

Property Owners' Union of the City of New York,

No. 78 EAST 96th STREET,

New York,

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1895

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Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor City of New York  
Dear Sir

We wish to call your attention to the bad condition of Fifth Avenue from 86<sup>th</sup> to 110<sup>th</sup> Streets. The roadway is almost impassable for carriages, while the sidewalks on the East side from 86<sup>th</sup> to 110<sup>th</sup> Streets is only flagged four feet wide and is broken, uneven and in a very bad state.

This Avenue is the leading Avenue and the property is assessed at a high valuation, and should be kept in order and not be a disgrace to the City of New York, we have asked the Commissioner of Public Works also our Aldermen to attend to this and now we appeal to you which we hope you will attend to.

Yours Truly  
Wm L. Strong  
President

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* May 24, 1896

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to return to you herewith a letter addressed to you by Mr Lambert S. Quackenbush of the Property Owners' Union, regarding the condition of 5th Avenue, from 86th to 110th Street.

A similar letter was addressed to me by Mr Quackenbush and was forwarded to the Park Department for attention; that section of 5th Avenue being under the jurisdiction of the Park Department.

Very respectfully,

*Charles M. Collins*

Enclosure.

*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

May 25,

*1895*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

To the letter addressed to you by Mr Lawrenz Demmlen, 10 Leroy Street, and referred to this Department, I have replied that the awning at 23 Carmine Street is in good condition; that it conforms to the provisions of the ordinance of April, 1886, and that therefore it cannot be removed by this Department.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. H. Woodford*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 34 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

May 28,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have answered the letter addressed to you by Mr J. C. Moore, 137 Broadway, and have informed him that the owner of the vegetable stand at the S. E. corner of 119th Street and 3rd Avenue has been notified to remove it, and that if he fails to comply with the notice, the stand will be removed to the Corporation Yard.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office,  
No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* — May 31, 1895.

Copy.

H. H. Burgess, Esq.,  
City Clerk,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter to him of 20th inst., asking for certain information relating to our City Hall.

In reply I beg to say:

Our City Hall was completed in 1814, and stands in the City Hall Park, not connected with any other building. It is of marble and brick; two stories, basement and attic; 217 feet long and 106 feet wide. The general architectural style is the "Corinthian". There are no available records of the cost of construction.

The building is now much too small for the needs of the City Government. We have no photograph, print or plan of the building.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

May 31,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith  
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to  
you by Mr H. H. Burgess, City Clerk, Cleveland,  
Ohio.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office,  
No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* May 31, 1895.

Copy.

Ignatz Stern, Esq.,  
294 Broome Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me your letter to him of 23rd inst., complaining of stands in front of No 290 Broome Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances has made an inspection and reports that the owner of the soda water stand at the place mentioned has a permit for the maintenance of the stand, granted under resolution of the Board of Aldermen passed May 7th, 1895. An additional stand and show-case found at the same place were removed to the Corporation Yard, together with a stand from in front of your place.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Broome*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York.*

May 31,

*1895*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith a  
copy of my reply to the letter addressed to  
you by Mr Ignatz Stern, of 294 Broome Street.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*  
*deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

June 3,

1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that the letter addressed to you by Mr P. H. Neuman has been answered by me to the effect that the owners of stands in the vicinity of Sheriff and Houston Streets, for which permits have not been granted, will be notified to remove them.

Very respectfully,

*Charles S. D. Collins*

*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* June 6, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the letter from J. Neke, received through your office, I have report from the Superintendent of Incumbrances that the stand complained of by him, at the N. W. corner of 35th Street and 7th Avenue, will be removed by the owner, who has promised to comply with a notice sent to him from the Bureau of Incumbrances.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. D. Collins*

*deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

June 6,

*1895*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

To the letter from Annie Thomas,  
received through your office, I have  
replied that the East River Gas Company have  
been ordered to repair the defective pavement  
in front of Nos 252 and 254 West 55th Street.

Very respectfully,

*Charles J. Hallis*  
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

June 6,

*1895*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

To the letter addressed to you by  
Mr Charles Cohn, as to the necessity of fencing  
vacant lots on 98th Street, between 2nd and  
3rd Avenues, I have replied that this Department  
can do nothing in the matter until authorized  
by resolution and ordinance of the Common Coun-  
cil.

Very respectfully,

*Charles F. Collins*

*Leet*

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office,  
No. 31 Chambers Street,*

Copy.

*New York,* June 6, 1895.

Cornelia M. Weaver,  
223 Centre Street.

M a d a m:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 29th ultimo, complaining of a storm-door on the S. W. corner of Grand and Centre Streets.

In reply, I beg to say I have report from the Superintendent of Incumbrances that the owner of the structure complained of has been notified to remove it, and has promised to alter it to the satisfaction of the complainant, for which purpose he has requested an extension of time for several days.

Very respectfully,

*(Signed) Charles H. T. Collis*  
*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.



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*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 34 Chambers Street,*

*New York.*

June 6,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith a  
copy of my reply to the letter addressed to  
you by Cornelia M. Weaver, of 223 Centre  
Street.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. J. Collins*

*deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

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*Department of Public Works*

*Commissioner's Office,  
No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* June 7, 1895.

Copy.

Lieut. H. M. Chittendon,  
U. S. Engineer Office,  
JOURNAL Building,  
Columbus, O.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 28th ultimo, asking for information regarding the proportion of rainfall which is collected in our reservoirs, and the quantity of loss from evaporation and leakage.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the loss of water through evaporation and leakage from any of our large storage reservoirs has never been measured. In a few years the reservoirs silt up so as to prevent all seepage of water in the immediate vicinity.

From a series of observation of the whole watershed, it has been ascertained that from 38 to 67 per cent of the rainfall for 28 years has been collected in the reservoirs, averaging 50 per cent of the rainfall. In the region of the watershed, which is 338 square miles, it is found that the evaporation and absorption of water is equal to the rainfall on the surface of storage reservoirs.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. Collins*  
Copy Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 34 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* June 7, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of my  
reply to the letter addressed to you by  
Lieut. H. M. Chittendon, U. S. Engineer Office,  
Columbus, O.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collis*  
*Leffing* Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* June 10, 1896

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have answered the letter addressed to you by Messrs Van Horn and Ellison, and have informed them that the obstructions in front of their place of business have been removed.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. Collins*

*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,*

June 12,

*1895*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully transmit to you  
a copy of my reply to the communication  
addressed to you by Mr Ignatz Stern, 294  
Broome Street.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collins*  
deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

Copy.

*New York,* June 12, 1895

Ignatz Stern, Esq.,

294 Broome Street.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of 29th ultimo, received through the Mayor's Office, and to your letter to me of 7th inst., I beg to say I have report from the Superintendent of Incumbrances that the stand at No 290 Broome Street has been removed several times, and that a stand has also been removed from in front of your own premises, which stand was placed there by you. The complaints made by you from time to time have received all the attention that the limited time and multifarious duties of the Bureau of Incumbrances would permit.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) CHARLES H. T. COLLIS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

June 13,

*1895*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

To the letter addressed to you by  
Mr Charles T. Galloway, of 106 West 80th Street,  
I have replied that inasmuch as the fence on  
the corner of 79th Street and Columbus Avenue,  
which is used for advertising purposes, is inside  
the building line, this Department has no  
jurisdiction in the matter.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. Collins*

*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York.*

June 13,

*1876*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

To the letter addressed to you by Mr Thomas Barry, contractor, I have replied that his tool box was removed to the Corporation Yard because it was an unsightly obstruction on the sidewalk, and that as his complaint of the fruit-stand at the N. W. corner of 2nd Avenue and 42nd Street is in retaliation for the removal of his tool-box, it is deemed unworthy of consideration.

Very respectfully,

*C. W. J. Collins*

*deputy*

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York.*

June 13,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir;

I beg to inform you that, to the letter addressed to you by Mr H. Lenz, 11 Broadway, I have replied that the owner of the stand at No 21 Broadway has been notified to remove it, and has requested an extension of time pending action by the Board of Aldermen on an application by him for authority to maintain the stand. An extension of time has been granted.

Very respectfully,

*C. W. Collins*

*deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.



LAW OFFICES OF  
MURPHEY & METCALF  
15 WALL STREET,  
NEW YORK.

CHARLES A. MURPHEY.  
SAMUEL G. METCALF.

*Mr. Chief Clerk*  
*Please report to me promptly*  
*in reference to this.*

JUN 1 1 1895

W. B.

June 10th, 1895.

*see O'Connor*

William Brookfield, Esq.,  
Commissioner of Public Works,  
Chambers St., City.

Dear Sir:-

We are the attorneys for the owner of the premises #2  
Liberty St. this city, and it has just been brought to our notice that  
two wires running across the top of said building have sagged, and ~~come~~  
~~come~~ in contact with the water tank on the roof. This is a very dan-  
gerous condition, as during any electrical disturbance there would be a  
grave danger of setting fire to the building. We do not know to whom  
the wires belong, and we do not wish to take the matter into our own  
hands by cutting them, and are desirous of notifying the owner of the  
wires and require the adjustment of the matter providing we can ascer-  
tain <sup>who</sup> the proper parties are on whom to serve notice. We, therefore,  
beg to inquire if you can inform us who the wires belong to, and also  
what steps it would be proper for us to take to abate the matter.

Yours truly,

*Murphey & Metcalfe*

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

June 13,

*1895*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r, and

Chairman, Board of Electrical Control.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter addressed to this Department by Messrs Murphy and Metcalf, the subject of the letter being under the jurisdiction of the Board of Electrical Control.

Very respectfully,

*Chas. J. Collins*

*deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No 34 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

June 18,

*1895*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

On the letter addressed to you by  
Mr I. Litvenon, 131 Canal Street, complaining of  
a stand in front of No 132 Canal Street, the  
Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the  
stand is in the area-way, several steps below  
the sidewalk, and is therefore no obstruction.  
I have written Mr Litvenon to that effect.

Very respectfully,

*C. D. T. Hollis*

*Copy* Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,* June 18, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

To the letter addressed to you  
by David Foulis, 339 West 43rd Street, I have  
replied that arrangements have already been made  
to have dead and dangerous shade trees removed  
by a thoroughly competent and efficient man.

Very respectfully,

*C. A. T. Collis*

*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

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*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* June 18, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

To the letter addressed to you  
by Mr T. D. Harrison, 114 Madison Street, I  
have replied that the stand complained of by  
him at No 109 Madison Street was removed to the  
Corporation Yard several days ago, and that it  
is impossible for the Bureau of Incumbrances,  
with its limited means and force, to prevent  
the replacement of stands after they are  
removed.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*

*deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works.  
Commissioner's Office.  
No. 34 Chambers Street,  
New York, June 19, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor, and

Chairman, Board of St. Opening & Improvements.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith for consideration and action by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement a letter from the Secretary of the Grant Monument Association, with resolutions and a map, in the matter of the proposed improvement of the surroundings of Grant's Tomb.

Very respectfully,

Wm. B. Woodhull

Commissioner of Public Works.



GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB "X"  
211 EAST BROADWAY,

M. J. KÄTZ, PRES'T.  
H. S. GOLDBERG, SEC'Y.

Mr. Skerpe

New York, June 15 1895

Department of Public Works.

Gentlemen

N.Y.

The attention of our  
Committee has been called to what appears  
to be a violation of our laws in regard  
to overhead electric wires.

I am therefore instructed to com-  
municate to you the fact that the  
electric wires are strung overhead through-  
out the entire length of East Broadway  
and beg that you will take such action as  
you may think proper to effect their  
removal. By giving this matter due  
consideration, you will greatly oblige  
Yours. Respectfully H. M. Cassen  
Secy. Grievance Committee

*Department of Public Works*

*Commissioner's Office*

*No 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* June 20th, 1896

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor, and

Chairman, Board of Electrical Control.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith, for attention  
by the Board of Electrical Control, the enclosed  
letter addressed to me by the Secretary of the  
Grievance Committee of Good Government Club "X".

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*  
*deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York;*

June 21,

*1895*

George Brunswick, Esq.,

26 Church Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me your letter, regarding the necessity of cleaning the steps of the viaduct at 155th Street.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the steps of the viaduct will be cleaned by men under the charge of the Water Purveyor of this Department, while the roadway of the viaduct will be attended to by the Department of Street Cleaning.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. J. Collins*

*Levy* Commissioner of Public Works.



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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, June 25th 1895. 119

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir;

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the letter addressed to you by Messrs Bacon and Co., 92 and 94 Franklin Street, asking permission to continue to maintain a small booth within the stoop-line of their premises.

In reply, I beg to say that no permits for booths are issued by this Department, but the Board of Aldermen has power to grant the desired permission.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collis*  
Deputy Commissioner.

MASHBIR & CUKOR,  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
53-63 PARK ROW,  
WORLD BUILDING, ROOM 154,

E. S. MASHBIR.  
MORRIS CUKOR

Mr. *Stankel*  
Please report to me promptly  
in reference to this.

NEW YORK,

June 21,

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JUN 22 1895

W. B.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

Sir:-

Some weeks ago I had the pleasure of calling upon you in behalf of the East Side Cigar and Candy Store Keepers Association in reference to the selling of cigars, cigarettes, etc., upon the stands, in violation of the Consolidation Act, to the prejudice of the public and especially to the injury of the school children.

You were kind enough to say that you are in sympathy with our cause and would aid us in the proper way. Complaint was made to the Police authorities but they refused to interfere, stating that there was a City ordinance permitting the sale of such articles.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Tuesday last a resolution was passed abolishing the objectionable and illegal ordinance.

As we are informed the resolution is now before you awaiting your approval.

Bearing in mind the kind suggestion of your sympathy for this movement, we now beg to ask you to kindly approve the resolution and thus aid a worthy cause in the interest of hundreds of business men and thousands of school children.

Yours most respectfully,

*Morris Cukor*

*Investigate this quickly*

*WB*

Chief Clerk

June 24/95

From Executive Dept

Rel. to Cigar Stands.

Supt's Disbursements  
for prompt investigation.

Ans'd  
6/25/95

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June 25



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* June 25th, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying letter addressed to you by Mr Morris Cukor, regarding the sale of cigars, cigarettes, etc., by stand keepers, I have report from the Superintendent of Incumbrances as follows:

"Replying to the enclosed communication from Morris Cukor, of 53 Park Row, invoking the aid of his Honor the Mayor in approving a resolution of the Common Council, now before him, rescinding an ordinance of 1886 permitting the sale of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco upon public streets throughout the City, I respectfully wish to state that the resolution has not been sent to this Department, but I have seen it published in the CITY RECORD, and I unhesitatingly express my approval of the same. The ordinance permitting the sale of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco is, in my opinion, pernicious and unjust to the storekeepers, and has long been the cause of numerous complaints daily received at this Department, asking for the removal of the stands that sell them."

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,*

June 27,

*1895*

M. Bernstein, Esq.,

10 Prince Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him complaining of stands at the corners of Prince and Elizabeth Streets.

Application has been made for permits to maintain these stands, and an extension of time has been requested to enable the owners to obtain them. This extension has been granted.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. F. Frothingham*

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* June 27, 1895

S. Harrison, Esq.,

114 Madison Street.

Dear Sir:

I have received from the Mayor's Office your letter, complaining of a stand at No 109 Madison Street.

As you have been informed in response to previous complaints, the owner of the stand has a permit to maintain it where it is.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Woodhull*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* June 27, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that letters addressed to you and referred to this Department have been answered by me substantially as follows:

M. Bernstein, 10 Spring Street, has been informed that the stands complained of by him at the corners of Prince and Elizabeth Streets will not be disturbed pending an application by the owners for permits to maintain them.

S. Zenwell, 77 Monroe Street, has been answered to the effect that the stand at No 78 Monroe Street, complained of by him, is maintained under a permit.

A similar response has been made to the letter from S. Harrison, 114 Madison Street, regarding a stand at No 109 Madison Street. In reply to former complaints from Mr Harrison, the same answer has been made.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,*

June 27, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution, No 565, permitting H. O. Havemeyer to connect the property Nos 115 and 117 Crosby Street with premises on the westerly side of the street, by means of a tunnel carrying steam and other pipes, I beg to report that, according to the plan submitted, the tunnel would pass beneath the sewer, water and gas pipes now in the street, and therefore does not necessarily interfere with them except during the construction of the tunnel. It will be seen, however, that the tunnel is eight feet from out to out, and would form an effectual bar to occupying the street by any public work requiring that space, which will probably be needed for deeper sewers, for larger water-mains, or for many other structures which are now being crowded under the surface of the streets. Under these circumstances, this Department is opposed to the approval of all resolutions of this character, and is doing its utmost to prevent encroachments upon the public highways for private purposes.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. D. Collins*

*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,*

July 2,

*1895*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th ultimo, with a communication addressed to you by Mr H. Morris, 127 Canal Street, complaining of a stand at Chrystie and Canal Streets.

I have answered Mr Morris to the effect that the owner of the stand has been notified to remove it, and that it will be removed by the Bureau of Incumbrances if he fails to do so.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. M. Moore*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

Copy.

*New York,* July 2, 1895.

David T. Kennedy, Esq.,  
19 West 74th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to this Department for attention your letter to him regarding the obstruction of the sidewalk, etc., at the N. W. corner of 74th Street and Central Park West, where a large building is in course of erection.

In reply, I beg to say I have report from the Superintendent of Incumbrances that large quantities of building material were found in the street in front of the building in question, the limits of the building permit having been considerably exceeded. The builder has been notified to confine the material within the limits of his permit, and to provide a passageway for pedestrians over the sidewalk.

As to the bay-windows, the Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the owner of the property obtained from the Park Department a permit for their erection.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. M. Fiske*

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 2, 1895

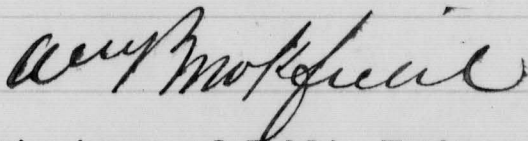
HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of my  
reply to the letter addressed to you by Mr  
David T. Kennedy, 19 West 74th Street.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office,  
No. 31 Chambers Street*

Copy.

*New York,* July 3, 1895.

Francis J. Schnugg, Esq.,  
Property Owners' Union,  
78 East 96th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 20th ultimo, calling attention to the bad condition of the roadways of 96th Street, from Park to 5th Avenue; 97th Street, from Park to 5th Avenue, and Park Avenue, from 96th to 97th Street.

In reply, I beg to inform you that a contract has been made for paving 96th Street, from Park to 5th Avenue, and it is expected that the work will be commenced in two or three weeks.

Specifications for paving 97th Street are being prepared, and it is expected that a contract will be entered into in time to enable the work to be done within the next two months.

What I have stated regarding 97th Street also applies to Park Avenue, from 96th to 97th Street.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Woodhead*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 3, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to you by Mr Francis J. Schnugg of the Property Owners' Union.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office,  
No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* July 3, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28th ultimo, transmitting a postal card addressed to you by Mr C. P. Mortimer, regarding the condition of 6th Avenue, from 23rd to 42nd Street.

As Mr Mortimer gives no address, and his name is not in the City Directory, I cannot answer him directly.

The Water Purveyor reports that the pavement on 6th Avenue, between 23rd and 42nd Streets, is in bad condition; that the 6th Avenue Railroad Company contemplates the construction of a cable railroad, which work will necessitate the repaving of the whole avenue, and that therefore it is not deem advisable to expend any money on the present pavement.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,* July 5, 1895.

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Copy.

F. K. Keller, Esq.,  
664 Sixth Avenue.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 25th ultimo, stating that a number of trees on the Western Boulevard are dying for want of water.

In reply, I beg to inform you that in the estimate of moneys required by the Bureau of Streets and Roads for this year an item for the care and maintenance of trees was struck out by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. It is therefore impossible for the Bureau of Streets and Roads to give the trees any attention, all the money at the disposal of the Bureau being required to keep the roadways under that Bureau in repair.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM BROOKFIELD,

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 5, 1895

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to transmit to you  
herewith a copy of my reply to the letter  
addressed to you by Mr F. K. Keller, 664 Sixth  
Avenue.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Hookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 5, 1895

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the letter addressed to you by Mr Simon Senwell, 77 Monroe Street, complaining of a stand at No 78 Monroe Street, I beg to say I have replied to Mr Senwell that on the 1st inst. two stands were removed to the Corporation Yard from No 78 Monroe Street, and that a permit is in force for the soda-water stand still there.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.

120 East 34<sup>th</sup> St

April 1895

William Brewster Esq

Department Public Works

31 Chambers St

Please report to me promptly  
reference to this.

APR 28 1895

Dear Sir - Referring to my letter of April  
12<sup>th</sup> I wish to correct a statement I made.  
I said the leader on the side of the Army  
on the north side near this building dis-  
charged the water on the sidewalk which  
is our corner, the leader is connected with  
the sewer - My complaint however holds  
good but the cause is different -

I find that the rush of water during  
a rain, comes from the water that falls  
between the iron rail & the building & runs  
down toward this building, it runs on lower  
ground, & then over on the sidewalk -

After it reaches the sidewalk it runs  
down over our sidewalk in front of our  
entrance & into our coal chute -



There should be a drain connected with the sewer between the rail & the Armory to take the water instead of turning it on to the sidewalk -

I am sorry to have misled you in my letter of Apr 12<sup>th</sup> as to the cause of the trouble - Thanking you for your prompt reply to my former letter I now ask your further kind attention to the matter -

Yours very truly

Rayard T. Foulke  
agr

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

*July 5, 1895.*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r,     a n d

Chairman, Armory Board.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter addressed to me by Mr Bayard F. Foulke, 120 East 34th Street, complaining that water from the area of the 71st Regiment Armory on 34th Street flows over the sidewalk and into the coal cellar of 120 East 34th Street during rain storms.

The Engineer in Charge of Sewers has made an inspection and reports that it was evidently intended to carry the storm-water complained of across the sidewalk into the gutter, an opening therefor having been cut in the water table of the area-wall. He also states that the water should be conveyed across the sidewalk by a shallow gutter cut in the flagstones, or a small cesspool should be constructed in the area and connected with the sewer.

The matter, however, is under the jurisdiction of the Armory Board, to which I respectfully refer it, through you.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Broodhuis*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

Copy.

*New York,* July 5, 1895.

Louis Stix, Esq.,  
35 West 71st Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me the letter addressed to him by you and other members of a committee appointed by residents and property owners of West 71st Street, requesting that 71st Street, between Central Park West and the Boulevard, be repaved with asphalt out of the appropriation for this year.

The Water Purveyor reports that the pavement on 71st Street, between 8th Avenue and the Boulevard, has lately been put in fair condition and will probably serve for two years. There is a large area of worse pavement in the City. This should be attended to first. The demands for asphalt pavement are greatly in excess of the appropriations, and this Department is doing the best it possibly can with the limited means at its disposal.

Seventy-first Street, between Central Park West and the Boulevard, having an old pavement, should be covered with asphalt as soon as funds are available, and it is the intention of this Department to do so.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM BROOKFIELD.

Commissioner of Public Works.



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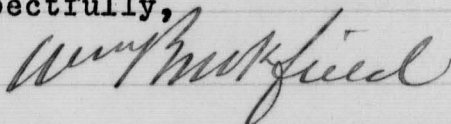
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to transmit to you herewith a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to you by Mr Louis Stix and other members of a committee appointed by residents and property owners of West 71st Street.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* July 5, 1895.

Copy.

D. Rosenzweig, Esq.,  
73 Orchard Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 28th ultimo, complaining against a soda-water stand at No 73 Orchard Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the owner of the stand complained of has been notified to remove it, and if the notice is not complied with in a reasonable time, the stand will be taken to the Corporation Yard.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM . . BROOKFIELD.

Commissioner of Public Works.

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*Department of Public Works.*

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*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 5, 1895.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to transmit to you herewith  
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to  
you by Mr D. Rosenzweig, 73 Orchard Street.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. M. McKie*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 8, 1895

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to transmit to you herewith a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to you by Mr M. L. Thomas, 254 West 55th Street.

Very respectfully,

*Wm M. Field*

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office,  
No. 34 Chambers Street.*

Copy.

*New York,* July 8, 1895.

M. L. Thomas, Esq.,  
254 West 55th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to this Department for attention your letter to him of 30th ultimo, stating that in consequence of defective pavement in front of your residence where the street was opened by a gas company, water enters your cellar, causing you no end of trouble.

The General Inspector of Street Openings reports that during the recent wet weather the pavement in front of your house has sunken where it was excavated by the East River Gas Company, and that the necessary steps have been taken to have the pavement repaired immediately.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM BROOKFIELD,

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 34 Chambers Street.*

*New York,*

July 8, 1895.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a letter dated 3rd inst. from your Secretary, transmitting to this Department for attention, and reply direct to the complainants, a letter addressed to you by Mr H. Gottlieb, complaining of a stand at No 193 Eldridge Street, and a communication from Mr H. Morris, requesting the removal of a stand from the S. E. corner of Canal and Chrystie Streets.

I have answered both complainants to the effect that the stands referred to are maintained under permits, and therefore cannot be interfered with by the Bureau of Incumbrances.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. F. Twiss*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,*

*July 11, 1895.*

Copy.

S. Kaufmann, Esq.,

376 Bowery.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to this Department for attention your letter to him of the 6th inst., regarding a dangerous hole in the sidewalk adjoining No 376 Bowery.

In reply, I beg to inform you that numerous complaints concerning the defective sidewalk in question have been received by this Department, and that an ordinance is now before the Common Council to authorize this Department to improve the sidewalk at the expense of the owner of the abutting property. This Department can do nothing in the matter until the ordinance is passed by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) William Brookfield,

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 11, 1895

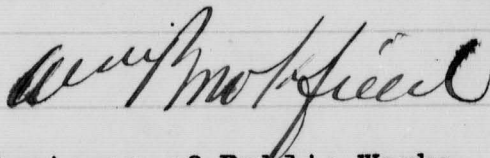
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to transmit to you  
herewith a copy of my reply to the letter  
addressed to you by Mr S. Kaufmann, 376 Bowery.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 12, 1895

Asher Folkowitz, Esq.,  
99 Henry Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter, requesting the removal of stands from Nos 88, 92, 100, 103 and 104 Henry Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the owners of these stands were notified to remove them. Some of the owners have applied to the Board of Aldermen for permits to maintain their stands, and have been allowed an extension of time to enable the Board of Aldermen to meet and act on their applications.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. M. McKim*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

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*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,* July 12, 1895.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

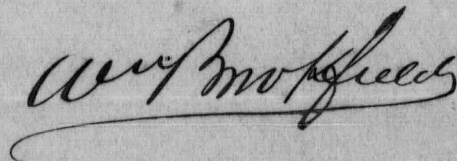
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter, dated the 8th inst., from your Secretary, transmitting a communication addressed to you by Mr J. Heineman, No 79 Cortlandt Street, complaining of a large fruit-stand in front of No 77 Cortlandt Street.

I have replied to Mr Heineman that the owner of the stand complained of has been notified to remove it, and that if he fails to do so within a reasonable time, the stand will be removed to the Corporation yard by the Bureau of Incumbrances.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,* July 12, 1895.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., transmitting a communication from Mr George E. Friderick, and others, asking that an awning be removed from the S. W. corner of Bleecker and Commerce Streets.

I have replied to Mr Friderick to the effect that the owner of the awning has been notified to remove it, and that if he does not comply with the notice, the awning will be removed by the Bureau of Incumbrances.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. M. Wood*

Commissioner of Public Works.



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Hon. W.L.Strong, Mayor

Sir:-

We have noticed of late many awnings being erected in this City; one in particular which has been erected on the corner of Vesey St., and West Broadway, a street which has just been opened, and which we hoped to see kept clear of all obstructions; this awning has been erected as all other awnings are; for the benefit of the store-keepers, and to enable them to violate the law by storing goods on the sidewalks or exposing their goods for sale on the stoop line, as is the case in this instance; the whole stoop being covered with tin and hardware on stands made for that purpose; this is a very valuable privilege, and should be paid for, if it is legal or advisable to grant the permit at all; the granting of all such permits being an incentive to break the laws of the State and City, and prevent the free use of the sidewalks by pedestrians for whom the sidewalks were made. The City authorities cannot expect to see the ordinances they enact enforced if they give a

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privilege which they must know would be no value to the person getting it, unless he intended to use it for the sale or storage of goods, either being in direct violation of the law. We respectfully request that you call the attention of the Board of Aldermen to the value of the privilege given away, and ask them to fix a rent for such privilege, not less than half of the rent of the store in front of which the awning is to be erected, if they decide to grant the privilege at all, or better still call their attention to the fact that every such privilege granted is an incentive to the party receiving it to violate the laws of this City and State, and ask them to refuse to grant any such privilege in future.

*Yours respectfully*  
*Callanan & Kemp*

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*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office,  
No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 29, 1895

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your Secretary, dated the 25th inst., with a communication addressed to you by Messrs Callanan and Kemp, in relation to an awning recently erected on the corner of Vesey Street and West Broadway, and condemning the erection of awnings across sidewalks throughout the City.

I find that the awning in question was authorized by a resolution of the Common Council, passed April 23rd and approved by the Mayor May 2nd, 1895.

With regard to the privilege of erecting awnings generally, Messrs Callanan and Kemp request that the attention of the Board of Aldermen be called to the value of the privileges given away, and I respectfully return their letter to you that you may lay it before the Board of Aldermen if you deem proper.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Brookfield*

(Enclosure),

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office,  
No 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* July 31, 1895

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

To the complaint received through your office from Dr R. B. Wilson, of 529 Lexington Avenue, I have replied that the pavement has been restored over the plumber's opening at the N. W. corner of 56th Street and Lexington Avenue, and that the asphalt company which left surplus material there has been notified to remove it immediately.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. M. McKim*

Commissioner of Public Works.