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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

STATED SESSION.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MONDAY, January 12, 1885,
1 o'clock P. M.

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

PRESENT:

Hon. Adolph L. Sanger, President;

ALDERMEN

Henry W. Jaehne, Vice-President,	Bartholomew F. Kenney,	Patrick N. Oakley,
George B. Brown,	Patrick H. Kerwin,	Edward F. O'Dwyer,
Thomas Cleary,	Peter B. Masterson,	John Quinn,
James A. Cowie,	Bankson T. Morgan,	Charles H. Reilly,
Robert E. De Lacy,	James B. Mulry,	Thomas Rothman,
Frederick Finck,	Joseph Murray,	James T. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Hall,	Owen McGinnis,	Thomas P. Walsh.
Anthony Hartman,	Michael McKenna,	
	Arthur J. McQuade,	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President here announced the Standing Committees of the Board for the year 1885, as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES—1885.

Bridges and Tunnels—Aldermen Oakley, Hartman, Murray, McGinnis, and Cowie.
County Affairs—Aldermen Kerwin, Hall, Masterson, Quinn, and Mulry.
Docks—Aldermen Hall, Cleary, McKenna, McGinnis, and Finck.
Ferries and Franchises—Aldermen Quinn, Jaehne, Walsh, Rothman, and Oakley.
Finance—Aldermen Reilly, Hartman, Hall, Masterson, and Van Rensselaer.
Fire and Building Department—Aldermen Hartman, Jaehne, De Lacy, Kerwin, and O'Dwyer.
Lamps and Gas—Aldermen De Lacy, Cleary, McKenna, Morgan, and Brown.
Lands, Places and Park Department—Aldermen Murray, Reilly, Hartman, Kerwin, and Cowie.
Law Department—Aldermen O'Dwyer, Quinn, Morgan, Hartman, and Van Rensselaer.
Markets—Aldermen Masterson, Cleary, Walsh, Kenney, and O'Dwyer.
Police and Health Departments—Aldermen McKenna, Quinn, Murray, McQuade, and Finck.
Public Works—Aldermen Walsh, Hall, Kerwin, McKenna, and Rothman.
Railroads—Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Jaehne, McQuade, and Rothman.
Salaries and Offices—Aldermen Van Rensselaer, Masterson, Kerwin, Hall, and Mulry.
Streets—Aldermen McQuade, Walsh, Murray, Reilly, and Masterson.
Street Cleaning—Aldermen Jaehne, McQuade, Murray, Reilly, and Brown.
Street Pavements—Aldermen Rothman, Walsh, Cleary, De Lacy, and Kenney.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Morgan—
Petition of the Cercle Francais de l'Harmonie for permission to erect a temporary bridge across Irving place, from the Academy of Music to Irving Hall.

Alderman Morgan moved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

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

By Alderman Brown—

Petition of owners of property on Ninety-sixth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, to establish the width of the sidewalks and carriage-way of said street.

Whereupon he offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Ninety-sixth street, from the westerly line or side of Fourth avenue to the easterly line or side of Fifth avenue, be and they are hereby fixed and established at a uniform width of thirty feet, and the carriage-way of said street, between the said Fourth and Fifth avenues, at a width of forty feet.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the President—

Petition of Arthur Browne to be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds.
Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Petition to appoint R. W. Toulmin a Commissioner of Deeds.
Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Quinn—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Mayor and the various heads of departments, to the end that means may be devised to relieve the great amount of distress now existing in the city.

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

And the President subsequently appointed Aldermen Quinn, Brown and Mulry as such Committee.

By Alderman Van Rensselaer—

Resolved, That all resolutions for the appointment of Commissioners of Deeds shall be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee.

Alderman Hartman moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman Finck, as follows:
Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Finck, Hall, Hartman, Kenney, Kerwin, Masterson, Mulry, Murray, McGinnis, McKenna, Oakley, Quinn, and Walsh—16.

Negative—Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Brown, Cowie, Morgan, McQuade, O'Dwyer, Reilly, Rothman, and Van Rensselaer—9.

By Alderman Kerwin—

Whereas, It is admitted that the laws passed to improve the civil service in this State were enacted solely for that purpose, and it must be admitted also that when it is apparent that the provisions of the said laws operate injuriously, and their enforcement acts detrimentally to the civil service, the repeal or modification of said laws becomes an imperative necessity; and

Whereas, It must be obvious to the most superficial observer that the civil service rules in this city, applicable to the members of the Police and Fire Departments, affect these departments injuriously, as physical perfection is of far more importance than mental ability; and as a combination of both is of such rare occurrence in applicants for appointment in both departments, that it forms the exception to the general rule—the alternative is presented of appointing only men highly educated, but generally physically incapacitated to perform the exhausting and frequently dangerous duties of policeman or fireman, or else permitting the vacancies, as they occur, to remain unfilled for an indefinite period, manifestly to the detriment of both departments, and the injury of the public service; and

Whereas, This Common Council is of opinion that the amendment to the civil service law, which includes policemen and firemen in its provisions, and compels applicants for appointment in both departments to undergo a competitive examination in the higher branches of education, will militate against the efficiency of both, as it will not be possible to keep the department supplied with men of ordinary educational requirements, robust and healthy, who can sustain the strain upon their constitutions inevitable from a faithful performance of their duties, and in consequence the departments will, in a short time, be filled with men highly educated, it may be, but physically incapable of rendering efficient service to the city, and who, instead of being active and able-bodied men, will shortly become pensioners; and

Whereas, The present exceptional efficiency of the Police and Fire Departments of this city—which is admitted on all hands—is due entirely to the technical knowledge and great ability of the Commissioners governing these departments, and the intelligent exercise of the powers now vested in them, and it is certainly safe to continue the management and control of these two important city departments, in all their details, in the hands of those who have hitherto so successfully administered them; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That this Common Council, the representatives of the people of this city, hereby respectfully, yet earnestly, prays the Honorable the Legislature of this State, now in session, to repeal the amendments, or modify the present laws, passed to improve the civil service in this State, so as to except the Police and Fire Departments of this city from the operations of said laws; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be duly authenticated by the signature of the Clerk of this Board and transmitted to his Excellency Governor Hill, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and each of the representatives of this city in the Legislature, who are hereby requested to use every honorable means to secure the repeal or modification of the Civil Service laws, so as to except the Police and Fire Departments of this city from their provisions.

Alderman Quinn moved to amend by including the laborers and others in the Dock Department receiving \$3 per day and under.

Alderman Cleary moved to refer the preamble and resolution to the Committee on Law Department.

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

By Alderman Walsh—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Hartman—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from North Third avenue to St. Ann's avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb-stones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, from Morris avenue to the Southern Boulevard, be regulated and graded, the curb-stones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Masterson—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in Tenth avenue, from Seventy-ninth to Ninety-fifth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to include in the list of streets to be repaved this year, Bank street, from Hudson to West street, with granite blocks, as provided in chapter 476, Laws of 1875.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Hartman—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Fiftieth street, from North Third avenue to Railroad avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb-stones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

(G. O. 2.)

By Alderman Brown—

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department be and are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars for erecting reviewing stand on the occasion of the annual parade of the Department, and the presentation of the Bennett and Stephenson Medals on June 12, 1884.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Hartman—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from North Third avenue to Railroad avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb-stones set, and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from North Third avenue to St. Ann's avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb-stones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in Hull avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to Suburban street, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Vice-President Jaehne—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Lewis Hand Fire Extinguisher Company to exhibit their apparatus in the City Hall Park between the hours of one and six o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 14, 1885.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Kerwin—

Resolved, That the south side of Sixty-second street, between First and Second avenues, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Hartman—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in Walnut street, from Wake street to Jerome avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By the same—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in Westchester avenue, from Prospect avenue to the Bronx river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By Alderman De Lacy—

Resolved, That the offices recently leased for and now occupied by the Finance Department in the Stewart Building be fitted up and furnished at an expense not exceeding the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000), to be charged to the appropriation to the Department of Public Works, entitled "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices," for 1885, without advertising for estimates or contracting therefor; the work to be done and supplies furnished under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, in a manner satisfactory to the Comptroller and subject to his approval.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Hartman—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted on North and South Depot Squares, from Bedford Park railroad station to (Berrian) or Webster avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By Alderman Brown—

Resolved, That an additional course of flagging, four feet wide, be laid on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues, and the present flagging, where sunken or broken, be relaid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Rothman—

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across Sixth street, opposite the entrance to St. Mark's Church, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman McQuade—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to include in the list of streets to be repaved during the present year, as provided in chapter 476, Laws of 1875, Eleventh street, from Avenue B to Avenue D; Ninth street, from First avenue to Avenue A; Twelfth street, from Avenue A to Second avenue.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Brown—

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, That an improved iron drinking-fountain (for man and beast) be placed on the northwest corner of Hudson and Leroy streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Murray—

Resolved, That the resolution approved October 14, 1876, giving permission to John Birmingham to place and keep a platform scale at the foot of Twenty-third street, East river, during the pleasure of the Common Council, be and it is hereby repealed, and the permission thereby given is hereby revoked.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman De Lacy—

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint assistant clerks and other officers to the places and at the salaries named in the following list, viz.:

A First Assistant Clerk, at a salary of.....	\$2,000 00	per annum.
A Second Assistant Clerk, ".....	1,000 00	"
A Third Assistant Clerk, ".....	900 00	"
A General Clerk and Reader, ".....	1,500 00	"
A Recording Clerk, ".....	1,000 00	"
An Assistant Recording Clerk, ".....	1,000 00	"
A Journal Clerk, ".....	900 00	"
An Assistant Journal Clerk, ".....	900 00	"
An Index Clerk, ".....	1,000 00	"
A Clerk to Committees, ".....	1,000 00	"
A Librarian for the City Library, at a salary of.....	1,000 00	"
An Assistant Librarian, ".....	900 00	"
A Messenger, ".....	1,000 00	"
An Assistant Messenger, ".....	900 00	"
And that the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be.....	1,000 00	"

—payable, in all cases, monthly; and be it further

Resolved, That the duties of the Clerk and other officers shall be as prescribed by the laws of the State and the ordinances of the Common Council; and, in addition, the Assistant Clerks and other officers respectively shall perform such other duties as may be assigned them by the Clerk, and shall be subject to his direction and control, as provided by law.

Alderman Van Rensselaer moved to refer to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the negative, on a division called by Alderman Cleary, as follows:

Affirmative—Aldermen Brown, Cowie, Kenney, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, Oakley, O'Dwyer, Rothman, and Van Rensselaer—10.

Negative—The President, Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Finck, Hall, Hartman, Kerwin, Masterson, McGinnis, McKenna, McQuade, Quinn, Reilly, and Walsh—15.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Cleary—

Resolved, That P. Francis Dierick be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Allan A. Irvine, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Subsequently reconsidered, and adopted on a division, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Cowie, De Lacy, Finck, Hall, Hartman, Kenney, Kerwin, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, McGinnis, McKenna, McQuade, Oakley, O'Dwyer, Quinn, Reilly, Rothman, Van Rensselaer, and Walsh—24.

By Alderman Hall—

Resolved, That Thomas W. Byrnes be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of William F. Erving, who has failed to qualify.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Cowie, De Lacy, Finck, Hall, Hartman, Kenney, Kerwin, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, McGinnis, McKenna, McQuade, Oakley, O'Dwyer, Quinn, Reilly, Rothman, and Walsh—24.

Negative—Alderman Van Rensselaer—1.

By Alderman Hartman—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman O'Dwyer—

Resolved, That Abner C. Thomas, Henry W. Unger, Charles H. Preyer, Eugene P. Medanich, William H. Lees be and each of them hereby is appointed a Commissioner of Deeds for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Cleary—

Resolved, That Daniel P. O'Connor be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Vice-President Jaehne—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Masterson—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Kenney—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Hall—

Resolved, That Henry C. Freeman be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of William T. Matthies, who has failed to qualify.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Albert Zimmermann be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of R. W. Blackwell, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman O'Dwyer—

Resolved, That Joseph E. Owens be and he hereby is appointed a Commissioner of Deeds for the City and County of New York, his term having expired January 11, 1885.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Cowie, De Lacy, Finck, Hartman, Kenney, Kerwin, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, McGinnis, McKenna, McQuade, Oakley, O'Dwyer, Quinn, Reilly, Rothman, Van Rensselaer, and Walsh—23.

By Alderman Van Rensselaer—

Resolved, That Jacob H. Simms be and he is hereby reappointed as a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to date from the expiration of his present term of office, January 26, 1885.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Office.

By Alderman De Lacy—

Resolved, That Henry Morgenthau be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Simon Rosenthal, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Murray—

Resolved, That Julius Stich be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Julius Stich, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Cowie, De Lacy, Finck, Hartman, Kenney, Kerwin, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, McGinnis, McKenna, McQuade, Oakley, O'Dwyer, Quinn, Reilly, Rothman, Van Rensselaer, and Walsh—23.

By Alderman McQuade—

Resolved, That Herman Muehlhaus be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of James J. Campbell, who failed to qualify.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Mulry—

Resolved, That John J. Tracey be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to date from the expiration of his present term of office, January 26, 1885.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Cowie, De Lacy, Hartman, Kenney, Kerwin, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, McGinnis, McKenna, McQuade, Oakley, O'Dwyer, Quinn, Reilly, Rothman, Van Rensselaer, and Walsh—22.

By Alderman Finck—

Resolved, That Alexander Hoch be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Newton Squire, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Cowie, De Lacy, Finck, Hall, Hartman, Kenney, Kerwin, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, McGinnis, McKenna, McQuade, Oakley, O'Dwyer, Quinn, Reilly, Rothman, Van Rensselaer, and Walsh—24.

By the same—

Resolved, That William H. Folsom be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Alfred Lazarus, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Cowie, De Lacy, Finck, Hall, Hartman, Kenney, Kerwin, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, McGinnis, McKenna, McQuade, Oakley, O'Dwyer, Quinn, Reilly, Rothman, Van Rensselaer, and Walsh—24.

Alderman Morgan moved that the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board, assigning seats to members, be strictly enforced.

Whereupon Alderman McQuade offered the following:

Resolved, That the seats at present occupied by the several members at the present time, be declared the seats of such members for the year 1885, any resolution heretofore passed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Alderman Cleary, as an amendment, moved that each member occupy the seat numbered to correspond with the number of the Assembly District he represents, as at present arranged in the chamber.

Which was accepted by Alderman McQuade.

Whereupon Alderman McKenna moved the previous question.

Which having been seconded,

The President stated the question to be "Shall the main question be now put?"

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman Cleary, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Hall, Hartman, Kerwin, Murray, McKenna, McQuade, Quinn, Reilly, Rothman, and Walsh—13.

Negative—Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Cowie, De Lacy, Finck, Kenney, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, McGinnis, Oakley, O'Dwyer, and Van Rensselaer—12.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Commissioner of Jurors:

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Office of the Commissioner of Jurors for the Year 1884.

1884.	Jan. 1.	To amount allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in accordance with chapter 426, Laws of 1883, for the year 1884:		
		Salary of Commissioner of Jurors.....	\$5,000 00	
		Contingent expenses, clerk hire, etc.....	10,000 00	
				\$15,000 00
	Dec. 31.	To cash received for fines, etc., from January 1, 1884, to December 31, 1884.....	2,057 50	
		By expenses, salary of Commissioner, clerk hire, etc.....		\$15,000 00
		By cash paid City Chamberlain, in accordance with chapter 268, Laws of 1879.....	2,057 50	
				\$17,057 50
			\$17,057 50	\$17,057 50

RECEIPTS.

Fines and Exemption Certificates.

1884.	Jan. 4.	Lewis S. Wolff.....	\$50 00	
	" 7.	Robert G. Dun.....	50 00	
	" 14.	Isaac L. Falk.....	50 00	
	" 19.	David Clarkson.....	100 00	
	" 21.	Wm. P. Grovesteen.....	100 00	
	" 25.	Ferdinand Stagg.....	50 00	
	" 25.	Dewitt C. Coney.....	100 00	
				\$500 00
		Less error in April, 1883, return.....	50 00	
				\$450 00
		Less paid sheriff for collecting fines against Wm. P. Grovesteen and Dewitt C. Coney: Poundage, \$2.50; levy, 50 cents on each.....	6 00	
				\$444 00
	Jan. 31.	David Block.....	1 00	
	" 31.	Edwin T. Butler.....	1 00	
	" 31.	James Brown.....	1 00	
	" 31.	James Wallace.....	1 00	
	" 31.	S. H. Nichols.....	1 00	
	" 31.	W. S. Dominick.....	1 00	
	" 31.	E. W. Vanderhoof.....	75	
	" 31.	Jas. A. Patterson.....	75	
	" 31.	Hugh O'Neil.....	75	
	" 31.	C. W. Brinckerhoff.....	75	
	" 31.	S. F. Johnson.....	75	
	" 31.	Chas. W. Bucklin.....	75	
	" 31.	Geo. R. Howell.....	75	
				\$455 25
	Feb. 1.	A. Van H. Stuyvesant.....	\$50 00	
	" 29.	Francis H. Macy, Jr.....	75	
	" 29.	William Prodgers.....	75	
	" 29.	Camile C. Roumage.....	75	
				52 25
	Mar. 7.	Wm. H. H. Moore.....	\$50 00	
	" 17.	Robt. Mook.....	50 00	
	" 14.	John Keeler.....	50 00	
	" 15.	Livingston Roe.....	100 00	
	" 22.	Geo. J. McGourkey.....	100 00	
	" 31.	Augustus Marsh.....	75	
	" 31.	Geo. D. Atherton.....	75	
				351 50
	Apr. 1.	Cyrus W. Field, Jr.....	\$50 00	
	" 3.	Cornelius N. Bliss.....	100 00	
	" 10.	Herman O. Armour.....	100 00	
				250 00
	May 15.	Felix Fourmer.....	\$50 00	
	" 17.	Daniel S. Miller.....	100 00	
	" 17.	John J. Astor.....	75	
	" 17.	Charles H. Tenney.....	75	
				151 50
	June 7.	Rutherford Stuyvesant.....	\$100 00	
	" 23.	A. C. Kingsland, Jr.....	100 00	
				200 00
	July 22.	James J. Coogan.....	\$100 00	
	" 28.	Ezekiel J. Donnell.....	100 00	
				\$200 00
		Less paid sheriff for collecting fine against James J. Coogan; poundage \$2.50; levy, 50 cents.....	3 00	
				197 00
	Nov. 11.	R. S. Anderson.....	\$50 00	
	" 20.	Robt. L. Kennedy.....	100 00	
	" 25.	Adrian Iselin.....	100 00	
				250 00
	Dec. 3.	Robert Winthrop.....	\$50 00	
	" 16.	Rutherford Stuyvesant.....	100 00	
				150 00
		Total.....		\$2,057 50

EXPENSES.

George Caulfield, salary for the year 1884.....	\$5,000 00
Jas. E. Conner, ".....	2,000 00
Geo. W. Lawrence, ".....	1,600 00
Andrew Doyle, ".....	1,400 00
A. W. Moynihan, ".....	1,100 00
Wm. J. Plunkett, ".....	1,000 00
Fred. O'Byrne, ".....	1,000 00
Thomas Campbell, ".....	900 00
Marvin Safe Co., new lock on safe, etc.....	31 00
Martin B. Brown, printing, stationery, etc.....	265 19
John F. Hahn, ".....	315 52
Trow Directory Co., directories.....	18 00
Hussey's Special Messenger Post, delivery.....	370 29
Total.....	\$15,000 00

City and County of New York, ss.:

George Caulfield, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he occupies the position of Commissioner of Jurors in and for the City and County of New York, and that the annexed is a just and faithful account of the receipts and expenses of his office, by items, for the year 1884, and that it is in all respects just and true, and that he has not received any sum of money during that time which he has not charged himself in the account.

GEORGE CAULFIELD, Commissioner of Jurors.

Sworn and subscribed to this 7th day of January, 1885.

NOAH DAVIS, P. J. Sup. Court.

The annexed account having been examined and found correct as to its details is audited and certified by us, members of the Board for the Enforcement of Jury Fines, this 8th day of January, 1885.

NOAH DAVIS.
DAVID McADAM, C. J. City Ct.
H. A. GILDERSLEEVE, J. G. S.

Which was ordered on file.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Children's Aid Society, being their thirty-second annual report. Which was ordered on file.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Reilly moved that G. O. 563 and G. O. 575, of the year 1884, be taken from on file.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative. He then moved that the General Orders named be referred to the Committee on Public Works. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

The said General Orders are as follows:

G. O. 563.

Resolved, That the grade of Fifty-fifth street, from Avenue A to East river, be changed so as to conform to the red lines and figures on the accompanying diagram.

G. O. 575.

Resolved, That the grade of Tenth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-sixth to One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, be and is hereby changed so as to conform with the blue lines and blue figures shown on the accompanying diagram, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The President called up G. O. 1, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the rooms in the County Court-house set apart for the use and occupation of the Justices of the Supreme Court for this district be altered, painted, thoroughly fitted up and furnished at an expense not to exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to be charged to the appropriation for "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices" for the year 1885, without advertising for estimates or contracting therefor; the work to be done and supplies furnished under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, in a manner satisfactory to the Justices of said Court and subject to their approval.

The President moved to amend by adding to the resolution the following: "The said sum being the amount appropriated for that purpose in the tax levy for the year 1885."

He then put the question whether the Board would agree with said amendment. Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, as amended. Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Cowie, De Lacy, Finck, Hall, Hartman, Kenney, Kerwin, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, McGinnis, McKenna, McQuade, Oakley, O'Dwyer, Quinn, Reilly, Rothman, Van Rensselaer, and Walsh—25.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Hartman moved that when the Board adjourns it do so to meet again on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the negative on a division called by Alderman Finck, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Hall, Hartman, Kenney, McGinnis, McKenna, Oakley, Quinn, and Walsh—9.

Negative—Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Brown, Cleary, Cowie, De Lacy, Finck, Kerwin, Masterson, Morgan, Mulry, Murray, O'Dwyer, Reilly, Rothman, and Van Rensselaer—15.

Alderman Cleary moved that when the Board adjourns it do so to meet on Monday next, the 19th instant at 1 o'clock P. M.

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

Alderman Cleary moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Monday, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

NO. 27 CHAMBERS STREET,
TUESDAY, January 6, 1885—2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission created by chapter 550 of the Laws of 1880, to revise, vacate, or modify assessments for local improvements in the City of New York, met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Commissioners Daniel Lord, Jr. (Chairman), Allan Campbell, and Joseph Garry. The Clerk presented copies of the CITY RECORD and "Daily Register" of January 5 and 6, 1885, showing the publication of notices of the meeting.

The minutes of the meetings held on December 16 and 19, 1884, were read and approved.

The Clerk reported that under the decisions made on March 25, 1884, he had filed in the Finance Department, on December 29, 1884, a certificate reducing the assessment for St. Nicholas avenue regulating, grading, etc., between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, confirmed February 3, 1876, on property belonging to Juliet Douglas (No. 460), from \$7,691.14 to \$5,768.37.

The Clerk reported that he had filed in the Finance Department, on December 29, 1884, certificates reducing assessments in cases specified in resolution adopted on December 22, 1884.

The Clerk reported that he had filed in the Finance Department, on December 29, 1884, certificates of award in favor of the persons named, and for the amounts specified in resolutions adopted on December 22, 1884.

Calendar.

No. 5358. Application of William M. Stillwell, executor, etc., for an award on assessment paid for Seventy-second street (Eastern Boulevard) regulating, grading, etc., between Fifth avenue and Avenue A; confirmed July 12, 1878.

On motion of A. B. Johnson, Esq., attorney, a certificate of award was directed to issue in this case.

No. 1434. Matter of Benjamin H. Hutton—Assessment for One Hundred and Twenty-second street regulating, grading, etc., between Mount Morris Square and Ninth avenue; confirmed August 2, 1875.

On motion of T. F. Neville, Esq., attorney for the petitioner, the counsel representing the City consenting, the evidence taken in the matter of John H. Sherwood, as to this assessment, was made applicable to this case.

The case was then closed, and decision reserved.

Decision.

No. 3375. Matter of New York Protestant Episcopal Public School—Assessment for Seventy-seventh street regulating, grading, etc., between First avenue and East river; confirmed December 29, 1876.

No. 3376. Matter of John H. Heckman—Same assessment. Commissioner Campbell moved that the applications of the petitioners for a reduction of the assessment be denied.

The question being taken, the motion was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, and Garry—3.

In explanation of his vote, Commissioner Lord said: The work was done under a contract dated 28th March, 1870, at prices which were not questioned, the objections urged being only in reference to the amount of work performed and the Inspector's fees included in the assessment list.

As to the first objection, there is a conflict of testimony between the witness for the City and the two surveyors called by the petitioners. However valuable Mr. Thomas' testimony might have been had his examination been made earlier, its weight is greatly lessened by the facts, not only that he did not examine the work until nearly seven years after its completion, but also that the bench marks from which the curb lines were originally taken by the surveyor in charge are all gone. The case for the petitioners must, therefore, rest upon the testimony of Kane, and from the circumstances of the case I think that the presumption of accuracy is in favor of Smith's figures.

Another objection urged against the assessment is that the excavation charged for included some rock outside of the line of the street. It appears, however, that this was not charged in the assessment at the price of rock excavation (ninety-two cents per cubic yard), but at only the price of earth excavation (twenty-three cents per cubic yard). It is of course impracticable to blast rock with mathematical accuracy, so that a perpendicular wall be made on each side of the street. The price

for rock excavation was so low that it certainly was not to the contractor's interest to excavate more of it than was absolutely necessary even at the price he bid for rock, but charging only the price of earth excavation for removing rock necessarily taken out to complete the work, was certainly not an injustice of which the property-owners can complain.

The only remaining objection is that urged against the Inspector's fees. These were charged in the assessment exactly under the terms of the contract, which was in the usual form, and the excess of inspection over the amount allowed by the agreement was charged against and paid for by the contractor. The period allowed in the contract for the completion of the work was one year, with an allowance of one additional day for each twenty-five yards of rock beyond the amount called for in the proposals. No charge beyond this is made against the property-owners; the number of days charged for was 887, but the rock overran the preliminary estimate 13,000 cubic yards, so that the inspection charged was clearly within the terms of the contract. I do not think there was any injustice in the terms of the contract, nor do I think the appointment of an inspector on the work was either improper or unnecessary.

The learned counsel for the property-owners urges in his brief, that by reason of an error in printing the proposals by which the estimated quantity of rock was stated to be 1,000 cubic yards instead of 7,000, as intended, the advantage of public competition was lost and the assessment rendered illegal. If this view of the case is accepted, we could only look at the prices charged, and modify the assessment to what would be fair prices for doing the work. Should this rule be applied in the present case we could hardly fix prices as low as those at which the work was actually done.

But even if we should assume that there was such an error in the work as is claimed by the petitioners, the amount charged to the City must be first deducted from any allowance to be given them. This principle has been always adopted by the Commission, and has also received the sanction of the Courts.

There was charged against the City \$1,333.90. If Kane's testimony is assumed as correct, the alleged overcharge was \$1,614.08, and assuming Thomas', it was \$1,500.06, or an excessive charge of either \$280.18, or \$166.16. This is certainly not such substantial injustice as was contemplated by the Act, being in one case only about one per cent., and in the other even less of the amount of the assessment. This view, which has been always adopted by the Commission, has been recently affirmed by the General Term, Supreme Court, Matter of Jessup, October, 1884.

On the whole case as presented I do not think that the petitioners have made out a case entitling them to relief.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has attacked the assessment with great pertinacity, and has argued his objections with great ingenuity and skill, and his briefs have received the most careful examination, but I do not think it is a case in which we can give the relief desired.

In explanation of his vote, Commissioner Campbell said: A reduction in this case is claimed, first, because the amount of excavation returned is in excess of the amount actually done; and, second, because the charge for Inspector's fees is excessive.

With regard to the first point, there is a difference between the statements made by the surveyor, Smith, who was employed by the City to make the preliminary surveys and estimates, and to measure the work from time to time during its progress, and on its completion, and two surveyors, (Kane and Thomas), employed by the petitioners, one of whom measured the work some months after its completion, and the other several years thereafter. The lesser quantities of rock and earth excavation, according to the measurements of the surveyors employed by the petitioners, computed at contract prices would reduce the cost of the work \$1,614.08, according to one of them, and \$1,500.06, according to the other. It is claimed in favor of the quantities reported by the surveyor employed by the City, that he was familiar with the ground, and that he measured the work actually done in accordance with the grade, as determined by bench marks or levels used by him. He also testifies positively that the rock was excavated two feet below grade, and that he saw that the sub-grade was so excavated between the curbs before being filled with earth. Different bench marks seem to have been used by the other surveyors, which may, in some measure, account for the variation in the sub-grade quantities.

The petitioners claim that the total quantity of excavation, estimated by the preliminary survey, viz., 25,000 cubic yards, was exceeded in the final estimate by 1,691 cubic yards, and that this arose in part from an allowance for side slopes, which should not have been made. It is a well known fact that the rock is nearly perpendicular, and Mr. Thomas so stated in his testimony. Mr. Smith testifies that the quantity of excavation outside the house line, or outer boundary of the street, caused by the necessary slopes, was only returned as earth excavation, which seems to be a very moderate allowance.

The excess in quantity of the final over the preliminary estimate was, no doubt, caused in good part by the large amount of work encountered beyond that originally contemplated. The preliminary survey was based upon a supposed or estimated amount of 7,000 cubic yards of rock, whereas in the actual construction more than double that quantity (15,330 cubic yards) was removed. This increased quantity of rock beyond the original expectation no doubt caused a much greater length of sub-grade cutting, thereby accounting, at least in a measure, for the increase of the final quantities of excavation (1,691 cubic yards) over the estimated quantities of the preliminary survey.

As to the second point raised by the petitioners, viz., excessive charges for inspection, the contract under which the work was done provides that for a period of one year only the Inspector's fees shall be charged to the improvement, after which time said fees shall be charged to the contractor, except in case of an increase in the quantity of rock beyond the amount specified at the time of the public letting, in which case the contractor shall be allowed one additional day free of charge for inspection, for each additional twenty-five cubic yards of rock removed by him, over and above the amount originally specified.

The sum actually charged in the assessment for inspection is \$2,665.00, being for eight hundred and eighty five days, at three dollars per day. In addition to which the contractor was charged for six hundred and seventy-five days' inspection, at three dollars, amounting to \$2,025.00.

It appears by the evidence that according to the preliminary map and survey of this work, the amount of rock was estimated at 7,000 cubic yards, and earth at 18,000 cubic yards, but that by an error in the printed specifications, the rock excavation was stated at 1,000 cubic yards. If we allow this error to be charged against the City, it would reduce the time of the inspection now charged against the property two hundred and forty days, which at three dollars per day would amount to \$720. If this error on the part of the City officials had caused higher prices to be bid for rock excavation so as materially to increase the cost of the work, there would be good reason for a reduction of the assessment by this Commission; but as the lowest and accepted bid was ninety-two cents per cubic yard for the item of rock excavation—a very low price at that time—no injury has resulted to the City or the property-owners from this error.

A long time seems to have been taken in carrying out this improvement, but the charge for inspection is made strictly in conformity with the provisions of the contract, unless we are to consider the small sum of \$720, above alluded to, as not fairly chargeable.

It has often happened in city improvements that rock excavation has been contracted for at rates far below actual cost, the contractor counting upon his profit from a sale of the stone for building purposes, in which case the work may progress slowly to enable the contractor advantageously to dispose of the material as demanded. While the completion of the work may thus be delayed, the property owners on whom the assessment is to be laid are benefited by the reduced cost of the improvement.

It appears that the Board of Assessors charged to the City \$1,333.90 as not assessable according to the law of 1840, thereby reducing the cost of the work, as returned by the Department of Public Works, from \$24,257.10 to \$22,923.20, which latter sum is the amount assessed upon the property benefited.

After a full and careful hearing and consideration of the case, I have come to the conclusion that substantial justice does not require that any reduction should be made from this assessment.

Motion.

On motion of Commissioner Lord, the Commission adjourned.

JAMES J. MARTIN, Clerk.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resignation of M. H. Silberstein as a Commissioner of Deeds. Resolved, That Emanuel A. Schwarz be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of M. H. Silberstein, resigned.

Resignation accepted and resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 5, 1885.

Resolved, That Fifty-fifth street, from Avenue A to the East river, be regulated and graded, curb-stones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 20, 1884.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, December 29, 1884, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the Ground, 53 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS,

For the Week ending January 3, 1885.

Barometer.

Table with columns: DATE, 7 A.M., 2 P.M., 9 P.M., MEAN FOR THE DAY, MAXIMUM, MINIMUM. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Mean for the week..... 30.227 inches.
Maximum " at 9 A.M., January 3..... 30.686 "
Minimum " at 1 P.M., "..... 29.670 "
Range "..... 1.016 "

Thermometers.

Table with columns: DATE, 7 A.M., 2 P.M., 9 P.M., MEAN, MAXIMUM, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Mean for the week..... 35.8 degrees
Maximum for the week, at 6 P.M., 31st..... 59. " at 6 P.M., 31st..... 55. "
Minimum " at 7 A.M., 3d..... 8. " at 7 A.M., 3d..... 8. "
Range "..... 51. "..... 47. "

Wind.

Table with columns: DATE, DIRECTION, VELOCITY IN MILES, FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Distance traveled during the week..... 1,229 miles.
Maximum force "..... 13 1/2 pounds.

Table with columns: DATE, Hygrometer, Clouds, Rain and Snow. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Total amount of water for the week..... .07 inch.

DANIEL DRAPER, Ph. D., Director.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, SANITARY BUREAU, SEVENTH DIVISION—VITAL STATISTICS.

REPORTED MORTALITY * for the week ending January 3, 1885, together with the ACTUAL MORTALITY for the week ending December 27, 1884.

W. DE F. DAY, M. D., Sanitary Superintendent and Register :

SIR—There were 709 deaths reported to have occurred in this city during the week ending Saturday, January 3, 1885, which is an increase of 45, as compared with the number reported the preceding week, and 133 more than were reported during the corresponding week of the year 1884. The actual mortality for the week ending December 27, 1884, was 694, which is 75.8 above the average for the corresponding week for the past five years, and represents an annual death-rate of 26.21 per 1,000 persons living, the population estimated at 1,376,887.

Table showing the Reported Mortality for the week ending January 3, 1885, and the Actual Number of Deaths each day, from the Principal Causes, with the Ages of Decedents, for the week ending December 27, 1884.

Main table with columns for Meteorology, Causes of Death, Date (Dec 21-27), Actual Mortality, Age by Years (Under 1 year to 70 and over), Sex, and Colored. Includes rows for Total Deaths from all Causes, Total Zymotic Diseases, etc.

* Refers to the number of death certificates received.

DEATHS FROM ZYMOTIC DISEASES. NEW YORK.—DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX, MEASLES, SCARLATINA, DIPHtheria, CROUP, WHOOPING COUGH, TYPHOID FEVER, TYPHUS FEVER, MALARIAL FEVERS, PUERPERAL FEVER, DIARRHOEAL DISEASES, CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER, AND OTHER ZYMOTIC DISEASES. Actual Mortality during the Week ending December 27, 1884. Table with columns for Wards, Area in Acres, Small-pox, Measles, Scarlatina, Diphtheria, Croup, Whooping Cough, Yellow Fever, Typhoid Fever, Malarial Fevers, Puerperal Fever, All Diarrhoeal Diseases, Cerebro-Spinal Fever, Other Zymotic Diseases, Total Deaths from Zymotic Diseases, Total Deaths from all Causes, Total Deaths, exclusive of those in Public Institutions, Total Population (in Wards), Census of 1880, Remarks, and Total in Institutions.

Very respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. NAGLE, M. D., Deputy Register of Records.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Appointments by the Mayor.

January 1, 1885—Richard J. Morrisson, Secretary to the Mayor, salary, \$5,000 per annum; William L. Turner, Chief Clerk in the Mayor's office, salary, \$2,500 per annum.

January 3, 1885—William Pitt Shearman and J. B. Adamson, Commissioners of Accounts, in place of Andrew B. Martin and George Edwin Hill, removed; Thomas W. Byrnes, First Marshal in the Mayor's office, in place of George A. McDermott, resigned.

Resignation.

January 9, 1885—Charles W. McCusker, Clerk in the office of the Mayor's Marshal. RICHARD J. MORRISON, Secretary.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

An open competitive examination for Draughtsmen will be held on Thursday, January 15, 1885, at 2.30 P. M., at No. 23 East Twentieth street.

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; RICHARD J. MORRISON, Secretary; WILLIAM L. TURNER, Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. THOMAS W. BYRNES, First Marshal. GEORGE W. BROWN, JR., Second Marshal.

Permit Bureau Office.

No. 13 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. HENRY WOLTMAN, Registrar.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Rooms 114 and 115 Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WM. PITT SHEARMAN, J. B. ADAMSON.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.

Room 78, Tribune Building, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. THE MAYOR, President; JAMES W. MCCULLOH, Secretary; BENJAMIN S. CHURCH, Chief Engineer.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

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

City Library.

No. 12 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ROLLIN M. SQUIRE, Commissioner; DAVID LOWBER SMITH, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. GEORGE W. BIRDSALL, Chief Engineer.

Bureau of Water Register.

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

Bureau of Street Improvements.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. GEORGE A. JEREMIAH, Superintendent.

Engineer in Charge of Sewers.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. STEPHENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. THOMAS H. McAVOY, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ALSTON CULVER, Water Purveyor.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. STEPHEN McCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. GEO. E. BARCOCK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Incumbrances.

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

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.

MARTIN J. KEESE, City Hall.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

No. 15 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. EDWARD V. LOEW, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.

Nos. 19, 21, 23 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WM. J. LYON, Auditor of Accounts. DAVID E. AUSTEN, Deputy Auditor.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents. Nos. 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ARTEMAS S. CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets. Nos. 1 and 3 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. FRANCIS TOMES, Collector of the City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes. First floor Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park. MARTIN T. McMAHON, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED VREDBURG, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

Nos. 25, 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. HENRY B. LAIDLAW, City Chamberlain.

Office of the City Paymaster.

Room 1, New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. MOOR FALLS, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. E. HENRY LACOMBE, 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; WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk; JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Chief Bureau of Elections.

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.

Office hours for all except where otherwise noted from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, to 3 P. M.

Headquarters.

Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street. CORNELIUS VAN COTT, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

Bureau of Chief of Department.

CHARLES O. SHAY, 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.

WM. P. ESTERBROOK, Inspector of Buildings.

Attorney to Department.

WM. L. FINDLEY, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street. Fire Alarm Telegraph. J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Telegraph, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street. Central Office Fire Alarm Telegraph open at all hours.

Repair Shops.

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

Hospital Stables.

99th street, between 9th and 10th avenues. JOSEPH SHEA, Foreman-in-Charge. Open at all hours.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

No. 301 Mott street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

ALEXANDER SHALER, President; EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 35 Union Square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS, President; EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, 64th street and 5th avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards, 146th street and 3d avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

LUCIUS J. N. STARK, President; JOHN T. CUMING, Secretary. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily, except Saturdays; on Saturdays as follows: from September 15 to June 15, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.; from June 15 to September 15, from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Staats Zeitung Building, Tryon Row, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 3 P. M.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; FLOYD T. SMITH, Secretary.

Office Bureau Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.

Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. CHARLES S. BEARDSLEY, Attorney; WILLIAM COMBERFORD, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

31 and 32 Park Row, "World" Building, Rooms and 9, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES S. COLEMAN, Commissioner; A. H. ROGERS, Deputy Commissioner; M. J. MORRISON, Chief Clerk.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE ADVISORY AND EXAMINING BOARDS.

No. 23 East Twentieth street. EVERETT P. WHEELER, Chairman of the Advisory Board; RUSSELL STURGIS, Secretary and Executive Officer.

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

A STATED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the College of the City of New York will be held at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, on Tuesday, January 20, 1885, at 4 o'clock P. M.

LAWRENCE D. KIERNAN, Secretary.

Dated New York, December 12, 1884.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT A MEETING of the Commissioners under the act, chapter 550 of the Laws of 1880, entitled "An act relating to certain assessments for local improvements in the City of New York," passed June 9, 1880, will be held at their office, No. 27 Chambers street, on Tuesday, January 13, 1885, at 2 o'clock P. M.

DANIEL LORD, JR., JOHN KELLY, ALLAN CAMPBELL, JOSEPH GARRY, Commissioners under the Act.

JAMES J. MARTIN, Clerk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, 155 & 157 MERCER STREET, NEW YORK, NOV. 21, 1883.

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

CORNELIUS VAN COTT, President. HENRY D. PURROY, RICHARD CROKER, Commissioners.

CARL JUSSEN, 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 DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, 117 AND 119 DUANE STREET. TO CONTRACTORS.

(No. 221.)

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING AND EXTENDING THE HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL PIER AT WARD'S ISLAND, EAST RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING AND EXTENDING the Homoeopathic Hospital Pier at Ward's Island, East river, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M., of

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at which time and place the estimates will be publicly opened by the head of said Department. The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids. Any person making an estimate for the work shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates. The Engineer's estimate of the nature, quantities and extent of the work is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Feet B. M. measured in the work. Includes items like Yellow Pine Timber, White Pine, Oak Fender Piles, etc.

NOTE.—The above quantities of timber are exclusive of extra lengths required for scarfs, laps, etc., and of waste.

- 2. White Pine, Yellow Pine, Cypress or Spruce Piles, about 159 (It is expected that these piles will not have to be more than about 30 feet long, measured in the work, to comply with the specifications.)
- 3. White or Yellow Pine Mooring Piles, 5
- 4. Oak Fender Piles, 14 (It is expected that these piles will have to be about 35 feet long, to comply with the specifications.)
- 5. Spring and Cluster Piles, 25 (It is expected that these piles will have to be about 45 feet long, to comply with the specifications.)
- 6. Half-round Oak Fenders, about 11
- 7. Crib Logs, 40 to 45 feet, 56
- 8. Cast-iron Cleats, about 400 pounds.
- 9. Cast-iron pile shoes, about 891
- 10. 1 1/2", 1 3/4", and 2" wrought-iron Screw Bolts, and 3/4" King Bolts, about 2,000
- 11. 3/8"x12", 3/4"x12", 3/4"x12", 3/4"x12", 3/4"x12", and 3/4"x12", square wrought-iron Dock Spikes, about 8,000
- 12. Cast-iron Washers, about 1,265
- 13. 5/8-inch Chain, about 350
- 14. Crib Stone, in place, about 142 cub. yds. (It is expected that sufficient stone for this purpose can be obtained out of the old crib work to be removed under this contract.)
- 15. Labor of removing so much of the old material of the existing pier as is to be removed under this contract.
- 16. Labor of every kind for repairing and extending the pier.

N. B.—As the above-mentioned quantities, though stated with as much accuracy as is possible, in advance, are approximate only, bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become part of every estimate received:

1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves, by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not at any time after the submission of an estimate, dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work contracted for, to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract. No extra compensation, beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed at the price therefor, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of his contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of two thousand dollars.

The work to be done under the contract is to be commenced within five days after the date of the contract, and all the work to be done under the contract is to be fully completed on or before the first day of April, 1885, and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract, or any part thereof, may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

All the old material taken from the said pier, to be removed under the contract, will be relinquished to the contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such material when considering the price for which they will do the work under the contract.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the work to be done, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which price the bids will be tested. This price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including

any claim that may arise through delay, from any cause, in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimates for doing the work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation; and the contract will be readvertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

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

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

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned by the Comptroller to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him by the Comptroller.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

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.

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.

LUCIUS J. N. STARK, WILLIAM LAIMBEER, JOHN R. VOORHIES, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated, New York, January 8, 1885.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, 117 AND 119 DUANE STREET.

TO CONTRACTORS.

(No. 222.)

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING THE CRIB BULKHEAD, AND ITS APPURTENANCES, ON RIVINGTON STREET, EAST RIVER; AND FOR REPAIRING PIER 61, EAST RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING THE CRIB Bulkhead and its appurtenances, on Rivington street, East river, and for repairing Pier 61, East river, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M. of

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at which time and place the estimates will be publicly opened by the head of said Department. The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any person making an estimate for the work, or for either class thereof, shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars for Class 1, and in the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars for Class 2, and in case the contract for both classes be awarded to him, in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the nature, quantities and extent of the work, is as follows:

CLASS 1. CRIB BULKHEAD ON RIVINGTON STREET, EAST RIVER.

- 1. New crib work above foundation cap, complete, including its fenders, backing logs, mooring posts, etc., about 20,825 cubic feet.

Also the following additional quantities of labor and material:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Feet B.M. measured in the work. Includes items like Yellow Pine Timber, etc.

Total 4,237

NOTE.—The above quantities of timber are exclusive of extra lengths required for scarfs, laps, etc., and of waste.

3. Piles—Yellow Pine, White Pine, Cypress or Spruce..... 50
(It is expected that these piles will have to be from 35 to 40 feet long to meet the requirements of the specification for driving.)

4. Oak Fender Piles, about 55 feet long..... 2

5. Half-round Oak Fenders..... 12

6. 3/4" x 22", 3/4" x 20", 3/4" x 16", and 3/4" x 14" Square Wrought-iron Dock Spikes, about..... 695 pounds.

7. 3" Wrought-iron Screw Bolts, about..... 57 "

8. Cast-iron Washers, about..... 53 "

9. Labor of removing existing crib, and disposal of surplus material, according to the terms of the specifications.....

10. Labor and material for relaying, paving and resetting curbing, for about 64 square yards.....

11. Labor of back filling, grading, and labor of every description.....

CLASS 2—PIER 61, EAST RIVER.

	Foot B. M., measured in the work.
1. Yellow Pine Timber, 12" x 12".....	6,960
" " " 6" x 12".....	438
" " " 4" x 12".....	480
" " " 10" x 10".....	833
" " " 8" x 8".....	995
" " " 5" x 10".....	4,017
" " " 5" plank.....	11,412
Total.....	25,465
2. Spruce Timber, 3" x 12".....	1,998
" " " 4" Plank.....	24,472
" " " 3".....	18,705
Total.....	45,175

NOTE.—The above quantities of timber are exclusive of extra lengths required for scarfs, laps, etc., and of waste.

3. Piles—White Pine, Yellow Pine, Cypress or Spruce..... 36
(It is expected that 42 of these piles will have to be from about 35 feet to about 45 feet long, to meet the requirements of the specifications for driving.)

4. White or Yellow Pine Mooring Piles..... 5

5. White or Yellow Pine Mooring Posts..... 1

6. Oak Fender and Spring Piles, about 45 feet long..... 29

7. Half-round Oak Fenders..... 14

8. 3/4" x 22", 3/4" x 16", 3/4" x 18", 3/4" x 16", 3/4" x 14", 3/4" x 12", 3/4" x 14", 3/4" x 11", 3/4" x 10", 3/4" x 7", 3/4" x 6", 3/4" x 9" square wrought-iron Dock Spikes, and 3/4" x 8" and 3/4" x 12" round Dock Spikes, about 11,900 pounds.

9. 1 1/2", 1 3/8" and 1" wrought-iron Screw bolts, about..... 1,182 "

10. Cast-iron Washers for 1 1/2", 1 3/8" and 1" Screw Bolts, about..... 810 "

11. Cast-iron Cleats, about..... 300 "

12. 3/4" Wire Iron Chain, about..... 224 "

13. Wrought-iron Armature Plates and Bands, about..... 3,088 "

14. Materials and labor for relaying pavement for about..... 23 square yards.

15. Materials for painting and oiling or tarring.....

16. Labor of removing portions of the existing pier, according to the terms of the specifications.....

17. Labor of framing and carpentry, including all moving of timber, jointing, planing, bolting, spiking, etc., and labor of filling and grading, as set forth in the specifications.....

N. B.—As all the above-mentioned quantities, though stated with as much accuracy as is possible, in advance, are approximate only, bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become part of every estimate received:

1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves, by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not, at any time after the submission of an estimate, dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work contracted for, to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract. No extra compensation, beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed, at the price therefor in each class, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The work to be done under the contract is to be commenced within five days after the date of the contract, and the entire work to be done under both or either of the above classes, is to be fully completed on or before the first day of April, 1885; and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each d. that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time f. for the fulfillment thereof has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

All the old material taken from the said existing structures to be removed under this contract, will be relinquished to the contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such material when considering the price for which they will do the work under the contract.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the work to be done in either or both of the above classes, respectively, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which prices the bids will be tested. These prices are to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including any claim that may arise through delay, from any cause, in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimates for doing each class of the work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation; and the contract will be re-advertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residence; the names of all persons interested with them therein; and if no other person be so interested, the estimate shall distinctly state the fact; also that the estimate is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and that it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and also that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof; which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed to by all the parties interested.

Each 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 or persons making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation of the City of New York

any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled on its completion, and that which said Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount, in each case, to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work to be done in each class, by which the bids are tested; the consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York, after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk, and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned by the Comptroller to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but, if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him by the Comptroller.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

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.

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.

LUCIUS J. N. STARK,
WILLIAM LAIMBEER,
JOHN R. VOORHIS,
Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated, New York, January 8, 1885.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 AND 119 DUANE STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

NOTICE TO MARINERS IN THE PORT OF NEW YORK, PILOTS, AND ALL OTHERS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THIS DEPARTMENT has placed off the Battery and south of Pier, new 1, North river, two wooden floats or buoys, cubical in shape, six feet on each side, painted black, and anchored on a line bearing S. 7 1/2° east from southwest corner of Pier, new 1, North river, the first float being anchored about 209 feet and the second about 335 feet distant therefrom.

By order of the Board.
JOHN T. CUMING,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
December 26, 1884.

PROPERTY-OWNERS INTERESTED IN THE proposed change of the grades of the streets and avenues intersecting and crossing the tracks of the Harlem Railroad Company, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, are requested to call at the office of the Topographical Engineer of the Department of Public Parks, at the Arsenal building, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, Central Park, and examine plans, as prepared by the Department of Public Parks, showing a system of proposed over grade crossings, and make known their views in relation to the same with the view of securing such legislation as may be necessary in order to secure such change of grades.

By order of the Department of Public Parks.
E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
STAATS ZEITUNG BUILDING,
NEW YORK.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 817 OF THE City Consolidation Act of 1882, it is hereby advertised that the books of "The Annual Record of the Assessed Valuations of Real and Personal Estate" of the City and County of New York, for the year 1885, will be open for examination and correction from the second Monday of January, 1885, until the first day of May, 1885.

All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, at this office, during the period said books are open, in order to obtain the relief provided by law.

Applications for correction of assessed valuations on personal estate must be made by the person assessed, to the said Commissioners, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. at this office during the same period.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,
EDWARD C. DONNELLY,
THOMAS L. FEITNER,
Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1885.

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

At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—James Gallagher; committed December 9, 1884.

William Lyle; committed November 4, 1884.

Sarah E. Howland; committed August 24, 1884.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Kate Roach; aged 35 years; 5 feet 1 1/2 inches high; brown eyes and hair.

Jennie Young; aged 32 years; 5 feet 3/4 inch high; brown eyes and hair.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Ada Carlow; aged 30 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; blue eyes, brown hair. Had on when admitted black cloak, brown striped dress, gaiters, black straw hat.

William White; aged 23 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; brown eyes, black hair. Had on when admitted black suit of clothes.

At Hart's Island Hospital—Bridget Tucker; aged 65 years.

Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order.
G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

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

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR WHITE ASH COAL.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING the Department of Public Charities and Correction during the year 1885, as may be required and in accordance with the specifications,

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (25,000) TONS OF WHITE ASH COAL,

will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A. M. of Friday, the 16th day of January, 1885. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for 25,000 Tons White Ash Coal," 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 President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

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, each in the penal sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount, in each case, to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimates, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but, if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract. The form of the contract, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities and Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated New York, January 6, 1885.

JACOB HESS,
HENRY H. PORTER,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1885.

PROPOSALS FOR 2,000 TONS OF FRESH MINED WHITE ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-DOOR POOR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9.30 o'clock A. M. of Friday, January 16, 1885, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for 2,000 tons Fresh Mined White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality; each ton to consist of two thousand pounds, to be well screened, and delivered in such quantities and in such parts of the city as may be required in specifications, and ordered from time to time, south of Eighty-fourth street, to be subject to such inspection as the Commissioners may direct, and to meet their approval as to the quality, quantity, time, and manner of delivery in every respect.

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

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties in five thousand (\$5,000) dollars each for its faithful performance; which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for double the amount of surety required. The adequacy and sufficiency of such security to be approved by the Comptroller.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimates, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but, if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

The Board of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to reject all bids if deemed for the best interests of the city; and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

JACOB HESS,
HENRY H. PORTER,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

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

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, HARDWARE, CROCKERY, WOODENWARE, LUMBER, ETC.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING GROCERIES.

- 6,000 pounds Dairy Butter; sample on exhibition Thursday, January 15, 1885.
- 100 pounds Chocolate.
- 50 pounds Citron.
- 50 pounds pure Ground Pepper, 1/2 lb. papers.
- 1,000 pounds pure Corn Starch (40 pound boxes).
- 500 barrels good sound Irish Potatoes, to weigh 168 pounds net per barrel, to be delivered at Blackwell's Island.
- 100 bags Bran (50 pounds each).
- 32,000 Fresh Eggs, all to be candled.

DRY GOODS.

- 50 great gross Black Brace Buttons.
- 20 gross Knitting Needles.
- 20 gross Sewing Needles, 5 ea. Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6
- 40 gross Safety Pins, 20 ea. Nos. 2, 3.
- 200 gross Cotton Laces.
- 400 pounds Linen Thread, No. 40, whitey brown.
- 200 pounds Linen Thread, No. 40, dark blue.
- 100 dozen Basting Cotton, No. 20.

HARDWARE, WOODENWARE, ETC.

- 60 kegs cut nails 10-5d., 20-8d., 20-10d., 10-12d.
- 6 dozen each Cast Butts, 2 in., 2 1/2 in., 3 in.
- 6 dozen Street Brooms.
- 2 dozen Curry Combs.
- 3 dozen Carving Knives and Forks.
- 2 dozen Putty Knives.
- 100 dozen Cotton Mops.
- 6 dozen F. B. Files, 14 in.
- 12 dozen Scoop Shovels.
- 12 dozen Thermometers.
- 2 gross Mop Handles.
- 20 gross Tea Spoons.
- 100 Pick Handles.
- 100 Striking Hammer Handles.
- 100 Sledge Hammer Handles.
- 100 pounds Broom Twine.
- 200 pounds Sail Twine.
- 100 pounds Insect Powder.
- 6 dozen Paint Brushes, 6".
- 12 dozen Sash Tools, No. 8.
- 6 dozen Lather Brushes.
- 2 dozen Stencil Brushes.
- 3 dozen Kalsomining Brushes.
- 2 dozen Horse Brushes.
- 12 dozen Shoe Brushes.
- 12 dozen Dust Brushes.
- 12 dozen Window Brushes.
- 1 gross Male Urinals.
- 2 gross W. G. Soap Plates.
- 10 boxes best Charcoal Tin, 10 x 14, IX.
- 5 boxes first quality single thick French Window Glass, 6 x 8.
- 2 boxes first quality double thick French Window Glass, 12 x 18.
- 1 box each first quality double thick French Window Glass, 10 x 12, 12 x 14, 15 x 21, 16 x 18.
- 2 boxes first quality double thick French Window Glass, 10 x 16.

CEMENT, ETC.

- 25 barrels Rosendale or Lehigh Valley Cement Co's Cement.

LUMBER.

- 500 feet B. M. good, merchantable White Pine Boards, 1 inch, 12 to 14 inches wide, 12 to 16 feet long, dressed one side.
- 300 feet B. M. best quality clear White Pine, 1 1/2 inch, dressed one side.

10,000 feet B. M. clear, well seasoned Georgia Yellow Pine Flooring, 1 1/4 x 3 1/2 inches.
 15 best quality Clear White Pine Plank, 1 1/4 x 12 inches by 16 feet, tongued and grooved, dressed both sides.
 6 pieces Spruce, 3 x 4 inches by 16 feet.
 100 prime quality Fence Boards.
 3,000 feet B. M. clear, well seasoned White Pine Ceiling Boards, 7/8 x 4 1/2 inches.
 3,000 feet B. M. clear, well seasoned Georgia Yellow Pine Flooring, 1 1/4 x 4 1/2 inches.
 500 feet B. M. clear, well seasoned White Pine Partition Boards, 1 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches, tongued and grooved.
 300 feet B. M. best quality Clear White Pine, half inch d. b. s., for window stops and slips.
 50 Wall Strips, 2 1/2 x 4 inches.
 250 lineal feet Spruce, 6 x 8 inches.
 200 Spruce Joists, 3 x 6 inches by 16 feet.
 300 " Studs, 3 x 4 inches.
 500 " Boards, 10 inches by 12 feet.
 400 " Slat, 7/8 inches by 3 inches.
 All the above Lumber to be delivered at Blackwell's Island.

—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, January 16, 1885. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, inclosed " Bid or Estimate for Groceries, Dry Goods, Hardware, Woodenware, Crockery, Lumber," etc., 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 President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

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, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

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; also 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 these several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must NOT be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but, if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Dated New York, January 5, 1885.
 JACOB HESS,
 HENRY H. PORTER,
 THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
 Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors, for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

List 1762, No. 1. Regulating and grading, setting curb and flagging in Eighty-first street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

List 1839, No. 2. Regulating and grading, setting curb and flagging One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard.

List 1924, No. 3. Sewer in Lexington avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.

List 1934, No. 4. Sewer in Avenue A, between Ninety-second street and Harlem river.

List 1949, No. 5. Sewer in Ninety-second street, between Avenue A and First avenue.

The limit embraced by such assessments includes all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Eighty-first street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive, and to the extent of one-half the block at the intersection of Eleventh avenue.

No. 2. Both sides of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard.

No. 3. Both sides of Lexington avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.

No. 4. East side of First avenue and west side of Avenue A, between Ninety-second and Ninety-third streets; also, south side of Ninety-third street, between Avenue A and First avenue.

No. 5. Both sides of Ninety-second street, from Avenue A to First avenue.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 11 1/2 City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation, on the 31st of December ensuing.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,
 JOHN W. JACOBUS,
 JOHN MULLALLY,
 HENRY A. GUMBLETON,
 Board of Assessors

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
 No. 11 1/2 CITY HALL,
 NEW YORK, November 29, 1884.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
 OFFICE OF THE PROPERTY CLERK (Room No. 39),
 No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
 NEW YORK, 1884.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 39, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc., also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by patrolmen of this Department.

JOHN F. HARRIOT,
 Property Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 31 CHAMBERS ST.,
 NEW YORK, Jan. 6, 1885.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1885, AT 11 o'clock A. M., the Department of Public Works will sell at public auction, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Street Improvements, by Messrs. Van Tassel & Kearney, auctioneers, on the premises, the following buildings and structures, or such parts thereof as remain standing, in lots, viz.:

WITHIN THE LINES OF THE EXTENSION OF WASHINGTON STREET, BETWEEN TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH STREETS.

- Lot No. 1. One-story frame building, 18 2/3 x 31.4.
- Lot No. 2. One-story frame building, 12 7/8 x 31.4.
- Lot No. 3. One-story frame building, 9 1/2 x 31.4.
- Lot No. 4. One-story frame building, 9 7/8 x 31.4.
- Lot No. 5. Two-story frame building, 42 2/3 x 14 5/8 x 12.3.
- Lot No. 6. Two-story brick shop, 32 8/8 x 12.6.
- Lot No. 7. Two-story frame building (rear of No. 6), 14 8/8 x 9.6.
- Lot No. 8. One-story frame building (rear of No. 7), 64.3 x 14.8 1/2.
- Lot No. 9. One-story frame building (east of north end of No. 8), 16.4 1/2 x 10.1.
- Lot No. 10. Stable (east of No. 8), 20 x 5.
- Lot No. 11.—Stable (east of No. 8), 12.1 x 3.6.
- Lot No. 12.—Three-story brick building, 16 x 23.
- Lot No. 13.—Two-story brick stable (rear of No. 12), 77.0 1/2 x 13.1.

WITHIN THE LINES OF THE EXTENSION OF WASHINGTON STREET, BETWEEN THIRTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH STREETS.

- Lot No. 14. Two-story and basement brick building, 35.1 x 25.
- Lot No. 15. Frame shed, 43 x 13.6.
- Lot No. 16. One and two story frame building (rear of No. 14), 10 x 25.
- Lot No. 17. One-story frame building (rear of No. 16), 8.1 1/2 x 8.
- Lot No. 18. One-story frame building (rear of No. 17), 16.1 1/2 x 8.
- Lot No. 19. Two-story brick stable (rear of No. 18), 25 x 30.1.
- Lot No. 20. Shed (rear of No. 19), 26 x 7.

The sale will commence with Lot No. 1, fronting on north side of Twelfth street 425 feet west of Ninth avenue, and will proceed in the order in which the buildings and structures are herein enumerated.

TERMS OF SALE.

The purchaser must remove the building or parts of building or structure entirely out of the line of the street within thirty days from the date of the sale, otherwise he will forfeit the same together with all moneys paid therefor.

The purchase money to be paid in bankable funds at the time and place of sale or the building to be resold.

ROLLIN M. SQUIRE,
 Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
 No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
 NEW YORK, Nov. 1, 1884.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO property-owners of the City of New York that, by the New York City Consolidated Act of 1882, among other matters relating to Croton water rates and affecting all properties liable for Croton water charges, is embraced the following, in "Title 2, Duties and Powers of the Department of Public Works as to Procuring and Distributing Water":

§ 350. The Commissioner of Public Works shall, from time to time, establish scales of rents. * * * * * Such rents shall be collected from the owners or occupants of all such buildings, respectively, which shall be situated upon lots adjoining any street or avenue in said city in which the distributing water-pipes are or may be laid, and from which they can be supplied with water,

said rents shall become a charge and lien upon such houses and lots, respectively, as provided by law.

It becomes my duty to state that on and after the first day of April, 1883, all extra charges, such as steam-engines, bakeries, barbers, bathing-tubs, boarding-houses, boarding-schools, building purposes, horses, horse-trotting, hotels, porter-houses, taverns, etc., printing offices, stone cutting or dressing, slaughter-houses, dyeing, water-closets and urinals, laundries, restaurants, soda fountains, extra families, oyster and coffee saloons, water by meter measurement, meters and meter setting, and all other purposes for which the use of Croton water is chargeable according to law, are liens, and unless paid on or before the 30th day of April next must be returned to the Clerk of Arrears, with the amount due on each lot.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,
 Commissioner of Public Works.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONERS OF APPRAISAL OF REAL ESTATE TO BE TAKEN FOR THE NEW AQUEDUCT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

EVERY OWNER OR PERSON IN ANY WAY interested in any real estate between the Harlem river and the northern boundary of the City and County of New York, intended to be taken or entered upon and used and occupied for the purposes of the new Aqueduct; also any owner or person interested in any real estate contiguous thereto, and which may be affected by the construction and maintenance of said aqueduct, or of any of the works connected therewith, is hereby required to present his claim to the Commissioners of Appraisal appointed for the purpose of appraising such lands and easements, or ascertaining such damages, at the offices of said Commissioners, Room 803, in the Mutual Life Insurance Building, No. 32 Nassau street, in the City of New York.

All said claims may be filed on and after the first day of October, 1884. The maps showing the location of the Aqueduct, and the lands and interests to be acquired will be on file at the said office on and after that date.

E. ELLERY ANDERSON,
 HENRY F. SPAULDING,
 ROBERT MURRAY,
 Commissioners

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Forty-second street, between Boulevard and Tenth avenue, in the City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 73 William street (third floor), in the said city, on or before the 28th day of January, 1885, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 28th day of January, 1885, and or that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 29th day of January, 1885.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows: northerly by the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Forty-second street and One Hundred and Forty-third street; easterly by the westerly line or side of Tenth avenue; southerly by the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Forty-first street and One Hundred and Forty-second street; and westerly by the easterly line or side of the Boulevard, excepting therefrom all the streets and avenues within said area.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 13th day of February, 1885, 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 16, 1884.

HAROLD MORGAN SMITH,
 E. HOGAN,
 JOHN WHALEN,
 Commissioners.

ARTHUR BERRY, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title to that certain street or avenue, known as Sedgwick avenue, although not yet named by proper authority (and laid out as a street of the first class), from Boston avenue to Van Courtlandt avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 73 William street (third floor), in the said city, on or before the 27th day of December, 1884, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 27th day of December, 1884, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at three o'clock P. M.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 29th day of December, 1884.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point on the westerly side of Sedgwick avenue, distant about 1,500 feet southerly from the intersection of Sedgwick and Boston avenues; running thence westerly in a line at right angles, or nearly so, with Sedgwick avenue about six hundred feet; thence northerly and easterly in a line parallel, or nearly so, with Sedgwick avenue, and distant about six hundred feet therefrom to the westerly side of Van Courtlandt avenue; thence southerly along Van Courtlandt avenue to a point distant about six hundred feet southerly from Sedgwick avenue; thence westerly and southerly in a line parallel, or nearly so, with Sedgwick avenue, and about six hundred feet therefrom to a point which would be intersected by a line drawn in continuation of the first course hereinabove mentioned; thence westerly in a straight line to the point or place of beginning, as the said area of assessment is more fully and particularly shown upon the benefit map in this proceeding, filed as above mentioned.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 16th day of January, 1885, 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, November 15, 1884.

HENRY M. WHITEHEAD,
 WILLIAM H. BARKER,
 JOHN D. OTTIWELL,
 Commissioners.

ARTHUR BERRY, Clerk.

JURORS

NOTICE IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
 NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
 NEW YORK, June 1, 1883.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE heard here, from 10 to 3 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 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.

GEORGE CAULFIELD,
 Commissioner of Jurors,
 Room 17, New County Court-house

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City of New York, due February 1, 1885, will be paid on that day by the Comptroller, at his office in the Stewart Building, corner of Broadway and Chambers street.

The Transfer Books will be closed from January 17 to February 1, 1885.

EDWARD V. LOEW,
 Comptroller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
 NEW YORK, January 10, 1885.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS FOR UNPAID TAXES AND CROTON WATER RENTS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 928 OF THE NEW York City Consolidation Act of 1882, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives PUBLIC NOTICE that the sale at public auction of lands and tenements in said City for unpaid taxes levied in the year 1880, and Croton Water Rents laid for the year 1879, and now remaining due and unpaid, which sale is advertised to be held at the County Court-house, in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on Monday, December 22, 1884, at 12 o'clock noon, has been and is hereby postponed by him until Monday, May 11, 1885, to be held on that day at the same hour and place.

A pamphlet containing a detailed statement of the property advertised for sale may be obtained at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.

EDWARD V. LOEW,
 Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 20, 1884.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS FOR UNPAID ASSESSMENTS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 928 OF THE NEW York City Consolidation Act of 1882, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives PUBLIC NOTICE that the sale at public auction of lands and tenements in said City for unpaid assessments laid and confirmed during the year 1879 and prior thereto, for local improvements, which sale is advertised to be held at the County Court-house, in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on Monday, November 24, 1884, at 12 o'clock noon, has been and is hereby postponed by him until Monday, May 25, 1885, to be held on that day at the same hour and place.

A pamphlet containing a detailed statement of the property advertised for sale may be obtained at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.

S. HASTINGS GRANT,
 Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Nov. 15, 1884.

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 EDWARD V. LOEW,
 Comptroller.