

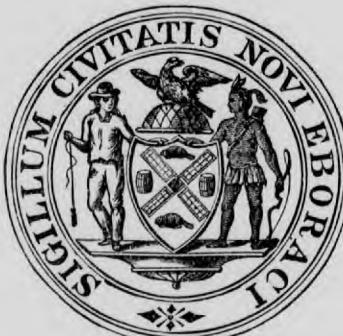
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 6, 1885.

Hon. E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation:

SIR—Will you, at your earliest convenience, inform me whether, in your opinion, my predecessor's recent action in appointing Messrs. French and McClave Police Commissioners was valid.

I find on examining the files of my office that your predecessor in May, 1883, in response to a letter from Mayor Edson, advising him that Mr. French's term did not expire until May, 1885, and I also find in looking over the letter book in my office that on November 15, 1884, Mayor Edson requested you to advise him upon the same question, and in his communication to you enclosed the opinions of two gentlemen whose names were left blank, but who seem to have taken a view entirely at variance with that of Judge Andrews.

I cannot find on file in this office any answer to that communication, a copy of which I enclose herewith, though it was currently reported at about that time that you had rendered on opinion concurring with that of your predecessor. Will you kindly inform me whether any answer was written by you to my predecessor's communication of the 15th of November, 1884, and, if so, will you furnish me with a copy of it, together with a copy of the opinion referred to in Mr. Edson's letter, in addition to whatever opinion you may render on the main question.

Yours respectfully,
W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 15, 1884.

E. HENRY LACOMBE, Esq., Counsel to the Corporation:

SIR—I hand you herewith an opinion, which has been handed to me to-day, touching the term of office of Police Commissioner Stephen B. French. It seems to me of so much importance that I deem it my duty to ask your official opinion upon the same subject. Should you concur in this opinion of Messrs. and , will you also kindly inform me whether or not in your opinion the term of office of Police Commissioner Joel W. Mason expired on the 1st of May, 1884.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1885.

Hon. WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor, etc.:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of January 6, 1885, enclosing copy of a letter to me from your predecessor under date of November 15, 1884, requesting my opinion touching the expiration of the terms of office of Police Commissioners French and Mason. You ask me:

1. Whether any answer was written by me to your predecessor's communication, and that I will furnish you with a copy thereof.

2. That I furnish you with a copy of the opinion, which your predecessor referred to me for my examination.

3. That I advise you at my earliest convenience whether, in my opinion, your predecessor's recent action in appointing Messrs. French and McClave was valid.

These three questions may be briefly answered.

The opinion which was referred to me was returned by me to your predecessor, and, as I kept no copy of it, I cannot now furnish you with one.

I gave no written opinion to your predecessor, but advised him verbally that the question had been carefully considered by my predecessor, who had given an opinion, to which I referred him—a copy of that opinion is herewith enclosed. I further stated that, with all deference for the views of those who might think differently, I thought that the opinion of my predecessor was entitled to great consideration in view of his long experience in interpreting the provisions of the city charters; and added that if my official opinion was desired it would be to the same effect as his. No written reply was given by me to your predecessor for the reason that the verbal statement above recited was, as he informed me, considered by him a sufficient answer to his question.

In answer to your third question it is perhaps sufficient for me to say that I have seen no reason to change the opinion I expressed to your predecessor.

I remain, yours respectfully,
E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, May 7, 1883.

Hon. FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor :

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 9th ultimo, requesting my opinion as to the time when the term of Police Commissioner Stephen B. French will expire.

It cannot be said that the question submitted to me is free from doubt, but my own opinion is that Mr. French's term will expire on the expiration of six years from the date of his appointment, which was May 20, 1879. This opinion is based, not from a consideration of the facts and law applicable to the case of Commissioner French only. The question as to the time of the expiration and commencement of terms of office of heads of departments, and other officers, has been the subject of frequent consideration by the Law Department ever since April 30, 1873, the date of the passage of the so-called charter of that year. Every Mayor who has held office since that time has raised the question, and it has been repeatedly discussed and considered by the several incumbents of the office of the Counsel to the Corporation and their assistants.

Substantially the same question was submitted to my predecessor, Mr. Whitney, by Mayor Cooper, in 1879. The charter of 1873 expressly legislated out of office the then Commissioner of Jurors, but a doubt was raised as to the constitutionality of this provision. The consequence was, that the then incumbent, Mr. Taylor, held over from April 30, 1873, to the summer of 1875, when Mr. Dunlap was appointed Commissioner of Jurors, and took possession of the office. The term of office of the Commissioner of Jurors was six years, and in 1879 the question was raised whether Mr. Dunlap's term had expired, or whether he had about two years more to serve. The question was submitted to the then Counsel to the Corporation, and Mr. Whitney replied that the law was in such inextricable confusion that the question could only be settled by a decision of the Court of last resort. Mr. Whitney's opinion is to be found in the CITY RECORD of May 14, 1879. In consequence of this opinion, Mayor Cooper refrained from nominating any person for the office of Commissioner of Jurors, and Mr. Dunlap held that office for a full term of six years from the date of his appointment.

A similar question arose, as I understand, in the case of Mr. Lane, formerly a Park Commissioner, but I believe that he too held his office for a full term.

The truth of the matter is, that certain provisions of the so-called charter of 1873 threw the whole subject of the termination and commencement of the terms of heads of departments into great confusion, and there never has been any judicial decision interpreting those provisions; and

the difficulties which beset the matter are so great that probably the questions involved can never be settled satisfactorily to everybody, except by a decision of the Court of Appeals.

When the so-called charter of 1873 passed, April 30, 1873, Henry Smith was a Police Commissioner, and was continued in office by that charter for the balance of his term, which was to expire May 1, 1877. Mr. Smith died in office, and on May 1, 1874, Mr. Disbecker was appointed his successor. On December 30, 1875, Mr. Disbecker was removed from office, and Mr. Erhardt appointed in his place for the remainder of Mr. Smith's term. Mr. Erhardt served during the balance of Mr. Smith's term until May 1, 1877, and then held over until May 20, 1879, when Mr. French was appointed in his place. It is expressly provided in said charter that the terms of office of all Police Commissioners, except those first appointed under it, shall be for six years, and until their successors are appointed. The question is, was Mr. French entitled to a term of six years from May 1, 1877, the date of the expiration of Mr. Smith's term, or to a full term of six years from May 20, 1879, the date of Mr. French's appointment.

It would be an easy matter for me to go into an elaborate analysis of the different provisions of the charter of 1873, which may be supposed to have some bearing upon this question. Such analysis would only serve to show that the charter contradicts itself on material points, and is defective in failing to make clear provision to meet such a case as Mr. French's. In other words, it does not seem to have occurred to the Legislature that a head of department might hold over for one or two years after the expiration of his term; or, at any rate, the Legislature failed to clearly provide what should be the effect of such holding over. The consequence is, that either construction that may be put upon the law is open to objection, and the only course left to a court, if the question were presented to it, or to a lawyer whose opinion is asked, is to adopt that construction which seems to be the least open to objection.

After a most careful consideration of the matter myself, and after hearing all that could be said in support of the different interpretations of the law, the opinion formed by me several years since, was, and the opinion now entertained by me is, that if the question should be presented to the courts, they would decide that a hold-over officer does not exhaust a portion of the term of his successor, and that heads of departments cannot be said to take office until they have been appointed, and when so appointed, that they hold office for a full term, from the date of their appointment. As my opinion, therefore, in this matter, has not been formed hastily, but after careful study and deliberation, and after extended and repeated discussions with other persons familiar with the subject, I am compelled to advise you, with great deference for the views of those who think differently, that Mr. French's term will not expire until 1885. This opinion is given without reference to the provisions of the so-called Consolidation Act. Whatever may be the effect of that statute upon the terms of office of persons appointed after its passage, it clearly can have no effect upon the terms of those who were appointed prior to the time it became a law.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

GEORGE P. ANDREWS, Counsel to the Corporation.

P. S.—Of course, the opinion above given relates to those cases only in which heads of departments, or commissioners, are appointed to succeed officers who have held over beyond their terms. In all cases where the head of department or commissioner dies, resigns, abandons his office, or otherwise creates a vacancy therein, the person appointed, by the express terms of the charter, takes the unexpired term only of his predecessor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 7, 1885.

Hon. E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation:

SIR—An examination of the records in my office shows that during my term as Mayor the question will arise in a number of cases as to the date upon which the terms of office of a number of heads of departments in this city will expire.

In view of the communication received from you, in answer to my yesterday's letter, in which you concur in your predecessor's view as to the rights of hold-over officers, I deem it of the most vital importance, both to me as Mayor, to the different heads of departments who may be interested in the matter, and to the community at large that there should be a speedy judicial determination of the question involved in the recent action of my predecessor in appointing Messrs. McClave and French.

It is needless for me to state at length precisely what that question is, as you are fully informed upon the subject, but as your advice is directly opposed to the views of the Attorney-General, as recently expressed in the McClave-Mason case, it is clear that very grave questions may arise during my term of office as to the rights of certain heads of departments now in office.

I find upon examination that the same question which arose in the French and McClave case arises just as clearly in the case of Commissioner Asten, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, in the case of Mr. Laidlaw, the Chamberlain, in the case of Mr. Caulfield, the Commissioner of Jurors, in the cases of Messrs. Wales and Olliffe, Commissioners of Public Parks, and in the case of Commissioner Laimeer, the Department of Docks.

In view of this state of facts I deem it my duty to request you to apply without delay to the Attorney-General for the purpose of inducing him, if possible, to reconsider his determination in the Mason case, and to allow Mr. Mason, through his counsel, to commence an action of quo warranto.

It may well be gathered from the opinion of the learned Attorney-General that when he denied the application made by Mr. Mason's counsel he was not aware of the importance of the question, nor did he have any idea of how far reaching his ultimate decision was, and I cannot but believe that should his attention be called to the facts as they exist, and as I have recited them in this communication, he would be willing, in the interests of good government in this city, and as a matter of public necessity, to reconsider his opinion, and to allow an action to be commenced on behalf of Mr. Mason.

Mr. Charles P. Miller, who appeared for Mr. Mason before the Attorney-General, and with whom I have consulted in this matter, informs me that he will gladly co-operate with you, and I would suggest, if agreeable to you, that you communicate with him and ask his aid in the matter.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, January 8, 1885.

Hon. WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor, etc.:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication under date of January 7, 1885, requesting me to apply, without delay, to the Attorney-General, for the purpose of inducing him, if possible, to reconsider his determination in the Mason case and to allow Mr. Mason, through his counsel, to commence an action of quo warranto.

Immediately upon its receipt, I prepared and transmitted to the Attorney-General a letter, of which I enclose you a copy.

I have also, in accordance with your suggestion, communicated with Mr. Charles P. Miller, who appeared for Mr. Mason before the Attorney-General, with the view of securing his aid in the matter.

I remain, very respectfully yours, etc.,

E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, January 8, 1885.

Hon. DENNIS O'BRIEN, Attorney-General:

SIR—I am in receipt of a communication from the Mayor of this city, under date of January 7, 1885, a copy of which I enclose.

His Honor calls my attention to the fact that the same question which arose in the Mason-McClave case (recently considered by you), arises just as clearly in the cases of six other prominent city officers, and requests me to apply without delay for the purpose of inducing you, if possible, to reconsider your determination in the case referred to and to allow Mr. Mason, through his counsel, to commence an action of quo warranto.

In your opinion of December 19, 1884, you characterized the provisions of the act of 1873, under which the question presented by Mr. Mason arose, as "indefinite, uncertain and almost chaotic."

From the examination, however, which you gave to the question, while conceding that both sides were able to present reasons and arguments in favor of their respective views of the law which were in your opinion worthy of consideration, you were "inclined to believe that Mr. Mason's term

"expired on May 1, 1884, and that after that date, though he still remained in possession of the office, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen had the legal right to appoint a person in his place."

My predecessor, after an extended examination of the same question, arrived at an opposite conclusion, and I have recently had occasion to advise his Honor the Mayor that, if my official opinion were requested in interpretation of the section in question, I should adhere to the views expressed by my predecessor.

In view of the fact that the provisions of the act of 1873 are differently construed by your Department and by the Law Department of this city, and in view of the further fact that the present Mayor, as a city officer would, no doubt, be guided in his action by the views of his official counsel, it seems inevitable that, unless a judicial interpretation of the section is obtained, the tenure of many important offices will remain uncertain, and the respective incumbents thereof—and probably the city itself—will be involved for some time to come in numerous and vexatious litigations.

I therefore would respectfully request you to reconsider your determination in the Mason case so as to allow the parties to that controversy to submit to the Supreme Court—and ultimately, I trust, to the court of last resort—for judicial interpretation the "indefinite, uncertain and almost chaotic" provisions of this statute.

I do this, not from any confidence in the accuracy of my own conclusions as opposed to those which you have arrived at from your careful examination of the statutes, but because a sentence in your opinion seems to invite such an application should public necessities make it desirable. The sentence to which I refer is as follows: "If it cannot be said that the right to maintain the action is reasonably clear, or that the public safety and the public welfare will be promoted by presenting for judicial determination ambiguous and conflicting statutory provisions upon which the right to the office rests, it is apparent that such litigation ought not to be instituted by the State."

Where the converse is the case, I assume you would be inclined to allow the writ, even in cases where you have yourself no confidence in the soundness of the relator's position.

I remain, sir, very respectfully yours,
E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation.

STATE OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, {
ALBANY, January 14, 1885. }

Hon. WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor of the City of New York:

DEAR SIR—I have to-day decided to allow an action to be brought by Mr. Mason against John McClave, in order to settle, if possible, the disputed questions arising out of the provisions of your City Charter.

While I have seen no reason to change my mind as to the law applicable to the case, I feel that your application to have the matter submitted to some competent court ought not to be refused.

The reasons for my action now are expressed in the memorandum which I enclose.

In justice to me, and perhaps for the information of the public, my reasons and your communications through Mr. Lacombe to me ought to be published.

Very sincerely and truly yours,
D. O'BRIEN, Attorney-General.

STATE OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, {
ALBANY, January 14, 1885. }

Before the Attorney-General.

In the Matter of the application
of
Joel W. Mason.

About the first of December last, Mr. Mason, claiming to be the lawful incumbent of the office of Police Commissioner of the City of New York, made application to me to begin an action in the name of the People of the State against John McClave, who as he alleged had usurped, intruded into and unlawfully held that office.

The question involved related to the validity of the appointment of Mr. McClave to the office of Police Commissioner by Mayor Edson, and his confirmation by the then Board of Aldermen of the City of New York. A hearing was had before me and on the 19th of December, 1884, the application was denied.

The Hon. Wm. R. Grace, Mayor of the City of New York, has filed in this office some additional papers upon which he requests that the disposition heretofore made of the case be reconsidered. These papers consist of a communication by the Mayor to E. Henry Lacombe, Esquire, Counsel to the Corporation, in which attention is called to the fact that the advice of the Corporation Counsel given to the Mayor is directly opposed to the views of the Attorney-General, as heretofore expressed, and that very grave questions may arise during his term of office as to appointments and as to the rights of certain heads of Departments now in office and setting forth reasons why it is necessary that the conflicting provisions of the Charter of the City of New York in regard to appointments to office and to vacancies should be judicially determined, if possible, by the court of last resort.

I have also a communication from Mr. Lacombe, from which it appears that the advice heretofore given by him and by his predecessor in office to the Mayor conflicts with the construction which this office has given in regard to the appointing power and in regard to vacancies in office, and in which it is stated that "unless a judicial interpretation of the section is obtained, the tenure of many important offices will remain uncertain and the respective incumbents thereof, and probably the city itself will be involved for some time to come in numerous and vexatious litigations," and requesting a reconsideration of the determination heretofore made in this case and permission to allow the parties to this controversy to submit to the Supreme Court, and ultimately, if necessary, to the court of last resort for judicial interpretation, the questions involved in this controversy.

As this case appeared to me upon the former application, it was simply a contest between two claimants for the possession of a public office. There was nothing from which I had a right to infer that the citizens of the City of New York or the general public had any interest in the controversy, and I felt at liberty to dispose of the application according to my views of the legal merits of the dispute as between two claimants. I think the matter has now assumed a very different and more important aspect. There is now good reason to believe that the public interests will be subserved by a judicial decision of the questions involved, whether the decision be for or against the contention of Mr. Mason.

On the former hearing before me Judge Hand and Mr. Shepard, counsel for Mr. McClave, resisted the application and stated their position in the following language: "If the right sought to be enforced be a clear one in point of law, or if, although not clear in law beyond a reasonable doubt, there still be considerations of public convenience or public safety which make it important to the people of the City of New York, or the public generally, to establish, if possible, the disputed right, then, in either case, the Attorney-General will probably feel that he should permit the suit." * * * * * The applicant could not, therefore, as he does not, dispute that it is at the best for him very doubtful whether his view of the law would prevail. He seems, however, to suppose that if the law be even doubtful, he has found a sufficient reason for the intervention of the Attorney-General. This is, however, a mistake. The Attorney-General does not bring suits which he does not think will probably succeed for the mere sake of deciding mooted questions. If the right be not clear, the great law officer of the State will not move unless there be considerations of public safety or welfare which would materially be promoted by the establishment of the doubtful proposition."

"There are here no such questions of public safety or welfare. Mr. McClave has been nominated and confirmed as a Police Commissioner by the Mayor and Aldermen of New York, to whom the law now confides and who are responsible for the selection of Police Commissioners. Mr. Mason derived his appointment from no superior or other source. Neither the Mayor nor the Common Council, nor the law officer, nor any officer or department, nor any known or recognized body of citizens of New York, has asked the Attorney-General to involve the Police Department of the city in litigation nor to test a doubtful question, if, indeed, there be a doubtful question. There is no pretense that Mr. McClave is not well fitted for the performance of the duties to which he has been appointed; there is no pretense that his occupancy of the place injures or even inconveniences the Police Department of the public service of the city. Mr. McClave's appointment in Mr. Mason's place did not alter the non-partisan character which it has been deemed proper for the Board to have, being as it is the Department of Elections. There is not a citizen except Mr. Mason who complains or has the appearance of injury; and Mr. Mason very certainly cannot ask the intervention of the State itself in his behalf to enable him to occupy a public office, unless it be clear beyond reasonable doubt that he is the lawful holder of the office, for the office is to be deemed purely a public trust, to be treated upon public considerations and not as a private right."

I had no doubt then, and I have no doubt now, that this is a correct statement of the reasons and the true principles upon which applications of this character should be disposed of by the Attorney-General; and in the opinion then written denying the application my views of the case were stated in these words:

"If it cannot be said that the right to maintain the action is reasonably clear, or that the public safety and the public welfare will be promoted by presenting for judicial determination ambiguous and conflicting statutory provisions upon which the right to the office rests, it is apparent that such litigation ought not to be instituted by the State."

It is now made to appear, however, from the communication of the Mayor and Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, to which I have referred, that the very contingency has happened and the very condition of things exists which the counsel for Mr. McClave have so frankly and explicitly admitted would require the Attorney-General, in the performance of his duty, to grant the application and to direct the commencement of an action to settle the controverted questions involved.

The chief executive head of the Government of the City of New York and his official adviser, the chief law officer of the corporation, have requested the Attorney-General to permit this action to be commenced and have stated the "considerations of public convenience or public safety which make it important to the people of the City of New York, or to the public generally, to establish, if possible, the disputed right."

These considerations seem to me to be of such importance as to require a reconsideration of the action of this office without regard to any opinion I may entertain as to the ultimate result of this particular suit. To refuse under such circumstances to permit these questions to be presented to the court through the appropriate proceeding at the request of the Mayor of the City of New York and of his legal adviser, might well be regarded as an unreasonable, and, possibly, an arbitrary exercise of the discretion in such cases confided to the Attorney-General by the law.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that the application should now be granted; and the action may be commenced upon filing the security to indemnify the State against the costs and expenses of the litigation, as required by the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure.

D. O'BRIEN, Attorney-General.

BOARD OF ARMORY COMMISSIONERS.

ARMORY BOARD—CITY OF NEW YORK, {
January 14, 1885. }

A meeting of the Armory Board was held at the office of his Honor the Mayor, City Hall, this date.

Present—Mayor Grace, General Shaler, Commissioner Squire.

The Board was organized by the election of Mayor Grace as President, and General Shaler as Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from James E. Ware, architect of the Twelfth Regiment Armory, asking that permission be obtained from the proper authority to construct towers and buttresses extending into the area space, as provided in the accepted plans for said armory.

The communication was received and the Secretary instructed to address a communication to the Board of Aldermen, requesting their favorable action in the matter, it being understood that they have heretofore granted permission for such structures.

A communication was read from John Renahan, the contracting plumber for the Twelfth Regiment Armory, asking that the Board of Aldermen be requested to pass a resolution giving permission to make connections with the public sewer at Ninth avenue, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, for said armory without the payment of the usual fee.

The communication was received and the Secretary instructed to examine the contract with Mr. Renahan, with reference to his obligation to pay for such permit, and report the result to this Board.

A communication was read from W. H. Dykeman, Secretary, notifying this Board of the action of the Sinking Fund Commissioners at their meeting held December 29, 1884, concurring in the execution of contracts for building the Twelfth Regiment Armory, which was received and ordered on file.

It was then

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to sign and forward a requisition for the alteration of five hundred letter-heads, and printing the names of the Mayor and Commissioner of Public Works thereon.

A communication was read from John T. Hall and John L. Tonelli, lessors of the armory occupied by the Twenty-second Regiment, offering to renew the lease to the City upon the same terms and conditions as the present lease, for one, two or three years.

The communication was received and referred to the Comptroller, with the request that he advise this Board whether in his judgment the terms of said lease are advantageous to the City.

Communications were read from William H. Gelbard and from W. H. Hamersly, offering for sale plots of ground for armory sites, which the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge and place on file.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

(Signed)

ALEXANDER SHALER, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Board of Police met on the 13th day of January, 1885.

Present—Commissioners French, Matthews, Porter, and McClave.

Leave of Absence Granted.

Sergeant Edward R. Delamater, Fifth Precinct, three days.

Report of the Chief Clerk, relative to conference with the Comptroller on certification of documents, was ordered on file.

Report of the Superintendent, inclosing \$215, proceeds of mask ball fees for week ending January 10, was referred to the Treasurer to pay over to the Pension Fund.

Report of Inspector Dilks, on application of Patrolman David O'Connor, Twentieth Precinct, for transfer, was ordered on file.

Mask Ball Permits Granted.

Rudolph G. Hoerburger, at Irving Hall, January 22, 1885. Fee, \$10.

L. Gamet, at Irving Hall, January 24, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Jacob Pertsch, at Irving Hall, January 31, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Maurice S. De Vries, at Irving Hall, February 21, 1885. Fee, \$10.

M. Gerber, at Irving Hall, February 23, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Adolph Robinson, at Walhalla Hall, February 27, 1885. Fee, \$10.

William Walter, at Turn Hall, January 19, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Frederick J. Harth, at Beethoven Hall, February 23, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Jacob Dietrich, at Everett Hall, February 21, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Wm. F. Maher, at Everett Hall, March 17, 1885. Fee, \$25.

Henry Schneider, at No. 218 Second street, February 16, 1885. Fee, \$10.

M. Gunther, at No. 293 Bowery, January 19, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Ernestine Marx, at No. 293 Bowery, January 20, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Ernest Schmidt, at No. 293 Bowery, January 21, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Gustav Pulvermader, at No. 293 Bowery, January 23, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Maria Muller, at Harmony Rooms, January 17, 1885. Fee, \$10.

E. Weinlander, at Harmony Rooms, January 23, 1885. Fee, \$10.

L. Butz, at Harmony Rooms, February 14. Fee, \$10.

Adam Hersman, at Harmony Rooms, February 24, 1885. Fee, \$10.

Louise Spreiter, at Germania Rooms, February 7, 1885. Fee, \$10.

F. Franznick, at Terrace Garden, February 10. Fee, \$25.

Jas. Terwilliger, at West Side Germania Rooms, March 9. Fee, \$10.

Application of C. B. Sherwood and Julius Grossman for appointment of Adam Mouligan as Special Patrolman at Washington Hall, was referred to the Superintendent for Report.

Applications Ordered on File.

Willett F. Barnes, for examination for appointment as Doorman.

J. D. Pell, for the appointment of a Patrolman.

Patrolman James Humphreys, Twenty-seventh Precinct, for transfer.

Application of Mary T. Ward, widow late Michael Ward, pensioner, for pension, was referred to the Trustees of the Pension Fund.

Application of Patrolman Charles L. Albertson, Twenty-ninth Precinct, for promotion, was referred to the Superintendent to cite for examination.

Communication from the Superintendent, inclosing subpoena from U. S. Circuit Court, New Orleans, for Patrolman George W. Blonk to appear at New Orleans on 19th inst., was referred to Commissioner Porter and the Chief Clerk to ascertain if Blonk's testimony can be taken by a commission.

Communications Referred to the Superintendent.

From Board of Excise, submitting list of unlicensed liquor dealers on December 31, last.

From E. Reed Burns, relative to damage to East Baptist Church.

From Elihu Root, relative to detail of Patrolman George Fletcher, Eighth Precinct.

Communication from John D. Townsend, relative to pension of Thomas F. Dooley, was referred to Commissioners Matthews and Porter.

Communications Ordered on File.

From Thomas Brown, No. 111 Broadway, relative to police service in preventing violations of Excise Law.

From District Attorney, relative to detail of Patrolman Thomas Kieran.

From Mayor, notice of meeting with Excise Commissioners on 15th instant.

From Russell Sturgis, Secretary Civil Service Board, notice of examination for promotion of Charles L. Gott.

Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to dirt dumped in large quantities in East Sixty-seventh, Seventieth and Seventy-third streets, was referred to the Superintendent to prevent and report in relation thereto.

Communication from the Clerk of the Common Council, giving notice of meeting of the Committee on Laws of Board of Aldermen, relative to Civil Service Laws as applied to the Police Department, was referred to Commissioner Matthews.

On reading communication from the Counsel to the Corporation relative to costs in case of H. Rosenschein against Patrolman Frederick Ringler, Eighth Precinct, and referring a communication from said Ringler on the matter to the Counsel to the Corporation, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby directed to pay to the Counsel to the Corporation the sum of \$50, costs in case of H. Rosenschein against Patrolman Frederick Ringler—all aye.

COURT COMMON PLEAS.

The People ex rel. Elizabeth Ellis, ad'x
of estate Geo. M. Ellis,
against
The Board of Police. Motion for writ of mandamus.

Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Whereupon, the following were adopted :

Whereas, Elizabeth Ellis (widow of late Patrolman George M. Ellis, deceased), now one of the beneficiaries of the Police Pension Fund, has commenced proceedings against the Board of Police, through Louis J. Grant, her attorney, for the recovery of money deducted and withheld from said George W. Ellis for sick time, which money was paid into and forms part of the Police Pension Fund; therefore

Resolved, That the pension of \$300 per annum, heretofore granted to the said Elizabeth Ellis, be and is hereby revoked.

Resolved, That requisition be and is hereby made upon the Comptroller, in pursuance of section 262, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, for the following sums of money for the month of January, 1885, being one-twelfth part of the amounts estimated, levied, raised and appropriated for the support and maintenance of the Police Department and force for the current year, to wit :

Police Fund—Salaries of Commissioners, Surgeons and uniformed force.....	\$293,950 00
Police Fund—Salaries of clerical force.....	7,047 50
Supplies for Police.....	6,250 00
Police Station-houses—Alterations, etc.....	1,750 00
Expenses of Detectives—Contingent, etc.....	1,041 66
Total	\$310,039 16

Resolved, That requisition be and is hereby made upon the Comptroller for the sum of \$583.33, to pay salaries of the Chief and Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Elections, for January, 1885.

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be directed to notify the Civil Service Board of vacancies in Clerks, Telegraph Operators and Doormen, under the appropriation for 1885.

Resolved, That the orders remanding certain Patrolmen of the Special Service Squad to patrol duty, and subsequently suspended the same to the 15th inst., be further suspended to the 16th inst.

Resolved, That the facilities for furnishing an adequate supply of water, and the condition of the water-closets of the Central Department Building, be referred to Commissioner Porter for report.

Resolved, That the salary of H. Haggerty, battery boy, be and is hereby fixed at the rate of \$800 per annum.

Resolved, That full pay while sick be and hereby is granted to Patrolman John McKirvey, Tenth Precinct, from December 30.

Transfers, Details and Remands.

Sergeant John Kellaher, from Fifteenth Precinct to Ninth Precinct.
" James J. Brophy, from Ninth Precinct to Fifteenth Precinct.
Roundsman Edward Murphy, from Thirty-fifth Precinct to Twentieth Precinct.
Patrolman Richard J. Clarkson, from Eighth Precinct to Eighteenth Precinct.
" John Gensheimer, from Sixteenth Precinct to Thirty-first Precinct.
Roundsman Joseph C. Brush, Third Precinct, remand to patrol.
" Orville A. Todd, Ninth Precinct, remand to patrol.
" Thomas Keating, Seventeenth Precinct, remand to patrol.
" Augustus Luerson, Twenty-sixth Precinct, remand to patrol.
Patrolman Sullivan A. Bates, Fourteenth Precinct, detail at Centre Market.
" Charles S. Pike, Fifth Precinct, detail at St. John's Park.

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to transfer one Patrolman from Seventh to Twelfth Precinct, and report.

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to inquire and report as to the fitness of Sergeants Granger and Cahill to take charge of Court Squads.

Resolved, That hereafter all Patrolmen assigned to duty as Roundsmen be at once transferred to precincts other than those in which they performed patrol duty at the time of such assignment.

Employed on Probation.

Francis Bannon.

Special Patrolmen Appointed.

John H. Garrison, at Nassau Bank.	
William H. Foulke, for John Shady and others in East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street.	
On recommendation of the Committee on Repairs and Supplies, it was	
Resolved, That the following bills be approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the same	
—all aye :	
Mary A. Baker, meals.....	\$296 50
Baker, Smith & Co., repairing boiler.....	5 50
Martin B. Brown, books.....	450 00
" "	45 00
H. Bungery, repairing saddles.....	16 35
" " harness.....	11 55
William Carlin, horseshoeing.....	54 25
William Clarke, hardware.....	7 33
Clark & Wilkens, wood.....	10 50
N. L. Coe, photographs.....	5 00
Wm. L. Cole & Co., rep'g, etc., wagon.	40 00
" "	14 50
Colwell Lead Co., plumbing goods.....	70 80
F. W. Devoe & Co., oil.....	8 35
Donegan & Reiley, repairing pipes.....	39 36
John Doran, newspapers.....	4 46
Doremurs & Corbett, desk.....	4 05
James S. Dyer, express.....	2 45
L. Eickwart, horse medicine.....	12 50
William S. Fraser, expenses.....	4 47
Frazee & Co., horse feed.....	204 93
Catharine Fox, ad'x., horseshoeing.....	49 00
" "	33 25
Consolidated Gas Co., gas.....	1,052 85
Central " "	51 80
Northern " "	25 25
Yonkers " "	83 25
H. Geritzen, horse medicines.....	43 75
E. P. Gleeson Mfg. Co., gas-fittings.....	10 50
F. X. Haggerty, expenses.....	3 65
C. H. Hance, soap.....	18 15
Richard Hawkey, expenses.....	4 25
Howe Brothers, horseshoeing.....	44 63
John M. Howell, expenses.....	9 75
Michael Kirley, "	6 40
Lawrence Mfg. Co., door mats.....	54 49
Louderback, Gilbert & Co., coal hods..	54 02
	\$4,260 20

Adjourned.

WM. DELAMATER, First Deputy Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD.

THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

Statement of Treasurer of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge for the Month of December, 1884.

December 1. Cash in banks and on hand as per last report..... \$129,107 64

RECEIPTS FOR TOLLS DURING DECEMBER.

From 222,300 foot passengers.....	\$2,223 00
" 898,800 car passengers.....	44,940 00
" 139,360 passengers on carriageway (estimated).....	4,355 00

Total, 1,260,460 passengers and 69,680 vehicles (estimated)..... 51,518 00

Receipts for material sold during the month..... 22 25

Receipts from the Commercial Cable Company and Albert Gray for material and labor..... 246 09

Total \$180,893 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

The expenses are divided as follows :

For Promenade.....	\$3,952 33
" Railroad.....	23,234 64
" Carriageway.....	3,155 31

Total 30,342 28

Cash in banks and on hand \$150,551 70

Deposit in Atlantic State Bank.....	\$32,116 03
" Long Island Bank.....	67,322 75
" Brooklyn Trust Co.....	48,348 92
Cash on hand.....	2,764 00

\$150,551 70

NOTE.—In the expenditures for this month are included about \$6,000 for machinery, car heaters, real estate and permanent improvements.

The receipts for tolls during this month were the largest that have been received for a single month since the bridge was opened, and are divided as follows :

From New York.....	From Brooklyn.....	Total.....
\$1,153 00	\$1,070 00	\$2,223 00
19,534 00	25,406 00	44,940 00
2,161 00	2,194 00	4,355 00

Totals..... \$22,848 00

\$28,670 00

\$51,518 00

Against the receipts of the corresponding month of December, 1883 :

From Promenade.....	\$2,506 00
" Railroad.....	30,022 00
" Carriageway.....	4,545 00

Total \$37,073 00

The average daily receipts were :

From Promenade.....	\$71 71
" Railroad.....	1,449 67
" Carriageway.....	140 49

Total average of daily receipts..... \$1,661 87

Against the total average for December, 1883, of daily receipts..... 1,195 90

The receipts on the carriageway for December were \$4,355, against \$5,366, for November. The number of vehicles crossing the bridge during December were (estimated) 69,680, whilst the number which crossed in November were (estimated) 42,928.

The receipts for the night cars from December 2d to December 31st, during the hours from 1 to 5 o'clock A. M., were :

For 7,259 passengers from New York.....	\$362 95
" 3,958 passengers from Brooklyn.....	197 90

Total, 11,217 passengers..... \$560 85

Or an average of \$18.70 per night.

The lowest receipts since the opening of the bridge were on Sunday, December 21, 1884, viz.:

From Promenade..... \$4 00 Carriageway..... \$19 00 Railroad..... \$451 00

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO WITTE, Treasurer.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 78 Tribune Building, Wednesday, January 7, 1885, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Commissioners present—His Honor, William R. Grace, Mayor; Comptroller Edward V. Loew; Commissioner of Public Works Rollin M. Square; Commissioners James C. Spencer, William Dowd, and C. C. Baldwin; also, Chief Engineer Church, Executive Engineer Fiteley, and Consulting Engineer Davis; also, Chief Engineer Birdsall, and Consulting Engineer Adams of the Department of Public Works.

The first business in order being the election of officers, the Mayor was unanimously elected President of the Commission for the ensuing year.

this office; and that a copy of each of said contracts had been delivered to the Commissioner of Public Works for filing in that Department.

In response to an inquiry of the Mayor, the Secretary stated the balance to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," as shown by the books of the Commissioners, to be \$242,356.47, and that additional funds would shortly be required to meet the monthly payments to contractors.

On motion of Commissioner Spencer, the matter of the amount of additional funds required was referred to the Comptroller, and the Secretary was directed to furnish him estimates of the payments to be made for work required by the contracts to be done within given times, and such further data as he may require for determining the probable amount of additional funds to be provided.

The Chief Engineer presented a report, dated December 31, 1884, in relation to the appointment and compensation of a Superintendent of Teams, and of stablemen, which, on motion of Commissioner Dowd, was referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit for consideration and report.

The Chief Engineer also submitted a report, dated January 7, 1885, of the progress of the work done to that date under the contracts awarded on the 24th of December, last, which report was read and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Foftham Morris was then heard, as counsel for Julian L. Dashwood, and on behalf of Samuel L. M. Barlow, in relation to the use of certain parcels of land over which a temporary easement right is required by the Commissioners, and the compensation to be made for such use; and presented written communications in relation thereto.

On motion of the Mayor, the said communications were referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit for conference thereon with the Counsel to the Corporation, and report to the Commissioners.

The Mayor presented a communication received by him from the Secretary of the Civil Service Advisory Board, dated January 6, 1885, in relation to the examinations of applicants for positions under the Aqueduct Commissioners, which communication was read, and a copy thereof directed to be made, and filed by the Secretary.

After discussion of the matter to which the above communication related, the Comptroller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby requested to take the steps indicated in his communication to this Commission under date of November 18, 1884, or such other steps as to him may seem best, to procure a prompt judicial decision of the question by the Court of last resort whether the Civil Service Act of 1883, and the Acts of 1884 amendatory thereof, apply to the engineers and employees of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

Communications were received from Engineer of Construction Craven, thanking the Commissioners for their action in relation to his compensation, which was read and ordered placed on file; and from George Lucas, Stenographer of the Commissioners, requesting an increase of salary, which was read and referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit for consideration and report.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

JAMES W. McCULLOH, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 7, 1885.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held December 24 and 31, 1884, were read and approved. A communication from the Comptroller of the City, inclosing letter from the Counsel to the Corporation relative to a lease to the New York Ferry Company of the ferry foot of East Twenty-third street, East river, was received, read, and laid over for consideration.

The following communications were received, read and,

On motion, ordered to be placed on file, action being taken where necessary, as stated, to wit:

From Comptroller of the City—Inclosing complaint in the suit of Uriel Bust against the City, and requesting the Department to furnish him with any information in the possession of the Department relative to the said claim. The action of the Secretary in replying thereto and furnishing the information in respect to the same, was approved.

From Commissioners of the Sinking Fund—Transmitting copy of resolution adopted December 29, 1884, approving of an agreement made and entered into, November 29, 1884, between the Department and Emily V. Clarkson and others, for the purchase of certain wharf property on the North river, south of Franklin street, for \$60,000.

From Department of Street Cleaning—Requesting the Department to dredge at the dumping board at Market street, East river. The Secretary stating that, by direction of Commissioner Voorhis, he had replied thereto and informed the said Department that an order had been issued and the dredging required thereat would be done in a few days, his action was approved.

From Police Department—in reference to the dumping of earth on the East river, north of East Eighty-seventh street.

From the CITY RECORD—Requesting a list of employees. Secretary directed to furnish the information desired.

From James H. Caulfield—Offering to furnish the Department with a copy of all bills presented in the Senate and Assembly during the coming session. Subject-matter referred to Commissioner Voorhis.

From S. L. Merchant & Co.—Requesting the Department to furnish him with a duplicate copy of cement tested about November 6, 1884. The Secretary directed to send copy of test, as requested, and to advise that hereafter the Board must decline to give duplicate reports of tests made, as it takes much valuable time of employees to furnish the same.

From the Citizens' Steamboat Company—Requesting permission to berth the steamer "Saratoga" at the south side of Pier, new 59, North river, until the opening of navigation. Subject matter referred to Commissioner Voorhis, with power.

From Long Island Railroad Company—Agreeing to resolution for the erection of shed platform, etc., between Piers 32 and 33, East river.

From James Wallace—Requesting permission to erect a mast derrick on the Pier foot of Rutger Slip, East river. Application denied.

From James H. Ferdon and others—Requesting permission to erect a mast derrick for the purpose of hoisting coal on the bulkhead between East Seventy-eighth and East Seventy-ninth streets, East river. Dock Master to be directed to report as to the requirements of the business men for an additional derrick for coal-hoisting purposes.

From Engineer-in-Chief:

1st. Reporting the assignment of employees to special duty other than that to which they were appointed. The Secretary directed to notify the Bookkeeper.

2d. Reporting the amount of work done during the week ending December 27, 1884.

3d. Reporting that the silt basins on the newly-paved land between Spring and West Tenth streets, North river, should be cleaned as soon as possible. The Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to do the work.

4th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 3582, that he had supervised the work of dredging in the slip between Piers 39 and 40, East river.

5th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4019, that he had placed four round fender piles on the east side, and fifteen on the west side, of Pier 46, East river.

6th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4039, that the bulkhead north of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and west of Second avenue, Harlem river, had been repaired under his supervision.

7th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4048, that he had superintended and directed the replacing and resheathing of the piles at Pier, new 26, North river.

8th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4050, as to test of cement furnished by S. L. Merchant & Co. Secretary directed to send them copy of said test.

9th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4063, that the order to superintend removal of scow sunk at Pier 55, East river, had been superseded by order directing requisition to be made for removing the said scow.

10th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4067, that he had repaired the north side of Pier at foot of West Thirteenth street, North river.

11th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4074, in reference to removal of piles driven by Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway Company at Pier 1, East river.

12th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4076, that the canal boat sunk in the slip in front of the bulkhead between West Thirty-seventh and West Thirty-eighth streets, North river, has been removed by the owner.

13th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4079, that he had fastened the cluster of spring piles on the outer end (south side) of Pier, old 23, North river.

14th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4011, that he had repaired Pier, old 20, North river, and had also done the work of replacing and fastening a few fender piles on Piers, old 20 and 21, North river.

15th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4081, that he had superintended the driving of four spruce piles on the south side of Pier at foot of East Fifth street, East river.

16th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4001, that he had made a gateway at the Department Yard at the foot of East Seventeenth street, East river.

17th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 4003, that he had superintended the work of driving piles and the necessary repairing of the bulkhead platform connected with Pier 11, North river.

From Abram Duryee, Dock Master:

1st. In reference to the application of Theo. F. Tone for permission to erect a derrick on the bulkhead at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, North river, and stating that the erection of the derricks

thereat would in a great measure relieve the piers, and would also be convenient for discharging cargoes. Permission granted to Theo. F. Tone to erect derricks at the bulkhead at One Hundred and Thirtieth, and between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, North river, the said derricks to be and remain only during the pleasure of the Board.

2d. In reference to the obstructions complained of on Pier at West Fifty-fifth street, North river.

3d. Reporting a dangerous hole in the Pier at West Fifty-fifth street, North river. The Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to repair, if necessary.

From Edward Gilon, Dock Master—Reporting that on the night of Sunday, December 28, 1884, the ferry-boat "Passaic," belonging to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, ran into and damaged the offshore end of Pier, new 54, North river.

From John M. Smith, Dock Master—In reference to complaint of Messrs. Nichols & Huntley, in relation to obstruction at the bulkhead between Bethune and West Twelfth streets, North river. The Secretary directed to advise Messrs. Nichols & Huntley of the substance of the report made by the Dock Master.

From John Callan, Dock Master—Reporting dangerous holes in Pier at One Hundred and Seventeenth street, Harlem river. Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to repair.

A communication from the Hudson Tunnel Construction Company, requesting extension of lease of premises south of Pier, new 42, North river, was received, read, and ordered to be placed on file, and the following resolutions in relation thereto, offered by Commissioner Voorhis, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted to the Hudson Tunnel Construction Company to use and occupy, during the pleasure of this Board, the reclaimed land southerly of Pier, new 42, North river, being a portion of the same premises mentioned and described in the lease thereof to the Hudson Tunnel Railway Company, made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the resolution adopted by this Board on March 23, 1881, which said lease expired on January 1, 1885, the permission hereby given being granted upon the express condition that all the terms, conditions, and provisions contained in the expired lease of the said premises shall be and continue in full force and effect during the continuance of the permit hereby granted, and that the officers of the said Hudson Tunnel Railway Company, and the sureties to the bond attached to the said lease, execute and file in this office within ten days an agreement, in writing, that all the terms and conditions of the said lease and of the bond thereto attached shall be continued in full force and effect during the continuance of the period that the said premises may be used and occupied by the said company under this permit; and also provided, that the said company pay as rental for the use of the said premises the sum of \$3,000 per annum, in quarterly payments, in advance, during such period; and further

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on December 31st, ultimo, requiring the said Tunnel Company to vacate and surrender possession of the said premises, be and hereby is rescinded.

Commissioner Voorhis, to whom was referred the several communications from the Manhattan Dredging and Elevating Company, in relation to the claim for the use of scows hired by it from this department, and the reports from the Engineer-in-Chief in relation thereto, reported thereon that there was due to this Department the sum of \$1,432 for the use or hire of the scows, and the further sum of \$25 for repairs required to be made to two of the said scows, and recommended that the claim be sent to the Counsel to the Corporation for collection; and also reported that the bill for wharfage, amounting to the sum of \$8,103.50, against the owner or owners of the dry dock berthed at Pier 62, East river, from September 1, 1882, to December 31, 1884, had not been paid, and recommended that the claim be sent to the Counsel to the Corporation for collection.

On motion, the report was received and, together with the several communications in relation thereto, ordered to be placed on file, and the Secretary directed to forward the said claims to the Counsel to the Corporation for collection.

Commissioner Voorhis, to whom was referred the communication from T. W. Thorn & Co., requesting that the penalty imposed for violation of the rules in depositing filling in the river at Spuyten Duyvil creek, reported thereon that in view of the explanations made by Mr. Thorn he had accepted the sum of \$50 in settlement for the amount of penalty imposed.

On motion, the report was received and, together with the communication, ordered to be placed on file and the action of Commissioner Voorhis approved.

The Engineer-in-Chief reported orally, recommending that scows Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 be selected to be sold, and that they be advertised with the other old material reported and authorized to be sold at the meeting of December 24th, ultimo.

On motion, the recommendation was adopted, and the Secretary directed to include the said scows in the list of old material to be sold.

Commissioner Voorhis, the Treasurer of the Board, presented his report of receipts for the week ending January 6th, instant, which was received, read and ordered to be placed on file, and the Secretary directed to enter the same in full on the minutes, as follows:

DATE.	FROM WHOM.	FOR WHAT.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	DATE OF DEPOSIT
1884					1885.
Dec. 31	Owen Woods.....	200 filling-in tickets, at 20 cents.....	\$40 00		
	D. McCarter.....	20 " " "	4 00		
1885					
Jan. 2	Oceanic S. Nav. Co.....	1 qr's rent Piers, new 44 & 45, N. R....	11,375 00		
" 2	Twenty-third Street R. W. Co.....	1 mos. rent platform n. of 23d st. ferry	100 00		
" 2	Funch, Edye & Co.....	1 qr's rent Pier, new 54, N. R.....	5,000 00		
" 3	L. I. R. R. Co.....	1 " l. u. w. bet. P's 32 & 33, E. R.	\$500 00		
" 3	Glen Cove Mfg Co.....	1 " pfm. bet. P's 49 & 50, E. R.	250 00		
" 3	T. & W. Thorn & Co.....	Compromise of Penalty.....	50 00		
" 5	Charles H. Thompson.....	Wharfage Dist. No. 1, to 3d inst. inc.	996 41		
" 5	George W. Wanmaker.....	" 2, " " "	145 92		
" 5	Edward Abeel.....	" 3, " " "	1,208 57		
" 5	John M. Smith.....	" 4, " " "	1,173 35		
" 5	Bernard Kenney.....	" 5, " " "	106 24		
" 5	Edward Gilon.....	" 6, " " "	409 73		
" 5	Abram Duryee.....	" 8, " " "	92 40		
" 5	John Callan.....	" 9, " " "	35 45		
" 6	Simpson, Spence & Young....	1 qr's rent Pier, new 56, N. R.....	\$6,250 00	6,250 00	Jan. 6
				\$27,737 07	\$27,737 07

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. VOORHIS, Treasurer.

The Secretary reported that the pay-rolls for the general repairs and construction force for the half month ending December 31, 1884, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$6,327.34 had been approved and audited, and that he had forwarded the same, together with proper requisitions for the amounts, to the Finance Department for payment.

The following requisitions were read, and

On motion, approved :

Register No.	Estimated cost.
5076. For labor, etc., to remove sunken scow and cargo from slip south of Pier 55, East river.....	\$200 00
5077. For services of plumber, etc., Pier, new 46	

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, January 14, 1885.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending January 10, 1885:

Public Moneys Received and Deposited in the City Treasury.

For Croton water rents.....	\$19,333 21
For penalties on water rents.....	399 30
For tapping Croton pipes.....	76 50
For sewer permits.....	197 20
For vault permits.....	422 63
For redemption of obstructions seized.....	5 00
For restoring and repaving—Special Fund.....	322 00
Total	\$20,746 84

Public Lamps.

9 new lamps lighted.
6 old lamps relighted.
2 lamps discontinued.
5 lamp-posts reset.
1 lamp-post straightened.
4 columns refitted.
5 columns releaded.

Report of Photometrical Examinations of Illuminating Gas, for the week ending January 10, 1885, made at the Photometrical Rooms of the Department of Public Works.

DATE.	TIME.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	GAS COMPANY.	BURNER.	Pressure as Delivered to Burner.	Consumption of Gas, Rate per hour.	Consumption of Candle, Grs per hour.	ILLUMINATING POWER.	
									IN.	CU. FT.
Jan. 5	5 P.M.	68.	30.13	Manhattan ...	Empire 5 ft.....	.89	5.00	117.0	20.82	20.32
" 6	2 P.M.	65.	29.62	"	"	.89	5.00	120.6	19.30	19.39
" 7	4 P.M.	74.	29.49	"	"	.88	5.00	115.2	21.08	20.23
" 8	3 P.M.	72.	30.00	"	"	.88	5.00	120.0	19.48	19.48
" 9	5:30 P.M.	79.	29.81	"	"	.88	5.00	121.2	19.04	19.23
" 10	5 P.M.	77.	30.17	"	"	.88	5.00	120.0	18.90	18.90
								Average.	19.59	
Jan. 5	4 P.M.	67.	30.13	New York, ...	Bray's Slit Union, 7	.93	5.00	120.6	24.00	24.12
" 6	2:30 P.M.	65.	29.62	"	"	.93	5.00	123.0	21.94	22.49
" 7	3:30 P.M.	74.	29.49	"	"	.93	5.00	121.2	22.90	23.13
" 8	3:30 P.M.	72.	30.00	"	"	.93	5.00	118.2	24.34	23.97
" 9	5 P.M.	79.	29.81	"	"	.93	5.00	120.0	23.13	23.13
" 10	2:30 P.M.	73.	30.17	"	"	.93	5.00	120.0	22.96	22.96
								Average.	23.30	
Jan. 5	2 P.M.	64.	30.13	N. V. Mutual..	"	.99	5.00	120.0	28.80	28.80
" 6	3:30 P.M.	66.	29.62	"	"	.97	5.00	123.6	21.10	21.73
" 7	2 P.M.	74.	29.49	"	"	.97	5.00	120.0	26.36	26.36
" 8	4:30 P.M.	72.	30.00	"	"	.97	5.00	120.6	29.02	29.16
" 9	3:30 P.M.	79.	29.81	"	"	.97	5.00	114.0	27.72	26.33
" 10	3:30 P.M.	73.	30.17	"	"	.98	5.00	120.0	27.00	27.00
								Average.	26.56	
Jan. 5	3 P.M.	64.	30.13	Municipal.....	"	.95	5.00	114.0	30.66	29.13
" 6	3 P.M.	66.	29.62	"	"	.94	5.00	123.0	27.76	28.45
" 7	3 P.M.	74.	29.49	"	"	.95	5.00	120.0	30.50	30.50
" 8	4 P.M.	72.	30.00	"	"	.94	5.00	119.4	30.04	29.89
" 9	4 P.M.	79.	29.81	"	"	.94	5.00	115.8	30.34	29.28
" 10	3 P.M.	73.	30.17	"	"	.94	5.00	118.8	28.90	28.61
								Average.	29.31	
Jan. 5	4 P.M.	73.	30.19	Metropolitan....	No. 6	.69	5.00	121.8	20.98	21.29
" 6	4 P.M.	76.	29.64	"	"	.69	5.00	124.8	20.44	21.26
" 7	5:30 P.M.	80.	29.64	"	"	.68	5.00	120.0	21.00	21.00
" 8	4:30 P.M.	75.	30.05	"	"	.69	5.00	123.0	20.98	21.50
" 9	4:30 P.M.	78.	29.64	"	"	.68	5.00	117.6	23.22	22.75
" 10	11:30 A.M.	78.	30.23	"	"	.68	5.00	122.4	22.36	22.81
								Average.	21.77	
Jan. 5	3 P.M.	70.	30.19	Knickerbocker.	"	.83	5.00	121.8	25.52	25.90
" 6	4:30 P.M.	78.	29.64	"	"	.83	5.00	126.4	25.76	24.99
" 7	5 P.M.	77.	29.64	"	"	.82	5.00	124.2	23.74	24.57
" 8	5 P.M.	77.	30.05	"	"	.84	5.00	121.2	26.48	26.74
" 9	3:30 P.M.	76.	29.64	"	"	.82	5.00	121.2	27.18	27.45
" 10	12:30 P.M.	79.	30.23	"	"	.82	5.00	124.8	25.16	26.16
								Average.	25.97	

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

Permits Issued.

26 permits to tap Croton pipes.
68 permits to open streets.
13 permits to make sewer connections.
18 permits to repair sewer connections.
3 permits to construct street vaults.
91 permits to place building material on streets.
9 permits—special.
1 permit to cut down tree.

Obstructions Removed.

Booth and stand from southeast corner Thirteenth street and Third avenue.
3 single trucks from Pike Slip.
2 single trucks from Jackson Slip.

4 trucks from Pike Slip.
Wagon from No. 130 East Fourth street.
Butcher-cart from Jackson Slip.
2 blankets and 1 robe from No. 124 Chambers street.
Cart from southeast corner Forty-ninth street and Third avenue.
Wagon from No. 128 East Forty-first street.

Repairing and Cleaning Sewers.

40 receiving-basins and culverts cleaned.
179 lineal feet of sewer rebuilt.
3 lineal feet of spur-pipe laid.
23 receiving-basins repaired.
22 new basin heads and covers put on.
1 new basin cover put on.
5 manholes repaired.
4 new manhole heads and covers put on.
7 new manhole covers put on.
1 manhole head reset.
339 cubic yards of earth excavated and refilled.
135 square yards paving relaid.
472 square feet flagging relaid.
7 cart-loads of earth filling.
201 cart-loads of dirt removed.

Statement of Laboring Force Employed in the Department of Public Works during the Week ending January 10, 1885.

NATURE OF WORK.	MECHANICS.	LABORERS.	TEAMS.	CARTS.
Maintenance of Aqueduct and Reservoirs.....	2	94	3	6
In Pipe Yard, foot of East Twenty-fourth street.....	1	17	2	..
Repairing and laying water pipes, etc	11	170	..	9
Repairing pavements.....	17	5
Repairing and cleaning sewers.....	4	27	..	17
Maintenance and construction of boulevards and avenues	4	5	1	..
Repairing unpaved streets.....	..	33	5	3
Totals	39	351	11	35
Increase over previous week.....
Decrease from previous week.....	1	1	..	1

Appointments.

D. Lowber Smith, Deputy Commissioner.

Requisitions on the Comptroller.

The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department on the Comptroller during the week is \$115,318.22.

D. LOWBER SMITH, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, CITY OF NEW YORK,
NOS. 31 AND 32 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, January 10, 1885.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51, chapter 410, of the Laws of 1882, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning makes the following report of the transactions of the Department of Street Cleaning for the week ending December 27, 1884:

Number of loads of ashes removed.....	18,652
" " rubbish removed.....	131
" " material received from Department of Public Works.....	40
" " Markets.....	136
" " Permits.....	2,652
" " snow removed.....	12,286
Total.....	33,897

Public moneys received and deposited in the City Treasury—for trimming scows..... \$197 00

Appointments.

J. Powers, Driver.

Joseph Fallon, Laborer.

J. S. COLEMAN, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING—CITY OF NEW YORK,
NOS. 31 AND 32 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, January 13, 1885.

Shewan, Jas., repairs.....	168 26
Slater & Reid, repairs.....	86 23
Starke, Adolph, spikes.....	12 60
The Metropolitan Telephone Co., services.....	38 90
The New York & Amboy Towing Co., services.....	5 00
Vanderbilt & Hopkins, lumber.....	606 45
Schedule No. 290—	
Chicerelli, Jos., labor.....	89 25
Chicerelli, Jos., labor.....	159 50
L'Hommidieu, S., towing.....	626 00
Jenkins & Tregarthen, docking.....	25 00
Patterson Bros., supplies.....	222 52
Pride, Geo. H., call bell.....	3 00
Pfeiffer, Wm., roofer.....	42 00
Hecler, Henry, roofer.....	42 00
Shewan, Jas., repairs.....	130 97
Vanderbilt & Hopkins, lumber.....	29 83
Total.....	\$5,492 75

Pay-rolls

—audited and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning" for the year 1884:

Schedule No. 291—	
Commissioner.....	\$3,334 98
Foreman.....	900 00
Assistant Foreman.....	418 06
Inspectors.....	7,125 00
Tugs.....	1,210 00
Total.....	\$6,988 04

Appointments.

Wm. Coholan, Hired Cartman.
John Reilly, Hired Cartman.
Edward Martin, Hired Cartman.

Discharged.

Thos. Day, Driver.

J. S. COLEMAN, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, December 15, 1884.

Present—President Cornelius Van Cott, Commissioners Henry D. Purroy and Richard Croker.

Communication

From—
Inspector of Buildings—Forwarding reports of Examiners: on fire-escapes (24), on violations (3), on unsafe buildings (7), with recommendation. Referred back, with directions.

Discharge.

John D. Perry, employed as Engineer of Engine No. 43, from 16th instant.

Employed.

Washington E. Delancey, to act as Engineer of Engine No. 43, at \$3.50 per day, from 16th instant.

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 16, 1884.

Present—President Cornelius Van Cott, Commissioners Henry D. Purroy and Richard Croker.

Communication

From—
Inspector of Buildings—Forwarding report of Examiners: on fire-escapes (11), on violations (6), on unsafe buildings (7), with recommendation. Referred back, with directions.

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 17, 1884.

Present—President Cornelius Van Cott and Commissioner Henry D. Purroy.

Trials.

Private Richard P. Moore, of Engine Co. No. 1, charged with "conduct prejudicial to good order." Found guilty and fined ten days' pay.

Private Patrick H. Mullane, of Engine Co. No. 26, charged with "absence without leave," and "incapacity for duty." Evidence taken; laid over.

Private Michael J. Riley, of Engine Co. No. 25, charged with "absence without leave." Found not guilty, and charge dismissed.

President Walker, of the Board of Education, appeared and requested that the requirement to connect public schools with the fire-alarm telegraph be rescinded.

On motion, it was determined that the requirement be adhered to, and that immediate notice of this determination be communicated, with the suggestion that to prevent the interference of crowds at public schools in cases of alarm therefrom, the Police Department should also receive immediate telegraphic notice of the alarm, and with the information that this Department will be instructed to restrain crowds collecting, in case of its arrival before the police.

Communications

From—
Examining Board of Engineers—Report of examination of Assistant Engineer of Steamer John J. Naughton, on application for promotion. Filed.

Foreman Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3—Reporting loss of horse seal. Referred to the Property Record Clerk.

Assistant Foreman Thomas A. Kenny—Applying for promotion to rank of Foreman. Referred to Examining Board.

Privates William J. Gleason and Joseph A. Cottrell—Applying for advancement. Filed.

Assistant Foreman John McCarthy—Volunteering for instruction in Life Saving Corps. Filed. Commissioner Croker here entered and took part in the proceedings.

Chief of Department—Returning complaint of Robert Brewer against Foreman Dusenberry, with agreement for settlement of claim. Filed.

Inspector of Combustibles—Report of licenses and permits issued to the 16th instant. Filed.

Same—Reporting violations of law. Referred back, with directions to collect penalties.

Same—Recommending remission of penalties. Approved.

Inspector of Buildings—Forwarding reports of Examiners: on fire-escapes (17), on violations (9), on unsafe buildings (16), with recommendation. Referred back, with directions.

Attorney—Returning communication from Pennsylvania Railroad Company, requesting information concerning laws relative to transportation of combustible materials, with opinion. Referred back for additional information.

Superintendent of Telegraph—Reporting that damage to telephone instruments on 6th instant was caused by wires of the Brush Company. Referred to the Attorney.

Same—Report of investigation relative to delay in receipt of alarm for fire Nos. 145 and 147 Mulberry street. Laid over.

Foreman-in-Charge Stables—Reporting death of horse. Filed.

Same—Recommending sale of five condemned horses. Sale at auction ordered.

Comptroller—Requesting information relative to examination and record of gas-meters in company quarters. Filed, with directions to reply.

Same—Statement of condition of appropriation to 13th instant. Filed.

Same—Receipt for security deposits accompanying proposals opened 11th instant. Filed.

Archibald Wheel Company—Inviting attention to wheels of their manufacture. Referred to Committee on Apparatus and Telegraph.

Israel C. Jones, Superintendent—Requesting that an alarm box be placed at Home for Incurables. Filed, with directions to reply.

R. Hoe & Co.—Requesting that an alarm box be located at their factory. Filed, with directions to reply.

T. Shahan—Claim for damages to truck. Referred to Chief of Department for investigation.

James Palmer's Sons—Claim for loss of goods seized and stored by the Department. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles for investigation.

John C. Fleming—Requesting information relative to the Department. Referred to Chief Bonner.

Mr. N. Le Brun, Architect, reported non-compliance by James Duffy, contractor for new quarters for Hook & Ladder Co. No. 16, with plans, specifications and directions, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the Architect and Inspector be approved, and that the contractor be notified that in case of further non-compliance with the requirements of the contract, action will be taken thereunder to enforce its provisions.

Transfers.

John Iles, employed as Engineer, Engine Co. No. 51 to Engine Co. No. 43.

W. G. De Lancey, employed as Engineer, Engine Co. No. 43 to Engine Co. No. 51.

Bills

—audited and transmitted to the Comptroller for payment:

For the Current Year—Schedule No. 70.

Arctander, A. & Co., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	\$390 00
Clapp & Jones Mfg. Co., "	96 00
Consolidated Gas Co., "	57 15
Dobbs, William H., "	30 00
Donohue, M., "	46 41
Hunter-Keller Mfg. Co., "	57 19
Jussen, Carl, "	79 00
Lanigan, William J., "	132 00
Merrill, E. R., "	30 54
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	27 50
Pearce & Jones, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	186 95
Porter's Sons, Wm., "	22 00
Powers, John, Manager, "	81 82
Schmidt, A., & Bros., "	10 00
Smith, J. Elliott, "	41 52
Winant & Terhune, "	76 55
	\$1,364 63

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, January 15, 1885.

The salaries of Messrs. Frank A. Irish, Francis L. Wellman and Thomas P. Wickes, Assistants to the Counsel to the Corporation, are designated at \$4,000 per annum each.

E. HENRY LACOMBE,
Counsel to the Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, STAATS ZEITUNG BUILDING, NEW YORK, Jan. 16, 1885.

At a meeting of the Board of Taxes and Assessments, held January 14, 1885, John Sigerson, a Clerk in the Department of Taxes and Assessments, was removed, said removal to take effect January 15, 1885.

By order of the Board.

FLOYD T. SMITH,
Secretary.

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, 9 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. PIT SHEARMAN, J. E. 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.
STEVENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

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

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.

Ninety-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.
JOSEPH SHEA, Foreman-in-Charge.
Open at all hours.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

No. 301 Mott street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
ALEXANDER SHAHER, President; EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 36 Union Square, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.
One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and Third 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 COMERFORD, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

Nos. 31 and 32 Park Row, "World" Building, Rooms 8 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.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, City Hall, Room No. 11½, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
JOHN R. LYDECKER, Chairman; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Corner Bond street and Bowery, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
NICHOLAS HAUGHTON, President; JOHN K. PERLEY, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
ALEXANDER V. DAVIDSON, Sheriff; JOEL O. STEVENS, Under Sheriff; DAVID MCGONIGAL, Order Arrest Clerk.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
JOHN REILLY, Register; J. FAIRFAX MC LAUGHLIN, Deputy Register.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

No. 17 New County Court-house, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
GEORGE CAULFIELD, Commissioner; JAMES E. CONNER, Deputy Commissioner.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
PATRICK KEENAN, County Clerk; H. S. BEATTIE, Deputy County Clerk.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Second floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, District Attorney; JOHN M. COMAN, Chief Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE,

And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.
No. 2 City Hall, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., except Saturdays, on which days 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

THOMAS COSTIGAN, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.

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 1½ inches high; brown eyes and hair.

Jennie Young; aged 32 years; 5 feet ¾ inch high; brown eyes and hair.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Ada Carlson; 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—Brigid Tucker; aged 65 years.

Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order.

G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

NO 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. PURROV,
RICHARD CROKER,
Commissioners

CARL JUSSEN,
Secretary

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.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 AND 119 DUANE STREET.

TO CONTRACTORS.

(No. 221.)

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

ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING AND EXTENDING THE Homeopathic 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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1885, 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:

	Feet B.M., measured in the work.
1. Yellow Pine Timber, 12"x12".	38,000
" " 10"x12".	240
" " 8"x10".	630
" " 8"x 8".	940
" " 6"x12".	2,940
" " 6"x10".	6,710
" " 5"x plank.	52,250
" " 4"x10".	320
" " 2" plank.	100
Total.....	102,130

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.....

(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.....

4. Oak Fender Piles.....

(It is expected that these piles will have to be about 35 feet long, to comply with the specifications.)

5. Spring and Cluster Piles.....

(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.....

7. Crib Logs, 40 to 45 feet.....

8. Cast-iron Cleats, about.....

9. Cast-iron pile shoes, about.....

10. 1½", 1½", and ¼" wrought-iron Screw Bolts, and ¼" Ring Bolts, about.....

11. ¾"x22", ¾"x20", ¾"x18", ¾"x16",

¾"x14", ¾"x12", ¾"x10", ¾"x8",

¾"x6", and ¾"x5" square wrought-iron Dock Spikes, about.....

12. Cast-iron Washers, about.....

13. ½-inch Chain, about.....

14. Crib Stone, in place, about.....

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.

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

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

1. New crib work above foundation cap, complete, including its fenders, backing logs, mooring posts, etc., about.....

Also the following additional quantities of labor and material:

Feet B.M. measured in the work.

2. Yellow Pine Timber, 12"x12",.....

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. 7/8" x 22", 3/4" x 20", 3/4" x 16", and 3/4" x 14" Square Wrought-Iron Dock Spikes, about..... 695 pounds.
7. 1" 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 filing, grading, and labor of every description.**

CLASS 2—PIER 61, EAST RIVER.

Fee B.M., measured in the work.

1. Yellow Pine Timber, 12"x12",	6,960
" " 6"x12",	888
" " 4"x12",	480
" " 10"x10",	833
" " 8"x 8",	905
" " 5"x10",	4,017
" " 5" plank.....	11,412
Total.....	25,465
2. Spruce Timber, 3"x12".....	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. 7/8" x 22", 7/8" x 16, 3/4" x 18", 3/4" x 16", 3/4" x 14", 3/4" x 12", 7/8" x 14", 3/4" x 11", 3/4" x 10", 3/4" x 7", 3/4" x 6", 16" 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 1/4", 1 1/2" and 1" wrought-iron Screw bolts, about..... 1,182

10. Cast-iron Washers for 1 1/4", 1 1/2" and 1" Screw Bolts, about..... 810

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

12. 5/8" 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, planking, 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 thereto, 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 day that the contract 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 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 securities 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 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 securities 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 LAIMBECK,
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 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.

JURORS

NOTICE
IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW YORK 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 absenteers, 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

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.

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 MULLALY,
HENRY A. GUMBLETON,
Board of Assessors

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,

No. 11 1/2 CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, November 29, 1884.

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 12 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 1/2 x 31 1/2.
 Lot No. 2. One-story frame building, 12 7/8 x 31 1/2.
 Lot No. 3. One-story frame building, 9 10 1/2 x 31 1/2.
 Lot No. 4. One-story frame building, 9 7/8 x 31 1/2.
 Lot No. 5. Two-story frame building, 42 2/3 x 14 1/2 x 12 1/2.
 Lot No. 6. Two-story brick shop, 32 8 1/2 x 12 6.
 Lot No. 7. Two-story frame building (rear of No. 6), 14 8 1/2 x 9 6.
 Lot No. 8. One-story frame building (east of north end of No. 8), 16 4 1/2 x 10 1/2.
 Lot No. 9. One-story frame building (east of north end of No. 8), 16 4 1/2 x 10 1/2.

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.