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COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS,
January 25, 1881.

To his Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable, the Common Council of the City of New York:

We the undersigned, Commissioners of Accounts, do hereby certify and report that the accounts and vouchers of all moneys received into and paid out of the City Treasury during the year ended on the last day of November, A. D. 1880, have been carefully examined, and we find that the amount of moneys received into the Treasury during such year was as follows, viz.:

Balances of cash brought over from the preceding year	\$6,266,887 52
Receipts from all sources during the current statutory year	72,302,741 68
Total Receipts	\$78,569,629 20

That the amount of moneys paid out during the same period by virtue of warrants drawn on the Treasury by the Comptroller was \$70,047,140.93; and that there remained in the Treasury at the close of business on the 30th day of November, 1880, a balance of \$8,522,488.27; which balance, at the date mentioned, was on deposit in the undermentioned depositories, viz.:

Continental National Bank	\$1,705,000 00
Hanover National Bank	1,700,000 00
Importers' and Traders' National Bank	1,162,488 27
St. Nicholas National Bank	825,000 00
Chatham National Bank	600,000 00
Marine National Bank	600,000 00
National Bank of the State of New York	500,000 00
Central National Bank	200,000 00
Oriental National Bank	100,000 00
Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank	50,000 00
Union Trust Company	600,000 00
Real Estate Trust Company	480,000 00
Total	\$8,522,488 27

And we further certify and report that the amount of moneys borrowed for or on the credit of the city during such year was \$28,675,060.31, and that all of said moneys were obtained from sales of bonds of the City and County of New York, which bonds bear interest at the respective rates of 5 per cent., 4 per cent., 3½ per cent., and 3 per cent. per annum; that none of the said bonds were sold for less than their par value; and that of said bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, \$2,800,000, exempt from local taxation, were sold at a premium of \$140,425; and that the amount of bonds paid and cancelled during said year was \$30,113,831.89; and we further certify and report that the warrants drawn by the Comptroller on the Treasury during the said year have been compared with the several laws and ordinances under which the same purport to have been drawn, and we do find, and hereby certify and report that the Comptroller had power to draw such warrants.

The results of our examination are further stated and contained in the tables marked Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, herewith, designated as follows:

Table No. 1.—Receipts and payments, classified under appropriate heads showing the various sources of the receipts, and objects of expenditures.

Table No. 2.—Warrants drawn and paid; warrants drawn and cancelled unpaid; and warrants drawn and remaining unpaid on the 30th day of November, 1880.

Table No. 3.—Stocks and bonds issued, with the purpose for which, and the authority under which, such bonds were issued; and stocks and bonds cancelled during said year.

Table No. 4.—Bonded debt as it stood on the 30th day of November, 1880; containing particulars of the various issues, including the amounts thereof and the years of their respective maturities.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. SHEARMAN, } Commissioners
J. W. BARROW, } of Accounts.

No. 1.

CITY TREASURY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments during the Statutory Year, commencing on the morning of the first day of December, 1879, and ending November 30, 1880.

TITLES OF ACCOUNTS.	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Cash Balance, December 1, 1879	\$6,266,887 52	
Additional Croton Water Stock	200,000 00	
Additional Free Floating Baths		\$235 35
Advertising		3,891 20
American Female Guardian Society, etc.	25,000 00	
American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	998 06	
Amount to be raised by Tax annually, sufficient to pay Stocks and Bonds, etc.	99,391 68	
Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance	17,310 85	
Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance and Strengthening	189,771 06	
Armories and Drill-rooms, Rent of	58,000 00	
Armories and Drill-rooms—Wages, etc.	15,555 00	
Arrearages, 1871		62
Assessment Commissions, Expenses of		244 43
Assessment Bonds	762,000 00	201,900 00
Assessment Bonds, Account Public Improvements above Fifty-ninth street	7,600 00	7,600 00
Assessment Fund	10,149 11	464 50
Assessment Fund Stock	15,500 00	
Assessment Fund Bonds	25,000 00	
Assessment Fund Bonds issued since June 3, 1878		82,362 00
Assessment Fund, Account Public Drive Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street	66 00	
Assessment Sales—Moneys Refunded		18,789 88
Board of Education—Claim against		780 00
Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Expenses of		2,333 40
Boulevards, Roads, and Avenues, Maintenance of		45,058 73
Bridge across Fourth Avenue, at One Hundred and Sixteenth street		10,880 47
Bronx River Bridges—Repairs, etc.		662 60
Charges on Arrears of Taxes and Assessments	585 00	

TITLES OF ACCOUNTS.	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Children's Aid Society		\$70,000 00
Children's Fold		7,488 00
City Parks Improvement Fund		327 30
City Parks Improvement Fund Stock	\$1,000 00	
CITY RECORD—Publication of		33,925 01
Contingencies—Salaries and Contingencies		7,159 54
Cleaning Markets		28,524 67
Cleaning Streets under Police Department	824 63	809,979 81
College of the City of New York		140,663 10
Commissions of Public Administrator		4,148 28
Commission to Revise Laws, etc.		8,551 36
Commission for Revision Local Laws		4,333 32
Commissioners of Excise Fund		81,201 03
Commissioners of Sinking Fund		4,444 25
Common Schools of the State		1,354,103 44
Consolidated Stocks, For Redemption of		25,000 00
Consolidated Stock	2,828,851 69	
Consolidated Stock (New York Bridge Bonds)	521,900 00	
Consolidated Stock Debt Fund	140,425 00	2,940,425 00
Contingencies—City		527 24
Contingencies—Clerk of Common Council		247 76
Contingencies—Comptroller's Office		7,225 04
Contingencies—Department of Public Works		3,881 72
Contingencies—Department of Buildings		1,584 98
Contingencies—Taxes and Assessments		1,104 00
Contingencies—District Attorney's Office		3,026 16
Contingencies—Law Department		43,313 01
Contingencies—Mayor's Office	12 12	2,198 43
Contingencies—Public Administrator's Office		939 00
Contract of P. J. Masterson for Repaving Twelfth Avenue		225 00
Coroners' Fees		12,602 35
Coroners' Salaries and Expenses		36,554 03
County Clerk's Fees	10,686 25	
Croton Water Fund		180,799 50
Croton Water-main Fund		170,401 78
Croton Water-main Fund (from Taxation)		54,329 19
Croton Water-main Stock	171,000 00	
Croton Water Rent—Refunding Account		4,357 85
Croton Water Pipes, Laying of		174,033 43
Department of Buildings Fund	156 06	
Department of Parks Improvement Bonds		100,000 00
Disbursements and Fees of County Officers, etc.		1,000 00
District Court Clerks, Fund for Payment of		25,467 72
Dock Bonds	568,500 00	
Dock Fund	7,954 60	547,953 83
Dog License Fund	6,458 00	4,650 63
Duplicate Assessments Paid		895 68
Election Expenses		166,200 92
Excise Licenses	435,315 00	427,473 64
Expenses Altering Map of City between One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, west of Eighth Avenue		1,224 07
Expenses Laying Four-foot Croton-mains		66,379 91
Expenses Grading, Paving, etc., Fort Gansevoort Property		7,572 89
Expenses of Surveys and Maps		329 02
Expenses Proceedings against certain Public Officers of the City		13,031 26
Fire Department Fund		1,312,234 29
Flagging Sidewalks and Fencing Vacant Lots		1,383 71
Foundling Asylum		234,782 13
Fourth Avenue Park, Improvement of		155 55
Free Floating Baths		21,802 76
General Fund	799,040 55	
Greenwich Street Railroad	34,210 52	
Harbor Incumbrances, Removal of		720 00
Harlem River Bridge—Bonds for	41,000 00	
Harlem River Bridge—Construction of		38,300 70
Harlem River Bridge—Repairs, etc.		12,164 52
Health Fund		177,060 60
Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum		33,000 46
Hudson River State Hospital		1,667 79
Interest on Assessments	226,960 00	
Interest on Assessments for Public Drive north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street	1,755 85	
Interest on City Debt	350 00	8,295,274 76
Interest on Lands Purchased for Taxes and Assessments	1,079 03	
Interest on Taxes	1,027,981 06	
Intestate Estates	2,545 76	425 46
Judgments		496,525 95
Judgments and Claims		36,767 65
Jurors' Fees		35,808 00
Lamps and Gas	4 00	523,801 51
Lands Purchased for Taxes and Assessments, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	921 45	
Lands Purchased for Taxes and Assessments	5,679 34	
Legal Expenses, etc., Board of Health, 1878		3,500 00
Legal Expenses Brooklyn Bridge Litigation		6,000 00
Licenses and Permits	46,311 00	
Lunacy Commissions, Expenses of		600 00
Le Couteux, St. Mary's Institution for Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes, Buffalo		30 00
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards		3,445 89
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places		367,686 62
Maintenance and Government of Public Places, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards		2,862 77
Manhattan Square Improvement		13,728 04
Maps of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—Making and Completing		8,269 97
Military Parade Ground Fund		4,071 38
Morningside Park Improvement Fund		283 33
Museum of Art Fund		1,095 42
Museum of Natural History Fund		630 02
Museum of Art, etc., For Equipment of		44,725 43
Museum of Art and Natural History Stock	2,000 00	
Music in Central Park		3,920 00
Music in Battery and Tompkins Square		650 00
New York Asylum for Idiots		1,710 00
New York Bridge Fund		521,900 00
New York Catholic Protector		208,545 52
New York County Court-house, Construction of		69,046 78
New York County Court-house Stock	67,500 00	
New York Infant Asylum		43,508 56
New York Infirmary for Women and Children		5,825 00
New York Institution for Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes		11,015 38
New York Institution for Instruction of Deaf and Dumb		26,453 33
New York Juvenile Asylum		86,813 60
New York Magdalen Benevolent Society		384 10
New York Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children	305 00	250 00
New York Society for Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled		25,883 80
New York State Asylum for Insane Criminals at Auburn		1,200 00
New York State Homoeopathic Asylum for the Insane		2,234 16
New York State Lunatic Asylum		427 11
New York State Taxes		2,217,219 47
Night-soil, Offal, and Dead Animals, Removal of		36,666 67
Nursery and Child's Hospital		101,746 58
Police Fund	8,281 38	3,192,816 70
Police Station-houses—Rents	251 00	12,287 50
Police Station-houses—Alterations, etc.	5,000 00	20,000 00
Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books		119,762 13
Protestant Episcopal House of Mercy		1,200 39
Procuring and Presenting Evidence Relative to Frauds		9,641 52
Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs of		30,425 88
Public Charities and Correction	214 74	1,304,504 21
Public Drinking-hydrants		5,237 49
Public Instruction	466 48	3,379,189 05
Real Estate, Expenses of	39 42	3,054 91
Redemption of Debt of Annexed Territory		63,218 89
Refunding and Adjusting of Interest, etc.		184,845 12
Refunding Taxes, Assessments, etc., Paid in Error	20	14,677 48
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues		3,166 10
Rents		50,413 84
Repairs and Renewal of Pavements	6 40	146,742 86
Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.		8,885 50
Repaving Streets and Avenues		436,665 43
Restoring and Repaving—Special Fund, Department of Public Works	5,769 00	1,815 90
Revenue Bonds, For Redemption of		34,000 00
Revenue Bonds, 1877		150,000 00
Revenue Bonds, 1878		2,531,000 00
Revenue Bonds, 1879	500,000 00	
Revenue Bonds, 1880	3,060,100 00	12,794,500 00

Table with columns: TITLES OF ACCOUNTS, RECEIPTS, PAYMENTS. Lists various city accounts and their financial details.

Revenue Bonds Issued under authority of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

Table with columns: ISSUED, CANCELLED. Lists revenue bonds from 1877 to 1880.

Special Revenue Bonds.

Table with columns: AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE, ISSUED, CANCELLED. Lists special revenue bonds under various chapters.

Debt of Annexed Territory.

Table with columns: TOWN OF WEST FARMS, CANCELLED, TOWN OF MORRISANIA, CANCELLED. Lists debt for annexed territories.

RECAPITULATION.

Table with columns: ISSUED, CANCELLED. Summarizes total amounts for various bond categories.

No. 2.

Statement of Warrants for the Statutory Year ending November 30, 1880.

Table with columns: ON WHAT ACCOUNT DRAWN, AMOUNT OUTSTANDING, AMOUNT PAID, etc. Lists warrant details.

No. 3.

ABSTRACT OF STOCKS AND BONDS

Issued, and of Stocks and Bonds Cancelled, during the Statutory Year, ended November 30, 1880.

Table with columns: TITLES OF STOCKS AND BONDS, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE, ISSUED, CANCELLED. Abstracts various stocks and bonds.

No. 4.

CITY DEBT,

REPRESENTED BY STOCKS AND BONDS.

Statement Showing the Amount thereof on the 30th day of November, 1880.

TITLES OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

FUNDED DEBT.

Table listing funded debt items such as Croton Aqueduct Stock, Central Park Fund Stocks, etc.

Table listing unfunded debt items such as Consolidated Stock of 1928, Consolidated Stock of 1910.

Table listing debt secured by special sinking fund derived from annual taxation.

Payable from Taxation at their respective Maturities, or from the Sinking Fund, if the Commissioners thereof approve...

Table listing debt payable from taxation, including Assessment Fund Stock, Bonds for State Sinking Fund, etc.

	Amount.
Issue of Dock Bonds of 1901-8.....	\$6,095,000 00
" Fire Department Stock of 1899.....	521,952 87
" Fire Telegraph Bonds of 1884.....	597,586 48
" Market Stock of 1884 and 1897.....	296,000 00
" Museum of Art and Natural History Stock of 1903.....	925,000 00
" New York Bridge Bonds of 1905.....	1,500,000 00
" New York County Court-house Stocks Nos. 1-5, of 1880, 1884, 1888, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898.....	2,579,591 07
" New York County Repairs to Buildings Stock of 1884, 1888.....	100,000 00
" New York and Westchester County Improvement Bonds of 1891.....	30,000 00
" Ninth District Court-house Bonds of 1890.....	300,000 00
" Normal School Fund Stock of 1891.....	200,000 00
" Public School Building Fund Stock of 1891.....	636,000 00
" Riot-damages Indemnity Bonds of 1882.....	855,204 46
" Sewer-repair Stock of 1882, 1885, and 1886.....	265,000 00
" Soldiers' Bounty Fund Stock of 1883, 1890, and 1885-97.....	4,745,800 00
" Soldiers' Substitute and Relief Redemption Bonds of 1880 and 1881.....	471,700 00
" Soldiers' Bounty Fund Redemption Bonds of 1891.....	376,600 00
" Street Improvement Bonds of 1888.....	606,939 14
" Street Opening and Improvement Bonds of 1880-1882.....	500,000 00
" Tax Relief Bonds of 1890.....	3,000,000 00
" Third District Court-house Bonds of 1890.....	398,000 00
Total	\$93,010,169 37

BONDED DEBT INCURRED FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Payable from Assessments and the City Treasury, or from the Sinking Fund, if the Commissioners thereof approve, provided such payment shall not in any way impair the preferred claims thereon (see section 6, chapter 383, Laws of 1878)—

	Amount.
Issue of Assessment Bonds of 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884.....	\$5,570,100 00
" Assessment Fund Bonds of 1880, 1882, 1883, and 1884.....	827,000 00
" Assessment Fund Stock of 1881 and 1882.....	27,000 00
" Assessment Bonds, Riverside Avenue Improvement, of 1880 and 1883.....	367,000 00
" Central Park Commission Improvement Bonds of 1880 and 1884.....	358,800 00
" Department of Parks Improvement Bonds of 1880, 1882, and 1884.....	1,285,500 00
" Improvement Bonds of 1884.....	500,000 00
" Street Improvement Fund Bonds of 1880, 1881, and 1882.....	1,388,500 00
Total	\$10,323,900 00

Public Stock issued for the Improvement of the Squares, Parks, or Places in Fourth avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-ninth streets (see chapter 558, Laws of 1880). Issue limited to \$50,000, whereof one-half is payable on the first day of November, 1881, and the remainder November 1, 1882, from Taxation—

Issue of Consolidated Stock N, 1881.....	Amount. \$2,000 00
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Public Stock issued for the Improvement of Morningside Park (see chapter 565, Laws of 1880). Issue limited to \$150,000, whereof not exceeding \$75,000 shall be payable on the first day of November, 1881, and the balance on the first day of November, 1882, from Taxation—

Issue of Consolidated Stock O, 1881.....	Amount. \$1,000 00
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BONDED DEBT OF ANNEXED TERRITORY, FOR WHICH THE CITY IS LIABLE.

Town of West Farms—

	Amount.
Issue of Central Avenue Construction Bonds.....	\$265,000 00
" Franklin Avenue Improvement Bonds.....	17,000 00
" Locust Avenue, etc., Improvement Bonds.....	12,000 00
" Madison Avenue Improvement Bonds.....	30,000 00
" Southern Boulevard Macadamizing Bonds.....	24,000 00
" Southern Boulevard Construction Bonds.....	288,500 00
Total	\$636,500 00

Town of Morrisania—

	Amount.
Issue of Central Avenue Construction Bonds.....	\$99,500 00
" Military Bounty Fund Bonds.....	4,000 00
" North Brothers' Island Purchase Bonds.....	25,000 00
" Southern Boulevard Macadamizing Bonds.....	8,500 00
" Southern Boulevard Construction Bonds.....	117,000 00
" St. Ann's Avenue Construction Bonds.....	30,000 00
" Survey, etc., Map of Town, Bonds.....	15,000 00
" Town Hall Building Bonds.....	18,000 00
Total	\$317,000 00

Morrisania Bonds—amount.....	\$317,000 00
West Farms Bonds, as before stated—amount.....	636,500 00
Total Bonded Debt, Annexed Territory	\$953,500 00

SPECIAL STATUTORY REVENUE BONDS.

Issued under

	Amount.
Chapter 213, Laws of 1871—Payable from moneys collected, expenses of Water-Meters.....	\$23,000 00
Chapter 117, Laws of 1880—Claims of Clerks District Courts, 1876, payable from Taxation, 1881.....	25,467 72
Chapter 556, Laws of 1880—Refunding and adjustment of Interest, etc., payable from Taxation, 1881.....	186,198 52
Chapter 587, Laws of 1880—Expenses of Certain Proceedings against Public Officers, payable from Taxation.....	13,100 00
Chapter 594, Laws of 1880—Revision of Special and Local Laws, payable from Taxation, 1881.....	5,000 00
Chapter 550, Laws of 1880—Expenses Assessment Commissioners, payable from Taxation, 1881-2.....	1,000 00
Total	\$253,766 24

FLOATING DEBT OBLIGATIONS.

	Amount.
Issue of Revenue Bonds of 1879.....	\$1,072,100 00
" " 1880.....	13,129,942 38
Total	\$14,202,042 38

RECAPITULATION.

	Amount.
Amount of Preferred Sinking Fund Stocks and Bonds.....	\$16,320,743 47
" Second Lien Sinking Fund Stock.....	9,700,000 00
" Special Sinking Fund Stocks and Bonds.....	4,080,007 03
" Stocks and Bonds Payable from Taxation.....	93,010,169 37
" Assessment and Improvement Stocks and Bonds payable from Assessments and the Treasury.....	10,323,900 00
" Public Stock Issued for Improvement of Squares, etc., in Fourth avenue, payable from Taxation in 1881 and 1882.....	2,000 00
" Public Stock Issued for Improvement of Morningside Park, payable from Taxation in 1881 and 1882.....	1,000 00
" Funded Debt of Morrisania and West Farms.....	953,500 00
" Statutory Revenue Bonds.....	253,766 24
" Revenue Bonds payable from Current Collection of Taxes.....	14,202,042 38
Total, Gross Debt	\$148,847,128 49
Of which the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the Debt hold.....	32,632,886 11
Total, Net Debt	\$116,214,242 38

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, February 4, 1881.

In accordance with section 110, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending January 29, 1881:

Public Moneys Received and Deposited in the City Treasury.

For Croton water rents.....	\$5,451 04
For penalties on Croton water rents.....	191 10
For tapping Croton pipes.....	44 00
For sewer permits.....	197 35
For vault permits.....	294 41
For restoring and repaving—"Special Fund".....	205 00
Total	\$6,382 90

Public Lamps.

122 lamps discontinued.
2 lamp-posts removed.
11 lamp-posts reset.
12 columns refitted.
4 columns released.

Report of Photometrical Examinations of Illuminating Gas, for the week ending January 29, 1881, made at the Photometrical Rooms of the Department of Public Works.

DATE.	TIME.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	GAS COMPANY.	BURNER.	Pressure as Delivered to Burner.	Consumption of Gas, Rate per hour.	Consumption of Candle, Grs. per hour.	ILLUMINATING POWER.	
									Observed.	Corrected.
Jan. 24	5 P.M.	66.	30.17	Manhattan....	Empire 5 ft.....	.88	5.00	124.2	19.52	20.20
" 25	5 P.M.	67.	30.24	"	"	.88	5.00	120.6	20.08	20.14
" 26	4.30 P.M.	76.	30.15	"	"	.86	5.00	126.0	18.62	19.55
" 27	4.30 P.M.	72.	30.23	"	"	.87	5.00	123.0	18.74	19.21
" 28	5 P.M.	71.	30.41	"	"	.85	5.00	121.8	19.14	19.43
" 29	5 P.M.	67.	30.43	"	"	.85	5.00	117.0	19.08	18.60
									Average.	19.52
Jan. 24	6 P.M.	71.	30.19	Harlem.....	"	.94	5.00	126.0	18.92	19.86
" 25	5.30 P.M.	63.	30.23	"	"	.90	5.00	126.0	19.02	19.97
" 26	6 P.M.	66.	30.05	"	"	.91	5.00	118.2	19.86	19.56
" 27	6 P.M.	63.	30.22	"	"	.91	5.00	121.8	19.42	19.71
" 28	6.30 P.M.	62.	30.37	"	"	.91	5.00	120.0	19.63	19.63
" 29	12.30 P.M.	64.	30.44	"	"	.91	5.00	126.0	18.38	19.30
									Average.	19.67
Jan. 24	4.30 P.M.	64.	30.17	New York....	Bray's Slit Union, 7	.95	5.00	118.2	20.90	20.58
" 25	3 P.M.	66.	30.24	"	"	.94	5.00	120.0	23.84	23.84
" 26	4 P.M.	75.	30.15	"	"	.95	5.00	123.6	23.00	23.69
" 27	3 P.M.	72.	30.23	"	"	.93	5.00	120.0	22.84	22.84
" 28	4.30 P.M.	71.	30.41	"	"	.90	5.00	126.0	22.00	23.10
" 29	4 P.M.	65.	30.44	"	"	.73	5.00	120.0	27.02	27.02
									Average.	23.51
Jan. 24	3.30 P.M.	63.	30.17	N. Y. Mutual..	"	.97	5.00	117.0	25.60	24.96
" 25	2 P.M.	64.	30.24	"	"	.97	5.00	118.8	25.96	25.70
" 26	2 P.M.	72.	30.15	"	"	.96	5.00	126.0	25.22	26.48
" 27	2.30 P.M.	74.	30.23	"	"	.97	5.00	120.0	24.92	24.92
" 28	4 P.M.	72.	30.41	"	"	.94	5.00	118.2	24.96	24.58
" 29	3.30 P.M.	64.	30.43	"	"	.88	5.00	123.0	24.60	25.21
									Average.	25.31
Jan. 24	3 P.M.	62.	30.17	Municipal.....	"	.90	5.00	121.2	23.32	23.55
" 25	1.30 P.M.	62.	30.24	"	"	.92	5.00	119.4	25.82	25.69
" 26	1.30 P.M.	71.	30.15	"	"	.93	5.00	123.0	27.04	27.71
" 27	2 P.M.	72.	30.23	"	"	.92	5.00	114.0	29.70	28.21
" 28	3 P.M.	72.	30.41	"	"	.90	5.00	124.2	25.44	26.33
" 29	3 P.M.	62.	30.43	"	"	.90	5.00	123.6	25.28	25.93
									Average.	26.23
Jan. 24	6.30 P.M.	73.	30.19	Metropolitan...	" No. 6	.70	5.00	123.0	23.12	23.70
" 25	6 P.M.	66.	30.23	"	"	.70	5.00	120.0	24.12	24.12
" 26	5.30 P.M.	62.	30.05	"	"	.70	5.00	126.0	23.26	24.42
" 27	6.30 P.M.	64.	30.22	"	"	.70	5.00	120.6	24.50	24.62
" 28	6 P.M.	60.	30.37	"	"	.71	5.00	123.0	24.36	24.97
" 29	12 M.	62.	30.44	"	"	.72	5.00	118.8	25.06	24.81
									Average.	24.44

E. G. LOVE, PH. D., Gas Examiner.

Permits Issued.

8 permits to tap Croton pipes.
25 permits to open streets.
4 permits to make sewer connections.
2 permits to repair sewer connections.
2 permits to construct street vaults.
57 permits to place building material on streets.

Removing Obstructions.

Sign and posts from southeast corner Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street.
Flag and pole from 82 Oliver street.
Sign from 122 Rivington street.
Tool-box from 445 Sixth avenue.
Sign from Cortlandt and Washington streets.
Stand from Vesey and Greenwich streets.
Wagon from Warren and Greenwich streets.

Repairing and Cleaning Sewers.

- 43 receiving-basins and culverts cleaned.
- 420 lineal feet of sewer cleaned.
- 2 receiving basins repaired.
- 2 iron basin-heads put on.
- 4 new basin-covers put on.
- 2 new manhole covers put on.
- 4 lineal feet of new curb-stone set.
- 12 square feet of new flagging set.
- 9 square feet of flagging relaid.
- 4 square feet of sidewalk relaid.
- 2 square yards of pavement relaid.
- 92 cart loads of dirt removed.

Statement of Laboring Force Employed in the Department of Public Works during the Week ending January 29, 1881.

NATURE OF WORK.	MECHANICS.	LABORERS.	TEAMS.	CARTS.
Maintenance of Aqueduct and Reservoirs.....	5	50	3	..
In Pipe Yard foot of East Twenty-fourth street...	2	14	..	..
Laying and repairing pipes, etc.....	18	69	..	11
Repairing pavements.....	6	8	..	..
Repairing and cleaning sewers.....	3	24	..	12
Maintenance and construction of Boulevards and Aves.	2	23	8	3
Repairing roads.....	..	11	5	2
Repaving, under chapter 476, Laws of 1875.....	..	..	..	..
Total.....	36	199	16	28
Increase over previous week.....	..	2	..	2
Decrease from previous week.....	..	..	..	..

Removed on Completion of Work.

George Feitner, Inspector on Sewers.

Requisitions on the Comptroller.

The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department on the Comptroller during the week is \$11,549.83.

FRED. H. HAMLIN, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, February 2, 1881.

Regular meeting, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, Commissioner MacLean was called to the chair.

In accordance with advertisements inserted in the "CITY RECORD" inviting proposals for furnishing labor and materials and doing the mason and granite work, and for furnishing labor and material and doing the iron-work, necessary to be done in the construction of fifteen parks on Fourth avenue, between Seventy-third and Eighty-eighth streets, the Chairman in the presence of the Comptroller opened and read all the proposals that had been received in pursuance of said advertisements, as follows:

Iron Work.

John T. Bowes & Brother	\$9,899 00
Blake, McMahon & Co.....	10,478 00

Masonry and Granite Work.

Michael McGrath.....	\$23,369 00
Frank McEntee.....	23,732 35
Charles Guidet.....	26,204 00
Henry C. Weeks (informal).....	27,490 00

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, asking for the temporary transfer of one gardener and two laborers to aid in trimming broken trees, one carpenter to build shelter over steam rollers and pumps, and repair bridge over Mill brook, and for six signs notification of closing of bridge.

On motion of Commissioner Lane, the Acting Superintendent of Parks was directed to make the temporary transfer asked for, and to furnish the signs as desired, the same to be made by the Department employees.

From Patrick Larkin, applying for the position of Park or Gatekeeper.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

From John B. Simpson, Jr., offering to rent portion of building at junction of Third avenue, Courtland avenue, and One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, for use of Department.

Commissioner Olliffe offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city be requested to present to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a statement that the Department of Public Parks request that leases or agreements be made for the use and occupancy by the employees of this Department of the entire upper portion of the Morrisania Bank building at the junction of Third avenue, Courtland avenue, and One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, at a rental not exceeding \$480 per annum, and the stables, sheds and enclosed premises at the northeast corner of One Hundred and Forty-third street and College avenue, at an annual rental not exceeding \$200, said leases or agreements to be for a term of fifteen months.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

From William S. Duke, protesting against allowing the use of bicycles in the parks.

Ordered filed.

From the Comptroller, transmitting claim of Thomas Clark for \$15,000 damages for personal injuries which, he alleges, were received in the basement of the Museum of Natural History, and desiring information relative to the same.

The Secretary was directed to furnish the information as desired.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, requesting the issuing of an order or \$25 to purchase sundry small articles.

Commissioner Lane moved that an order for \$25 be issued.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

From N. W. Stuyvesant Catlin, J. H. Rylance and others, recommending Parkkeeper Patrick Nevins for retention at Stuyvesant park.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

From the West Side Association, with copy of preamble and resolution protesting against the use of bicycles on Central Park and Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

From John D. Crimmins, offering to furnish earth for Manhattan Square.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, said communication was referred to a Special Committee.

The Chairman appointed Commissioners Wales and Lane as such Special Committee.

From the Engineer of Construction in relation to the alteration of the line of the proposed sewer in the Southern Boulevard.

Referred to Commissioner Wales to examine into and report upon.

From James Dunn, resigning his position of Parkkeeper.

Accepted.

From H. J. Jackson, Secretary of the Commissioners of Emigration—in relation to the removal of snow and ice from the roads and walks at the Battery.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent of Parks, with directions to remove the snow and ice as soon as possible.

From the Mayor, transmitting a copy of a communication to the Department of Police relative to guarding dangerous places in streets and sidewalks.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, referred to Commissioner MacLean, with power to prepare the necessary instructions.

A petition was received signed by Thomas H. Edsall, Frederick Chauncey, William Allan Butler, and others, property owners affected by the proposed opening of the Spuyten Duyvil Parkway, asking that the Department will not discontinue the proceedings to open the same.

Messrs. H. W. Hayden, J. R. Whiting, Thomas H. Edsall, Hiram Barney, and Isaac Johnson appeared in support of said petition.

Messrs. Lewis L. Delafield, Waldo Hutchins, Samuel Babcock, William P. Dixon, Augustus Van Cortlandt appeared in opposition to said proceedings.

The respective parties were heard and the Board gave them until the 5th instant to present their briefs.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of additional gardeners and laborers for pruning trees and shrubs, and from the Superintending Gardener, recommending the restoration of Conrad Dorner, John McGuire, and Emil Fischer, gardeners.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That four gardeners, four carpenters, and twenty laborers be appointed.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, recommending the restoration of John H. Beckett, gardener, and Edward McCormack and John McCabe, laborers.

Commissioner Lane moved that John H. Beckett, gardener, and Edward McCormack and John McCabe, laborers, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, and Wales—2.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Commissioner MacLean not voting.

Commissioner Wales moved that Patrick Fleming, laborer, be restored to duty.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

From Foreman Hodges, recommending the restoration of John Ryan, laborer, suspended last November.

Laid over.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, reporting on the disposition of the working force of the Department for the two weeks ending January 29, 1881.

Ordered filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, submitting his opinion as to the jurisdiction of the Department over the waters in front of the Battery.

Ordered filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, submitting his opinion in relation to the proposed new approaches to McCombs' Dam Bridge.

Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation, in response to a resolution of this Board adopted at the last meeting, has furnished this Board with his opinion that by authority granted by chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, and chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874, this Department may construct new approaches to the Central Bridge, and that the authority relative to raising funds for building bridges is applicable to the construction of such approaches, therefore

Resolved, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Engineer of Construction for building new approaches to the Central Bridge be and they are hereby approved; that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare a contract for doing said work, and that said contract and specification be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his approval, and when so approved, they be printed, and the Secretary directed to insert advertisement in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for building said approaches.

On motion of Commissioner Lane, the said preamble and resolution were laid over.

From Geo. B. Deane, Jr., and others, requesting that Gatekeeper Henry McMullin be detailed to duty at Tompkins Square.

Ordered filed.

From John K. Sharky, applying for the position of Inspector on the railroad bridge over Harlem river, at Eighth avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

From Captain Beatty, relative to detailing an officer in citizen's dress, for duty in guarding against the dumping of dirt in Transverse Road No. 1.

Ordered filed.

From C. Ryan, recommending that radiators be placed in the Casino for heating the building.

Commissioner Wales moved that the said subject be referred to Commissioner Olliffe with power. Commissioner Lane raised the point of order, that said reference could not be made, it being an expenditure of money.

The Chairman decided the point of order not well taken.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, to refer with power, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

From A. Hepp, presenting additional names as reference in relation to his application for the position of Superintendent of Parks.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

From the Topographical Engineer, transmitting for filing maps of Lind and Edgcomb avenues.

Laid over.

From the Engineer of Construction in relation to the defective drainage of water on Riverside avenue, caused by the ice on the iron gratings, which cover the inlet and receiving basins.

On motion of Commissioner Olliffe, the Acting Superintendent of Parks was directed to attend to the same.

From Charles E. Pierce, lately employed as Rodman on the Riverside avenue, relative to his suspension and desiring to be employed.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

From the Automatic Gas Lamp and Lighting Company, submitting a proposition for lighting the Central Park.

Referred to Commissioners Lane and Wales to report upon.

The report of the Department for the quarter ending December 31, 1880, was approved of and the Secretary was directed to transmit the same to the Mayor.

A communication was received from Joseph Niggessmith, applying for the appointment of Parkkeeper.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

The charge preferred against Parkkeeper John F. Murphy was referred to Commissioner MacLean for trial.

Commissioner Lane, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Guest, Isaac B., coal.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies, 1880.....	\$110 25	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept., 1880.....	26 25	136 50
Hawley, James C., petty disbursements.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	61 71	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	3 56	65 27
Rhineland, F. W., expenses Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums.....	1,647 70	
			\$1,849 47

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1880.....	\$110 25
Maintenance Zoological Department, 1880.....	26 25
Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	61 71
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	3 56
Maintenance, Museums.....	1,647 70
	\$1,849 47

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen hundred and forty-nine dollars and forty-seven cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 1, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the Chairman moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Allen, R. H. & Co., hemp and canary seed.....	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	.....	\$7 00
Bullinger, E. W., subscription to Monitor Guide.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	6 00
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	100 38
Coffin, Paul C., sundries.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$30 26	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	7 63	
			37 89
Devlin, John B., work, contract.....	142d street sewer, between Alexander avenue and Brook avenue, etc.....	.....	1,130 15
Early & Lane, brooms and matches.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$21 95	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	1 75	
			23 70
Guest, Isaac B., coal.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$157 25	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	10 50	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	5 25	
			173 00
Guest, Isaac B., coal.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	110 00
Harmer, Hayes & Co., harness materials.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	9 13
Labagh, W. O., rock salt.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	2 00	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.....	3 03	
			5 03
Mott, J. L., iron works, stoves and plumbing materials..	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	76 72
McKesson & Robbins, chamois and sponges.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	29 00
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Museum of Art...	Maint. of Museums.....	.....	2,761 95
Seaman, John A., twines and glazier's points.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	42 70
Seaman, John A., waste and tallow.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. & M.....	.....	11 00
Stackpole & Bro., tape.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	.....	5 00
Walton, Joseph J., sundries.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	117 00
Whitney, A. R., iron.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	44 43
Wright, R. J., oats.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	.....	39 00
Wright, R. J., oats, corn, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	440 30
			\$5,169 38

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$1,187 12
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	29 91
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	10 25
Maintenance Museums.....	2,761 95
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	39 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance.....	11 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	1,130 15
	\$5,169 38

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents.

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 1, 1881.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the Chairman moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane presented a bill from Briggs & Valentine, amounting to \$90, for three months' rent of building, stable, and yard at Fordham, and moved that the same be approved and sent to the Finance Department for payment.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane, who was appointed a Committee to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, presented a report which was approved of and ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, Mr. Samuel Conover, from May 8, 1879, up to and including December 31, 1880, respectfully reports that he has examined and audited said accounts and the vouchers for the same and found them correct, and that there is a balance to the credit of the Department of Public Parks of fifty-five dollars and thirty-eight cents.

SMITH E. LANE, Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 1, 1881.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, reporting on the rolling stock of the Department and recommending the employment of four carpenters to assist in repairing the same.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That Julius Munckwitz be continued as Acting Superintendent of Parks until the next meeting of the Board.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That until the next meeting of the Board, either one of the Commissioners be and he is hereby invested with power to approve of all requisitions and orders for supplies, and to sign all permits issued by the Department.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That the salary of Julius Munckwitz, Superintendent Architect, be fixed at the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, to take effect from the first day of January, 1881. That no increase of pay be allowed for services rendered as the Acting Superintendent of Parks.

Commissioner Wales offered the following as an amendment:

Resolved, That the resolution be amended so as to read "at the rate of \$2,000 per annum, to take effect from this date," instead of "three thousand dollars per annum, to take effect from the first day of January, 1881."

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales and Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane and MacLean—2.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That W. W. Owens, skilled laborer under the Superintending Architect, be dropped from the rolls in consequence of continued absence without leave, and that Julius Munckwitz, Jr., be appointed to fill said position at a salary of \$2.50 per day.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane called up the following preamble and resolution offered by him and laid over at a meeting held December 27th last:

Whereas, The trees and shrubbery in the Central Park have had a luxuriant growth in recent years, and have arrived at a stage when, according to the original design of the Park, various effects were to be produced in harmony with the other features of the landscape, by trimming and cutting them out, so that now the general effect in the Park is mainly that of a dense growth of trees and shrubs, which was never intended;

Whereas, Such dense growth, by keeping in place the trees and shrubs which should be removed, is injurious to those which should be retained;

Whereas, It is demonstrated that many of the trees have not answered the purpose for which they were planted, and that others of them are fast dying out, thus destroying their share of the general design of the Park; and

Whereas, It is now time to realize the various effects originally designed of open lawns, of single trees, groups, clumps, and groves, wild woods, shrubbery, and sylvan aspects in different and appropriate places;

Resolved, That Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Consulting Landscape Architect of the Department, be invited to prepare and present to the Board a general report on this subject, with his recommendations, for a compensation to be agreed on between him and the Department.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

Commissioner Olliffe offered the following:

Resolved, That the form of contract for regulating, grading, curbing, gutter, and flagging One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Third avenue to Railroad avenue, be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his approval, and when so approved and printed the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing said work.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to deposit with the City Chamberlain, to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, such sums of money as have been collected for permits, license fees, etc., and are now on hand, and report his action to the Board.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to examine and report to this Board upon the feasibility of building two surface roads across the Central Park, one commencing at a point on the West Drive immediately south of Transverse Road No. 2 and extending to and through the Ramble to a point immediately south of said Transverse Road No. 2 at the East Drive; the other commencing at the West Drive immediately above Transverse Road No. 4 and following the line of the walk as already laid out, across to, and intersecting the East Drive north of Transverse Road No. 4, and to furnish an approximate cost of constructing each of said roads.

On motion of Commissioner Olliffe the consideration of said subject was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Commissioners MacLean and Wales to report upon.

Commissioner Wales presented a statement in relation to the condition of the Department, which was read and ordered entered at length upon the minutes as follows:

Six weeks' service in the Department of Parks, followed by a somewhat careful examination into its affairs forces me to the conclusion that they are in a very unsatisfactory condition.

I present the following statement for the consideration of the Board:

1. The personnel of the Department needs to be toned up to a higher standard of discipline. Political influences and long continued dissensions in the counsels of the Board have naturally engendered demoralization in the force, followed by disrespect of authority.

2. The police force needs to be thoroughly overhauled, and the men should be taught that outside personal and political influence cannot secure them in their places against the fact of neglected duty.

3. It is well understood that the general condition of the Central Park is notoriously bad. Its roads, walks, bridges, arbors, and cottages are sadly out of repair, presenting evidences of negligence and waste. The same is generally true of the walks and structures in the smaller city parks.

4. The drainage of the Central Park is very imperfect—the lakes are poorly supplied with water, they have become foul, and are sources of danger to the health of the people, and unless some measures can be effectively taken to furnish a more abundant supply of water by artesian wells or otherwise, some of the smaller lakes will have to be filled up and planted.

A thorough and comprehensive system of drainage for the Central Park should be established and drainage maps prepared.

5. The trees and shrubs of the Central Park and the planting generally needs most careful attention. The enclosing wall on the Eighth avenue should be finished, and one or two surface transverse carriage roads are called for and ought to be built.

6. The rolling stock belonging to the Department is in a most dilapidated condition. It has been allowed to run down to such an extent that it is now generally unfit for the spring work, soon to open. It should be repaired at once, and additional mechanics must be employed on this important work.

7. Manhattan Square is both unsightly and unwholesome. Its improvement in some shape, together with the approaches from the Central Park, are urgently demanded, not only in the public interest, but also by the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History, and the adjacent property owners. The under drainage is complete, it requires that the sunken places should be filled as speedily as possible with earth, and the surface dressed and properly planted.

8. The Zoological collection at Fifth Avenue and Sixty-fourth street is a standing menace to the health and comfort of the surrounding neighborhood. Measures should be taken for its early removal.

The old Arsenal building is noisome and unclean. Moreover, it is liable to destruction by fire, and should such a calamity happen, the imagination can easily picture a scene of considerable confusion.

It is possible that lions, tigers, and elephants may some time roam about our streets.

9. The roads, streets, avenues, and walks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards are generally in very bad condition, and show in a marked degree waste and negligence.

I am informed that money has been improperly expended upon unimportant roads, while thoroughfares subject to constant traffic have been grossly neglected.

All the sewers and culverts in this district need to be cleaned and put in proper order. Prominent taxpayers residing in these wards have made many complaints to me of the manner in which the limited appropriations have been expended.

10. Bridges over the Harlem and Bronx rivers and intervening creeks are rotten, dangerous structures. One on Cromwell creek has been permanently closed to the great inconvenience of the public, and it cannot be repaired. Others ought to be closed for the same reason, that they are dangerous, but to do so now would be a serious detriment to pleasure and business travel. New bridges other than the Madison avenue bridge are urgently needed, requiring a large outlay of money.

Our Maintenance Appropriation for this year is not sufficient to enable us to put the Central Park in a condition to meet the demands of an exacting public opinion.

The neglects of past years cannot be remedied in a single season, but we are bound to do the best we can with the means placed at our disposal.

If construction work is to be carried on in the Central Park in the direction I have pointed out, plans and estimates must be prepared, and an application made to the Legislature for authority to raise money necessary for their prosecution.

I am aware that this is a very thankless business, but the public will understand that these great and valuable pleasure grounds cannot be completed and properly maintained without large expenditures of money.

Reviewing the situation of the Department, without prejudice, I am of the opinion that it is more thoroughly out of order, and requires more vigorous attention than any other Department of the city government.

Such, briefly and in mere outline, is the uncomfortable legacy to which we have succeeded. The duties imposed upon us will tax to the utmost our time and attention, and that the public may not in justice hold us responsible for a condition of things which some of us at least have had no share in creating, I desire that this statement be entered upon the minutes of the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. WALES, Commissioner.

NEW YORK, February 1, 1881.

Commissioner Wales called up that part of the report of the Committee on the personnel of the Department, presented December 30, 1880, relating to William Van Valkenburgh, whereupon Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Whereas, By the Public Burdens Act (chapter 521, section 3, Laws of 1880), this Department is required to reduce its expenses in such manner that the aggregate sum to be paid for salaries, etc., shall be ten per centum less than the aggregate amount paid for salaries, etc., during the last fiscal year;

Whereas, This requires a reduction of salaries, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment having made a reduction from last year for this year;

Whereas, This Department did on the 4th day of August, 1880, by amendments to the By-laws, abolish the office of Disbursing Clerk and an officer in receipt of a salary of three thousand dollars per annum; therefore,

Resolved, That by virtue and in accordance with the act aforesaid and under the powers thereby granted, and for the purposes of making the reduction required by said act, William Van Valkenburgh, heretofore Disbursing Clerk, and since the abolishment of that office a Clerk and subordinate of this Department, be and that he is hereby discharged from this Department, and from every employment and office therein.

Commissioner Olliffe offered the following, as a substitute:

Resolved, That William Van Valkenburgh be directed to appear before this Board at its next meeting and explain upon what duties he is now engaged.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean and Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane and Wales—2.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to the preamble and resolution as offered by Commissioner Lane, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane and Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean and Olliffe—2.

Commissioner Lane offered the following: Resolved, That the salary of William Van Valkenburgh, a Clerk, be fixed at one thousand dollars per annum, to take effect from this date.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

Commissioner Lane presented communication from the Acting Superintendent of Parks and from Foreman Johnson in relation to property belonging to the Department, loaned by the late Superintendent Dawson to the Russell Pavement Company and never returned.

On motion of Commissioner Lane, said subject was referred to a Special Committee to investigate and report upon.

The Chairman appointed Commissioners Lane and Olliffe as such Special Committee.

Commissioner Wales moved that Commissioner Olliffe be requested to audit all bills before they are presented to the Board for its action.

Commissioner Lane raised the point of order that said motion could not be entertained, for the reason that it was in conflict with the By-laws.

The Chairman decided the point of order not well taken.

Commissioner Lane appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would sustain the decision of the Chair, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to the motion of Commissioner Wales, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

On motion of Commissioner MacLean, it was Resolved, That the proposals of John J. Bowes & Bro., amounting to \$9,899.00 for iron work, and Michael McGrath, amounting to \$23,369.00 for mason and granite work for Fourth Avenue Parks be accepted as the lowest bids, and that they be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties thereon.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, at 2.40 P. M. the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Appointments by the Mayor.

January 25th—Charles A. Jackson, Inspector of Common Schools, Sixth District, in place of B. B. Atterbury, resigned.

January 31st—Henry Woltman, Registrar of Permits, in place of Daniel S. Hart, resigned.

February 1st—William Wood, Commissioner of Common Schools, in place of Charles J. Nehrbas, resigned.

February 4th—Joseph M. Hill, Marshal of the City of New York, in place of Edward P. Hagan, resigned.

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. WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor; JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk; WILLIAM M. IVINS, Secretary.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. CHARLES REILLY, First Marshal.

Permit and License Bureau Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. HENRY WOLTMAN, Registrar.

Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. WILLIAM EYELERS, Sealer First District; THOMAS BRADY, 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. President Board of Aldermen. FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. HUBERT O. THOMPSON, Commissioner; FREDERICK H. HAMLIN, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Water Register. No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.

Bureau of Incumbrances. No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas. No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.

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

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents. No. 5 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ARTEMAS CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

LAW DEPARTMENT

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Saturday, 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.

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.

No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. JACOB HESS, President; GEORGE F. BRITTON, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Headquarters.

Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street. VINCENT C. KING, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

Bureau of Chief of Department.

ELI BATES, Chief of Department.

Bureau of Inspector of Combustibles.

PETER SEERY, Inspector of Combustibles.

Bureau of Fire Marshal.

GEORGE H. SHELDON, Fire Marshal.

Bureau of Inspection of Buildings.

WAL. P. ESTERBROOK, Inspector of Buildings.

Office hours, Headquarters and Bureaus, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. (Saturdays to 3 P. M.)

Fire Alarm Telegraph.

J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Telegraph.

Repair Shops.

Nos. 128 and 130 West Third street. JOHN MCCABE, Captain-in-Charge, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Hospital Stables.

No. 109 Christie street. DEDERICK G. GALE, Superintendent of Horses.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

No. 307 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. 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 2d and 2 1/2 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. THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; ALBERT STORER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, City Hall, Room No. 11 1/2, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN R. LYDECKER, Chairman; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. PETER BOWE, Sheriff; JOEL O. STEVENS, Under Sheriff.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. AUGUSTUS T. DOCHARTY, Register; J. FAIRFAX McLAUGHLIN, 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. KEGAN, 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. DANIEL G. ROLLINS, District Attorney; B. B. FOSTER, Chief Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE,

And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books No. 2 City Hall, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. THOMAS COSTIGAN, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.

CORONERS' OFFICE.

No. 40 East Houston street. MORITZ ELLINGER, GERSON N. HERRMAN THOMAS C. KNOX, and JOHN H. BRADY, Coroners.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSIONERS.

RICHARD M. HOE, 504 Grand street. JOHN J. CRANE, 138th street, Morrisania. GUSTAV SCHWAB, 2 Bowling Green. CHARLES L. PERKINS, 23 Nassau street. WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, 6 Bowery.

JURORS.

NOTICE IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,

NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, July 1, 1880.

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, County Court-house (Chambers street entrance).

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY CHAPTER 550 OF THE LAWS OF 1880, to revise, modify, or vacate assessments for local improvements in the City of New York, give notice to all persons affected thereby that the notices required by said act must be filed with the Comptroller of said city and a duplicate thereof with the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows:

First. As to all assessments confirmed prior to June 9, 1880, on or before November 1, 1880.

Second. As to all assessments confirmed subsequent to June 9, 1880, for local improvements theretofore completed, and as to any assessment for local improvements known as Morningside avenues, within two months after the dates upon which such assessments may be respectively confirmed.

The notice must specify the particular assessment complained of, the date of confirmation of the same, the property affected thereby, and in a brief and concise manner the objections thereto, showing that the assessment was unfair or unjust in respect to said real estate.

Dated New York, July 13, 1880.

EDWARD COOPER, JOHN KELLY, ALLAN CAMPBELL, GEORGE H. ANDREWS, DANIEL LORD, JR., Commissioners under the Act.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, January 10, 1881.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOOKS of Annual Record of the assessed valuation of Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New York for the year 1881, will be opened for inspection and revision, on and after Monday, January 10, 1881, and will remain open until the 30th day of April, 1881, inclusive, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate.

All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners during the period above mentioned, in order to obtain the relief provided by law. By order of the Board.

ALBERT STORER, Secretary.

THE CITY RECORD.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

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

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR FLOUR, GROCERIES, LUMBER, IRON, ETC.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING

- FLOUR. 1,500 barrels Flour, as per sample No. 1. 1,500 " " " No. 2. GROCERIES, ETC. 20,000 Eggs. 35 dozen canned Peas. 35 " Peaches. 35 " String Beans. 35 " Peas. 1,000 pounds Laundry Starch. 100 boxes Candles, 6's. 1 barrel pure Mustard. 150 barrels Carrots. 150 " Turnips.

LUMBER. 15,000 Box Boards (board measure). SHEET IRON. 20 bundles common Sheet Iron, No. 22 gauge, 24 x 84 inches.

KNITTING COTTON. 1,000 pounds 3-thread Knitting Cotton,

—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 9:30 o'clock A. M., of Friday, the 18th day of February, 1881. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Flour, Groceries, Iron, 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 and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

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

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Department; but the entire quantity will be required to be delivered on 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 purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect, that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the con-

No 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 right to decline all the estimates is reserved, if deemed for the interest of the Corporation of the City of New York, or of Moses Taylor and others, represented by David Whipple, as agent, owners of the easterly half of said pier.

Bidders are requested, in making their bids or estimates, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

HENRY F. DIMOCK, JACOB VANDERPOEL, WILLIAM LAIMBER, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of a certain road, avenue, or parkway, known as the Spuyten Duyvil Parkway (although not yet named by proper authority), and streets connecting same with Broadway, from the Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad to Broadway, in the City of New York.

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

I.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Chester A. Arthur, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 9 Chambers street, Room No. 51, in the said city, on or before the 31st day of January, 1881; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten weekdays next after the said 31st day of January, 1881, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 2 o'clock P. M.

II.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 1st day of February, 1881.

III.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land situate, lying, and being within the following boundaries: Commencing at a point where the northerly line of said Parkway intersects the easterly line of the Spuyten Duyvil Railroad Company; thence running northerly along the line of said railroad, and the easterly line of Hudson River Railroad Company to the northerly line of the City of New York; thence easterly along the northerly line of the City of New York to the westerly line of the Croton Aqueduct; thence southerly along the westerly line of the Croton Aqueduct to the former boundary line between Kingsbridge and West Farms; thence in a southeasterly direction along the said boundary to the easterly line of the Spuyten Duyvil Railroad; thence following the line of said railroad until it reaches the point of beginning.

IV.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the New County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the tenth day of February, 1881, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, December 20, 1880. CHESTER A. ARTHUR, NATHANIEL JARVIS, Sr., SAMUEL A. LEWIS, Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Commissioners of the Central Park, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Seventy-fourth street, from Eighth avenue to the Hudson river, in the City of New York.

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

I. That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections, in writing, duly verified, to Frederick Smyth, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 22), in the said city, on or before the thirty-first day of January, 1881, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten weekdays next after the said thirty-first day of January, 1881, and for that purpose will be in attendance, at our said office, on each of said ten days, at 2 o'clock P. M.

II. That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New York, there to remain until the second day of February, 1881.

III. That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in said City, and which, taken together, are bounded and joined as follows, to wit: Northerly, by the centre line of the blocks between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets; southerly, by the centre line of the blocks between Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth streets; easterly by the centre line of the Eighth avenue, and westerly, by the established bulk-head line of the Hudson river.

IV. That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at the Chambers thereof in the County Court-house in the City of New York, on the tenth day of February, 1881, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, December 20th, 1880. FREDERICK SMYTH, JACOB F. OAKLEY, WILLIAM M. TWEEED, JR., Commissioners.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM NO. 39, NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 5, 1881.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, Room No. 39, 300 Mulberry street, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Boats, rope, harness, trunks and contents, bags, straw hats, coffee, blankets, boots, shoes, tea, revolvers, gold and silver watches, accordions, etc.; also small amount of money found and taken from prisoners by Patrolmen of this Department.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ROOM NO. 39, NEW YORK, JANUARY 7, 1881.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, Police Department, City of New York, 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, cloth, male and female clothing, gold and silver watches, coffee, trunks, bags and contents, placks, shoes, revolvers, blankets, robes, bracelets, etc.; also small amount of money taken from prisoners and found by patrolmen of this Department.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NO. 307 MOTT STREET, NEW YORK, JANUARY 25, 1881.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Health Department of the City of New York, held at its office on the 25th day of January, 1881, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That under the power conferred by law upon the Health Department, the following amendments of the Sanitary Code for the security of life and health be and the same are hereby adopted, and declared to form a portion of the Sanitary Code: Resolved, That Section 34 of the Sanitary Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 34. That no decayed or unwholesome fruit or vegetables, no impure or unwholesome meat, fish, birds, or fowl shall be brought into said city to be consumed or offered for sale for human food, nor shall any such articles be kept or stored therein.

Resolved, That Section 77 of the Sanitary Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 77. That no person or company being a manufacturer of gas, or engaged about the manufacture thereof, shall throw or deposit, or allow to run, or having the right or power to prevent the same, shall permit to be thrown or deposited into any public waters, river, or stream, or into any sewer therewith connected, or into any street or public place, any gas tar or any refuse matter of or from any gas-house, works, manufactory, mains or service pipes; or permit the escape of any offensive odors, or gas from their works, mains or pipes; nor shall any such person or company permit to escape from any of their works, mains, or pipes, any gas dangerous or prejudicial to life or health; or man facture illuminating gas of such ingredients and quality that, in the process of burning, it or any substance which may escape therefrom, shall be dangerous or prejudicial to life or health; or fail to use the most approved or all reasonable means for preventing the escape of odors.

Resolved, That Section 85, of the Sanitary Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 85. That no petroleum oil, kerosene oil (or other liquid having like composition or qualities, as a burning fluid) shall be sold or exposed or offered for sale as a burning fluid for lamps or any receptacle for the purpose of illumination, nor shall such oil or fluid or any description thereof be sold or kept or exposed or offered for sale or given away for use, or be used as a burning fluid for any such lamp or receptacle, or be kept for such use, unless such oil or fluid shall be of such quality and ingredients that it shall stand and be equal to the following test and conditions, to wit:

It shall not evolve an inflammable vapor at a temperature below one hundred and ten (110) degrees of the Fahrenheit thermometer. Resolved, That section 135 of the Sanitary Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 135. That it shall be the duty of every person, knowing of any individual in said city sick of any contagious disease, and the duty of every physician hearing of any such sick person, who he shall have reason to think requires the attention of this Department, to at once report the facts to the Sanitary Bureau in regard to the disease, condition, and dwelling-place or condition of such sick person; and no person shall interfere with or obstruct the entrance, inspection and examination of any building or house by the inspectors and officers of this Department when there has been reported the case of a person sick with contagious disease therein.

Resolved, That section 191 of the Sanitary Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 191. All privy vaults in the yard of any house in the City of New York, within twenty feet of any dwelling, shall be ventilated by means of an eight-inch pipe, laid at least six inches below the surface of the yard, from the said vault to the nearest wall of the building of the greatest altitude at or upon said premises, and there connected with a vertical metallic shaft of like diameter, extending not less than two feet above the roof of such building. And every privy vault in the City of New York shall be ventilated in this way, unless a permit in writing specially excepting such vault from the requirements of this ordinance be granted, and it be otherwise ordered by the Board of Health.

Resolved, That section 55 and section 178 of the Sanitary Code be and are hereby amended. [L. S.] CHARLES F. CHANDLER, President.

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, AND OF ARREARS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, AND OF WATER RENTS, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 1, 1881.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment list was received by the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, January 29, 1881, for collection:

CONFIRMED JANUARY 25, 1881, AND ENTERED JANUARY 29, 1881, N.A.E.V.: 153d street, opening, from the easterly line of the New Avenue lying between 8th and 9th avenues, to the Harlem river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before March 30, 1881, 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 above assessments are payable at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M.

A. S. CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, AND OF ARREARS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, AND OF WATER RENTS, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, JANUARY 25, 1881.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received by the Collector of Assessments, December 4, 1880, for collection:

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED NOV. 27, 1880, as follows:

70th street, flagging, south side, between Madison and 4th avenues. 40th street, paving, between 2d and 3d avenues. 106th street, regulating and grading, between 4th and Madison avenues. 81st street, regulating, grading, etc., between 8th and 9th avenues.

10th avenue, crosswalks, at 153d street. Lexington avenue, crosswalks, north and south sides of 125th street. 5th and Madison avenues, fencing vacant lots, 72d and 73d streets.

Avenue A, fencing vacant lots, northeast corner 86th street. 70th and 80th streets, fencing vacant lots, Madison and 5th avenues.

8th avenue, west, fencing vacant lots, 107th and 115th streets. 8th avenue, east, fencing vacant lots, 110th and 115th streets.

110th street, fencing vacant lots, 7th avenue and New avenue, etc. 76th street, fencing vacant lots, Lexington and 4th avenues.

125th street, fencing vacant lots, southwest corner 5th avenue. 59th street, south side, fencing vacant lots, 5th and 6th avenues.

72d street, north and south sides, fencing vacant lots, 9th and 10th avenues. Boulevard, west side, fencing vacant lots, 72d and 74th streets.

1st avenue, fencing vacant lots, southwest corner 61st street. Beaver street, basin at junction of Pearl street. Jane street, basin at northeast and southeast corners 13th street.

Front, Montgomery street, and } Northeast corner. } Basin, northwest cor. } South, Montgomery street, } 132d street, sewer, 7th avenue, } 300 feet west 7th street. } Lexington avenue, sewer, } 104th and 105th streets. } 50th street, sewer, between } 1st and 2d avenues. } 113th street, sewer, between } 4th and Madison avenues. } 60th and 70th streets, sewer, } between 2d and 3d streets. } Lexington avenue, sewer, } between 72d and 73d streets. } 64th street, sewer, between } 8th avenue and Boulevard. } Cliff street, sewer, between } Beekman and Ferry streets. } Mt. Morris avenue, sewer, } between 123d and 124th streets.

Sylvan Place, sewer, between } 120th and 121st streets. } All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 2, 1881, 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 above assessments are payable at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M.

A. S. CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

ARREARS OF TAXES.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK hereby gives notice to owners of Real Estate in said city, that, as provided by chapter 123 of the Laws of 1880, they may now pay any arrears of taxes for the years 1877, 1878, and 1879, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, until the first day of April, 1881, and if not paid before that date, interest will be payable at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum.

The Act, chapter 123, Laws of 1880, containing this provision of law, is published below.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller. CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, JANUARY 26, 1881.

CHAPTER 123. AN ACT IN RELATION TO ARREARS OF TAXES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REISSUING OF REVENUE BONDS IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAXES.

Passed April 15, 1880; three-fifths being present. The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. At any time after the passage of this act, and before the first day of October, eighteen hundred and eighty, any person may pay to the Comptroller of the City of New York the amount of any tax upon real property belonging to such person, heretofore laid or imposed and now remaining unpaid, together with interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the time that such tax was imposed to the time of such payment, provided, also, that the time when such payment may be made on the amount of any such tax laid or imposed in the years eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and eighteen hundred and seventy-nine shall extend to the first day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-one. The comptroller shall make and deliver to the person making any such payment a receipt therefor, and shall forthwith cancel the record of any such tax on the books of the finance department; and upon such payment being made such tax shall cease to be a lien upon the property and shall be deemed fully paid, satisfied and discharged, and there shall be no right to any further interest or penalty by reason of such tax not having been paid within the time heretofore required by law, or by reason of any statute passed requiring the payment heretofore of any penalty or interest over seven per centum per annum upon any unpaid tax.

Sec. 2. Any revenue bond heretofore issued in anticipation of the taxes in the first section specified which may fall due and become payable before said taxes are collected, may be reissued, by the comptroller of said city, in whole or in part, for such period as he may determine, not exceeding one year.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ORDER OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CONSOLIDATING CERTAIN BUREAUX IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 3 OF CHAPTER 521 OF THE LAWS OF 1880, requires that heads of departments shall reduce the aggregate expenses of their respective departments by a reduction of salaries, and confers upon them authority to consolidate bureaux and offices for that purpose, as follows, to wit:

"In making the reduction herein required, every head of department may abolish and consolidate offices and bureaux, and discharge subordinates in the same department."

The Comptroller of the City of New York, in pursuance of the duty imposed and the authority thus conferred upon him, hereby orders and directs that the following Bureaux in the Finance Department shall be consolidated, the consolidation thereof to take effect on the first day of January, 1881, viz:

First—"The Bureau or the Collection of Assessments," and "The Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents," shall be consolidated as one bureau, and on and after January 1, 1881, shall be known as "The Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents," and possess all the power conferred and perform all the duties imposed by law and ordinance upon both of said bureaux, and the officers thereof, the chief officer of which consolidated bureau shall be called "Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears."

Second—"The Bureau for the Collection of the Revenue accruing from rents, and interest on bonds and mortgages, revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the city," and "The Bureau of Markets," shall be consolidated as one Bureau, and on and after January 1, 1881, shall be known as "The Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets," and possess all the powers conferred and perform all the duties imposed by law and ordinance upon both of said bureaux, and the officers thereof; the chief officer of which said consolidated Bureau shall be called "Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets."

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 31, 1880.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, AND OF ARREARS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, AND OF WATER RENTS, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, JANUARY 26, 1881.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received by the Collector of Assessments, December 8, 1880, for collection:

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 4, 1880. 12th avenue regulating, grading, curb, guttering, and flagging, between 130th and 132d streets. 43d street sewer, between 1st avenue and East river. Lexington avenue sewer, between 125th and 126th streets.

Front street sewer, between Dover and Roosevelt streets. 52d street sewer, between 3d and Lexington avenues. 115th street basin, northwest corner Avenue A. 77th street fencing vacant lots, between 4th and 5th avenues.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 6, 1881, 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 above assessments are payable at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M.

A. S. CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, AND OF ARREARS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, AND OF WATER RENTS, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, JANUARY 26, 1881.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment list was received by the Collector of Assessments December 8, 1880, for collection:

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 4, 1880.

BLOOMINGDALE ROAD CLOSING.

The property affected is embraced within the following boundary, viz.: From the north side of 59th street to the south side of 159th street, and from 8th avenue to the Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before February 6, 1881, 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 above assessment is payable at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M.

A. S. CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, NO. 32 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 1, 1880.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS who have omitted to pay their taxes for the year 1880, to the Receiver of Taxes, that unless the same shall be paid to him at his office before the first day of December next, one per cent. will be collected on all taxes remaining unpaid on that day, and one per cent. in addition thereto on all taxes remaining unpaid on the 15th day of December next.

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

MARTIN T. MCMAHON, Receiver of Taxes.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, JANUARY 23, 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.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, 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 1877, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records.

Grants, grantees, suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriffs' sales, in 61 volumes, full bound, price \$100 00 The same, in 25 volumes, half bound, price 50 00 Complete sets, folded, ready for binding, price 15 00 Records of judgments, 25 volumes, bound, price 10 00 Orders should be addressed to Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

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

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.