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOSHUA M. VARIAN, Superintendent of Markets.

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 Cortlandt and Church streets. JOHN A. FOLEY, Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office. No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. STEPHEN B. FRENCH, President; 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, President; EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office. Arsenal, 64th street a d 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. PRTER BOWE, Sheriff; JOEL O. STEVENS, Under Sheriff.

COMMISSION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE. No. 28 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. WYLLIS BLACKSTONE, President; ISAAC EVANS, Secretary.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. FREDERICK W. LOEW, Register; AUGUSTUS T. DOCHARTY, Deputy Register.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

No. 27 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WM. PITT SHEARMAN, JOHN W. BARROW.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

No. 17 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. THOMAS DUNLAP, Commissioner; ALFRED J. KEEGAN, Deputy Commissioner.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WILLIAM A. BUTLER, County Clerk; J. HENRY FORD, Deputy County Clerk.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Second floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. BENJAMIN K. PHELPS, District Attorney; MOSES P. CLARK, Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, } No. 66 THIRD AVENUE. } PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, LUMBER, ETC.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING

GROCERIES. 25,000 pounds Rice. 25,000 Fresh Eggs (all to be candled). 12,000 pounds Dairy Butter, sample of which will be on exhibition April 14 and 15. 1 cask Fresh Prunes.

DRY GOODS. 1,000 yards Linen Dowels. 1,000 " Linen Diaper. 2,000 " Furniture Check. 50 dozen Hair Brushes.

LUMBER. 5,000 feet Clear Pine Shelving, dressed both sides, not less than 12 inches wide and 14 feet long. 1,000 feet 2-inch Sawed White Oak, not less than 10 inches wide, and free from knots and stakes, and from 12 to 16 feet long.

FOR NEW COOK-HOUSE, B. I. 1 bar best Cast Steel, 2 inches by 1 3/4 inch. 250 feet best Masons' Lime. 20 barrels Rockland Lime.

—or any part thereof, 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 Friday, the 16th day of April, 1880. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Groceries, Dry Goods, Lumber, etc.," 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 or 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 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 or before thirty (30) days 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 purposes, 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 there-

in 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 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; and the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

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

The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares, and merchandise, must conform in every respect to the samples of the same respectively at the office of the said Department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

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 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 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, April 5, 1880.
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, March 29, 1880.

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 Pier 41, East river—Unknown man (colored); aged about 50 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; knobby hair, moustache, and full beard mixed with gray. Had on dark overcoat, gray pants, black vest, gray shirt, gaiters.

Unknown man, from Pier 43, North river; aged about 60 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; black hair mixed with gray; dark brown moustache and beard; hazel eyes. Had on blue coat, dark pants with stripe, white shirt, white knit undershirt, gaiters. Supposed to be named Goldifer, from pawn ticket found on his person.

Unknown man, from Pier 43, East river; aged about 25 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; dark brown hair and moustache; blue eyes. Had on black coat, dark pants, blue flannel undershirt, white drawers, blue woolen stockings, rubber boots.

At Alms House, Blackwell's Island—Andrew Riebell; aged 76 years. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—William F. Granerholtz; aged 24 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; brown eyes; sandy hair. Had on when admitted, dark overcoat, gray pants and vest, black hat, gaiters. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, March 26, 1880.

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 N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—Edward Brown; aged 34 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Michael Caldwell; aged 46 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; gray eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted, black coat, brown pants, blue shirt, laced shoes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Hart's Island Hospital—Eliza Gordon; aged 58 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; gray hair and eyes. Had on when admitted, dark brown dress, striped shawl, gray petticoat. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, March 23, 1880.

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 Seventh Precinct Station-house, found at Pier 46 East River—Unknown man; aged 40 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; light curly hair; red moustache and goatee; (supposed to be John F. Daniel, from Mercantile Marine; discharge found on his person, dated March 3, from ship Lottie Warren.) Had on plaid coat, blue jacket and overalls, blue flannel drawers, plaid woolen shirt.

Unknown man, from Pier 20 East River—aged about 55 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; dark hair gray mixed; gray side whiskers. Had on black overcoat, brown cardigan jacket, dark cotton pants, white knit undershirt and drawers, black vest, blue check jumper, laced shoes.

Unknown man, from foot of Charlton street, aged about 45 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; brown hair mixed with gray; brown moustache and beard; blind of right eye. Had on blue flannel blouse, blue cloth vest, white

canvass pants, white flannel drawers and shirt, gray socks, boots.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—John Clark; aged 40 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; blue eyes; light hair. Had on when admitted black coat, gray pants, check shirt, laced shoes, black hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

Mary Monahan; aged 67 years; 5 feet 1 inch high; blue eyes; gray hair. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

THE CITY RECORD

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, April 6, 1880.

PROPOSALS FOR STOP-COCKS, STOP-COCK BOXES, HYDRANTS, AND HYDRANT BOXES.

PROPOSALS, INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the above title and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received at this office until Monday, April 19, 1880, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, and read, for the following:
For furnishing and delivering Stop-cocks, Stop-cock Boxes, Hydrants, and Hydrant Boxes.

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 at the office of the Chief Engineer, Room 11 1/2 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 PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, April 6, 1880.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder endorsed thereon, also the number of the work, as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until Monday, April 19, 1880, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read, for the following:

No. 1. Laying CROTON WATER-MAINS IN NINTH AVENUE, EIGHTY-FIRST STREET, EIGHTH AVENUE, TRANSVERSE ROAD, FIFTH AVENUE, AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH STREET.

No. 2. Laying CROTON WATER-MAINS ON RANDALL'S ISLAND, IN PROSPECT PLACE, WESTCH ESTER, SEDGWICK, and RIVERSIDE AVENUES, NINETY-SIXTH STREET, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND STREET, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET, and IN SOUTHERN BOULEVARD.

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 at the office of the Chief Engineer, Room 11 1/2 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 PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, April 6, 1880.

TO WATER-PIPE MANUFACTURERS.

PROPOSALS, INCLOSED IN SEALED ENVELOPE, with the name of the bidder and the title of the work indorsed thereon, will be received at this office until Monday, April 19, 1880, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read.

For furnishing and delivering to the Department of Public Works 1,355 tons of straight pipe and 105 tons of branches and special castings.

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 at the Chief Engineer's office, Room 11 1/2 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 PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, April 1, 1880.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1, chapter 476, Laws of 1875, inclosed in a sealed envelope, which must be indorsed with the name of the bidder, and the number of the work as designated in the advertisement, will be received at this office until Wednesday, April 14, 1880, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read, for the following:

No. 1. Paving with GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT, FULTON STREET, between Broadway and South street, and RELAYING THE TRAP-BLOCKS taken therefrom in PEARL STREET, between State and Whitehall streets; IN MOORE STREET, between Pearl and South streets; IN WILLIAM STREET, between Beaver and Broad streets; IN STONE STREET, between William and Broad streets; AND IN OLD SLIP, between Pearl and South streets.

No. 2. Paving with GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT SEVENTH AVENUE, between Eleventh and Fourteenth streets, (except the horse-paths of the Seventh Avenue Railroad) and GREENWICH AVENUE, between Sixth and Eighth avenues.

No. 3. Paving with GRANITE BLOCK PAVEMENT WEST STREET and TENTH AVENUE, between Eleventh and Fourteenth streets.

No. 4. Paving with GRANITE BLOCK PAVEMENT CENTRE and MARION STREETS, from south side of Canal street to Prince street.

No. 5. Paving with GRANITE BLOCK PAVEMENT FRONT STREET, between Whitehall street and Old Slip, and WALKER STREET, between Baxter street and West Broadway.

No. 6. Paving with TRAP-BLOCK PAVEMENT FIRST AVENUE, between Houston and Eighth streets.

No. 7. Paving with TRAP-BLOCK PAVEMENT TENTH AVENUE, between Twenty-second and Thirty-first streets.

No. 8. Paving with TRAP-BLOCK PAVEMENT SEVENTH STREET, between Avenue A and East river, and Second avenue, between Nineteenth and Twenty-third streets.

No. 9. Paving with TRAP-BLOCK PAVEMENT ELEVENTH STREET, between Third and Fourth avenues; THIRTEENTH STREET, from Eighth avenue to Gansevoort street; and GANSEVOORT STREET, from Thirteenth street to Twelfth avenue; TWENTY-FIRST STREET, between First and Third avenues; and JAY STREET, between Hudson and West streets.

No. 10. Paving with TRAP-BLOCK PAVEMENT TWENTY-SECOND STREET, between Sixth avenue and Hudson river.

No. 11. Paving with TRAP-BLOCK PAVEMENT MADISON STREET, between Clinton and Grand streets, and JEFFERSON STREET, between Division and South streets.

No. 12. Paving with TRAP-BLOCK PAVEMENT GOLD STREET, from Frankfort street to Liberty street, FORTY-SECOND STREET, from the easterly side of Second avenue to the westerly side of Third avenue, and TWELFTH STREET, from Fifth to Sixth avenue, except where now paved with Belgian pavement.

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 at the office of the Water Purveyor, 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 PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, April 1, 1880.

PROPOSALS FOR PAINTING THE FREE FLOATING BATHS.

PROPOSALS, INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the above title, and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received at this office until Wednesday, April 14, 1880, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the Head of the Department and read.

For furnishing labor and material and painting the woodwork of seven baths, the canvas roof of two baths, and the exposed iron work, not galvanized, of eight baths.

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 at Room 18 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.

GAS COMMISSION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, March 30, 1880.

PROPOSALS FOR LIGHTING THE PUBLIC LAMPS.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THE GAS OR other illuminating material for, and Lighting, Extinguishing, Cleaning, Repairing, and Maintaining the Public Lamps (gas, oil, etc., for new lamps when required) on the Streets, Avenues, Piers, Parks, and places in the City of New York, under the care and charge of the Department of Public Works, excepting the Twenty-third Ward, and that portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward, formerly known as the Town of West Farms, for the period of one year, commencing May 1st, 1880, and ending April 30th, 1881, both days inclusive.

Proposals for the above, made in accordance with Sec. 73, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, and Chap. 478 of the Laws of 1879, and the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, Chap. 8, Article 2, and enclosed in a sealed envelope, endorsed, "Proposals for furnishing the illuminating material for, and lighting and extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, and maintaining the public lamps," with the name of the party making the same written thereon, will be received at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, until 12 o'clock M. of Saturday, April 10, 1880, at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by said Commissioner and read.

Bidders are required to state in their proposals their names and places of residence; the names of all persons interested with them, and, if no other person be so interested, they shall distinctly state the fact; also, that it is made without any connection with any other person making any estimate for the same supplies and work; and that it is in all respects fair, and without collusion or fraud; and, also, 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; which proposals must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party 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 proposal shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the bid or proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he or they shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he or they would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person 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 security required for the completion of the contract, and stated in the proposals, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as a surety in good faith, and with an intention to execute the bond required by Section 27, Article 2, 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 sureties offered to be determined by the Comptroller.

Bidders are required to state in their proposals the several streets or parts of streets in which they propose to perform the requirements herein contained, and also the illuminating or candle-power of the gas they propose to furnish, when tested at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture, and bidders proposing to furnish any illuminating material other than illuminating or coal gas, must state distinctly what kind of material they propose to furnish, and the illuminating power of the burner they propose to use for the same.

Bidders are also required to state the price for which they will furnish the gas (of not less than sixteen-candle power by photometrical test, at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) or other illuminating material for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, relaying, and painting lamp-posts and lanterns, and replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross heads, lamp irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period from May 1st, 1880, to April 30th, 1881, both days inclusive, stating the price for the above named period of one year, for each lamp.

Bidders are also required to state a price for which they will repair lamp-posts, including straightening and relaying, and for each new lamp fitted up, as follows:

For each lamppost straightened, stating the price per post.

For each column relaced, stating the price per post.

For each lamppost removed, stating the price per post.

For each lamppost reset, stating the price per post.

For each new lamp fitted up, stating the price per post.

The bidders are required to write out the amount of their bids in their estimates, in addition to inserting the same in figures.

The number of public lamps to be contracted for is about 20,000.

The burners for illuminating gas are to be of a capacity to burn three cubic feet of gas per hour under a pressure of one inch, and in case the illuminating material shall be other than illuminating gas, then the burners to be used for such illuminating material shall give a light (by photometrical test) equal to the light given by the gas-burners in use in the public lamps in the City of New York.

Should any alteration or any attachment be required to any portion of the lamps for which proposals are made in consequence of the use of illuminating material other than gas, then such alteration shall be done and such attachment placed on the lamps without expense to the city.

The number of hours the lamps are to be kept burning during the contract is 4,900.

The amount of security required is \$60,000 on all contracts which will amount to \$100,000 or more; and on smaller contracts the security shall be sixty per cent. of the total amount of the bid.

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

Should the person or persons to whom the contract is so awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his bid or proposal, or if he accept, but does not execute the contract and give the proper security, it may be readvertised and relet as provided by law and ordinance.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless a written permission shall have been previously obtained from the Mayor, Comptroller, and Commissioner of Public Works.

The right is reserved to assign and designate to any bidder, whose bid shall be accepted, the number and location of the lamps to be lighted by such bidder, in any portion of the city for which proposals are received, and to increase or diminish such number.

The right is reserved to determine and designate, after the proposals are opened, what illuminating material shall be used in the public lamps, or any number of them, during the period before mentioned; also to decline any or all proposals if deemed for the interests of the Corporation, and no proposal will be accepted from or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

If the proposal of any bidder proposing to furnish illuminating gas shall include any lamps with which the pipes or mains of such bidder are not connected at the time of the making of the bid, and a contract for furnishing the gas for and lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, and maintaining any such lamps, shall be awarded to such bidder, in that case, thirty days from the date of the execution of such contract and such further time, not exceeding thirty days, as may be deemed reasonable by the Commissioner of Public Works, shall be allowed to such bidder in which to connect such pipes or mains with such lamps.

But no payment to such bidder, on account of any such lamps, will be made for the time so allowed, nor until the same shall have been connected with the mains of such bidder, nor except for the time during which all the requirements herein mentioned shall have been fully performed.

Blank forms of proposals can be obtained on application at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works.

EDWARD COOPER,
Mayor.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

JURORS.

NOTICE

IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW YORK 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 enrollment 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,
Court House (Chambers street entrance).

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 admission 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, 26, 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.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

NOTICE.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, NOS. 117 AND 119 DUANE STREET, NEW YORK, March 30, 1880.

JAMES M. OAKLEY & CO., AUCTIONEERS will sell at public auction, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, on

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1880,

at 12 o'clock M., the right to collect and retain all wharfage which may accrue for the use and occupation by vessels of more than five tons burthen, of the following-named Piers and Bulkheads, to wit:

ON NORTH RIVER.

For and during the term of one year, from 1st May, 1880.

- Lot 1. Pier, old 42, at Hoboken street, (except reservation of 150 feet, on southerly side, at the inner end, for berthing scows required for the Dumping Board proposed to be erected at the Bulkhead adjoining that side of the pier.)
Lot 2. Pier at West Thirty-fifth street (except reservation on northerly side for berth for public bath, during summer season.)
Lot 3. Bulkhead, West Thirty-sixth street.
Lot 4. Pier at West Fifty-fifth street, (except reservation for telegraph cables and wires, on southerly side and in the adjacent slip.)
Lot 5. Pier at West Fifty-seventh street.
Lot 6. Pier 21 and Bulkhead adjoining southerly side.
Lot 7. Southerly half of Pier 29.

ON EAST RIVER.

For and during the term of one year, from 1st May, 1880.

- Lot 8. Bulkhead at East Sixteenth street, (except reservation for the right to steam-tugs to have at all times free passage to the hydrant located thereat for the purpose only of taking water.)
Lot 9. Bulkhead at East Eighteenth street.
Lot 10. Bulkhead at East Twenty-ninth street.
Lot 11. Bulkhead at East Thirtieth street.
Lot 12. Bulkhead at East Thirty-first street.
Lot 13. Bulkhead at East Thirty-second street.
Lot 14. Bulkhead at East Thirty-fifth street.
Lot 15. Bulkhead at East Thirty-sixth street.
Lot 16. Pier and stone-dump at East Forty-sixth street.
Lot 17. Pier or Bulkhead at East Eighty-sixth street.
Lot 18. Bulkhead at and south of East Ninety-third street.
Lot 19. Pier 37, about 44 1/2 feet of Bulkhead adjoining westerly side, and one-half of Bulkhead adjoining easterly side, (except reservation on westerly side of the pier for a Dumping Board.)
Lot 20. About 133 feet of Bulkhead on Tompkins street, adjacent to and north of the north side of Rivington street.

ON HARLEM RIVER.

For and during the term of one year, from 1st May, 1880.

- Lot 21. Pier at East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE.

The Department will make, prior to the commencement of the term of lease in each case, such repairs to any of the above-named premises, in the judgment of the Commissioners, needing them, as they may consider necessary to place the premises in suitable condition for service during the term for which leases are to be sold, except that no repairs will be made to any of the above-named premises where it is stated that they will not be repaired by the Department; but all the premises must be taken in the condition in which they may be on the date of commencement of said terms, respectively; and no claim that the property is not in suitable condition at the commencement of the lease, will be allowed by the Department; and all repairs and rebuilding required and necessary, during the terms leased, are to be done at the expense and cost of the lessees.
Purchasers will be allowed three months, from date of commencement of their leases, in which to notify the Department that dredging is required at the premises leased; and the Commissioners guarantee to do all possible dredging, as soon after being notified of the necessity therefor, as the work of the Department will permit, except that no dredging will be done at any of the above-named premises where it is stated that they will not be dredged by the Department; but in no case will the Department dredge where a depth of ten feet at mean low water already exists, nor after that depth shall have been obtained by dredging; and no claim will be received or considered by the Department, for loss of wharfage or otherwise, consequent upon any delay in doing the work of such dredging, or consequent upon the premises being occupied for dredging purposes.
All dredging required at any of the above premises, of which the purchaser of the lease therefor shall neglect or omit to notify the Department during the first three months of the term of the lease, and all dredging necessary during the remainder of such term, is to be done at the expense and cost of the lessee.
The up-set price for each of the above-named premises will be fixed by the Department of Docks, and announced by the auctioneer at the time of the sale.
Each purchaser of a lease will be required, at the time of the sale, and in addition to the auctioneer's fees, to pay to the Department of Docks twenty-five per cent. of the amount of annual rent bid, as security for the execution of the lease, and which twenty-five per cent. will be applied to the payment of the rent first accruing under the lease, when executed, or forfeited if the purchaser neglects or refuses to execute the lease and bond within five days after being duly notified that the lease is prepared and ready for signature. The Commissioners reserve the right to resell the leases bid off by those failing to comply with these terms; the party so failing to be liable for any deficiency which may result from such resale.
Lessees will be required to pay their rent quarterly, in advance, in compliance with a stipulation therefor in the form of lease adopted by the Department.
Two sureties, each a freeholder and householder in the City of New York, and to be approved by the Commissioners of Docks, will be required, under each lease, to enter into a bond jointly with the lessee in the sum of an amount double the annual rent for the faithful performance of all the covenants of the lease; and each purchaser will be required to submit, at the time of the sale, the names and address of his proposed sureties.
Each purchaser will be required to agree that he will, upon being notified so to do, execute a lease prepared upon the printed form adopted by the Department, which can be seen upon application to the Secretary, at the office, 119 Duane street.
No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation; and no bid will be accepted from 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.

HENRY F. DIMOCK, JACOB VANDERPOEL, Commissioners of Docks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, April 2, 1880.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT twelve horses, the property of this department, will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, April 13, 1880, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the stables of Van Tassel & Kearney, No. 110 East Thirteenth street. By order of the Board.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ROOM No. 39, NEW YORK, March 30, 1880.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, coffee, wine, clothing (male and female), watches, revolvers, trunks and contents, wagons, etc., also small amount of money taken from prisoners and found by officers, etc.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS OF the Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday at two o'clock P. M., at Room No. 8 City Hall.

HENRY C. PERLEY, THOMAS SHELLS, JOHN McCLAVE, HENRY HAFEN, BERNARD KENNEY, Committee on Public Works.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, 155 AND 157 MERCER STREET, NEW YORK, April 5, 1880.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE advertisement inviting proposals for making the alterations and repairs required at the quarters of Hook and Ladder No. 2 (No. 126 East Fiftieth street), is withdrawn by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, adopted this day, for the purpose of making necessary amendments to the specifications.

VINCENT C. KING, JOHN J. GORMAN, CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, (155 & 157 MERCER STREET), NEW YORK, March 26, 1880.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS Department with 50,000 lbs. best (alvanized No. 10 Wire will be received at these Headquarters until 9 A. M., on Wednesday, the 7th proximo, when they will be publicly opened and read.

A sample of the wire required may be seen on application at the office of the Fire Alarm Telegraph at these Headquarters.

Proposals must specify the net price per pound. No proposals will be received after the hour named, or considered if not made in strict compliance with the terms of this advertisement.

The wire is to be delivered during the current year at these Headquarters in such quantities and at such times as may be directed.

Two responsible sureties will be required upon each proposal, who must each justify in one-half the amount thereof, upon the proposal prior to its presentation.

Proposals must be indorsed "Proposals for Furnishing Wire," with the name of the bidder, and be addressed to the Board of Commissioners of this Department.

Blank forms of proposals, together with such further information as may be required, may be obtained upon application at these Headquarters, where the prescribed form of contract may also be seen.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, or any part of such proposals, if deemed to be for the interests of the city.

VINCENT C. KING, JOHN J. GORMAN, CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, (155 & 157 MERCER STREET), NEW YORK, March 25, 1880.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS Department with the following articles, to wit:

- 1,700 tons Egg Coal.
1,000 tons Stove Coal.

to be of the best quality of Pittston, Scranton, or Lackawanna Valley, weigh 2,000 pounds to the ton, and be well screened and free from slate.
100 cords of Wood, to be best Virginia Pine, cut twice, will be received at these Headquarters until 9 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 7th proximo, when they will be publicly opened and read.

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

Proposals may be made for one or more of the items, specifying the price per ton for Coal, and per cord for Wood.

All of the coal is to be delivered and weighed upon scales furnished by the Department, in the presence of an Inspector to be designated by the Department for that purpose, at the various houses, etc., of the Department, in such quantities and at such times as may be from time to time directed.

Two responsible sureties will be required upon each proposal, amounting in the aggregate to One Thousand dollars, or more, who must each justify in one-half the amount thereof upon the same, prior to its presentation.

Proposals must be indorsed "Proposals for Furnishing Fuel," with the name of the bidder, and be addressed to the Board of Commissioners of this Department.

Blank forms of proposals, together with such information as may be required, may be obtained upon application at these Headquarters, where the prescribed form of contract may also be seen.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, or any part of such proposals, if deemed to be for the interest of the city.

VINCENT C. KING, JOHN J. GORMAN, CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Commissioners.

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 JUSSEN, Secretary

NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE COMMISSION.

NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, ROOM 28, NEW YORK, March 25, 1880.

PROPOSALS FOR WOODWORK.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR WOODWORK IN the New County Court-house will be received by the Commissioners for the Completion of the New York County Court-house, at the above address, until Wednesday, April 7, 1880, at 12 o'clock noon, when the same will be publicly opened and read.

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

Each proposal must be accompanied by the consent, in writing of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the bid, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties in the sum of one thousand dollars for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to any higher bidder to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals if, in their judgment, the same may be for the interest of the city.

The sealed envelope, containing the estimate or proposal, will be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and also the words, "Proposal for Woodwork."

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the plans, specifications, and terms of contract, as approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, may be seen at the office of the architect, Mr. Leopold Eidlitz, 128 Broadway.

WYLLIS BLACKSTONE, JOHN P. CUMMING, THOMAS B. TAPPEN, FRANCIS BLESSING, Commissioners for the Completion of the New County Court-house.

SUPREME COURT.

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 One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from the westerly line of Kingsbridge road to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, from the westerly line of the road or Public Drive near the Harlem river to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from the westerly line of Kingsbridge road to the Hudson river; One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from the westerly line of the road or Public Drive near the Harlem river to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue, 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, lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

That in pursuance of an order made by the General Term of this Court, reversing the order of confirmation of our said report, made at a Special Term of this Court, and directing us to reconsider so much of our said report as made and allowed substantial awards for damage to certain buildings mentioned therein, we have reconsidered and amended our report, and that said report so amended will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the County Court-house in the City of New York, on the 13th day of April, 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 as amended be confirmed.

Dated New York, March 16, 1880.

SMITH E. LANE, JOHN T. MCGOWAN, D. O'DONOGHUE, Commissioners.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Thursday, April 8, 1880, at 4 P. M., for supplying the coal and wood required for the public schools in this city, for the ensuing year—say ten thousand (10,000) tons of coal, more or less, and eight hundred and fifty (850) cords of oak, and five hundred and fifty (550) cords of pine wood, more or less. The coal must be of the best quality of white ash, furnace, egg, stove, and nut sizes, clean and in good order, two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and must be delivered in the bins of the several school buildings at such times and in such quantities as required by the Committee on Supplies.

The proposals must state the mines from which it is proposed to supply the coal (to be furnished from the mines named, if accepted), and must state the price per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds.

The quantity of the various sizes of coal required will be about as follows, viz: Eight thousand one hundred (8,100) tons of furnace size, nine hundred and fifty (950) tons of stove size, three hundred and fifty (350) tons of egg size, and six hundred (600) tons of nut size.

The oak wood must be of the best quality, the stick not less than three (3) feet long. The pine wood must be of the best quality Virginia, and not less than three (3) feet six (6) inches long. The proposal must state the price per cord of one hundred and twenty-eight (128) cubic feet, solid measure, for both oak and pine wood, and also the price per cut per load for sawing, and the price per cut per load for splitting, the quantity of oak wood to be split only as required by the Committee on Supplies. The wood will be inspected and measured under the supervision of the Inspector of Fuel of the Board of Education, and must be delivered at the schools as follows: Two-thirds of the quantity required from the 1st of May to the 15th of September, and the remainder as required by the Committee on Supplies; said wood, both oak and pine, must be delivered sawed, and, when required, split, and must be piled in the yards, cellars, vaults, or bins of the school buildings, as may be designated by the proper authority. The contracts for supplying said coal and wood to be binding until the first day of May, 1881. Two sureties for the faithful performance of the contract will be required, and each proposal must be accompanied by the signatures and residences of the proposed sureties. No compensation will be allowed for delivering said coal and wood at any of the schools, nor for putting and piling the same in the yards, cellars, vaults, or bins of said schools.

Proposals must be directed to the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education, and should be indorsed "Proposals for Coal," or "Proposals for Wood," as the case may be.

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

FERDINAND TRAUD, BENJ. F. MANIERRE, DAVID WETMORE, CHARLES PLACE, HENRY P. WEST, Committee on Supplies.

New York March 24, 1880

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City and County of New York, due May 1, 1880, will be paid on that day by the Comptroller, at his office in the New County-house.

The transfer books will be closed from March 27, to May 1, 1880. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller. FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 18, 1880.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, FIRST FLOOR, ROOM NO. 1, NEW COUNTY-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, February 25, 1880.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED FEBRUARY 13, ENTERED FEBRUARY 21, 1880.

Bronx River road opening, from Grand avenue to the north line of the City of New York.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before April 26, 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 FINANCE, BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, FIRST FLOOR ROOM NO. 1 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, February 18, 1880.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED FEBRUARY 14, ENTERED FEBRUARY 18, 1880.

82d street opening, from 1st avenue to Avenue B.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before April 18, 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 FINANCE, BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, FIRST FLOOR, ROOM NO. 1, NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, February 4, 1880.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED JANUARY 30 AND ENTERED FEBRUARY 4, 1880.

10th street opening, from 3d avenue to 5th avenue.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before April 5, 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.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 22, 1880.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE IN THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK hereby gives notice to owners of real estate in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, that pursuant to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment and payment of unpaid taxes due the county of Westchester by the towns of West Farms, Morrisania, and Kingsbridge, lately annexed to the city and county of New York," passed May 22, 1878, the unpaid taxes of said town have been adjusted and the amount determined as provided in said act, and that the accounts, including sales for taxes levied prior to the year 1874, by the Treasurer of the County of Westchester, and bid in on account of said towns, and also the unpaid taxes of the year 1873, known as Rejected Taxes, have been filed for collection in the Bureau of Arrears in the Finance Department of the City of New York.

Payments for the redemption of lands so sold for taxes by the Treasurer of the County of Westchester, and bid in on account of said towns, and payments also of said Rejected Taxes of the year 1873, must be made hereafter to the Clerk of Arrears of the City of New York.

N. B.—Interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum is due and payable on the amount of said sales for taxes and said rejected taxes.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller

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 1857, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records.

Grantors, 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 10 00

Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house." JOHN KELLY, Comptroller