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BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 346 Broadway, on April 27, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names: The Corporation Counsel (Mr. Farley), the Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Queens and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of April 20, 1898, were read and approved.

In the matter of the change of grade of new and old Elm street, from Duane street to Worth street, and of Pearl street, from Centre street to a point 200 feet west of old Elm street, which had been duly advertised for hearing, the following communications from the Engineer of Street Opening were read:

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
NEW YORK, April 25, 1898. }

JOHN H. MOONEY, Esq., Secretary, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—In the matter of the proposed change of grade on new Elm street, between Duane and Worth street, old Elm street, between Duane and Worth street, and on Pearl street, from Centre street to a point 200 feet westerly from old Elm street. And also for the adjustment of grade on new Elm street, between Bleeker street and Great Jones street.

Resolution of the Board, meeting April 13, 1898, papers referred to me for report on the estimated cost of the change of grade of Elm street, at Pearl street, etc.

Estimated cost of the work \$15,000; cost paid by assessment. The assessed value of property to be benefited, \$2,587,150.

For the adjustment of grade at new Elm street, from Bleeker to Great Jones street, estimated cost of work, nothing. Assessed value of property to be benefited not considered, as no cost will be created.

Respectfully,
JOS. O. B. WEBSTER, Engineer.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, No. 346 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, April 20, 1898. }

Mrs. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—In answer to the communication from the Commissioner of Highways dated April 6, 1898, in the matter of the grades of New Elm street, referred to me for report:

I would respectfully reply that in the laying out of New Elm street and adjusting the grades as shown upon the map filed by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement dated September 15, 1893, it was found that the official grades and the surface of the intersecting and connecting streets differed, and that as these streets could at any time be placed upon the official and fixed grades, it was advisable to place the new street upon these grades as the only proper ones. Great care was taken to procure the filed official grades, and such as were acknowledged to be the proper ones. The streets, from Chambers to Bleeker street, were taken from profiles made October 16, 1871, and signed by William M. Tweed, as Commissioner of Public Works, under authority of chapter 570, Laws 1871. The grades there shown agreed with the surfaces of the streets at that date.

The grades for the intersection of the new street with Bond and Great Jones streets were taken from the general sewerage district maps, dated 1870 and filed with the different departments required by law; and from a compilation of the grades by Isaac Newton, Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, dated 1885, the grade of Great Jones street, opposite Lafayette place, is shown as 41.33 feet. No other grade was given for this location on any map or record on file in the late department. The same record will apply to Bond street, this being a calculated grade from a crown 150 feet east of Broadway and the grade given for the junction of the Bowery, the only filed grade. In the intersection of Spring street and New Elm street, and Broome street and New Elm street, if the street surfaces be straightened to the official grade as filed, no difficulty will be found.

The intersection of Pearl street and New Elm street and the surrounding streets are now before the Board of Public Improvements for adjustment, and when completed will be of great benefit to the public travel and the property-owners in the immediate neighborhood.

It has always been the custom in the office of the Street Commissioner of The City of New York, and of his successor, the Commissioner of Public Works, to use their own discretion in regulating, etc., all streets south of Fourteenth street, as the grades filed were very few and when they were found, fully ninety-five per cent. of them were not in conformity with the surface of the street; this custom is still in use in the Department of Highways in making improvements to streets, etc.

A remedy for the New Elm street at its intersections with Great Jones street and Bond street would be to adjust the present filed grades for Elm street to meet the present surface of these streets. Section 435 of the Charter was made to correct such differences in the old streets here shown. I would suggest that an amended map be made to cover the grades at these points.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH O. B. WEBSTER, Engineer of Street Openings.

Nobody appearing either in favor of or in opposition to the proposed change, the hearing was closed and the matter laid over, under the resolution adopted by the Board at a previous meeting in regard to entering into contracts for new work.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Board of Street Opening and Improvement did heretofore, on or about the 15th day of September, 1893, lay out and extend Elm street, from City Hall place to Great Jones street, and establish the grade thereof; and,

Whereas, The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York deems it necessary for the perfection of such Elm street that the grade thereof be changed; now, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of New Elm street, between Bleeker street and Great Jones street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the intersection of New Elm street and Bleeker street, elevation of established grade thirty-nine feet above city base; thence northerly along the centre line of New Elm street to the centre line of Bond street, elevation forty-two feet; thence northerly along the centre line of New Elm street to the centre line of Great Jones street, elevation forty feet.

All elevations above city base.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed change of grade of the above-named street at a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board at No. 346 Broadway on the 11th day of May, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed change of grade of the above-named street will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 11th day of May, 1898.

The following report from the Secretary of the Board was read, in the matter of changing the grade of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Webster avenue to the easterly property-line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, in the Borough of The Bronx:

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York:

SIR—I have to report that, on the 14th day of April, 1898, I caused to be delivered to the Supervisor of the City Record, for publication in the CITY RECORD, for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898, a copy of certain resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Improvements on the 13th day of April, 1898, proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by changing the grade of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Webster avenue to the easterly property-line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of the said Board to be held in the office of the said Board, at No. 346 Broadway, on the 27th day of April, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M. of that day, at which such proposed change of grade would be considered by the said Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grade would be considered, together with a notice that said change of grade would be considered by the said Board of Public Improvements at a meeting to be held at the time and place aforesaid.

And I further report that said resolutions and said notice, a copy of which is herewith annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD, as required by law, for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898, as will more fully appear by the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, which is herewith submitted.

Dated NEW YORK, April 27, 1898.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

Mr. Judson A. Doolittle, Engineer of the Woodlawn Cemetery, appeared in favor of the change, and President Haffen stated that Ira Place, representing the railroad people, had written him that they were in favor of it. No one appeared in opposition, and the following resolution was thereupon adopted:

Whereas, It appears from the report of the Secretary to this Board that he has caused the resolutions adopted by this Board on the 13th day of April, 1898, proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Webster avenue to the easterly property line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board, at No. 346 Broadway, on the 27th day of April, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed change of grade would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grade would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice, a copy of which is thereto annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place, a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed change of grade who have appeared, and such proposed change of grade was duly considered by this Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Webster avenue to the easterly property line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the grade of the aforesaid street, as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly curb-line of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street where the same is intersected by the northern prolongation of the eastern curb-line of Webster avenue, the elevation of established grade to be 91.5 feet above high-water datum, as is set in the Borough of The Bronx; thence easterly along the centre line of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street to the western line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, elevation to be 92.5 feet above high-water; thence easterly to the eastern property line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, elevation to be 93.0 feet above high-water datum.

All elevations to be above the high-water datum as established for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of the above-named street, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning, Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President of the Borough of The Bronx, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Secretary was read, in the matter of the proposed change of grade of Webster avenue, between East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street and the first angle northerly thereof, and of the road connecting Woodlawn station of the New York and Harlem Railroad with Webster avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx:

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York:

SIR—I have to report that on the 14th day of April, 1898, I caused to be delivered to the Supervisor of the City Record for publication in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898, a copy of certain resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Improvements on the 13th day of April, 1898, proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Webster avenue, between East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street and the first angle northerly thereof and of the road connecting Woodlawn station of the New York and Harlem Railroad with Webster avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of the said Board to be held in the office of the said Board at No. 346 Broadway on the 27th day of April, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M. of that day, at which such proposed change of grade would be considered by the said Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grade would be considered, together with a notice that said change of grade would be considered by the said Board of Public Improvements, at a meeting to be held at the time and place aforesaid.

And I do further report that said resolutions and said notice, a copy of which is herewith annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD, as required by law, for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898, as will more fully appear by the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, which is herewith submitted.

Dated NEW YORK, April 27, 1898.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

Mr. James W. Perry, attorney for the Woodlawn Cemetery, and Mr. Alexander Campbell, representing the Woodlawn Heights Taxpayers' Association, appeared in favor of the proposed change. Nobody appearing in opposition thereto, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It appears from the report of the Secretary to this Board that he has caused the resolutions adopted by this Board on the 13th day of April, 1898, proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Webster avenue between East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street and the first angle northerly thereof, and of the road connecting Woodlawn Station of the New York and Harlem Railroad with Webster avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board, at No. 346 Broadway, on the 27th day of April, 1898, at two o'clock P. M., at which such proposed change of grade would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grade would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice, a copy of which is thereto annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed change of grade who have appeared, and such proposed change of grade was duly considered by this Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Webster avenue, between East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street and the first angle northerly thereof, and of the road

connecting Woodlawn Station of the New York and Harlem Railroad with Webster avenue in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby read and approve of the same, and to change the grade of the abutment avenue as follows: Beginning at the first angle point in the western curb line of Webster avenue north of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street, elevation of the established grade 79.0 feet above high-water datum; thence southerly along the western curb line of Webster avenue to a point 100 feet westward, elevation 78.5 feet above high-water datum; thence southerly to a point on western curb-line of Webster avenue, being opposite a point in the eastern curb-line of Webster avenue, which is 500 feet northerly of the center of the house-line curve of 17.5 feet radius, elevation to be 82.75 feet above high-water datum; thence easterly to a point in the eastern curb-line of Webster avenue 50 feet northerly of the center of the house-line curve of 17.5 feet radius, elevation to be 82.0 feet above high-water datum; thence to a point in the western curb-line of the road running along the New York and Harlem Railroad property, being the tangent point of the house-line curve of 17.5 feet radius, to be 77.0 feet above high-water datum; thence southerly to the intersection of the westerly and easterly curb-lines of the road running along the New York and Harlem Railroad property, the elevation to be 74.25 feet above high-water datum; thence easterly along the southern curb-line of the above-mentioned road to the western property line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, elevation to be 75.75 feet above high-water datum; thence northerly along the western property line of the New York and Harlem Railroad to the intersection of the western line of the New York and Harlem Railroad property with the northerly curb-line of the road connecting lower road along the New York and Harlem Railroad property with Webster avenue, elevation to be 76.0 feet above high-water datum; thence along the northerly and easterly curb-line of said road to the tangent point opposite the curve, whose radius is 70.7 feet, elevation to be 78.0 feet above high-water datum.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York, by changing the grade of the abutment avenue, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its terms therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning, Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.
Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and ordered on file:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
New York, April 25, 1898. }

How MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:
DEAR SIR—Reference is the letter of April 24 from the Secretary to the Board of Public Improvements, enclosing, for my information, another communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx relative to the plans and arrangements made by the Woodlawn Water Company in certain streets in the First Ward of said Borough. I beg to say that I am still awaiting advice from the Corporation Council as to how this Department should act. All the facts in the matter were communicated to you in my letter of April 13 on the communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx received with a letter dated April 7 from the Secretary to the Board of Public Improvements.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and ordered on file:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
New York, April 30, 1898. }

How MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:
DEAR SIR—With reference to the letter of April 23, I received from the Secretary to the Board of Public Improvements, for my information, and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, recommending that equal be laid down to the pavement between the railroad tracks on Amsterdam avenue, from Manhattan to One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street, and easterly from One Hundred and Forty-first to One Hundred and Forty-third streets.

The Chief Engineer of the Department of Highways reports that his inspection of Amsterdam avenue, from Manhattan street to One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street, shows that the pavement within the railroad tracks is in a very bad condition. The Union Avenue Railroad Company have been ordered to make the necessary repairs to the pavement within and about their tracks, in accordance with the terms of that franchise and as required by chapter 306, Laws of 1892.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and laid over:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
New York, April 25, 1898. }

How MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:
DEAR SIR—With reference to the letter of April 23, from the Secretary to the Board of Public Improvements, I beg to say that, for investigation and report, an estimate of the Board of Aldermen and a resolution of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, providing for the repaving of Twenty-second street, from the westerly crosswalk of Seventh avenue to the sidewalk at Hudson river, Borough of Manhattan.

In reply I beg to report that the cost of this work is partly chargeable to the regular appropriation, and partly chargeable to the property benefited. The estimated cost of the section from Seventh avenue to 225 feet west of Tenth avenue, chargeable to regular appropriation, is \$20,000, while the estimated expense of paying the section between the east side of Third street and payable by assessment, is \$15,000. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$300,000.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, }
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CORONA PARK, }
April 25, 1898. }

How MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:
DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith, by direction of President Hulahan, for your consideration, copy of a communication from Robert E. A. Landauer, Secretary of the West Property Owners' Association, dated April 24, 1898, in reference to map of that section.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH E. HENNESSY, Secretary.
WEST PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, }
New York, April 24, 1898. }

Board of Local Improvements, Borough of The Bronx:

DEAR SIR—I have been instructed by my association to request your Honorable Body to get up a map of this section of the borough as soon as possible, as all the people around about here are anxious to know how the streets and avenues will run. Sent one to our association as soon as feasible and oblige.

Yours most respectfully,
ROBERT E. A. LANDAUER, Secretary.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and laid over:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
New York, April 25, 1898. }

How MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to report on the following matters referred to me with letters, dated April 14, from the Secretary to the Board of Public Improvements:
Resolution of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, recommending that One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from McComb's Dam road to Eighth avenue be paved with asphalt block pavement.

The estimated cost of paving One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from McComb's Dam road to McComb's Dam road, is \$5,075, the assessed value of the property within the probable area of assessment, is \$90,000.

Resolution of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, recommending that Thirty-second street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, be repaved with asphalt block pavement.

The estimated cost of this improvement is \$4,000. At present there is no money in hand to pay for improvements of this character.
Resolution of the Board of Aldermen providing that the carriageway of Thirty-seventh street, from Seventh to Eleventh avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, be paved with asphalt on the present pavement.
The estimated cost of this work is \$38,850. No money is available to pay for it.

Resolutions of the Board of Aldermen and of the Local Board of the Sixteenth District, providing that the carriageway of Twenty-third street, from the westerly crosswalk of Seventh avenue to the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot, be repaved with asphalt pavement.

The expense of repaving Twenty-third street, from Seventh to Tenth avenue, is chargeable to the regular appropriation, and is estimated at \$28,550. From Tenth to Thirtieth avenue, the expense is assessed on the property benefited, and is estimated at \$20,125. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$233,500.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and laid over as the matter is now in the hands of the Commissioner of Highways:

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 21, 1898.
Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the grade of Kingsbridge Avenue be changed from the present established grade by lines laid down from the map hereto annexed. Adopted.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Manhattan were read and referred to the Engineer in charge of Street Opening:

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 21, 1898.
Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the grade of Jackson place be changed from present established grade to conform to the lines laid down on map hereto annexed. Adopted.

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 21, 1898.
Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the grade of Van Carter place, Marble Hill, be changed from the present established grade to that indicated on the lines laid down on the map hereto annexed. Adopted.

LOCAL BOARD—NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 21, 1898.
Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the petition of the residents of Marble Hill to the Commissioner of Bridges, asking for a more direct approach from the Hill to the Bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek, and recommend that favorable action be taken thereon. Adopted.

The following communication from the President of the Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Sewers:

BOARD OF THE BRONX, April 27, 1898.

How MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:
DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 304, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 21 last, viz:

Resolved, That, on petition submitted of John George Schwank and others, and hearing given thereon on the first day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, largely recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that a sewer be constructed on each side of Tremont avenue, about 125 feet west of Anthony avenue to the Canalway, and in Monroe avenue, from Tremont avenue to Mount Hope place, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HATTEN, President.

The following communications from the Board of Aldermen were read and referred to the President of the Borough of Brooklyn:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(No. 102.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for paving Clermont avenue, from Flushing avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with asphalt pavement on the present pavement.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of Clermont avenue, from Flushing avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be paved with asphalt pavement on the present pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(No. 514.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for paving Waverly avenue, from Park avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with asphalt pavement on the present pavement.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriageway of Waverly avenue, from Park avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be paved with asphalt pavement on the present pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

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

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and laid over:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
New York, April 22, 1898. }

How MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:
DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the letter of 14th instant from the Secretary to the Board of Public Improvements, with a communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan, asking for the estimated cost of paving One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Seventh to St Nicholas avenue.

In reply, I beg to report that the estimated cost of this improvement is \$4,375, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$185,000.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
New York, April 22, 1898. }

How MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:
DEAR SIR—I duly received the letter of 21st inst. from the Secretary of your Board, enclosing for investigation and report a communication received at the meeting of your Board on the 20th inst., from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, embodying a resolution of the Board of Local Improvements of the Twenty-first District, for the laying of water-mains in Jackson avenue, from Cedar place to One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

The Chief Engineer reports that this part of Jackson avenue is graded and sewered, with sixteen houses to be supplied with water; that the estimated cost of laying water-mains is \$850.

I therefore respectfully ask that your Board, in pursuance of section 413 and 416 of the City Charter, pass a resolution approving and authorizing the laying of these water-mains, and also prepare and recommend to the Municipal Assembly a resolution or ordinance authorizing the same.

Very respectfully,
WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was thereupon adopted:

IN BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 416 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes and approves the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply for the furnishing and laying of water-mains in Jackson avenue, between Cedar place and One Hundred and Sixty-first street, in the Borough of The Bronx, at an estimated cost of \$850, to be paid from the appropriation for "Laying Crown Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx" for 1898.

And the Board hereby presents to the Municipal Assembly and recommends the adoption of the following ordinance:

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:
That water-mains be laid in Jackson avenue, between Cedar place and One Hundred and Sixty-first street, in the Borough of The Bronx, the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Water Supply and in pursuance of section 413, chapter 378, Laws of 1897.
Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning, Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President Borough of The Bronx, and President of the Board.
Negative—None.

The following communications from the Commissioners of Water Supply was read and filed, and the Secretary instructed to send a copy of the report to the Presidents of the different boroughs:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
NEW YORK, April 22, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to report herewith to the following resolutions or ordinances pending in the Board of Aldermen, and refer to me for investigation and report at the meeting of your Board held on the 20th instant:

No. 483, to place an improved iron drinking-fountain in front of No. 652 East Lightwouth street, Borough of Manhattan.

No. 485, to place an improved iron drinking-fountain in front of No. 1385 Boston road, Borough of The Bronx.

No. 435, to provide for an improved iron watering-trough at the northeast corner of Hudson street and West Twelfth street, Borough of Manhattan.

No. 485, to place an improved iron drinking-fountain in front of No. 298 Hudson street, in the Borough of Manhattan.

Also on the resolution of the Board of Local Improvement of the Thirteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending the placing of a drinking-fountain at No. 18 Sixth avenue. The entire appropriation for public drinking-fountains for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1898, is \$2,000, which is barely sufficient for the maintenance and repairs of the hydrants or fountains now in use, leaving no money available for the placing of additional fountains or hydrants. For this reason I recommend the disapproval by your Board of the foregoing resolutions.

Very respectfully,
WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and laid over:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
NEW YORK, April 22, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 25, with petitions for the resurfacing of Eighth street, West; for the resurfacing of Lenox avenue, north of One Hundred and Tenth street; for the resurfacing of Fifty-fifth street, from Sixth to Ninth avenue; for the resurfacing of St. Nicholas avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street; for the resurfacing of Eighteenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues; for the resurfacing of Forty-third street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

The estimated cost of these improvements is as follows:

Eighth street, from Columbus to West End avenue	\$17,200 00
Lenox avenue, north of One Hundred and Tenth street	41,000 00
Fifty-fifth street, from Sixth to Ninth avenue	26,350 00
St. Nicholas avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street	112,100 00
Eighteenth street, from Fifth to Sixth avenue	65,000 00
Forty-third street, from Ninth to Tenth avenue	9,200 00

The Chief-Engineer has reviewed these petitions in future consideration, there being no money available at present to pay for these improvements.

This report also applies to your letter of March 31, transmitting a resolution of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District for repaving Lenox avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem river.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, April 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 21 last, viz.:

Resolved, That, on petition submitted of Theodore E. May and others, and hearing given thereon this the 21st day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that Prospect avenue be paved with macadam on Telford foundation, between Southern Boulevard and Westchester avenue, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were read and referred to the Commissioner of Sewers:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, April 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 21 last, viz.:

Resolved, That, on petition submitted of E. O. Payne and others, and hearing given thereon this the 21st day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that a sewer be constructed in Broadway from the city line, Bronx Borough, to Riverdale avenue, thence through Exterior street to East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, and through East One Hundred and Ninety-second street to the Harlem river, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, April 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 21 last, viz.:

Resolved, That, on petition submitted of J. H. Gratacap and others, and hearing given thereon this the 21st day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that a sewer be constructed in East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street (Tremont avenue), from the existing sewer in Southern Boulevard to Belmont avenue, and in Clinton avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Crotona Park, North, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, April 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 21 last, viz.:

Resolved, That, on petition submitted of George W. Boerner and others and hearing given thereon this the 21st day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and Municipal Assembly that Topping avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street to the entrance to Claremont Park, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof and crosswalks laid where necessary, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Sewers:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, April 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 21 last, viz.:

Resolved, That, on petition submitted of J. Altieri and others, and hearing given thereon this the 21st day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that a

sewer be constructed in Wendover avenue, between Third avenue and Fulton avenue, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, April 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 21 last, viz.:

Resolved, That, on petition submitted of J. Altieri and others, and hearing given thereon this the 21st day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that the roadway of Wendover avenue, between Third avenue and Fulton avenue, be paved with granite blocks, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, April 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 21 last, viz.:

Resolved, That, on petition submitted of J. Altieri and others, and hearing given thereon this the 21st day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that Wendover avenue, between Third avenue and Fulton avenue be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof and crosswalks laid where necessary, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 21, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Lenox and Seventh avenues, be repaved with asphalt pavement.

Adopted.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply:

LOCAL BOARD, TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

Meeting held in the Borough office, City Hall, April 9, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Twenty-first District, Borough of Manhattan, approve the proposed ordinance relative to water-trough southwest corner of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and First avenue and recommend its adoption.

Adopted.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 21, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper department be instructed to relaid the north side of One Hundred and Forty-second street, between Two Hundred and Eighty-seventh street and extending east one hundred feet, and plan same in proper condition.

Adopted.

The following communications from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was read and referred to the Commissioner for further report:

CITY OF NEW YORK,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,

OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, April 29, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—In relation to a request for additional lighting on Twenty-third street from Seventh avenue to the North river, the Superintendent of Gasps and Gas reports that there is the same number of lamps on Twenty-third street between those avenues as is provided on Twenty-third street between the same avenues, and that, in his estimation, there is no necessity for an increase of lighting on that street.

Yours respectfully,
HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was read:

CITY OF NEW YORK,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,

OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, April 29, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with provisions of section 415 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, I have with me a resolution authorizing and approving that the Department advertise for proposals and make a contract for certain alterations in the Municipal Buildings, Borough of Brooklyn, necessary for the more efficient conduct of the public business, and request that you transmit to the Municipal Assembly the same with your recommendation that it pass the necessary ordinance or resolution authorizing the same.

Respectfully yours,
HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

And thereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, Under provisions of section 415 of the new Charter, that the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies be authorized to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for making certain alterations in the Municipal Buildings, Borough of Brooklyn, necessary for the more efficient conduct of the public business, at an estimated cost of about \$20,000, and the same is recommended for passage to the Municipal Assembly.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning, Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was read and filed, and the Secretary instructed to notify the petitioners that the Board has no authority to act in a matter of this kind:

CITY OF NEW YORK,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,

OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, April 23, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway:

DEAR SIR—Herewith I return the inclosed communication in regard to a proposition for a private company to build baths in The City of New York, with the suggestion that, under the circumstances, this Department has nothing to do in the matter.

Yours very truly,
HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

The following communication from the Board of Aldermen was read and laid over awaiting a message from the Mayor:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Whereas, By the action of the National Legislature at Washington it is extremely likely that within a few days the United States will be involved in a conflict of arms with the Kingdom of Spain; and

Whereas, In case of call on the part of the Executive, the President of the United States, it is the duty of every loyal citizen of the Republic to volunteer his services for the defense of his country and the upholding of its honor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the heads of various departments of the City Government be requested in every case where any employee in any department of the Municipal Government shall volunteer to bear arms in the coming conflict to grant leave of absence with full pay during the time of such service.

In regard to the items of \$18,000 for the House of Good Shepherd, Borough of Brooklyn, and \$30,000 for State asylums and hospitals, referred to in the Corporation Counsel's opinion, I have to report as follows:

Inmates of State asylums and hospitals are now a charge upon the State, under the provisions of chapter 545 of the Laws of 1896, excepting as to insane criminals, feeble-minded persons and epileptics, the first-named being a charge upon the county from which they come for maintenance, and the other classes for clothing alone. In the Brooklyn budget of 1896 for 1897 an appropriation of \$40,000 was made for State asylums and hospitals, of which only \$4,750 was paid for such purposes, the unexpended balance being transferred to other accounts. There would seem to be no necessity, therefore, for appropriating for 1898 a larger amount than was expended in the year 1897.

The House of the Good Shepherd was paid only \$6,500 from August 1, 1896, to July 31, 1897, out of an appropriation of \$20,000 for that period, the balance being also transferred to other accounts, and I suggest that this amount, namely, \$6,500, be appropriated for 1898, instead of \$18,000.

I also report as follows in regard to the request of the Examining Board of Plumbers for an appropriation of \$3,914.90, which was referred to me at a meeting of this Board, held March 17, 1898:

The amount appropriated for this purpose by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the former City of New York, for 1898, was \$1,420, and the amount appropriated by the Board of Estimate of the City of Brooklyn was \$2,495, making a total of \$3,915, which is ten cents more than the amount now requested.

The estimate now submitted seems to be reasonable and proper, with the exception of the item of \$201 for office furniture and \$80 for typewriting machine and copying press, which should be supplied through the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies; I therefore recommend that the following appropriation be made:

EXAMINING BOARD OF PLUMBERS.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes Examiners' fees (\$2,340.00), Salary of Clerk (\$1,000.00), Materials and tools (\$218.90), Contingencies (\$75.00), Total (\$3,633.90).

Respectfully, BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 10, of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes Allowance to Veteran Associations for Decoration Day Observances, Borough of Brooklyn (\$500.00), Stenographer to Grand Jury, Kings County (\$1,800.00), Refund under chapter 519, Laws 1897 (\$3,158.12), County Abstract, Richmond County (\$86,247.60), Printing proceedings, 1897, Richmond County (\$800.00), Police Pension Fund, City of Brooklyn, Seabiscay (\$8,400.75), Printing calendars, etc., Appellate Division, Supreme Court, Second Department (\$1,500.00), State Asylums and Hospitals, Borough of Brooklyn (\$2,750.00), House of Good Shepherd, Borough of Brooklyn (\$6,500.00), Total (\$112,056.45).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows:

EXAMINING BOARD OF PLUMBERS.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes Examiners' fees (\$2,340.00), Salary of Clerk (\$1,000.00), Materials and tools (\$218.90), Contingencies (\$75.00), Total (\$3,633.90).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Mayor moved that the items enumerated in the Comptroller's report, viz.: The Widows' and Orphans' Fund; Volunteers Fire Department, Brooklyn; Jurors' Fees, Kings County; Jurors' Fees, Richmond County, and Flatbush Water Account be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 21, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held March 17, 1898, there was referred to the Comptroller a communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply, in which the following requests were made:

First—That bonds to the amount of \$50,000 be authorized to be issued to provide for the placing of fire hydrants and laying necessary mains in connection therewith, for the use of the Fire Department.

Secondly—That a resolution be passed making the unexpended balance of bonds issued in 1897, amounting to \$4,631.56, applicable for expenses incurred in the year 1898.

In regard to the second request, I would report that it has been customary heretofore to allow whatever unexpended balance of the proceeds of bonds remained after the close of any one year, to be expended in the next succeeding year. This has required a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, however, in view of the fact that the original resolution authorizing the issues of bonds for this purpose have limited their use to expenditures of particular years. I see no objection to continuing this practice, and offer a resolution to comply with the request of the Commissioner of Water Supply.

In regard to the request for the issue of additional bonds to the amount of \$50,000, I will report at some future time.

Respectfully, BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the balance remaining unexpended of the proceeds of fire-hydrant stock, issued in 1897, pursuant to chapter 510 of the Laws of 1894, be and the same is hereby made applicable for expenditure by the Department of Water Supply, during the year 1898.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows:

ADVERTISING.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes For Advertising (\$75,000.00).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

HALL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, No. 140 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, March 24, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York be and it hereby is respectfully requested to apportion, on account of the estimate for expenses for the year 1898, of the Department of Education (to be hereafter submitted), the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred and four dollars and twenty-four cents (\$18,504.24), said sum to be applied in payment of salaries and wages of employees for the month of February, 1898, per detailed statement as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes Salaries of Teachers in Public Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches (\$14,758.99), Salaries of Janitors in Public Schools (\$1,421.82), Salaries of Officers, Clerks and other Employees (\$704.15), Compulsory Education—Salaries (\$514.66), Total (\$17,399.62), Support of Nautical School (\$1,104.62), Total (\$18,504.24).

—and be it further

Resolved, That, in the event of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making the apportionment as indicated, the said sums contained therein be and they hereby are set apart and appropriated to the use of the School Board for the Borough of Richmond and the Board of Education, under the titles of appropriations named in the said resolution.

A true copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held on March 23, 1898.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education of The City of New York.

SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND—CITY OF NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SCAPLETON, N. Y., March 24, 1898.

To the Hon. the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Education of The City of New York yesterday adopted a resolution to request your Honorable Board to apportion, on account of the estimate of expenses for 1898 of the Department of Education (to be hereafter submitted), the sum of \$17,399.62 for February salaries of teachers, janitors, attendance officers and officers and employees in this Borough.

This estimate for February did not reach the Board of Education in time for insertion in the resolution of that Board adopted on the 15th instant, containing the February estimates for the other Boroughs, and subsequently apportioned and allowed by your Board.

This committee respectfully requests your Board to favorably act upon the above-mentioned request, so that moneys for the February salaries in this Borough may be available at the earliest convenient time.

Very respectfully, JOHN T. BURKE, Finance Committee, School Board, Borough of Richmond, THOMAS FLANNIGAN, Secretary.

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes Support of Nautical School (\$1,104.62), Salaries of Teachers in public schools and of Supervisors, special branches (\$14,758.99), Salaries of Janitors in public schools (\$1,421.82), Compulsory education (salaries) (\$514.66), Total (\$17,800.09).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING, No. 146 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, March 28, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor, Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I have to request the transfer of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx for 1898, account of "Sweeping," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation account of "New Stock," for the reason that the balance remaining in the latter account is not sufficient for the purchase of such new stock as is and will be necessary for the proper performance of the department business.

Respectfully, JAMES McCARTNEY, Commissioner.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx for the year 1898, entitled "Sweeping," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made in the said department for the year 1898, entitled "New Stock," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE, CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK—CLERK'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 30, 1898.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication on the 26th instant, inclosing copy of letter from Hon. Francis M. Scott, Justice of the Supreme Court, in relation to the appropriation of \$6,000 for the establishment and maintenance of a library for the Court of General Sessions and for the Supreme Court, Criminal Part, to be expended under the direction of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions.

In reply I beg to say that you are correct in your statement that the sum applied for by this Court in its Provisional Estimate for the current year was only \$5,000. That amount was entirely satisfactory to the Judges of the Court.

When the Final Estimate came up for revision in January of the present year, I found that the language of the library appropriation had been changed so as to make it read that the sum appropriated (\$6,000) should be expended under the direction of the Justices of the Supreme Court.

Inasmuch as this would deprive the Judges of the Court of General Sessions of the right to direct, in any way, the expenditure of the appropriation for which they themselves had applied, and I, as their representative, knowing that they had not been consulted in relation to the changes, respectfully requested the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to phrase the appropriation in the language in which it had originally been presented, providing "that the fund should be expended under the direction of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions," and my request was granted.

The addition of \$1,000 to the amount asked for by this Court, I know nothing of. I have, as you requested, brought the matter to the attention of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions. They are, of course, entirely willing that the \$1,000 which was added to their library appropriation should be used for the library of the Supreme Court, as was evidently intended.

This Court has no desire to control any appropriation other than that (\$5,000) for which it made application in its estimate for 1898, as originally sent to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and consents that the \$1,000 which was added to the appropriation be set apart for the use of the Justices of the Supreme Court.

Yours, very truly, JOHN F. CARROLL, Clerk of Court.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the amount appropriated for the year 1898, for a library of the Court of General Sessions be and the same is hereby made applicable for expenditure for the Library of the Supreme Court.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 448 EAST TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET, BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN, New York, March 30, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York City:

I respectfully make application for a transfer of two hundred and sixty-five dollars and seven-tenths cents (\$265.17) from the appropriation entitled "Donations to Discharged Prisoners, 1897," to an appropriation entitled "Transportation, Maintenance, etc., Inmate Criminals, 1897," which is insufficient to pay a bill just presented, amounting to \$713.71, for handling Inmate Criminals at the State Asylum for the Insane at Matteawan.

Very respectfully, FRANCIS J. LANTRY, Commissioner.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and sixty-five dollars and seven-tenths cents (\$265.17) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Correction of the City of New York as constitutional prior to January 1, 1898, for the year 1897, entitled "Donations to discharged prisoners," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for said year entitled "Transportation, maintenance, etc., of inmate criminals," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

RICHMOND COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, N. Y., February 16, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York:

GENTLEMEN: On January 15, 1898, I make application for supplies for my office for the current year and an increase of \$2,500 for salary owing to extra duties devolving upon me by the addition of the Town Clerk's office. Owing to the fact that the Board of Supervisors of Richmond County appropriated the sum of \$4,000 for my salary for the year 1898, I did not deem it necessary to include it in my application to your Honorable Board. The Hon. Stephen D. Wapens, County Judge of Richmond County, informed me this morning that I should have done so. I therefore include it herewith, and trust that your Honorable Board will give it due consideration.

Very respectfully yours, JOHN H. BLSWORTH, County Clerk.

RICHMOND COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, N. Y., February 16, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York:

GENTLEMEN: I, John H. Blsworth, Clerk of the County of Richmond, N. Y., do hereby petition your Honorable Board to appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to my salary for the year 1898.

Amount as fixed by Board of Supervisors (1897) \$4,000.00

My present annual salary \$2,500.00

Total \$6,500.00

JOHN H. BLSWORTH, Clerk.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 4, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN: At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held February 15, 1898, there was presented to the Board for consideration the estimate of the County Clerk of Richmond County for expenses during the year 1898.

The estimate amounts to six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500), which is two thousand five hundred dollars less than the amount appropriated to be raised by tax in the budget of Richmond County for the year 1898.

The reasons given by the County Clerk for this increase is that extra duties will devolve upon him by reason of the addition of the Town Clerk's office.

In view of the fact that my salary is not set off by the County Clerk, and that extra duties will devolve upon the County Clerk in Richmond County and be performed in whole by employees of the City Clerk and by other city officials, I am requesting that your Honorable Board should be allowed to appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the salary of the County Clerk as appropriated for the year 1897—that being the amount included in the Richmond County budget for 1897.

Respectfully, JOHN S. OULER, Comptroller.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That payment to the Comptroller of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Comptroller, as in that section provided, be and the same are, in each appropriation and appropriation as follows: Salary of County Clerk, Richmond County—\$4,000.00

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communication was received:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING, No. 448 BROADWAY, BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN, New York, April 3, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR: I have to request the transfer of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx for 1898, amount of "Sweeping," to the appropriation account of "Snow and Ice," for the reason that the balance remaining in the latter account is not sufficient for the present emergency.

Respectfully, JAMES McCARTNEY, Commissioner.

Whereupon the Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made in the Department of Street Cleaning for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for the year 1898, entitled "Sweeping," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the said Department for the year 1898, entitled "Snow and Ice," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communications were received:

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, Nos. 157 and 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK, March 23, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR: I have the honor to request that your Honorable Board will authorize the transfer of \$971.75 from the appropriation for "Additions and Alterations to Buildings," approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, December 27, 1896, this appropriation being payable from the proceeds of the sale of lands heretofore authorized and appropriated for the purposes of this Department under the provisions of Chapter 74 of the Laws of 1894, as amended by Chapter 751 of the Laws of 1896, in which purpose this amount will not be required, to the appropriation "Fire a New Building on the north side of Grand avenue (Woodlawn Heights, near Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth street)," approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment December 27, 1895, for which purpose the said sum is needed.

Yours respectfully, JOHN J. SCANNELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Comptroller.

From M. BASTY, dated March 10, 1898, suggesting a more healthful and economical method of disposing of refuse by the Department of Street Cleaning.

Which was where it translated in the Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

The following communications were received:

LAW OFFICES OF JAMES G. TIGHE, NATIONAL CITY BANK BUILDING, No. 350 FULTON STREET, BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 21, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City of New York:

GENTLEMEN:—The general interposers of the local inferior courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction of the Borough of Brooklyn, respectfully ask that, in conformity with the opinion of the Corporation Council, an investigation, as suggested therein, be had into their legal standing and necessity for their services.

They were all duly appointed by law, and under the new Charter, in express terms, were continued in the service of The City of New York and assigned to perform the same duties as they had prior thereto performed in said local courts.

They have continued and are now discharging that duty, but as yet no provision has been made for their payment, and in consequence they are in great distress financially, and it is therefore most earnestly asked that an immediate investigation be had to the end that this condition of uncertainty may be terminated.

Very truly yours, J. G. TIGHE.

Referred to the Comptroller.

THE CHURCH CHARITY FOUNDATION OF LONG ISLAND, HOME FOR THE BLIND, ATLANTIC AND ALBANY AVENUES AND HARKNESS STREET, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

This new department of the Foundation is in Maspeth, Borough of Brooklyn—Queen 1 Block.

It is the only home in the Borough for blind women. It was established about a year ago.

It has twelve inmates, all excellent women, and most of them well educated, but who are unable to earn their living, and would have to go to the Almshouses.

It is desired to put up a suitable building and care for a larger number.

The Foundation is, however, unable to at present do this, as it supports six other departments of charity. This work was only undertaken because of the urgent need for it.

The Managers of the Home therefore ask that an appropriation be made by The City of New York for its support. The Industrial Home for Blind Men, located in Brooklyn, receives an annual appropriation of \$2,500. It is believed that this work for blind women is equally necessary and worthy.

J. G. BACCHUS,

Chairman of the Standing Committee on The Church Charity Foundation and other benevolent institutions of the diocese.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

STATUTUS, S. L., March 23, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York:

GENTLEMEN:—I have filed a claim with the Finance Department for services rendered after January 1, 1898, as Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Richmond County; a claim has also been filed by William S. West, for the services as assistant in the office of the Clerk, together amounting to \$500.

This sum is included in the County Budget of Richmond County (see Item 15), adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 28, 1897, for compensation for services necessary to be performed in closing the business of the Board, and is spread upon the tax-roll of the County of Richmond as part of the county tax. This tax is now in course of collection by the Deputy Collector of Avenues of Taxes and Assessments for the Borough of Richmond.

I am informed that this sum of \$500 was not re-appropriated by your Board, and hence no fund has been provided by the City out of which these claims can be paid, although the amount thereof will reach the Finance Department as part of the taxes of Richmond County.

I most respectfully ask your Honorable Board to re-appropriate this sum so that it may be available for the purposes intended, if this course is necessary; and hold myself in readiness to appear before your Honorable Board, or any committee or authority to which this matter may be referred, for examination as to the services performed and in reference to the laws which rendered such services necessary.

Very respectfully, FRANKLIN C. VEET,

Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors, Richmond County, N. Y.

Referred to the Comptroller.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, Nos. 157 and 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK, March 23, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR:—This Department is in receipt of a communication from the Corporation Council, dated the 17th instant, respecting certain alleged appointments, made in and subsequent to November, 1897, to the unincorporated force of the Fire Department of Long Island City, and advising me to relieve them from all duty and notify them that The City of New York does not recognize in them any right to be deemed members of its Fire Department. This I have done. And pending from the report of the Comptroller's expert (as stated by the Corporation Council), dated February 7, 1898, it appears that prior to November 24, 1897, the Fire Department of Long Island City consisted of twenty-eight men, at a salary of \$800 per annum for each man; that the payroll of the force thus constituted aggregated the sum of \$24,000, and that the expenses, including salaries, supplies, rentals, etc., for that year, exceeded the sum of \$30,000.

In the Provisional Estimate of the Fire Department, submitted to your Honorable Board on the 24th day of January, 1898, an appropriation was asked for salaries, maintenance, etc., for said Borough of Queens. Included in that estimate provision was made for nine fire companies in Long Island City, who, by this decision, are now relieved of sixty-four of their members. The amount appropriated by your Honorable Board for said Borough was \$12,400, which is insufficient to pay the salaries of the legally appointed members of the Fire Department of Long Island City.

The attention of your Honorable Board, as suggested by the Corporation Council, is called to this fact, so that adequate provision may be made therefor; and I have the honor to submit herewith a Departmental Estimate of the Fire Department for the Borough of Queens for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1898, as prepared under my direction by the Deputy Fire Commissioner appointed by me for these boroughs, pursuant to section 721, Chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

The estimate for salaries is based on what was paid during the year 1897 and the appropriation for increase of salaries is asked pursuant to the provisions of section 740, Chapter 378, Laws of 1897. To properly equip and strengthen the nine companies now in service will require sixty-two additional firemen of the Fourth Grade, at \$800 per annum; and I respectfully request that your Honorable Board will grant me an opportunity to be heard in reference thereto.

SALARIES:

Table with 2 columns: Position and Salary. 9 Foremen, at \$850 each, \$7,650.00; 2 Engineers of Steamers, at \$800 each, 1,600.00; 17 Firemen, at \$800 each, 13,600.00. Total: \$22,850.00

Increase of Salary, as provided by Section 740, Chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

Table with 2 columns: Position and Salary. 9 Foremen, at \$930.00 each, \$8,370.94; 2 Engineers of Steamers, at \$200.00 each, 533.32; 17 Firemen, at \$200 each, 3,400.00. Total: \$12,304.26

Fire supplies, rentals, etc., 10,000.00

Total \$40,713.26

Yours respectfully, JOHN J. SCANNELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Corporation Council for investigation.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SITUPLIES, OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, March 23, 1898.

Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN:—In relation to a building at the southwest corner of Prince and Wooster streets, owned by The City of New York, that it is contemplated altering to make it suitable for holding court for the Municipal Court of the First District, Borough of Manhattan, on February 9, 1898, a resolution was passed by the Board of Public Improvements authorizing the expenditure of

\$12,000, and on February 15 the Municipal Assembly passed a resolution authorizing and approving the alterations in said building and recommending that the same not exceed \$12,000 be appropriated to carry out the necessary work.

In pursuance of the above cited resolution I hereby respectfully request that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment make an appropriation of \$12,000 for the alterations in the above mentioned building for the purposes above stated.

Very respectfully,
HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

Details was had thereon, whereupon the subject was laid over.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING—CITY OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, March 25, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I submit to your Board herewith a proposed amendment of a resolution adopted on the 27th day of December, 1895, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the former City of New York, with regard to the grading of Sweepers and Drivers of this Department.

My purpose is to do justice, as far as possible, to men who really left the Department through no fault or delinquency on their part.

The resolution in its amended form, as I propose it, is as follows:
Resolved, That the annual salaries and compensation of Sweepers and Drivers hereafter appointed in the Department of Street Cleaning is hereby fixed as follows, from and after the 1st day of January, 1898:

All persons appointed Sweepers or Drivers, on or after the 1st of January, 1898, shall on their appointment become members of the third grade and shall receive the annual salary or compensation of six hundred (600) dollars each.

Whenever any member of the third grade shall have done continuous service therein for one year he shall be advanced to the second grade, and shall thereafter receive the annual salary or compensation of six hundred and sixty (660) dollars.

Whenever any member of the second grade shall have done continuous service therein for one year he shall be advanced to first grade, and shall thereafter receive the annual salary or compensation of seven hundred and twenty (720) dollars.

Length of service in every instance is to be calculated from the latest appointment, in case the person appointed shall therefore have been a member of said Department and shall have resigned or been removed and afterwards reinstated; provided, however, that if the head of said Department shall be satisfied that the evidence was not of a kind to sustain the charge upon which said Sweeper or Driver was removed, and shall thereon certify that the said Sweeper or Driver left the Department "without fault or delinquency on his part" and had "performed the duties" of his employment creditably, the said Sweeper or Driver may be reinstated and re-employed to the grade and in that position in his grade held by him at the time of his removal.

Respectfully,
JAMES McARTHUR, Commissioner.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, March 24, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I am in receipt of a communication from Charles V. Ahee, Esq., Clerk of your Board, bearing date February 5, transmitting the pay-roll of the former Secretary of the Board of Estimate of the former City of Brooklyn.

The Secretary, Mr. John K. Neal, was assigned to the present Board of Estimate and Apportionment of this city by the late Mayor, under the power of transfer given to them by the Charter. Mr. Ahee states that Mr. Neal has never reported for duty to his knowledge.

I have been furnished by Mr. Neal with a statement, which I inclose, and which was sent to me in compliance with the request of Mr. Council, Assistant Corporation Counsel, for further information in the matter.

If the statement of Mr. Neal is borne out by the facts, it seems to me that he should be paid as claimed by him, and if you agree with this view, it will be well to demand from Mr. Neal an affidavit setting forth fully what he did between January 1 and January 24, 1898.

Yours,
JOHN WILLEN, Corporation Counsel.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York:

County of Kings, ss:
John K. Neal, of the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he was the Secretary or Clerk of the Board of Estimate, in the City of Brooklyn, during the year 1897. Said Board was composed of the Mayor, Comptroller, Auditor, Treasurer and President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Brooklyn, the terms of whose offices ceased on the 31st day of December, 1897. That on the 1st day of January, 1898, the said John K. Neal appeared at his office and discharged the duties of the same, completed the details of certain work transacted at the last meeting of the Board of Estimate on December 31, and from then until the 24th day of January, 1898, he appeared daily at his office and conducted the routine business, answering correspondence, furnishing information to the several departments as to the work of the Board of Estimate during the year 1897, i. e., the amount of money asked for by the several departments, the amounts allowed by the Board of Estimate, supplied Mr. Weems, the Accountant in the Comptroller's office, with certain information, and in response to his request, furnished him with the minutes and other papers and verbally explained the proceedings of the Board, and in all other matters attended strictly to the usual work of the position. All of which was done on the direction and advice of Richard H. Greenwood, Assistant Corporation Counsel, located in Brooklyn.

JOHN K. NEAL.

Sworn to before me this 23d day of March, 1898.

W. B. CAMPBELL, Notary Public, Kings County, New York.

Referred to the Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—COMMISSIONER OF NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE,
Nos. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, ROOMS 33, 34, 35,
NEW YORK, March 26, 1898.

CHARLES V. AHEE, Esq., Clerk, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—On the 21st day of March, 1898, I transmitted to the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a letter in relation to the financial condition of the New East River Bridge Commission, and, for your convenience when the subject comes up before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I inclose a printed copy of my letter and exhibits.

Yours very truly,
SMITH K. LANE, Commissioner and Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
Nos. 157 AND 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET,
NEW YORK, March 17, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to inform you that, on the 4th instant, pursuant to section 727 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, otherwise known by its short title as the Greater New York Charter, I caused that branch of the service known prior to January 1, 1898, as the "Bureau of Fire-Alarm Telegraph," to be merged into and consolidated with the "Bureau of Chief of Department."

This was done for the sake of convenience in the administration of the affairs of and increasing the efficiency of the Fire Department, and I have, therefore, to request that your Honorable Board will consent to and approve of the consolidation, in accordance with the provisions of section 1543 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN J. SCANNELL, Commissioner.

Referral to the Corporation Counsel.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 346 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK, March 28, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—At a regular meeting of this Board, held on the 9th instant, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and same is now submitted to your Honorable Body for action:

Resolved, That this Board approve of the further issue of bonds known as the "Additional Water Fund" to the amount of \$500,000, being to provide for the sanitary protection of the Crown,

Items and Byram River water-tanks, and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to authorize and direct the Comptroller to make such further issue.

I also inclose herewith, for your information, copies of communications from the Commissioner and Chief Engineer of Water Supply bearing on the subject.

Respectfully,
JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, January 10, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE E. DOUGLASS, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—From report made to me by the Chief Engineer, I find that the funds heretofore provided by the Comptroller by the issue of bonds known as "Additional Water Fund," pursuant to chapter 189 of the Laws of 1895, have been nearly exhausted in the payment of expenses in legal proceedings and awards for lands acquired.

I therefore respectfully ask the approval of your Board for the further issue of said bonds to the amount of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars, and the adoption of a resolution calling upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize and direct the Comptroller to make such further issue.

This amount is and will be required for legal expenses and awards to be made by eight separate commissions of appraisal now engaged in appraising lands along the Bear Gulch Creek and Byram Pond, at Mt. Kisco and vicinity; along the West Branch of the Croton river; along the Middle Branch of the Croton river; along the Muscoot Branch of the Croton river; around Lake Glenside; at White Pond and vicinity; in the Villages of Tarrytown and Paterson, and along the East Branch of the Croton river.

Very respectfully,
WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK CITY, January 6, 1898.

WM. DALTON, Esq., Commissioner of Water Supply:

DEAR SIR—The funds provided by the Comptroller from the sale of bonds for additional water fund, being to provide for the sanitary protection of the Croton, Bronx and Byram River Watersheds, pursuant to chapter 189, Laws of 1895, having been nearly exhausted in payment of legal expenses and awards for lands acquired, I recommend that an application be made to the Board of Public Improvements to approve, and to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize and direct the Comptroller to make a further issue of bonds for this purpose, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

There are at present eight commissions making appraisals of lands along the Bear Gulch Creek and Byram Pond, at Mt. Kisco and vicinity; along the West Branch of the Croton river; along the Middle Branch of the Croton river; along the Muscoot Branch of the Croton river; around Lake Glenside; at White Pond and vicinity; in Tarrytown and Paterson, and along the East Branch of the Croton river. There have been partial awards made only.

Respectfully,
G. W. HIRDSALL, Chief Engineer.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

HONORABLE COOPERATIVE BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION,
No. 1425 BROOKLYN,
BROOKLYN, March 12, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

At a meeting of the Board of Management of this Association, held on February 23, 1898, a communication from the Kings County Co-operative Building and Loan Association, referring to action taken by said association protesting against the levy in this borough of any special tax during the year 1898, was read, and it was so ordered.

Resolved, That this Board of Management approve of the action taken by the said Kings County Building and Loan Association, and inclose the resolution adopted at the meeting of said association protesting against the levy of any special tax in this borough during the year 1898.

Subsequently the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the above resolution to the Senators and Members of Assembly from Kings County and to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

I am, very respectfully yours,
J. H. HAWSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

KINGS COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
BROOKLYN, MARCH 20, 1898.

Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York:

GENTLEMEN—Referring to your resolution of the 17th instant, "Kings County Treasurer, salary, \$2,000," will you please amend the same to read as follows:

Additional salaries,	\$2,500 00
Additional contingencies,	700 00
	\$3,200 00

The above change will correspond with the salary list as now entered and approved and make the total in the credit of our Contingent Account \$900, the amount originally asked for.

Very respectfully,
JOHN W. KIMBALL, Kings County Treasurer.

Whereupon the Mayor offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700) be transferred from the appropriation made to the Kings County Treasurer for salaries for the year 1898 to the Appropriation, "Kings County Treasurer—Contingencies, 1898."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communications were received:

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK:

DEAR SIR—The managers of the Astoria Hospital have instructed me to lay before you the facts concerning the present condition of that institution upon which is based their application for an appropriation or other municipal assistance. This corporation was organized under the act relating to hospitals in May, 1892, in Astoria, Long Island City. It had been sadly needed in that locality, and the building and equipment with which it began its work were soon found inadequate to the demands made upon them. Subscriptions were then asked for a fund to erect and equip a suitable building; about \$17,000 was obtained, and in 1897 the new building was erected. This building is located on high ground on Crescent Street, Astoria, is admirably arranged and in excellent order and condition and completely equipped. The need of it has been demonstrated by the number of those who have applied for admission. It is situated in the midst of a considerable population, and no other hospital is so situated as to do or to be able to do the same work. The Flushing Hospital is five miles distant, and makes no effort to serve this community. St. John's Hospital, in what was formerly Hunter's Point, is not so far away, but has a large population of its own to look after, and has hitherto been taxed to its utmost. The Astoria Hospital is neither too large nor too small. Its accommodations are well adapted to the wants of this community.

This hospital has heretofore received from Long Island City, for the care of the sick poor, a substantial and essential part of its revenue. It was allowed by that city seventy cents a day for each inmate. Since the advent of Greater New York it has not earned much more than one-tenth of what was formerly allowed it. The same rate of compensation has been permitted, but those whom it has been allowed to receive for account of the city have been strictly limited to what are called "emergency cases." The hospital has been instructed by the Commissioner of Charities for this borough to refer all applicants for city account to his local representative, who resides at Hunter's Point, provided only that the applicant is physically able to go to him. The numerous applicants which the hospital is thus obliged to turn away never come back. They are forwarded, we are informed, to the Flatbush Hospital. We have thus been obliged to deny admission to many who needed immediate treatment, and who, we think, should not have been subjected to the risks of the journey either to Hunter's Point or to the Flatbush Hospital.

This policy of the Department of Charities has deprived the hospital of revenue necessary for its support, while it has, at the same time, destroyed its usefulness. Thus, our application has a twofold aspect. We not only ask that the hospital receive such aid as will enable it to perform its appointed public service, but also that it be permitted to perform that service which it was organized to perform, and which, by reason of its situation, it only can perform rightly. In short, we ask to be permitted to receive patients as well as revenue.

The Flatbush Hospital is, we respectfully urge, too far removed from this locality to serve as a hospital for those who live here. The Astoria Hospital is the only one which can properly serve that purpose.

Without the acceptance of this by the City, this hospital must close its doors. It can accommodate sixty inmates. If it were permitted to receive its fair quota of forty at the present rate of compensation, we were granted an equivalent appropriation, the additional expense to the city over the cost of treatment in the Flatbush Hospital (and excluding the cost of transportation thereto) would, we understand, fall short of five thousand dollars.

Respectfully yours, E. W. FANNING, Secretary.

March 20, 1898. On motion of the Mayor, the said communication was ordered transmitted to the Commissioner of Public Charities, with the request that he investigate in reference to the hospitals located in Astoria, Flushing, Long Island City, Jamaica and College Point, and report to this Board.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 24, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York: Sirs—We, the undersigned justices, do hereby request your Honorable Body to appropriate the amount of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) to pay the salary of Lorenzo Crescoto, Italian Interpreter for the year 1898, he having been legally appointed Italian Interpreter for our Courts on the 17th day of June 1885.

Respectfully yours, WM. B. DURD, JR., County Judge, JOSEPH ASPINALL, C. J., GEO. B. ABBOTT, Serraglio.

Returned to the Comptroller.

New York, April 1, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York: DEAR SIRS—Several months have passed since, at the request of citizens actuated by humanitarian motives, and I am sure, moved by the then very high rate of mortality among infants under two years of age under charge of the City (which rate of mortality has been greatly lessened, thanks to the wise management of the present able Commissioner of Charities), we, notwithstanding a knowledge acquired from many years' experience of the great labor involved in proper care of these young infants, consented to undertake the charge of a number of these little ones in a building on East 55th St. terms, issued by us for two years, and called "St. Joseph's Home for Babies," separate and apart from our other institutions, in which we maintain and care for children over two years of age, and in this Home, in January, several infants under two years of age were maintained. These were included and specified in the bills with those over two years of age, then approved by the Commissioner of Charities and forwarded to the Comptroller, who, we are advised, awaits a resolution of your Board before making so much of the bill as is for care of those babies under two years of age, whereas it is that, apologizing for trespassing upon your precious time, and including a letter of Commissioner of Charities John W. Keller, we ask that you will, in your love for these little children, pass the resolution desired by the Comptroller's office, as in your wise judgment the facts warrant, and for which we shall be ever grateful, as this work is very dear to our hearts.

Yours very respectfully, MOTHER M. DOMINIC.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 20 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, March 30, 1898.

Peter K. GAYSON, Esq., No. 164 Broadway, City: My DEAR MR. GAYSON—On February 14, 1898, I sent the following communication to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City: Sirs—After careful inquiry into the matter, I am convinced that the Dominican Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary is a proper institution to care for destitute infants under two years of age.

I have been advised that this convent has applied to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an allowance of \$100 per month for the care of destitute infants under two years of age of Catholic parents, and that the application is pending before you. I have no hesitation, in view of the facts as disclosed by the investigation made thus far, in recommending favorable action on the application referred to, as I believe that such action will conserve the public interest.

Yours truly, JOHN W. KELLER, President.

On March 2 I received the following letter: "New York, March 2, 1898.

JOHN W. KELLER, President, Department Public Charities: DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held February 28, 1898, the enclosed communication was presented and I was directed to return the same to you with the statement that no such application was pending before this Board.

Very respectfully, CHAS. V. ADEE, Clerk."

Since the time I wrote to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment I have had no cause to change my opinion as to the worthiness of the Dominican Convent of Our Lady in the Convent. You are quite at liberty to see this communication in any way that you may see fit.

Yours truly, JOHN W. KELLER.

Referred to the Comptroller.

New York, N. Y., March 7, 1898.

Hon. R. A. VAN WYCK, President of Board of Estimate: DEAR SIR—We were employed in the City Treasurer's office of Brooklyn, N. Y., and were assigned to work in the Chamberlain's office and performed service there until February 8, 1898, when our positions were abolished by Hon. Patrick Keenan, Chamberlain. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Chamberlain, refuses to certify to our pay-roll, claiming he has no money (so I am informed) to pay us with. The amount due the following employees, Mr. J. H. Brennan, David Phelan, George B. Hawthorne, Fred W. Brennan and C. H. Raven, up until February 8, 1898, \$1,248.08. We very respectfully ask you, the Honorable Board of Estimate, to appropriate this amount to the credit of the Comptroller or Chamberlain, so that we can obtain the amount of salary which is honestly due us and which we need very much.

Very truly yours, C. H. RAVEN, No. 31 Ormond place, Brooklyn.

Referred to the Comptroller.

Proposed Resolution Re-appropriating the sum of \$3,956.68 for the Benefit of the Flushing Hospital.

Whereas, David L. Van Nostrand, Esq., lately Supervisor of the Town of Flushing, has paid over to the Comptroller of the City of New York the sum of \$3,956.68, which sum is the balance of a certain account on the books of said Supervisor known as the Flushing Hospital Account; and Whereas, It appears that the said sum of \$3,956.68 is the unexpended balance of moneys duly appropriated for the support and maintenance of the corporation known as the Trustees of the Hospital and Dispensary of the Town of Flushing.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he hereby is directed to pay said sum of \$3,956.68 to the said Trustees of the Hospital and Dispensary of the Town of Flushing at the rate of \$1 per day for each person received and retained in the hospital of said corporation, pursuant to the rules established by the State Board of Charities, such payments to be made upon the production of vouchers certified by such person or officer as the State Board of Charities shall designate.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller. Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council, and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Corporation Counsel moved that this Board do now adjourn. Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5. THOS. L. FEITNER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPOINTMENT, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, TUESDAY, April 12, 1898, 11 o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment. Present—Robert A. Van Wyck, the Mayor; Bird S. Coler, the Comptroller; John Whalen, the Corporation Counsel; Randolph Guggenheimer, the President of the Council; Thomas L. Feitner, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The reading of the minutes of the meetings held January 27, 28, February 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 15, 18, 26, 28, March 17 and April 5, 1898, was dispensed with.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the Budget for the year 1898.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 8, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—Obligations of the late City of Brooklyn become due and payable on the 24th instant, as follows: 4 per cent. Tax Certificates of the Levy of 1896, issued August 24, 1897, \$1,000,000 00 4 per cent. Certificates of Indebtedness of the Levy of 1897, issued August 24, 1897 1,050,000 00

The principal of these certificates will be paid out of the moneys collected under the said levies.

The interest due thereon must, however, be provided for by an appropriation. The Revenue Fund of said City from which such interest has heretofore been paid is now practically exhausted. I submit herewith a resolution for the appropriation of the amount required.

Respectfully, BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, the same are hereby in part appropriated and apportioned as follows:

INTEREST ON THE CITY DEBT.

INTEREST ON THE DEBT OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN AND COUNTY OF KINGS AS CONSTITUTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1898.

Table with 5 columns: RATE OF INTEREST, TITLE OF LOAN, DATES PAYABLE, AMOUNT OF LOAN, AMOUNT TO BE PAID FOR INTEREST. Rows include Tax Certificates, Levy of 1896 and Certificates of Indebtedness, Levy of 1897.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel for investigation. Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Whereas, The estimate of expenses for the year 1898, submitted by the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, contained an error in the footing of the column for supplies, etc., for the Borough of Brooklyn, amounting to sixty-seven thousand five hundred and seven dollars (\$67,507), and by reason of said error the amount appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for "Supplies and Repairs, Borough of Brooklyn," appears to be two hundred and seventy-eight thousand five hundred and seven dollars (\$278,507) in the resolution adopted February 4, 1898, when such amount should be two hundred and eleven thousand dollars (\$211,000):

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board February 4, 1898, apportioning and appropriating funds for expenditure in 1898 by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and the same is hereby amended so that the amount apportioned and appropriated for "Supplies and Repairs, Borough of Brooklyn," shall read two hundred and eleven thousand dollars, instead of two hundred and seventy-eight thousand five hundred and seven dollars (\$278,507), and the total apportioned and appropriated to said Department shall read three million one hundred and seventy-five thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eleven cents (\$3,175,898.11), instead of three million two hundred and forty-three thousand four hundred and five dollars and eleven cents (\$3,243,405.11).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Mayor presented the following:

Cost of Lighting Public Buildings (City of Brooklyn) by Gas during Year 1897.

Table with 2 columns: Armories (Troop C, Third Battery, Second Signal Corps, Thirteenth Regiment, Fourteenth Regiment, Twenty-third Regiment, Forty-seventh Regiment) and amounts.

Table with 2 columns: City Hall, Municipal Building and Baths; Department of Health; Board of Elections; Exempt Firemen's Association; Department of Parks; Public Library; City Clocks; Kings County Court-house; Hall of Records; Kings County Jail.

Table with 2 columns: Department of City Works (Engineer's Bureau, Purveyor's Bureau, Sewer Bureau, Street Bureau, Construction Bureau, Wallabout Market, Mount Prospect Laboratory) and amounts.

Table with 2 columns: Justice and Police Courts (First District, State street; Second District, Broadway; First District, Court and Butler; Third District, Lee avenue; Fourth District, Ewen street; Fifth District, Myrtle avenue) and amounts.

Cost of Lighting Public Buildings (City of Brooklyn) by Electricity, During Year 1897.

Table with 2 columns: Armories (Troop "C", Third Battery, Second Signal Corps, Thirteenth Regiment, Fourteenth Regiment, Twenty-third Regiment, Forty-seventh Regiment) and amounts.

Municipal Building	\$6,592 92
Hall of Records	1,268 67
Kings County Court-house	9,570 46
Borough Hall	2,516 59
Kings County Jail	182 50
Board of Elections	136 81
Public Library	None
City Clocks	"
Exempt Firemen's Association	"
Small Courts	"
Wallabout Market Tower Building	780 00
Department of Health	550 69
Department of Parks	825 89
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	\$26,105 30

CITY OF BROOKLYN.

The total cost of street lighting, exclusive of parks, was \$689,595.49 (during year 1897), apportioned in this way:

<i>Gas.</i>	
Brooklyn Union Gas Company	\$149,262 79
The Flatbush Gas Company	14,398 48
Kings County Gas and Illuminating Company (New Utrecht)	109,184 35
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	\$272,845 62
<i>Electricity.</i>	
Citizens' Electric Illuminating Company	\$193,748 61
Edison Electric Illuminating Company	86,409 88
Municipal Electric Light Company	108,932 26
Flatbush Company	27,659 12
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	416,740 87
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	\$689,595 49

As to the number of gas lamps and electric lights of each company it varied during the year, in most cases being increased toward the end of the year. The following table will show the minimum and maximum numbers of each company:

<i>Gas.</i>	
Flatbush Company	from 688 to 686
Kings Company	from 3,902 to 4,032
Brooklyn Union Company	from 8,328 to 7,577
<i>Electricity.</i>	
Citizens' Company	from 1,500 to 1,600
Edison Company	from 685 to 749
Municipal Company	from 858 to 1,220
Flatbush Company	from 279 to 325

In addition to the above there were the following special lights in 1897, chargeable to various accounts, which are now chargeable to the account of "Lamps and Lighting" of this Borough Department:

On Liberty street	14
Under the elevated structure at the Bridge	4
Around Mt. Prospect Reservoir	5
At the Pipe Yard (Gowanus Canal and Butler street)	1
Repair Yard (Portland street)	1
County Jail	1
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Fourteen of these lamps are of 600 candle power each; the others are of 1,200 candle power each. Those on Liberty street and those under the elevated railroad structure were chargeable to the Bridge; those at the reservoir, Pipe Yard and Repair Yard were chargeable to the Department of City Works, and the one at Raymond Street Jail was chargeable to the jail. The total cost of these twenty-six (26) lights was \$3,267.

As to the cost of maintaining the lights in the parks and on the parkways, it is impossible to give exact figures here, for the reason that I have been unable to secure access to the records making the same.

Prospect Park is lighted by electricity and by naphtha, the contracting companies being the Citizens' and Edison Electric Illuminating Companies; the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas Light Company and the Brooklyn Union Gas Company. The Ocean Parkway is lighted by electricity by the Flatbush Gas Company. The Memorial Arch, at the Plaza of Prospect Park, has eight special arc lights and about 300 incandescent lights, furnished by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. The Administration Building in Prospect Park and the Viaduct of the Eastern Parkway Extension are lighted by gas by the Brooklyn Union Gas Company. The Course at Coney Island has six gas lamps, the gas being furnished by the Coney Island Fuel, Light and Gas Company. In Prospect Park there are 255 naphtha or Welsbach lights and 50 electric lights. The number of electric lights on Ocean Parkway maintained last year was 91.

I inclose a statement of the cost of lighting public buildings in this borough in 1897, and also a summary of the cost of all public lighting which is now within the jurisdiction of this Department.

And moved that it be referred to the Comptroller, which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communications were received:

CONVENT OF MERCY, No. 273 WILLOUGHBY AVENUE, BROOKLYN, April 7, 1898.

Hon. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK:

HON. AND DEAR SIR—It may seem very presumptuous in me to make my appeal to the highest instead of approaching the point through subordinate mediums. But I do this advisedly. The time of your Honor is entirely given up to the service of others; and, though our case is small in comparison with many under your consideration, still the question does not seem to weigh with you of great or small, but rather of right and justice.

Our is a charitable institution, having nearly six hundred children as inmates; the larger proportion of these are county wards and are supported by what is received for them from the City. We have also an industrial school in which the older girls are taught a trade, and this is partly self-supporting. The institution seems to give satisfaction to the State Board of Charities, and we certainly do our best to comply with their regulations.

I have been informed that there is no appropriation for the payment of our bills from the 1st of January, and though our creditors are trying to be patient, still our need is absolute. We have not yet received the usual funds from the Board of Education for 1897, and this adds to the difficulty of meeting the demands, which are becoming importunate. The appeal to you is for an appropriation to meet the bills for the county wards. These are:

For January, 1898	\$2,897 00
For February, 1898	2,604 75
For March, 1898	2,844 75
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Making a total of	\$8,346 50

Your consideration of this matter will be very gratefully appreciated by us. With cordial admiration of the integrity of your administration, I am, with highest esteem, Very respectfully yours, SISTER M. STEPHEN, Treasurer for the Sisters of Mercy.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Comptroller, which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and they are hereby respectfully requested to provide at once a suitable fund to enable the President of the Borough of Brooklyn to call together the Local Boards of Improvements so that they may transact such business as may come before them without further delay.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen March 1, 1898, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Adopted by the Council March 22, 1898, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, April 5, 1898, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 40 of the New York City Charter, the same became adopted.

(Signed) P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Mayor, which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

EMIL H. ROSENBLATT, No. 237 EAST SEVENTY-SECOND STREET, New York, April 5, 1898.

Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City Hall, New York City: DEAR SIR—I am informed that an appropriation has been made to complete the proposed park on East Broadway, opposite the "Schiff" fountain.

As I pass this neighborhood very frequently, I have had occasion to notice to what purpose the spot is at present used for. It certainly appears that, in the interest of health, the abuses now existing should be speedily removed, and I trust that your Honorable Board will lose no time in putting the park in a proper condition, thereby gaining the gratitude of thousands of outsiders, as also of

Yours very respectfully, EMIL H. ROSENBLATT.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Comptroller, which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, April 10, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City:

GENTLEMEN—The necessity for improving the sites selected for new parks at Houston and Willett streets and at East Broadway and Hester street is impressed upon this Department as urgent. The reports of the Foremen and Gardeners and the personal observation of the Commissioner are confirmed by the complaints of the citizens in these neighborhoods that the present condition of the sites is a menace to the health and good order of the districts affected.

In view of the financial condition of the City, as shown by the recent discoveries in the Finance Department, it seems impossible that the permanent improvement of these parks can be proceeded with for the present.

In the case of the Houston Street Park, known as Hamilton Fish Park, a contract has been awarded, calling for the expenditure of \$150,000 and based upon designs for the permanent improvement of the park. In the case of the East Broadway and Division Street Park, known as William H. Seward Park, plans for permanent improvement have not yet been made. The incumbent Park Commissioner found that the preliminary work of removing the buildings had been done, without any provision for continuing the work and utilizing the site. No time was lost in beginning the work of preparing designs, but before this work could be finished the financial question arose and made it a waste of time to continue on these lines. A supplementary estimate was therefore hastily prepared for the improvement of the site on lines that could be utilized in the permanent improvement and yet would not call for an extravagant expenditure at this time. Under this plan an application was made for the issue of \$50,000 of bonds.

Realizing that, under the circumstances, an issue of bonds to these two amounts, \$150,000 and \$50,000, is impossible, I caused estimates to be made for the cheapest, promptest and most effectual abatement of the nuisances caused by the present condition of these two sites. These estimates provide for the leveling of the ground and its temporary grading. Much of the work of excavation necessary to permanent improvement would have to be done twice if this temporary expedient is adopted, but the result in improving the sanitary condition of the city will undoubtedly more than justify the expenditure.

It is respectfully requested that, under the authority of the act by which these sites were acquired, a sufficient sum be provided for the carrying out of these plans for temporary improvement.

The estimates in the case of the Hamilton Fish Park are as follows:	
For leveling the surface of the park, 10,000 cubic yards, at 30 cents per cubic yard	\$3,000 00
For a rough board fence, 2,800 feet, at 50 cents per foot	1,400 00
10 per cent. for contingencies	440 00
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Making a total of	\$4,840 00

The estimates in the case of William H. Seward Park are as follows:	
For leveling the surface of the park, 15,000 cubic yards, at 30 cents per cubic yard	\$4,500 00
Rough board fence, 2,580 feet, at 50 cents per foot	1,290 00
10 per cent. for contingencies	579 00
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Making a total of	\$6,369 00

It therefore appears that \$12,000 will meet the urgent requirements of the situation in regard to these two small parks.

Respectfully, GEORGE C. CLAUSES, Park Commissioner, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Comptroller, which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB, No. 145 EAST EIGHTIETH STREET, New York, April 8, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City Hall, New York:

GENTLEMEN—This Club urgently recommends that immediate action be taken to make serviceable for public uses the plots of ground already condemned for parks at corner of Stanton and Willett streets and at corner of Essex and Hester streets.

The need for playgrounds for children is very great during the summer, and particularly so during the school vacation months.

In their present condition it is believed that these plots are a menace to health by reason of accumulated refuse.

The slight expenditure required to utilize these grounds in the interest of the public will, we believe, be abundantly justified by the results obtained.

Hoping for favorable action, we remain, with great respect, Your obedient servant, GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB, By J. AUGUSTUS JOHNSON, President.

The Corporation Counsel moved that it be referred to the Comptroller, which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

Various communications urging the immediate improvement of the new parks at Houston and Willett streets and East Broadway and Division streets were received and ordered placed on file.

The following communications were received:

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE, CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK—CLERK'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, April 11, 1898.

The Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—By chapter 172 of the Laws of 1898, equalizing the compensation of the Attendants of our Courts, the salaries of forty-four (44) Attendants of this Court were increased two hundred (200) dollars per annum.

I respectfully ask that the sum of six thousand six hundred (6,600) dollars be provided, so that the provisions of this act may be complied with in so far as it affects the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, for the nine months of the current year beginning April 1, 1898.

Yours very respectfully, JOHN F. CARROLL, Clerk of Court.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, April 11, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby make application for an appropriation of twelve thousand nine hundred dollars (\$12,900) for the purpose of increasing the salaries of eighty-six Attendants of the

Supreme Court is provided, by chapter 474 of the Laws of 1896, being \$150 each for eight days attendance from June 1, 1895.

A resolution approving and authorizing the said Attendants is herewith submitted.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM SCHIMMER, Clerk.

CHAMBER 472.

Whereas the provisions of the Charter of the City of New York, in the first section of chapter 474 of the Laws of 1896, relating to the appointment of Attendants in the first department, the court of general sessions, in the county of New York, and the city court of the city and county of New York, passed a law March 26, 1896, with the approval of the Governor, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, approved by the City.

The Charter of the City of New York, as amended by Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. That the salaries of the attendants of the supreme court in the first judicial district and the justices of the peace in the first department, or transferred to the supreme court in any other, and the costs of personal attendance of the justice in and by the city and county of New York and the county of New York, and the city and county of New York be and the same are hereby equalized and fixed as equal to the salaries and costs of attendants payable monthly.

And it is further enacted, that the said attendants shall be appointed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

State of New York, County of New York.

I, William Schimmer, Clerk of the said County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State, do hereby certify that the provisions of the Charter of the City of New York, in the first section of chapter 474 of the Laws of 1896, relating to the appointment of Attendants in the first department, the court of general sessions, in the county of New York, and the city court of the city and county of New York, passed a law March 26, 1896, with the approval of the Governor, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, approved by the City.

In witness whereof I have herewith subscribed my name and official my hand and the seal of said County, this 5th day of April, 1898.

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM SCHIMMER, Clerk,
City Court of New York,
New York, April 11, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst., in relation to the salaries of thirteen (13) Attendants of the City Court of the City of New York, as provided for by chapter 474 of the Laws of 1896, being \$150 each for eight days attendance from June 1, 1895.

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Very respectfully,

CHARLES V. ADAMS, Clerk City Court of New York.

The Commission of the City Court of New York, do hereby certify that the said Attendants are hereby equalized and fixed as equal to the salaries and costs of attendants payable monthly.

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CITY COURT,
NEW YORK, April 5, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst., in relation to the salaries of thirteen (13) Attendants of the City Court of the City of New York, as provided for by chapter 474 of the Laws of 1896, being \$150 each for eight days attendance from June 1, 1895.

A resolution approving and authorizing the said Attendants is herewith submitted.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES V. ADAMS, Clerk City Court of New York.

The Commission of the City Court of New York, do hereby certify that the said Attendants are hereby equalized and fixed as equal to the salaries and costs of attendants payable monthly.

And it is further enacted, that the said attendants shall be appointed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

State of New York, County of New York.

I, Charles V. Adams, Clerk of the said County, and Clerk of the City Court of said State, do hereby certify that the provisions of the Charter of the City of New York, in the first section of chapter 474 of the Laws of 1896, relating to the appointment of Attendants in the first department, the court of general sessions, in the county of New York, and the city court of the city and county of New York, passed a law March 26, 1896, with the approval of the Governor, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, approved by the City.

I think these courts are fairly entitled to a reasonable number of Attendants, if it should be found that the services of the police detailed to these courts be not sufficient, but the appointment of Attendants is rather a matter of expediency than necessity, and, in view of the present financial situation, it has been suggested that the force of Assistant Clerks asked for is so large that some of these may be detailed to act as Attendants when necessary.

I believe the foregoing answers all the questions raised in the matters referred to me by your Board in relation to the estimates for the Magistrates' Courts in the Second Division.

Yours,

JOHN WHALLEN, Corporation Counsel.

Whereupon the Comptroller presented the following:

CITY MAGISTRATES' COURT,
SECOND DIVISION.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN: We herewith submit to you an estimate of the several amounts which will be required for salaries and expenses connected with the maintenance and carrying on of the City Magistrates' Courts for the Second Division of the City of New York, for the year 1898.

Very respectfully,

ANDREW LEMON, President.

CHARLES H. COVINE, Secretary.

SUMMARY.

The Second Division comprises the Counties of Kings, Richmond and part of the County of Queens. There are located within the County of Kings eight courts, respectively known as City Magistrates' Courts Nos. 1 to 8, inclusive. There are located in the County of Queens three City Magistrates' Courts, one at Far Rockaway, one at Flushing, and one at Long Island City. There are located in the Borough of Richmond two City Magistrates' Courts, one at New Brighton and the other at Stapleton, Staten Island.

The annexed schedule of expenses is made up of the cost of the maintenance of the Police Courts as they existed in the former City of Brooklyn, and were continued in existence under section 1418 of the Charter of the Greater City of New York, for the month of January, 1898.

The expenses for the month of January are only for the eight City Magistrates' Courts for said month (formerly Police Courts), and show more fully and in detail upon the pay-rolls filed in the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, to which reference has been made.

The cost and expense of said courts for the month of January is as follows:

First District, Judge Bennett.....	\$1,033 32
Second District, Judge Brinow.....	1,008 32
Third District, Judge Peala.....	1,033 32
Fourth District, Judge Krauser.....	1,152 32
Fifth District, Judge Lemon.....	1,152 32
Sixth District, Judge Worth.....	1,079 16
Seventh District, Judge Steers.....	1,033 32
Eighth District, Judge Rosmand.....	693 22

It is also claimed on the part of the five (5) additional City Magistrate appointed during the month of January, by his Honor Mayor Van Wyck, that they are entitled to receive compensation from the date of their qualification as City Magistrates.

The beginning of their service under the Charter was February 1. For period from January 1 to January 31, inclusive, and shown by the above items, \$8,487 44. For the period of time covered from February 1 to December 31, 1898, both inclusive, the following is submitted as an estimate to cover the expenses thereof:

Eight City Magistrates, Borough of Brooklyn, at \$6,000 per annum, fixed by Charter, eleven months.....	44,000 00
Five City Magistrates, Boroughs of Queens and Richmond, at \$5,000 per annum, fixed by Charter, eleven months.....	25,000 00
Thirteen Police Clerks, for City Magistrates' Courts, three Boroughs, salary, \$2,500, fixed by Charter, eleven months.....	30,750 38
Thirteen Stenographers, one in each Court, at the rate of \$1,800 per annum, eleven months.....	31,150 00
Sixteen Assistant Clerks, two in each Court, Borough of Brooklyn, at \$1,500 per annum, eleven months.....	22,000 00
Five Assistant Clerks, Boroughs of Queens and Richmond, one to each Court, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, eleven months.....	6,875 00
Thirteen Interpreters, one to each Court, at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, eleven months.....	14,300 00
One Attendant for Board.....	1,000 00
Contingent expenses, for law books and materials.....	500 00
Secretary's salary, per annum.....	500 00

Making a total of..... \$171,820 69

The attention of the Board is specially called to the necessity of Interpreters. The Interpreters, being of different nationalities, are migratory, who attend in different Courts on different days in the week, thus covering at least three Courts each week, and attending twice on each one.

The essential Interpreters, especially in the Eastern District, are German and Hebrew, and in the Western District, Italian, with an occasional Italian fight in the Eastern District, where the services of an Interpreter are needed.

The attention of the Board is also called to the fact that under the Charter there may be appointed by the City Magistrates not more than two Attendants for each Court, at a salary not to exceed one thousand dollars per annum. If, in the judgment of the Board, such appointment can be made, it would relieve the Court of the attendance of two of the regular Police, and the services of the Attendants could be utilized in their place, and in the serving of summonses and other necessary duties connected with the Court.

Very respectfully,

ANDREW LEMON, President.

CHARLES H. COVINE, Secretary.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Greater New York Charter, the funds received and to be received by the Chamberlain, as in that section provided, be and the same are hereby, in part, appropriated and apportioned as follows:

For salaries, Police Justices' Courts in the Borough of Brooklyn, for the month of January, 1898..... \$8,487 44

CITY MAGISTRATES' COURTS, SECOND DIVISION.

Eight City Magistrates, at \$6,000 per annum, for eleven months.....	44,000 00
Five City Magistrates, at \$5,000 per annum, for eleven months.....	25,000 00
Thirteen Clerks, at \$2,500 per annum, for eleven months.....	29,750 67
Fifteen Assistant Clerks, at \$1,500 per annum, for eleven months.....	20,625 00
Five Assistant Clerks, at \$1,500 per annum, for eleven months.....	6,875 00
Eight Stenographers, at \$1,800 per annum, for eleven months.....	13,200 00
Five Stenographers, at \$1,500 per annum, for eleven months.....	6,875 00
Seven Interpreters, at \$1,200 per annum, for eleven months.....	7,700 00
One Attendant for Board, at \$1,000 per annum, for eleven months.....	1,000 00
One Clerk, acting as Secretary, additional compensation \$500, for eleven months.....	458 34
Contingencies.....	500 00

\$162,345 84

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The following communications were received:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 145 GRAND STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK, April 11, 1898.

CHARLES V. ADAMS, Esq., Clerk, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to transmit herewith the estimate of the Department of Education for the support and maintenance of the school system for the year 1898.

A supplementary request will be hereafter presented, relative to providing funds for buildings and improvements.

Very respectfully,

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary of the Board of Education.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Executive Committee be and he hereby is authorized to appear before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at the next meeting of said Board, and

to report to said Board, on the part of the Trustees, that under the provisions of section 6, chapter 108, Law of March 27, 1895, being an act to authorize the procuring of new grounds and the erection thereon of buildings for the use of the College of The City of New York, and to provide the means to pay for the same, the said grounds have been purchased and are in possession of the Mayor and Commissioners of The City of New York, and as the disposition of the Trustees of the said College of The City of New York; that plans for a building for the said College have been presented and accepted by the said Board of Trustees, and that to build and construct thereon a suitable building to provide for the instruction given in the said College, and to transfer the said College to the said new building, the sum of five hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$575,000) will be required.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Executive Committee be and he lawfully is authorized and requested to ask the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide said sum of five hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$575,000), under the provisions of section 6 of the act above quoted.

A true copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees of the College of The City of New York on April 11, 1898.

A. EMERSON PALMER,

Secretary, Board of Trustees of the College of The City of New York.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

CITY OF NEW YORK—COMMISSIONER OF NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE,
Nos. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, ROOMS 35, 34, 35,
NEW YORK, April 11, 1898.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City of New York:

GENTLEMEN:—At a meeting of the Commission of the New East River Bridge, held on the 8th day of April, 1898, the following resolution was adopted, and I was instructed to transmit the same to your body:

Resolved, That an appropriation of the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is absolutely necessary at this date to enable the Commission of the New East River Bridge to properly continue the work now in progress under existing contracts on the tower foundations and anchorages, and particularly the work on the caissons and anchorages, so that no damage may accrue by the cessation thereof.

Now, therefore, the Commission of the New East River Bridge do hereby request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, should it be determined that the finances of the City are in such a condition that bonds cannot be issued, that the aforesaid sum of five hundred thousand dollars be raised by a special tax levy or by such other means as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may decide upon, and that the same be placed to the credit of this Commission.

On the 21st of March, 1898, I transmitted to your body a financial statement of the then outstanding liabilities. To-day they are greatly increased, and are as follows:

Cash Statement.

April 1, 1898. To cash on hand with Comptroller	\$627 50
<i>Outstanding Liabilities.</i>	
Bills audited	\$162,870 70
Also for land purchased, with interest thereon from the 1st of September, 1897	350,000 00
Also due on purchase of land from William Dix	10,000 00
Also an approximate estimate of liabilities to accrue under existing contracts during the month of April, 1898	120,000 00
Also for land now being acquired by condemnation proceedings and in the actual possession of the Commission	50,120 18

The sum of \$300,000 will enable the Commission to pay only some pressing obligations and to take over for a short period. Some provision must be made for the future, or the work will be suspended, with a prospect of claims for damages against the City.

Here follows a list of the outstanding liabilities:

Contracts Outstanding, April, 1898.

Deppon-McLean Construction Company, Brooklyn anchorage	\$721,850 00
Estimated cost of piling, about	1,728 00
Shady & Ryan, New York anchorage	719,770 00
Estimated cost of piling, about	34,000 00
Patrick H. Flynn, New York tower foundation	307,000 00
Estimated cost below datum plane, about	40,850 00
Collis McLean, Brooklyn tower foundation	450,000 00
Estimated cost below datum plane, about	48,187 00

Respectfully,

SMITH E. LANE, Commissioner and Secretary.

The Mayor moved that it be referred to the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

The Corporation Counsel moved that this Board do now adjourn.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, President of the Council and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—5.

THOS. L. FEITNER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC CHARITIES—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS,
Nos. 29 ELK PLACE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
NEW YORK CITY, April 27, 1898.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS.

REPORT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 1898.

April 20.

Reports of census, labor, etc., Hospital and Almshouse, for week ending April 19. Approved. Approved following bills for care and maintenance of dependent children:

Mary Wise	\$67 50
John S. Cory, Sr.	7 75
Catharine Boyle	15 50
Bethlehem Asylum	82 50
Brooklyn Howard Colored Orphan Asylum	267 54
Orphan Home	2,750 75
Temporary Home for Children, Queens County	470 75

April 21.

Jeremiah J. Butler appointed Purchasing Agent at a salary of \$600 per annum from April 25, 1898.

April 22.

Approved payroll of the Department for the month of April, 1898, amounting to \$7,079.41.

April 23.

Transmitted to Comptroller for filing, contract of Thomas Walsh for supplies.

April 25.

Charles Enck, Orderly, Kings County Hospital, resigned.
Frank McGrath, appointed Orderly at Kings County Hospital, at \$12 per month.
Contracts for supplies were awarded, as follows:
C. Offerman, 1,850 tons pea coal at \$2.86 per ton, 500 tons stove coal at \$4.78 per ton, 20 tons egg coal at \$4.43 per ton.
Brooklyn Hygienic Ice Company—400 tons ice at \$5 per ton.
H. T. Wakeman—Teas, pulverized plumbago, locks, chisels, tinned wire, padlocks, Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine.
James F. McGuire—Compressed yeast.

- Edward Hayes—Book binding, book binding, washing, books, tape.
- H. McShane Manufacturing Company—Covers, books, apples, washings, booklets, washings, ground glass, wash bowl and slab, steam pipe, Jackson Bros. Valves, lampwick, printing colors, basin vases, enamel basins, bath chairs, tubs, nipples, rubbering, coupling, gas brackets.
- John Simmons Company—Elbows, steam pipe.
- T. G. Knight—Nipples, globe valves, gas brackets, valves, rollers, washings, pillow washers.
- E. G. Shepard—Plane trim, spring latch trim.
- G. H. Appraisal—Square, gas pendant, laying tools.
- Crane Company—Steam pipe, nipples.
- F. J. Constance—Sole leather.
- F. L. Smith—Building fire-steps, Almshouse.

April 30.

Approved bills for general supplies, chargeable to the account of 1897, amounting to \$110.21.
Communication from Corporation Counsel, signed by the mayor of the City. On file.
Approval bills for general supplies, appropriation of 1893, amounting to \$2,072.36.

A. SIMS, Jr., Commissioner.

Public Classifier for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

APPROVED PAPERS.

No. 173.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Manhattan Co-operative Bank to erect, place and keep an iron stairway on the Lexington Avenue side of the premises on the southwest corner of Twenty-third street and Lexington Avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, as shown upon the accompanying diagram, provided that said stairway shall be erected in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the ordinance relating to stairways, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 19, 1898.

Adopted by the Council, April 25, 1898.

Approved by the Mayor, April 29, 1898.

No. 174.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to E. E. Froese to place and keep movable electric signs in front of his premises, one on the south side of Fifty-eighth street, one hundred and fifty feet west of Third Avenue, and the other on the west side of Third Avenue, about seventy-five feet south of East Fifty-eighth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, provided said signs shall not exceed eight feet in length and shall not be extended from the house-line in the day time, but shall be securely fastened thereto, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 26, 1898.

Adopted by the Council, April 26, 1898.

Approved by the Mayor, April 29, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,
May 2, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record.

SIR:—I beg to report, for publication in the City Record, that the Park Commissioners for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, on the 29th of April, discharged Robert Agnew, Steam Engineer.

Respectfully,

WILLIS HOLLY,
Secretary, Park Board.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
ZABROWSKI MANSION, CLAREMONT PARK,
May 2, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record.

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 1546, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby notify you, for publication in the City Record, that the following persons have resigned from this Department:

- Patrick J. Kinney, No. 823 East One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.
- Randall W. Shattuck, No. 654 East One Hundred and Forty-third street.
- Louis Williams, No. 883 East One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.
- John J. Taggart, No. 841 East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.
- Francis K. Walkley, No. 712 East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.
- Timothy B. McEvoy, No. 1661 East 100th avenue.

Respectfully yours,

MAX K. KAHN,
Private Secretary.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
ZABROWSKI MANSION, CLAREMONT PARK,
May 3, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record.

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 1546, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby notify you, for publication in the City Record, that the Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx has this day appointed Eugene Mullens, No. 460 Brook Avenue, Laborer, in this Department.

Respectfully yours,

MAX K. KAHN,
Private Secretary.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
ZABROWSKI MANSION, CLAREMONT PARK,
May 2, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record.

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 1546, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby notify you, for publication in the City Record, that the following changes in reference to the labor force of this Department have been made by order of the Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx:

Appointed as Laborers:

John Tobin, One Hundred and Forty-first street and Trinity Avenue.

Patrick Smith, No. 572 Union Avenue, Joseph H. Smith, No. 677 East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.
Seaboard B. Cannon, No. 1034 East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.
Robert J. Walsh, No. 514 East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street.

Assigned.

Clara Fremont, No. 558 East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.

Respectfully yours,

MAX K. KAHN,
Private Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
No. 346 BROOKWAY,
NEW YORK, May 2, 1898.

Information of the City Record.

SIR—Please publish the following dropped from the roll of employees of this office, F. E. Evans, Assistant, from this date.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. MOONEY,
Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
No. 346 BROOKWAY,
NEW YORK, May 3, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record.

SIR—Please publish the following appointment:

Draytonson (temporary)—Clothes, Trapper, No. 1088 Second Avenue, at \$100 per month, to take effect May 1.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. MOONEY,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING,
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.,
May 2, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record.

SIR—You are hereby notified that Bernard J. Walsh, a member of Company "G," Seventy-first Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y.; James Doyle, a member of Company "G," Seventy-first Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., and Charles F. Michael, a member of Company "K," Ninth Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., have been granted leave of absence, with full pay, to date from April 30, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA,
Commissioner of Bridges.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING which the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which the Courts regularly open and adjourn, 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 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.
ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.
ALFRED M. DOWNS, Private Secretary.

The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered has been approved by the Comptroller, or if he is in their favor...

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National Banks of the City of New York...

Blank forms for estimates may be obtained by application to the undersigned at his office in the Central Department.

By order of the Board, WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

New York, April 21, 1898.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 100 MULBERRY STREET.

TO CONTRACTORS. PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES.

SEALED ESTIMATES FOR SUPPLYING THE Police Department with One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-two Tons of Anthracite Coal...

The person or persons making an estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Estimates for Furnishing Coal for Police Department, etc."

The seal is to be true bearing, of the first quality of white or light brown and gummed as follows: "Sealed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company."

Each estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein...

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

The entire quantity of coal is to be delivered within sixty days from the date of the execution and delivery of the contract.

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...

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal...

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TO CONTRACTORS. PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES.

copy. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded...

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By order of the Board, WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

New York, April 21, 1898.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 100 MULBERRY STREET.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Three Horses, known as "Sport," "Buddy" and "Sam," now in the Borough of Brooklyn...

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, 1898.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY CLERK OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 100 MULBERRY STREET, KROHN No. 2, for the following property...

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, Borough of Manhattan.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE DEPUTY PROPERTY CLERK OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Office, Municipal Building, Borough of Manhattan...

CHARLES P. BLANCHFORD, Deputy Property Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 125 NASSAU STREET, New York, May 5, 1898.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1898, BEGINNING at 10 o'clock A. M., the Department of Water Supply will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder...

Corner Nassau, F. R. Park—Second Floor, 101.

The right and title, two trees of clothing are planting systems, one with a double row of trees and a double row of trees...

Terms of Sale: 1. The purchase money must be paid in full to bankable bank at the time and place of sale.

2. The buildings will be sold in the same condition as they are.

3. The buildings and machinery must be entirely removed from the City's property by July 31, 1898.

4. New signs to which the buildings may be used, must be at least six feet from the corner street, or any of its alleys, or any drain opening therein.

5. If any building or part thereof is any machinery is left on the property of the City of New York on and after the 15th day of July, 1898, the contractor shall be liable for all and any such machinery...

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 125 NASSAU STREET, New York, April 25, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, WITH THE TITLE OF THE WORK AND THE NAME OF THE BIDDER INCLOSED THEREIN...

No. 4. FOR FURNISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY WITH 100,000 POUNDS TO A 100-POUND SIZE WHITE ASH ANTHRACITE COAL.

No. 5. FOR FURNISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY WITH TAPPING COCKS, TAPPING COCK BOXES, HYDRANT NOZZLES, HYDRANT WASTE COCKS, HYDRANT CAPS AND CHAINS, TWIST AND PLUM DRILLS AND HYDRANT HANDLES, SCREWS AND BRIDGES.

FOR FURNISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY WITH STEEL COCKS, HYDRANTS, WOODEN DRIFT BOXES, AND CAST IRON TAPPING COCK BOXES AND COVERS.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein...

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National Banks of the City of New York...

Blank forms for estimates may be obtained by application to the undersigned at his office in the Central Department.

By order of the Board, WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

New York, April 21, 1898.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 100 MULBERRY STREET.

TO CONTRACTORS. PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES.

SEALED ESTIMATES FOR SUPPLYING THE Police Department with One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-two Tons of Anthracite Coal...

The person or persons making an estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Estimates for Furnishing Coal for Police Department, etc."

The seal is to be true bearing, of the first quality of white or light brown and gummed as follows: "Sealed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company."

Each estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein...

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

The entire quantity of coal is to be delivered within sixty days from the date of the execution and delivery of the contract.

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...

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal...

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 125 NASSAU STREET, New York, April 25, 1898. TO CONTRACTORS. BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, WITH THE TITLE OF THE WORK AND THE NAME OF THE BIDDER INCLOSED THEREIN...

