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*Attorneys & Counselors at Law,*

*John G. Agar.*  
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*Louis M. Fulton.*

*Bank of Commerce Building, 34 Nassau St.,*  
Removed to No. 20 Nassau Street.  
*New York,* October 8th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. stating that you would appoint me to the position of Commissioner of the Board of Education in place of one of the Commissioners resigned, and re-appoint me in November for the regular term.

I beg to state that I shall accept the same. But if in the meantime you find some person whom you would rather appoint for the regular term, I hope you will do so.

Very respectfully yours,

*John G. Agar.*

637 E 16<sup>th</sup> St  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> 96

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
W<sup>r</sup> L. Strong C  
Mayor

D. Sir

I take the liberty of  
writing you a few lines to ask you if you  
would let me know when I could see you. if you  
cannot see me, if you would give me a few  
lines to the Sup<sup>t</sup> of Parks I have an application  
if for work for some time pending but there are  
so many before me that I might be dead with  
hunger before my turn may come. I am a  
Veteran of the late war am strictly sober and  
try to live a good christian life. I have  
the best of references but no political backing  
I have a wife and children depending on  
me for their daily bread which is very little  
just now. if you will kindly give me a  
helping hand I will feel ever grateful. Hoping  
to hear from you soon. I Remain your Respectfully  
Chas. August



W. Edson Andrews, M. D. S.

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

729 Tremont Avenue,

New York,

Sept 28 1896

Hon Wm B Strong

Mayor

My Dear Sir permit me to say  
that a word from you to Superintendent  
and John Joseph in reference to  
the appointment of the lost of the  
Assistant Superintendent, will be

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the means of putting Dr E H  
Cook in that most important  
position. Dr J L. in Hunt would like  
Dr Cook there with him, but Joseph  
is using his influence against  
Dr Cook and unless you will say  
a word to Joseph when he calls upon  
you, which he will do shortly. I fear  
Dr Cook will be defeated. I want

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to say also that I believe you  
have made a most wise selection  
for the Commission in Mr  
Sturgis whom we all of the 350,  
dis. heartily endorse

I am most respectfully

Yours,

W E Andrews



GEORGE S. HASTINGS.

ALBERT H. GLEASON.

TELEPHONE CALL, 2207-CORTLANDT.

CHARLES H. BROAS.

Law Offices of Hastings & Gleason,

No. 265 Broadway, New York. Nov 16, 1896

My dear Mr. Hedges:

The evening papers state that the Mayor will appoint some new School Commissioners on Wednesday and that he intends to put some new blood in the Board of Education. At present, the North Side has only one representative and I write to ask you why I should not have a chance. I have lived in the district almost 20 years & if anyone knows it better I should be glad to meet him. I have no alliances or connections that would prevent me from



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fully discharging my duties.  
If appointed I would endeavor  
to the best of my ability to inject  
some of the rigorous methods  
which I employ in my practice.  
You can vouch for my ability  
& I give the names of some men  
of high standing who will do the  
same, as to my private character  
I give the names of some of the  
substantial people of our district  
most of them have known me  
since my youth, I refer to  
them without their knowledge  
as no one knows of me



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miting you now have I spoken to  
any one regarding it.

I do not seek the office to satisfy any  
personal ambition or private gain  
but solely because I think we are  
entitled to another representation and  
because I feel I can do justice to the  
duties of the high office. I say this with-  
out any conceit on my part.  
Why not give the young men a chance?

Yours very truly,  
Charles H. Broas



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Supt House for Seamen  
Wilson C. King - 279 Alexander Ave  
Referring Natural Bank  
Thomas L. James - West Lincoln Nat Bldg  
38 East 42 St.  
James Buckhout - Mt Hope, N.Y. City  
has known me since Oct 23, 1877  
Jno H. Myers - West Farms N.Y. City  
Jno H. Bolton of Brown Bleach + Dye Works  
West Farms, New York City  
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New York.

N. Y. City, -9-25-96.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York.

Dear sir:

As a citizen of North New York, I would like very much to have Hon. Alonzo Bell appointed to the vacancy in the Board of Fire Commissioners; and although my endorsement may have no weight with you, I believe that when you consider Mr. Bell's service to City and State, that his appointment is assured.

Trusting that you may be pleased to gratify the people in their wise choice, I am,

Very respectfully,

*John L. Burgoyne,*  
*718 E. 143 St.*

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45 William Street

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JAMES FORRESTER

NEW YORK, June 18 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor

Dear Sir:

Mrs Wendell informs me that she has suggested to your Honor the name of Helen Iselin Henderson (Mrs Edward C. Henderson) of 52 West 17th Street as a School Inspector in the 12th District vice Mr Flaccus, who has declined the appointment.

Mrs Henderson has had great experience in Girls Clubs, the Kindergarten Association and other societies. Her husband is a member of the firm of Cary & Whitridge, is a graduate of the New York Public Schools and the College of the City of New York. Mrs Henderson will make an admirable inspector.

Very respectfully,

Charles C. Burlingham



COLUMBIA COLLEGE  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

June 1, 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York,  
City Hall, New York.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I am informed that it is the purpose of the majority of the Board of Education to elect Commissioner Hunt to a position as Assistant Superintendent of Schools. If this is done there will be a vacancy in the Board, that I trust you will take the opportunity of filling with some one who is identified in the public mind with the school reform movement. The action of the Board on Thursday was of such a character as to disgust intelligent people generally, and to bring down upon it the criticism of a unanimous press. I believe it would be a good stroke now, if Commissioner Hunt's withdrawal should create a vacancy, to put in his place some man in whom the entire reform element has absolute confidence, thus demonstrating once more to the public your own profound personal interest in the reform of the schools. Mr. Maclay might prefer some one who would follow in the old lines, but I think that after his action in the Jasper matter, he should no longer be permitted to dictate the policy of the Board.

There being no Commissioner now below 14th Street, why, if a vacancy occurs, would it not be a good idea to appoint Mr. James B. Reynolds? You know all about his public work, and his great hold upon the people of the East side. He has been profoundly interested



in the reform movement, and bitterly attacked for his participation in it. I believe that his appointment at this time would do a great deal to clear the air. At all events, I make the suggestion to you for what it is worth.

Yours very truly,

*Richard Henry Butler*

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51 West 127<sup>th</sup> St.

N.Y. May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896.

To the  
Hon. W<sup>m</sup>. L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York:-  
Dear Sir:-

Before this letter  
reaches you my name  
will probably have  
been presented by the  
Associate Alumni  
of the Normal College  
for the position of

Inspector of Schools.

I am a graduate of the Normal College, and before studying for my degree in medicine, I taught school for three years. For two years I have been a practicing physician.

In the event of my appointment as School Inspector I would faithfully endeavor to fulfill the highest interests of the City in the service of its future citizens.

The following gentlemen gladly subscribe them -

setno as favoring my appointment.

Yours very respectfully,  
Emily C. Charles.

Endorsed  
with pleasure by  
Henry B. Johnson  
Elias Goodhue  
I am personally acquainted with  
Mrs Charles and much concerned  
she may be appointed to the position  
I cheerfully endorse the foregoing  
application - A. P. Ketchum



527 West 47<sup>th</sup> St.,  
New York, Aug 19/96.

Dear Sir:-

Hoping that you will  
excuse my boldness in ad-  
dressing you I beg leave to  
ask you for a note of  
introduction to the Superin-  
tendent of the Warren & Clark  
Asphalt paving Company.  
I am a cripple having only  
one arm and I have my  
wife who is sickly and four  
little children to support.  
My landlord is pressing  
me for rent but I think  
that if I secured work  
as watchman or something  
which I could do in my  
crippled condition that he

would be lenient with  
me. I can furnish first  
class references in regard  
to character &c. If you  
will kindly aid me to  
secure employment believe  
me the prayers of a help-  
less family shall invoke Gods  
blessings upon you and yours  
I respectfully await an answer  
I am:

Yours obediently  
James J. Clark





# Office of Chief of Police.

JOSEPH P. CLEARY, Chief.

JOHN C. HAYDEN, Ass't Chief.

Rochester, N. Y. Nov 3<sup>d</sup> 1896

John. Adger Esq

Dear Friend

Detective George

Long of our Department has a son  
who went to your city a short time  
ago, and he seems to have a hard  
job to procure a situation suitable  
to him. His father Detective Long was  
a veteran of the late war and one of  
our most able detectives. He is very  
anxious to have his son obtain a  
position of some kind. I would con-  
sider it a personal favor if you would  
use your influence in procuring for him  
some situation. He is a fair scholar  
and a good runner. I will give him  
a letter of introduction to you. And you  
can tell when you look at him what kind  
of a man he is. I am yours truly for Whitley  
(over) J. P. Cleary Chief of Police

P. S. The Boy will Call on you  
in a few days. Enclosed you will  
find a recommendation from Supt  
in Post office whilst he was here



Heller

Newport. June 22/96

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor &  
Sir,

Agreeably to the tenor of  
your note of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst.  
I have made enquiry in several  
directions for some lady who  
can be nominated for the va-  
cant Inspectorship in the 12<sup>th</sup>  
School District. Today I have  
a note from Miss Elizabeth  
Lawton, of 1412 East 18<sup>th</sup> st.  
who consents to have her name  
presented to you. I have no

personal acquaintance with  
this lady, but I have been  
assured that she is an ex-  
cellent, thorough woman, and  
belongs to a Quaker family.

One other lady has been  
written to in this matter, her  
reply has not yet come. If she  
accedes to my request I will  
at once send you a note.

Respectfully yours  
Ellen S. Collins  
Inspector 5<sup>th</sup> District



Newport. June 25/96

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong,

Sir,

If you have not yet made the appointment for the vacant Inspectorship in the 12<sup>th</sup> School District, allow me to present to you one more name. This is Mrs. Rudolf Schirmer, who lives in East 17<sup>th</sup> st. I have not the number, nor do I know this lady; but I write at Mrs. Van Rensselaer's request; and because Mrs. Mead, also in that District, would be glad to have Mrs. Schirmer as an associate,

and believes she would be  
an excellent officer. I explained  
to Miss Lawton, whose name  
I presented to you, that to  
be nominated did not necessa-  
rily mean to be appointed;  
so that there would be no reason  
for hesitating, to give the pre-  
ference to one who was better  
fitted to do the work, if such  
a one can be found.

Respectfully

Ellen Collins

Inspector 5th Dist.

11/15/27



Mrs Mead  
+ Mrs Helen O Henderson  
are the two Ladies  
Mr Sherman Mr Lee  
+ Mr Evans are the  
Gentlemen

COCKRAN & TOMLINSON,  
DREXEL BUILDING.

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*3 Broad Street.*

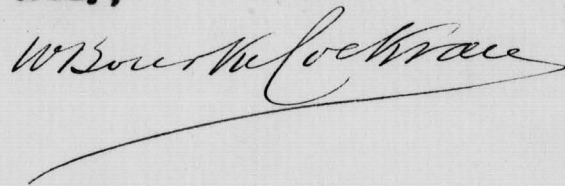
*New York* September 25th, 1896.

My dear Sir:-

I beg leave to suggest the name of Mr. Thomas B. Connery as that of a suitable person to be appointed Fire Commissioner.

It is unnecessary to say anything concerning the qualifications of so well known a citizen and that fact is my excuse for making a suggestion which if adopted will in my judgment, promote the success of your administration and the interests of the public.

Yours very truly,



To

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor's Office,

City.



66 WALL STREET,

EDWIN F. COREY,  
NOTARY AND COMMISSIONER.  
GEORGE H. COREY,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

NEW YORK Sept. 4th 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor's Office, New York City.

Dear Sir:

I inclose herewith a formal application to the Governor of the State of Ohio, for appointment as Commissioner of Deeds. It is requested that the application be indorsed by some one known to the Governor of Ohio: and as you were kind enough to commend me to Governor Morton for a similar appointment in July 1895, I take the liberty of again asking your indulgence in this matter. Will you kindly indorse my application in the blank left for that purpose, and oblige

Yours very respectfully,

*W. H. C.*

THE NEW JERSEY ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO.

M. E. DAVIS, GENERAL MANAGER,  
RUTHERFORD, N. J.

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1896

Mr H. L. Strong  
Mayor  
New York City  
N.Y.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly advise me who  
would be the proper person to make  
application to for the position of  
Gen Supt of the Brooklyn Bridge

I believe I can handle the people

I can refer you to Mr Chas H Webb  
340 Broadway as to my ability and character

Truly yours

M. E. Davis



HOPE CHAPEL,  
339 EAST 4TH STREET,

NEW YORK, Nov. 11, 1896. ~~1896~~ xxx

The Hon. William L. Strong,  
New York.

My dear Sir:-

Two years ago in making School appointments, you very kindly placed in the Board of Education Dr Philip Meirowitz, who then lived in the Eleventh Ward. At that time there was no representative in the Board South of Fourteenth-st and East of Broadway where a fourth of the schools are situated and Dr. Meirowitz having moved above Central Park since his appointment, the same condition exists to-day.

Of course any man whom you would select for this important office will be broad enough to take in all the City, but since there are so many members of the Board, it would seem proper to select at least one, if not two, who live within walking distance of the forty Public Schools in the district named.

For the same reason that I suggested the appointment of Dr. Meirowitz, I would respectfully suggest the names of two or three more, some one of whom you may be pleased to have succeed Dr. Meirowitz, or any one of the other retiring members.

Mr. James B. Reynolds, the Head Worker of the University Settlement at 26 Delancey-st., has been a trustee of the Tenth Ward and as a School officer and as a Settlement worker, he has done efficient work for educational interests in lower New York and for



that matter for the entire City. The misunderstanding which brought his name into prominence last year was the result of extreme positions taken by both parties, but as the side which he championed ~~was the~~ one which by the signing of the School Bill became victorious, I do not think this will weigh against him. It is not simply because Mr. Reynolds works in the district, but because he has a thorough and practical knowledge of the educational needs of the City, that he seems fitted for this position.

If you wish to place another Hebrew in the Board to succeed Dr. Meirowitz, I know of none more conversant with the practical workings of the Public School System than Benjamin Blumenthal, of 327 East Fourth-st, A School Inspector for the last fourteen years, and at present holding that position under your appointment. He is prominent in Hebrew affairs and is a good citizen.

When Dr. Meirowitz was appointed, one or two delegations asked you to substitute the name of A. C. Anderson, a lawyer of 13 Chambers-St., who lives at 708 Sixth-st. Last spring you named him one of the new inspectors. Mr. Anderson is a Methodist brother and has had a good deal of experience in school affairs, but I should not think him so well qualified as either of the other two for the broader work of the Board of Education.

If you wish the name of a Roman Catholic, I would suggest that of P. J. McCue, the latter who lives at 276 Seventh-st., and is a leading member in St. Brigid's Church in Tompkins Square.



HOPE CHAPEL,  
339 EAST 4TH STREET,

NEW YORK, ..... 1895

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Mr. McGue was a member of the Eleventh Ward Board of School Trustees and you did not deem it wise to appoint him ~~as~~ an inspector and perhaps the same objection will hold now. Personally I believe him to be a fine man, one much broader in his sympathies than some who profess the same faith.

I have heard recently that William A. Graham, the real estate agent at 69 Avenue D. expects to be a Commissioner. He expected to an inspector last spring, but you were kind enough to the Public Schools of the East Side to let the matter end with his anticipation. A Public School Trustee who would go to the Excise Board and plead for a new saloon in a Ward which had 252 at the time, may be faithful to the owner of the house of which he is agent, but it does not seem as though he had at heart the best interests of the 10,000 school children who live in the Ward.

If you can see your way clear to appoint either Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Anderson or Mr. McGue, I do not think you would make a mistake, and while there are doubtless other candidates, my own preference is for Mr. Reynolds with Mr. Blumenthal as the second choice. As thirteen of the twenty-one Commissioners in the present Board live above 59th-st., and five of them above Central Park, it may seem wise to name two men from the lower part of the City.

Awaiting your decision with very much interest, believe me

Your obedient servant, *John A. Dennis*



DR. DISROW

Wilmington 3/3-96

To

Hon. W A Strong

Mayor's office

My City

My Dear Sir

I take the

liberty of addressing you re.

but knowing your generosity re.

I do not hesitate to bring

an idea of your ideas re.

having been privileged to hear

you speak at the West End

Republican Club last fall.

My mission is this I am a

young Professional man 35 and

a strong American and born

born in incident of the City

31 years. being a graduate of  
Public School <sup>no 5</sup> - and Dr  
Medical University, Pa. Jefferson  
Hospital &c. and I was an  
Inspector in Health Department  
at 1890 leaving there by the  
kindness of Dr Cyrus Edison but  
since that time I have passed  
the Civil Service under Phillips  
as I wrote you 6 times for  
time for the Health Dept. twice  
for the Police Department for the  
street cleaning Dept. and City  
though it fell I have been un-  
able to obtain any thing but  
I in mean time gradually  
built up a practice but through  
sickness and compulsory changes  
it has dwindled to nothing

and I must get something  
 now. I am willing to accept  
 anything clinically or professionally  
 enough to keep me <sup>and</sup> running  
 until I am able to get my  
 business again together. From

the best of reference such as:  
 Rev Dr. Huntington 29 st & 5 am.  
 Col G. M. Smith 69th Regiment  
 Dr. E. J. Fisher Pres. Comtee. Med. Society  
 Dr. C. L. Parker. Pres. Sec. Med.  
 Association of N. Y. & N. J.

and many others both lay  
 & professional. I remember I am  
 unpleasantly to accept any opinion  
 sufficient to keep me. I  
 know the honor to be tendered  
 you will favor me, on another or.  
 F. D. Johnson M.D.



New York Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Dear Sir

I have to apply to You once more about my case, having passed an successful examination in May 1895, as foreman of laborers, and being rated as a veteran as the 5<sup>th</sup> on the list at that time, and now having been first on the list since last winter, and am not placed yet, while I am capable to fill any time a position as examined for, I have seen in the papers that many appointments were made since, but I was not called. I wrote a letter to the Civil service board some weeks ago, but never received an answer. I don't know what to do, I am starving with my family. I have tried to canvass for a book called Life and distinguished Services of M<sup>r</sup> McKinley and honorable Candidate for President and comrade to me, but I can't get enough subscriptions to make a living out of it.

May be Your Honor You would favor  
with some Subscriptions, it cost \$1.50 and  
2.00. according to binding per volume.  
Please be kind enough to help to relieve  
from these hard times and help to  
get me the necessary work as I am  
willing to work instead of idleness  
and starvation

I hope You will grant my wishes  
and You will greatly oblige an  
unfortunate, I remain

Respectfully Yours  
Charles B. Davis  
20 Jackson St  
New York.

White Plains, April 13. 1898

Hon William L. Strong  
Mayor &c

My Dear Sir

I am informed  
that Henry C. Henderson Esq  
of Westchester is an applicant  
for the office of Civil Justice  
in the newly annexed dis-  
trict, and I take the liberty  
of addressing you on that  
subject in his behalf.



Mr. Henderson has practiced law in my Court for many years and I know him well. He is a lawyer of good attainment and high character. He is a bright active resolute man, and very industrious in his habits.

He has resided in Westchester, and knows all the people. In short, there is not a man in the new district so well qualified to fill the office

and discharge its duties as Mr. Henderson.

Now Mr. Mayor, this is by no means a formal letter. I know the qualifications which are requisite to a proper discharge of the duties of the office of Civil Justice, and I know you desire to appoint the best man: and I know also that Mr. Henderson is that man. I sincerely hope you will appoint him.

Yours most respectfully  
J. O. Norman.

Astoria 3/12 1896.

Edwa Gersslyghaven.

Mit herzlichem besten ist mir, als mir vom  
unvergleichlichen Herrn von Ex. Gersslyghaven, mit  
meiner Bitte, die Sie mir persönlich erfüllen werden.

Mein Mann und ich befinden uns seit  
8 Jahren hier und ist mein Mann Bürger.  
Leider ist mein Mann seit 6 Monaten ohne Arbeit,  
fast gar nicht und mit meinen 4 kleinen Kindern,  
von denen das jüngste 6 Monate alt ist, in der  
härtesten Not befinden. Mein Mann hat trotz  
aller Mühe keine Arbeit finden können, infolge  
dessen ist er der Verzweiflung nahe, fast gar nicht  
mehr, und mit der ungeliebten Bitte an Sie  
zu wenden. Auf wohl. meinen Mann  
eine Anstellung in irgend einem Lagerhaus  
zu geben.

Sie werden persönlich meine ungeliebte  
Famille zum Glück annehmen.

Sie werden so gut sein, daß Sie meine Bitte  
nicht unerfüllt lassen, und Gutes

Gefühlens voll

Edw Gersslygh. 307 16<sup>th</sup> St.  
Astoria L. I.

Edw Gersslygh

307 16<sup>th</sup> St

Astoria L. I.

This man has been in  
this country 8 years  
has four children  
no more.  
D.



664 Warren St.  
Brooklyn. N.Y.  
Oct. 5. 96.

Wm Strong

Dear Sir:-

I have taken the liberty of writing to you to ask you if you could help me to get a situation, as I know you are a man of influence, and also a business man.

I have worked for the Farmers Life Insurance Co. of New York for two years, in the circular dept. But owing to changes there, they have discontinued that department, and by that means has thrown me out of employment. I am not asking for charity, but simply work. Am not particular as to what kind of work, so that it is not too laborious, as I am a little lame.

I have business ability and push or I would not be writing to you. I can get satisfactory references. And I am greatly in need of employment, as I have a family to support.



and have nothing to fall  
back on.

Hoping a favorable  
reply, and that you will  
pardon me for troubling you  
Very truly yours.  
John G. Harris.

F. J. FERRELL,  
Mechanical-Consulting Engineer,  
CONTRACTOR FOR THE  
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*New York, September 17th 1896.*

Your Excellency, Mayor Strong,

City Hall,

New York.

Dear Sir,-

I learned last evening from reliable source that my very dear and close friend Mr. James G. McMurray, who was associated with us in the business men's movement in '85 & '86, called upon you beseeching your consideration in appointing him foreman under the Hon. Mr. Collis. I take the extreme liberty of addressing you upon this subject, first because you and I were somewhat acquainted during our active business men's canvass in this City in '85 and '86, more especially when we were in the Ohio Association Quarters on 5th Avenue. My long acquaintance and close communication with James G. McMurray has lead me to believe beyond a doubt that he is an exceptional man, a man that can truly be counted as noble and honest by nature, active and persevering in every respect in the right and what is just.

The appointment of Mr. James G. McMurray to the position that he seeks and has spoken to you so fervently upon, is one that will reflect great credit upon the municipality and the Department which



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he endeavors to become an humble servant in.

Trusting you will weigh this matter in a careful, deliberate  
and unpartisan light as your magnanimous spirit prompts you in all  
matters pertaining to the municipal good and the advancement of  
the interest of all parties concerned, believe me to be,

Yours very respectfully,

F. J. Ferrell.





Hackensack N.J.  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon W L Strong,  
Mayor City of New York,

Dear Sir: - If the vacancy of Chief Examiner  
in the Civil Service Board of the City is still  
at your disposal - may I ask of you, your  
favorable Consideration, of an application  
upon my part for the same?

Aside from the fact of my  
being a retired officer in the U.S. Service;  
I would be pleased to tender you  
any further endorsements that you might  
deem necessary, to secure this position,  
or one similar thereto, within your gift.

Very truly Yours  
A. J. Claiborne  
Capt Newman (Retired)

Mr. Joseph Germain Hocum.

37 East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.



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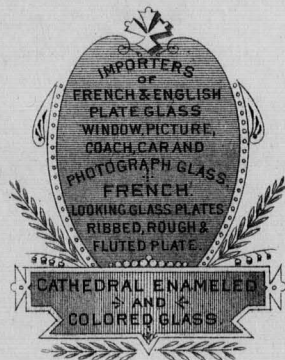
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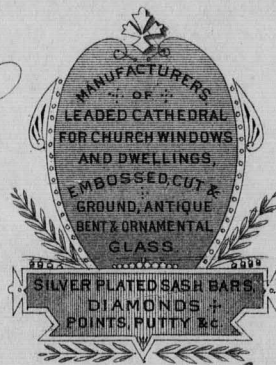
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New York, Sept 14, 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong

Mayor, New York City

Honored Sir,

It affords me much pleasure, to be able to comply, with your request, & below I send you the names of two Gentlemen, who are well qualified, to act as Inspectors. Mr. C. W. Greening, has been an excellent Teacher, in our Public Schools for five years & will better, for the place. Mr. Joseph Guernain, is an excellent Gentleman & a good Republican. I think he is usually styled General Guernain. I feel satisfied, that both the Gentlemen named above will, give entire satisfaction & reflect credit on the system, Thanking you Honor, for the confidence placed in me I am your Honors humble servant  
Jeremiah Fitzpatrick

New York. Dec. 4th / 1896.  
Hon Wm L Strong  
Mayor City of New York  
Hon. and Kind Sir.

I last had the  
pleasure of addressing you on the 30th of Nov.  
and received a nice letter from your Secretary  
Mr. Hedges.

I would ask your Honor / Kind  
favor and it is as follows. I passed an examination  
on the 6th Nov. for Inspector in the Mayors  
Marshalls office and as per the enclosed noticed I  
see that I have successfully passed, and am now  
on the Eligible list for appointment. I am  
not 1st on the List but I studied and tried  
hard to be 1st and find out that I am no. 9.



I am a young man your honor 22 years old, and am the only support of a widowed mother, a little sister and a brother. I am out of employment at least for 6 months and we tried to live with Gods help as best as we can with the few dollars I saved while I was working, which position I was asked to give up though through no fault of mine.

I am of good, steady, & industrious habits and can give good references as to my character. I have been trying to get something to do, but without avail. It is my own conscience dictates me to this, because I have repeatedly read of your kind Generosity. Your Honor I do not ask you for pecuniary assistance but would as you to try and place me in one of the departments in the City.

You could do this your honor if you would confer  
with some of your commissioners of the various  
departments. I have a good education, and  
assure you. I will prove satisfactory to you.  
I am willing to work hard in order to support  
my little brother & sister, and mother at home.  
I think a little word from your kindness and  
you could appoint me or place me from  
that list in any department such as messenger  
or process server in Commissioner of Jurors or  
Dock Department or Street Department or  
Department of street Improvements or  
Finance Department.

And if with God's help  
you will only try and do something for me  
you will make 4 good hearts happy  
& will enjoy a happy Christmas if you will

be so kind. With the pure & best wishes of a poor  
but honest Family, and with joy to your family  
I remain.

a young but fervent & honest citizen

Francis J. Florence  
35 Madison St  
New York City





Albany Feb. 11, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor &c.,  
New York.

Dear Mayor Strong:

I understand that there will be a vacancy to be filled in the Secretaryship of the Charities Board soon. I have a preeminently fit candidate for the place and am going to ask you to consider his qualifications and recommend him for appointment at the proper time. Called on you Monday but you were out.  
Sincerely,  
John Lord.

152-- 28<sup>th</sup> Street.  
South. Brooklyn.  
March. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1896

Hon. William L. Strong.

Sir

I trust you will pardon  
me for taking the liberty  
of writing you this note  
but poverty prompts me  
so doing & I will state  
to you my case hoping  
it will have your kind

consideration my husband to your Honor if you  
is for a long time out would help him in getting  
of employment and having work on the department  
a helpless family to as you would be doing  
maintain and nothing my family and myself  
but the mercy of Providence a great favor we do  
and his days labor to not ask charity or have  
depend on makes it hard not done so only work  
in the extreme having I therefore appeal to you  
been informed that the as work would be  
dock department were much needed at the present  
putting on to work - again asking you to  
a number of men and excuse me for writing to you  
as my husband is I am Sir  
by occupation a dock yours most respectfully  
builder I would be Catherine J. Foster  
exceedingly thankful





*Mayor's Office.*  
*Brooklyn, N.Y.* March 26, 1896.

Hon. Job E. Hedges,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I herewith return the letter you kindly forwarded to Mayor Wurster, as there is no Dock Department in this city. The water front of Brooklyn, as you are probably aware, is chiefly occupied by private property.

There is no dearth of demands made upon the Mayor for positions, but this is the first of the kind sent to him.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Palmer*

Secretary to the Mayor.

10 East 35<sup>th</sup> St-  
New York-

Hon. Frank J. Grant  
Mayor New York.

Dear Sir:

Without the slight-  
est claim to your  
consideration, yet  
believing you to be a  
most charitable man  
I venture to appeal  
to you on behalf of

the dearer Thomas  
Benedy - an old  
friend of mine -  
who is in urgent need  
of employment. He  
is a painter by trade  
& a first rate mechan-  
ic - but is willing to  
do laboring work - on  
the parks - streets or  
anything that will  
enable him to live -



Since Mr. Fox has relinquished  
public life. I know very well  
that almost any "Head of a Depart-  
-ment" would consider it, at  
least presumptuous, on my part  
to ask for an appointment. But  
I am bold enough to hope that  
the Mayor, who has so much  
patronage at his disposal, will

381 Kennedy  
Consider the Cause  
of Charity as well as  
that of Politics.

With great regards  
I am Dear Sir  
Very truly Yours  
Ellen Fox

April 1<sup>st</sup>

New York June 6 1896

To the

Hon William L. Strong

Mayor of the City & County of N.Y.

Sir:

It is compulsory for me owing to be a man who must support his family to write you this communication,

You will remember that I called on you at the City Hall on this date and you acted very charitable towards me in giving me something towards giving my wife & children some nourishment for a couple of days.

It was an impossibility for me to receive a position in the Street Cleaning Department as they say I did not pass an examination which is required.

I am willing to do anything in order to support my family and children.

I passed this year once as Labour in this City which is known as Labour C. 654.

Hoping you will kindly take cognizant of what is written



heretofore and more so that you  
will do all in your power to place  
me in a position when I can  
toil so as to support my wife  
& children and expecting an  
immediate and favorable reply  
I remain your obedient servant

Joseph Frank  
Per. mine

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My City.



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New York, Dec. 19 1896.

Hon. Wm L. Strong, Mayor,  
Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of bringing before you the case of Robt. S. Fisher, who has passed two very satisfactory examinations by the Park Commissioners for a position as a Park Policeman, but it is apparent that the high percentage of merit made by him is not all that is required.

He is a member of the same Church as myself 13<sup>th</sup> St. Presbyterian, a most estimable man, & I believe entirely worthy of your consideration.

If you could mention his name to the Park Commissioners at their next meeting, it would do much to recommend him.

He has a large family, & a very small income from present position, and I know that his service would entirely satisfy to his superiors.

Hoping that your arduous duties, will not deter you from mentioning this matter as I have outlined, and by so doing you will confer a very great favor

on your humble servant  
D. Freile.



New York  
Nov 11th 1896

To the Mayor of the City of N.Y.  
Hon W. L. Strong!

I would  
dare to ask permission to address myself  
to Your Honor with a few lines as following:

I am a citizen of the U. S. a patriot  
of the national flag; am also one of the  
strivers for sound money and protection; <sup>I'm glad that</sup> success-  
fully it has taken the victory; and heretofore  
while stating to you these few lines;

I send you my sincere congratulation,

For the sound money and protection!

I wish you for the next term luck & prosperity;

To get at your, next term (if desired) a big

Your Honor! Doubtless I shall say to <sup>majority</sup> you that my name has never been mentioned  
across Your Honor, but as I have heard



you speaking before election and knowing  
that Your Honor is the Mayor of this city,  
I have decided to state to you as follows: I am  
a man of 25 years of age also to say on  
myself with no high education, but a little  
knowledge; shall also say on myself that I  
am, who could be fit for many <sup>kinds of</sup> situations  
for the purpose of making an honest living  
but having no chance or as people call it luck  
I am since the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1896 without  
any occupation

Being situated in this condition  
with no desires for any help from strange  
people or even to express as such to somebody;  
also believing that a word of yours or a plain  
piece of paper with an indorsement which I shall  
simply name it recommendation could make  
me happy and release me from my sufferages

Therefore would beg Your Honor to endeavor  
for an opportunity to let me appear before you  
for an explanation about this matter

W. Freyberg, 83 Stanton st. City of Chicago

N.Y. Dec. 31, 1896.

To the Mayor:

A number of 24<sup>th</sup> Ward people have deputized me to see you in connection with the appointment of an Inspector of Schools to take the place of Mr. John E. Eustis, resigned. Our locality, Bedford Park, Fordham & Wm Bridge is not represented in the Board of Inspectors at present and we would respectfully submit to you the name of Dr. Irving Balcom of Fordham for appointment, and trust you may give it your customary attention.

Yours,  
J. Friant.



HOTEL MARLBOROUGH, N. Y.

September 16th, 1896.

To the Honorable William L. Strong,  
Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to be favored with your kind endorsement  
for securing a notarial appointment for me.

My stenographic and typewriting office is at the  
above hotel, and I am prompted to seek this appointment  
by the great demand for services of a Notary.

Not having the honor of your acquaintance, but  
having had the pleasure of meeting you at Conventions  
where I reported, I trust I may hear from you favorably,  
nevertheless.

Respectfully,

*Living R. Futner*

P. S. I enclose herewith letter from the Executive  
Chamber, where I had forwarded my application well recom-  
mended.

*L. R. F.*



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
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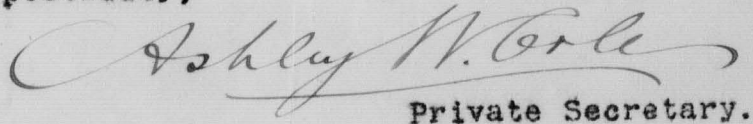
Sept. 14th., 1896.

Loring R. Fulmer, Esq.,  
Stenographer at Hotel Marlborough,  
358 W. 58th St., New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of your application for notarial appointment which is now on file in the Executive Chamber, it is respectfully suggested that you supply the recommendation of a State Senator or that of the Mayor.

Very respectfully,

  
Private Secretary.

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Hon. Robert Maclay,


Knickerbocker Trust Co., City.

My dear Mr. Maclay:-

Some time ago you were kind enough to recommend for the position of School Inspector in the 16th School District, at my solicitation, Mr. James G. Wallace. I enclose you herewith Mr. Wallace's resignation which is tendered for the reason that he is about to change his residence.

I would like to have you recommend to the Mayor for the vacancy created by Mr. Wallace's resignation, Mr. Dennis A. McAuliff who lives at 213 East 57th St. He was born in this city about 35 years ago, was educated at the public schools, afterwards was graduated from college, and still later became a physician, in which profession he is well and favorably known in this city. He has resided in that district about five years, is married and a man of good reputation and habits, and if you require the names of those to whom he can refer in addition to myself, I will gladly forward them to you.

Very truly yours,



18th Dist



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October 27th, 1896

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ASSISTANT EDITOR.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor's Office,  
New York City.

My dear Sir:-

I have seen a great deal of Mr. Reynolds for several years past. He is a man not only of education and ability, but one of good heart, *f*tact and judgment. He has the people of his neighborhood behind him on the East Side, and his appointment to the Board of Education would be an ideal one.

Yours sincerely,

*Richard W. Gilder*



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The Honorable Charles L. Strong, Mayor

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your wishes I endeavored to get Mr. Henry Maynard to act as inspector of schools, in my stead. I being illigible, but he pleads a want of time to give to the subject. I then tried to secure a favorable response from Dr. Heiler, of 819 Madison Ave., an enthusiast in the cause of education, but he could not serve. I am at a loss to know of any further suggestions to make and regret exceedingly that I have not proved of effective service to you.

Respectfully yours

Harold Goddard

GEORGE WALTON GREEN  
11 PINE STREET

New York, Oct. 1. 1896.

Hon. William L. King:

Dear Sir:

I learn that my friend  
Geo. H. Messiter, a member of the  
New York bar and at present one  
of the Civil Service Examiners has  
been recommended as Fire Com-  
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Respectfully Yours -

George Walton Price

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Respectfully Yours -

George Washington Peck

New York  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 1891

Hon Wm L. Strong

Mayor of New York City

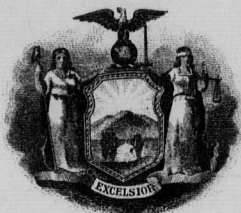
Dear sir

"I wish to receive another examination to show my competency as a master Plumber"  
I was given an opportunity on January 30<sup>th</sup> last but being unused to an experience of that kind I received Notice that I was Rejected I put in my second application Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and since that date two examinations have taken place if given another chance I think I could do better but the Board of Examining Plumbers refuse me another Chance on the ground that they have made new rules and my Business suffers to such an extent that I shall have to go back to journey work if I do not get what is justice to  
Yours Truly  
Julius Grossmann

P.S. I have tried Repeatedly since to have another Chance but the Chairman of the Board has put me off although on Both Examination days since they have had Vacant Chairs on room enough if they wished to do right by me  
I might add that my practical experience in the Plumbing Business Extend over a period of seventeen years from

Respectfully  
Julius Grossmann  
Julius G. New York City  
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CHARLES LEWIS GUY.  
TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.



2 Wall St.,  
~~Albany~~ N.Y. Oct. 15/1896

Hon. Mr. L. Stong,  
Mayor, &c, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir,

My cousin, Mr Charles H. Collins,  
is seeking to be appointed Com-  
missioner of Deeds for Peoria,  
& informs me he needs your en-  
dorsement of his application.

He is in every way a fit and  
proper person to be appointed,  
& if you will kindly endorse  
his application you will confer  
a favor upon

Yours very truly  
Charles L. Guy.



*New York, Oct. 22nd, 1896.*

To whom it may Consern.

Dear Sir:-

The bearer John White of whom I  
have known many years to be a sober and industrious  
man, He is a veteran of the late War, and is  
worhty of any thing that you can do for him

I remain

Yours respectfully,

*Joseph T. Mackett*  
*Ald 9 Dist*

335 West 11th, St.  
City.

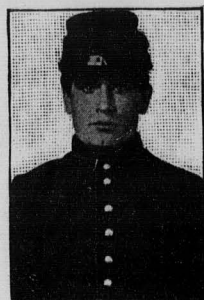
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Oct. 23rd, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York, N.Y. City, N.Y.

My Dear Sir :-

I enclose a letter from Alderman Jos. T. Hackett,  
in relation to our Comrade, John White. Comrade White desires some  
employment. He thinks that there may be some place for him in  
the Park Department.

The old veterans will not be with us long. We ought to take  
care of them while the last. Anything you can do to place Comrade  
White in a position where he can earn a living will be greatly  
appreciated by

Yours very truly,

*L. Edwin Dudley*

Secretary.



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280 BROADWAY, (STEWART BUILDING.)  
(ROOM 89.)*New York, July 31st, 1896*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City.

Hon. Sir:

On the 27th, day of June 1896 I have communicated to you a sort of an application for an appointment to any vacancy you may have within your jurisdiction; you have been very courteous to me in as much as you have directed your kind Secretary Mr. Hedges, to reply to my favor and to inform me that all appointments are made only upon a successful Civil Service examination. I have therefore immediately applied to the Civil Service Board that I be examined at the next examination which was to take place on July 8th; I was present at said examination and have been informed that I have successfully passed same, receiving a percentage of over 82, and also that my name, therefore, has been placed on the eligible list for appointment.

Now if your Honor will be kind <sup>enough</sup> as to endeavor to recollect the contents of my first communication to you and consider the same accordingly, I am fully convinced and can must emphatically state that you will find me extremely fit to be appointed for the position I have applied for viz; Collector of Dock Department.

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(ROOM 89.)*New York,*

In conclusion I beg to state that I am fully capable of filling the position and to comply with its rules and regulations, governing same. I am not directly, with any influential gentlemen, acquainted; but I know some very well known business men whom I can refer to and who will testify to my character, honesty, qualifications and integrity.

Hoping you will pardon the liberty I have taken in addressing you this communication, assuring you that I will appreciate immensely and will never forget the courtesy you will extend to me in replying to mine, of this date, I am, very Hon. Sir,

Yours very respectfully,







STATE OF NEW YORK.  
**Assembly Chamber,**

443 N. 21 St. City.

Albany, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1896.

My dear Colonel,

In the matter of my personal application to you yesterday, for your recommendation of myself to Corporation Counsel Scott, as one of the Commissioners in the condemnation proceedings to acquire the site for the proposed Park, 27-28 Sts., 9-10 Ave., I now with more formal application to you in the same regard.

I need hardly say that this Park had its inception and development each of the idea from myself, which lead to that interest as would desire taking a further part in completing it.

I shall be exceedingly thankful to you for such action as you can take in my behalf, while I remain,

Yours,  
Hon. William L. Strong,

Sincerely yours,  
Mayor, City of New York. William Halpin



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*New York, May 12 1896*

Friend Burroughs - Well  
I am kindly give me a  
little advice. I am a  
resident of Williamsburg,  
24<sup>th</sup> Ward, N.Y. City, and  
would like very much  
to get some appointment  
under the new school laws.  
Salary not necessary. *How*

would per advise me  
to approach the Mayor  
on the subject. Hoping  
to be able to reiterate  
in my line, I am  
Yours very truly

Alfred Hummerstein  
Vice Columbus Theatre

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HARMON H. HART,

67 EXCHANGE PLACE,

Member of the N. Y. Stock Exchange.

New York, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon William L Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York  
Dear Sir

The position  
made vacant by the resignation of the Hon Seth Low  
from the Rapid Transit Commission will be filled  
by the appointment by you (I am sure) of a man  
of like standing and character with that of Mr Low.  
Having this in my mind I suggest the name of the  
Hon Theodore W Myers for the position.

Mr Myers as former City Comptroller was the best the  
City ever had.

I shall not consume your time in extolling his merits,  
they are a part of the City's History.

Mr Myers is not aware of this communication and I  
am not aware of any desire on his part for the position,  
but I know he would be responsive if called upon to  
discharge any duty imposed upon him by the Mayor.



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HARMON H. HART,

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New York, ..... 189

of the city where his birth place was, and where  
he has been twice honored by the People in electing  
him to the office of Comptroller

I am yours obediently  
Harmon H. Hart

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METROPOLITAN DEPARTMENT,

155 & 157 BROADWAY.

H. A. APPELIUS, MANAGER.

F. E. MENDES, CASHIER.

Oct. 17. 1896

Hon. Mr. L. Strong

Dear Sir:

I write to ask you if you can find a place for beaver, my son, in some department of the City Government, where he will be self supporting. He is a communicant of Zion & St. Timothy Church and can refer to the Rector, Mr. Peake President Brother St. Andrew No. 243, & so on. He is bright, active, and willing. I will add incidentally that my vote was cast and my influence used to elect the present City Government.

Respectfully

Edward Henshaw

P.S. I have six children to care for and should be so thankful if in any way you can comply with above request.

HOFSTATTER'S SONS  
111 & 113 East 13<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York

Wed ~~Wed~~  
April 1<sup>st</sup>  
1896

Honorable W. L. Strong  
Mayor City N. Y.

Dear Sir,

Since nearly  
30 years the writer has been  
personally conducting the  
office i. e. the finance of the  
above Firm as senior  
partner. Admit having  
made a good living  
& money besides, but  
since 3 years matter  
reversed and unless  
I can obtain some  
employment I will  
lose nearly all



I ever made, should  
I continue much longer  
in my business

Pardon my asking  
but I thought you  
may have to fill an  
office of trust at a  
fair salary, if so  
I should like to  
be considered as  
an applicant

Would refer to honest  
Character & to any  
Agency, also Furniture  
Agent or any Large  
Furniture Firm in  
our or any other City  
in the Union

Am a Member of S. John  
Guild = S. P. C. C also  
old Guard Ass - 12<sup>th</sup> Col Butterfield  
Hoping to hear from you I remain your  
Obedient Servant A. G. Hoffstetter

10 West 130th Street

October 14th 1876.

Hon. William A. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I understood the name of  
Col. Chas. S. Swift, of this City,  
has been mentioned to you for  
the position on the Civil Service  
Commission, made vacant by the  
appointment of Maj. Sturges on  
the Fire Board.

Col. Swift is a veteran of the Civil  
war, entering the service at the  
outset as private, and returning  
at, or near, the close of the struggle

as Lieut. Colonel. His record  
as a soldier is highly hon-  
orable. In politics he is an  
ardent republican, and a  
thorough believer in clean and  
honest government. I con-  
sider him well qualified men-  
tally and morally for  
a position on the Civil  
Service Board, and altho' I  
hesitate to urge anyone for  
appointment at your hands,  
I feel that I can conscientiously  
commend Col. Swift to your  
favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servant  
Wm. C. Holbrook



St. Paul, Minn.,  
Sept. 28, '96.

Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir, - I have decided tonight to write you a letter and hope you will read it through before you decide not to grant my request.

I am an experienced teacher of the public school work - have recommendations from those with whom I have taught and can say that I am a successful teacher.

My sister is about to move to New York City and I should like very much to go with her if I could feel certain of a position in the schools.

You know how very hard it is for a stranger to get a po-

be doing you <sup>4</sup>would not refuse  
my request: some lady, perhaps,  
would use her influence and,  
for the compensation, would  
succeed giving the money for  
charity if not needed by our-  
self. Ask whom you please  
but get one who will be suc-  
cessful.

I should want to be appointed  
with a regular salary before  
I left this city. Should be glad  
to go as early as Oct. 5.

Hoping you can assist me  
I am,

Very truly,  
Miss Josephine Holden.  
48 Dale St.

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You know how very hard it is for a stranger to get a po-



to get a position in a city without influence to help - as I have none to call upon in this respect, I ask you. if you do not know of some one who would willingly work for me for a compensation, say one hundred dollars a year for two years. I offer this amount because I am very anxious to teach in your city and because my sister and family are to reside in it: I hope you will not feel that this is wrong on my part - I can see no way to get a position than the one I have presented to you and you know I'm sure, that many get positions outside of the School-houses by some such method from the President to the Door-keepers.

I know that I can succeed and keep my position <sup>3 or</sup> years I want only help to get in.

and I hope you<sup>3</sup> will consider this long enough to ask some one who can succeed to do this for me.

There are a few obstacles I should have to encounter on entering your schools: one is, I am thirty-nine years old and your Board calls for no one over thirty-five. I never was so well in my life, never knew so much to impart, never was so well prepared in all directions as I am at present, therefore, I think with good management, that obstacle could be forgotten.

Then, the teachers are engaged for the year but there are new rooms opening all the time and, if I was sure of a regular salary, I would substitute as I have had experience in the different grades.

Mayor Strong, if you knew how much good you would

be doing, you <sup>4</sup> would not refuse  
my request: some lady, perhaps,  
would use her influence and,  
for the compensation, would  
succeed giving the money for  
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New York Nov 9, 96

Hon Mayor W. L. Strong

Dear Sir

If possible please  
let me know how long it  
generally takes before a  
vacancy occurs in Police  
Dept. Laborer Dept. as I gave  
my papers in correct, my  
vouchers were accepted on July  
25, 96 by Secy Rice but up to date  
I received no answer, as I am  
a young man 20 years and 3 months  
of age am out of work for a very

long time and having poor parents  
living in bad circumstances I find  
it very hard to get along as I always  
contributed to support them So  
Kindly let me know my request  
Hoping that you will not feel  
insulted as I mean no insult

I Remain your Humble Servant  
Jacob A. Strong  
246 Division St  
N. Y. City

New York february 21, 1896

Mayor Strong,

Honorable Sir

Will you be kind  
anough to let me know if you  
will let me have mens  
attire to see if i can get a  
place on some of the tranes  
that go to the west as i must  
get away from a brutte  
husband that wont work for  
me or let me work any place he  
comes or makes a disturbance as  
soon is i get work than i have  
to leave so if you will please help  
me as i must do it at once as i  
have got a dispossess and will  
be put out on monday morning

at 4 o'clock i am a good sober-  
hardworking woman and is  
willing to work but can not  
he has not giving me once cent  
in 8 monthes only what he gets  
he drinks it and comes home  
and beats me and breaks every  
thing in the house untill i am  
nealy dead i have a boy going  
on 15 years old that i dont  
want to hear the dirty talk of  
this man if i could get to the  
west i might get a divorce  
from him and if i stay here  
he will kill me so i must  
get away at once as i will be  
better of and save a few  
dollars in my old days so no  
more at present hoping kind  
Sir you will help me i  
remain yours faithfully  
Servant



Mrs. M. Howard No 423 West  
27 Street City Basement

New York. May 5<sup>th</sup> 1896

To His Hon. W.L. Strong

Honored Sir

I am a man who has been afflicted with a stroke of Paralysis of the left side - which has deprived me of the use of the left arm entirely - & the leg to a slight degree. I have been employed for the past 5 months by an uptown Real Estate operator who for various reasons not of my creating however - but I.E. Economy - has since May 1<sup>st</sup> made a change. I am an American aged 45. married with family and appeal to you to aid me in securing a position I have pulled - all my friends legs until there should be an army - of legless men running - or hobbling around New York. but what can I do? I answer any & all Ad<sup>s</sup> that I can <sup>pay</sup> postage for. without success. I refer you to Mr. W. W. J. Warrew of Stewart Warren & Co 29 Howard St & to Mess E & C.

Cruik Shank & Co No 176 Broadway. Real Estate  
Brokers &c.

I have plodded through rain snow & sleet all  
winter to earn a few dollars to be independant  
but find I have to appeal to some one in the  
end — I hope my appeal Mr Mayor will  
not be in vain I was employed last by  
Mr David Steinfeld who has lately built one  
of the largest Apartment Houses in Harlem  
on the C.E. Cor. of 123<sup>rd</sup> St & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. In the hopes  
that I may be favored with a favorable  
reply

I Sign myself Your obedient Servant  
Daniel H. Hyde  
No 414, W. 36<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y. City

P.S.

This writing &c may not be up to the standard  
but what can you expect on a kitchen table  
and every thing exactly the opposite of what  
a clerk or copyist wishes yours  
Hyde



New York, April 6th.1896.

To the Hon.Wm.L.Strong,  
Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:- Believe the appointment of Col.A.S.Gear to position of Deputy Commissioner of Public Works would give general satisfaction. He now has general charge of corporation yards of the City.

Col.Gear's honesty, energy and worth are well known to Judge Wentworth, Gen.Collis and to the subscriber.

Respectfully,

*W. H. Jackson.*

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. 1896.

Dear Mr. Hedges,

You have been so kind in letting Mamma know about the Civil Service exam<sup>for me</sup> that now she is out of town, I take the liberty of writing to you directly.

I hear that appointments are either being made, or are soon to be made, of stenographers on the Board of Education. Could you let me know what applications must be made, and what exams. passed? I know I am asking a

great deal in writing to you just at this time, but "Necessity knows no law", and it is imperative that I should have something to do as quickly as possible.

Relying upon your kindness, which has already been put to the test,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

May I. Jackson.

257 West 23<sup>rd</sup> St.



File with Application

DAVIS, JESSUP & PINCOFFS,  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
No. 66 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

NOAH DAVIS.  
HENRY WYNANS JESSUP.  
ADOLPH L. PINCOFFS.

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1896

My dear Heapes

After talking the matter over with Corey and one or two others I decided that, as I was wholly unknown to the Mayor, and as unquestionably others, better known to him, have been suggested to him in connection with the pending bill, it would be well that my name backed as it was, should be brought to his attention by filing the application -

It was perhaps apparently premature - I want to thank you for your kind willingness to notify me of the hearing - but I felt I was asking a good deal that you should be in the qui vive in a matter of no personal concern



to myself - The gentlemen who  
have signed my application are  
few in number - but I thought  
qualifying better than an indis-  
criminate collection of signatures

I remain

Yours very sincerely  
Henry J. Brown

239 West 70<sup>th</sup> St

Mayor W Strong,  
New York,  
Sir:

Excuse a stranger who is not only a stranger to you, but a stranger in the country, to burden you with any troubles, but I really do not know where to go to ask help to get a good position. I would be pleased with any kind of office work as I have no ~~experience~~ <sup>experience</sup> about office work in this country, but I have learned bookkeeping at home and even studied to schoolteach

er. During the time of my studies I got in debt, and could not see any other way to get rid of it; then came over here and work me free. But I have had so many troubles since I came over that it seems as I never would be able to overcome them. Either has my mother or sister been sick so I must send home what little I had saved up to pay my debt with, or have I myself been run down so the doctors have told me that the only thing that would restore my health would

be rest and not to worry about anything.

Now when I thought I got a real nice place which I was promised for the whole summer to stay in the house and look after it when the people were out in the country, but now the lady tells me they are not going to keep any girl in the house during the summer. I feel awful sad about it as I had counted out that I would be able to pay my debt this year and commence ~~97~~ <sup>98</sup> ~~year~~ as a free woman, but this



hope is now blithed.

Your Hon. would not you  
please help me to gain  
a position in any office  
in this great city.

I do not mind hard work  
and long hours if I only  
get something and could  
get a chance to better myself.

Please be kind and  
give me an answer as soon  
as possible in this week  
as I do not know which day  
the house will be closed.

Very respectfully  
Miss C. Johanson  
New York, May 2, 7<sup>th</sup> 96

Brooklyn.  
N.Y.

Nov. 21 '96.

Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir,

You sent  
a notice last Wed-  
nesday to my son,  
Alfred M. Johnson.  
to call at your office.  
He called the same  
day and you gave  
him a letter to  
Mr. Hendrix, Bridge  
Comm. to obtain em-  
ployment as a police-  
man on the B. & N.Y. Bridge.

Mr. Hendrix sent him  
to a doctor and said  
doctor examined  
him and could find  
no fault with him  
physically. He ac-  
knowledgeed that he  
was a fine specimen  
of manhood. He gave  
my son a sealed letter  
to Bridge Supt. and  
when that gentlemen  
read it he told my  
son that he had  
better look for em-  
ployment elsewhere.  
Now as my son ob-  
tained 100% in his  
medical examination  
for patrolman in  
N. Y. I do not  
understand what



objection the examining  
doctor could find  
with him. Can you give  
me any information  
about this, as I would  
like to see the young  
man on the uniformed  
force of N.Y. or  
Brooklyn. A reply to  
this will be respect-  
fully awaited.

Yours Sincerely  
Christian Johnson.

95 Eldert St  
Brooklyn.

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 96.

Mayor W. L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

Only the force of circumstances compels the writer of this to encroach on your time, as I well know your correspondence is of necessity large - so hoping for your indulgence, will proceed.

Through your kindness I obtained a position with the Brush Electric Co, which I held for nearly ten (10) yrs up to the time of their passing under other control. Since Aug 94 I have not been able to get located & write asking if you would use your endeavors to place my services - It certainly is hard after ten consecutive yrs of faithful work to be turned out & in addition to be unable to locate elsewhere - As an introduction, would mention you knew my father J. Myron Jones & I think you would remember me -

Respectfully  
E. W. Jones  
% C. C. Pierce, 96 Liberty St. N.Y.

A. D. Inghillard & Co.  
New York.

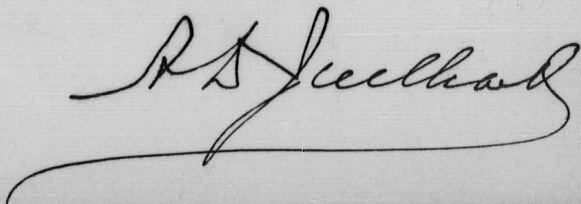
May 18th, 1896.

My Dear Colonel:-

I have been asked by a number to urge upon you the appointment of Major J. C. Cooley, School Inspector. I saw Major Cooley, and he said he was not seeking the position, but if appointed would serve. He, undoubtedly, would make a first-class inspector, but you know all about him, and whatever you do in this matter will be most satisfactory to me, for I know it will be just right.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "A. D. Inghillard", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.



NEW YORK,

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896Mayor Strong  
My Dear Sir

I was informed that I could not see you to explain every thing and give you a letter from the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward republicans so I take the liberty to write please forgive me for troubling you I can't help it my family are starving I called and gave you a letter last winter from the 9<sup>th</sup> ward republicans stating my case that my husband was sick for seven months but is getting along at present he will be able to go to work in a short time will you for the love of God get him a place on the Elevated rail way if you will be so kind as to write me a letter for my husband to Mr Gould I know he would give him a place as ticket checker my husband is a good man he does not drink and has first class references. Your Honor you told me to call and you would get my poor husband something to do when he was well enough if he can't get work shortly we will be put in the street the Lord and Lord states he will not wait much longer for my husband to get work will you for the love of God help us a little we have only had one loaf of bread in three days for four of us. May God bless and give you good luck I remain yours truly Mrs L B Kellum  
Please address My post office  
so your answer will not be lost.

my Jan 31 1896

7 Hon' Sir

I take the liberty of addressing  
you hoping you will at least  
read my letter through I am  
22 years of age strong and  
industrious am out of employ-  
ment and in low circumstances  
I appeal to you as an act of  
Charity to assist me to some  
employment no work to hard  
but will be gratefully accepted  
hoping you will pardon me  
for annoying you

I remain Yours

Very Respt

P. Kelly.

91 Sheriff St  
City

7-12



THE BOLKENHAYN  
FIFTH AVE. & 58TH STREET  
NEW YORK

76 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Hon. <sup>Mr</sup> L. Strong:  
Mayor of New York.  
Dear Sir:

The Board of Inspectors of  
the 18<sup>th</sup> District is still in  
need of a fifth member.

Permit me respectfully  
to recommend to you for the  
appointment. Dr. A. M.

Leon. 81 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street.

Dr. Leon would, I know, be  
glad to be an Inspector, and  
would give a good deal of  
time to the duties of that



Office.

I have the honor to be

Yrs very truly.

Thomas H. Kelly

Nov: 1<sup>st</sup> 1876

Hillburn, N.Y. June 16th. 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The writer being staying here for a few Months, and having noticed in the Commercial Advertiser, that A Delegation of American Citizens had called upon your Honor for the purpose of (recommending Colonel J.A. Goulden) for the vacancy in the Rapid Transit Commission, which has been caused by the Resignation of the Hon. Seth Low.

I beg leave to take the liberty of Indorsing the (sentiments of these Gents) and to say that Your Honor could look through the City and there is a large number of Estimable Gentlemen that dwells therein, but for A Gentleman of Integrity, Ability and one who has never yet been known to shirk his duty, and has always done even more than his share of any work that he has ever undertaken to do.

The writer is and always has been a REPUBLICAN and I have watched your Career while you have been Mayor and to my knowledge you have only made one (MISTAKE) and that was when you refused to (REAPPOINT Col. Goulden a MEMBER of the BOARD of EDUCATION).

Now Mr. Mayor if you can do anything towards having this appointment made will you kindly use your influence in behalf of Col. J.A. Goulden, this will be an act which you will never forget.

Believe me to be Yours Most Respectfully.

*Wm. L. Kidd*

## Chief of Police, St. Thomas, West Indies.

(Copy of Original.)

St. Thomas, W. I., Police Office,  
the 30th May, 1895.

*I am pleased that I can give Policeman, **John Christian Kirketerp**, who has served in the present Police Corps since the 7th July, 1884—has requested of me a certificate of his conduct during the time he has been in my service, this testifies that he is an able, conscientious and dutiful policeman, who at all times, with fidelity and promptitude, has performed what has been incumbent on him. I can therefore give him the best testimony of his behaviour in and out of the service.*

(SIGNED)

**H. W. M. FISCHER,**  
Policemaster.

I am now located in the city of New York, and am desirous of obtaining employment either as Special Officer, Detective, Watchman, or any position where honesty and fidelity would be appreciated. I am 35 years of age, of good appearance, weight about 175 lbs., and height above the average. Am refined, well educated, active, energetic, and am willing to perform any duty satisfactorily, and in the interest of my employer. I can give the highest references as to honesty and capability. I would be willing to start on a small salary, as I am convinced I could advance myself according to duties required of me. If you will kindly grant me a personal interview there is no doubt but that you can place me in a position which will be beneficial to both of us. I speak English, German and Danish, fluently.

Trusting to hear from you soon,

Yours very truly,

**J. C. KIRKETERP,**  
1855 THIRD AVE., NEW YORK.

*Kindly grant me an interview*



C

New York, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1896.

Job Hedges Esq.

Dear Sir-

I am, a brother-in-law to Frank H. Vizitzky and had the pleasure of meeting your mother at Miller's Hotel some time ago; I therefore take the liberty of writing to you for a point of information.

Is there a possibility of my securing a position as manager of the proposed new Zoological Garden, and where can I apply for the same?

I understand that Ben McCook, Comptroller Fitch and Alderman Olcott

P.S. Mr. Vixieley moved from 142<sup>nd</sup> St.  
yesterday to my father's house 219 E 53<sup>rd</sup> St.  
a. s. k

not connected with the New York Zoological  
Garden Society.

As I am at liberty until season  
'97-'98, when I enter upon work for  
Andrew Carnegie, I wish you would  
exercise your kindness and influence  
in procuring for me, or rather in  
forming me, of any position as  
private secretary <sup>or</sup> a political position  
as I am an American citizen.

There may possibly be a chance for  
me in connection with the coming  
election for I am very anxious  
to secure work for the summer months.

Hoping that you will give this  
your esteemed consideration, I am

Respectfully Yours -

A. L. Knibbs

219 E. 53 St.

55 Lawrence str.  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1896

Mr. J. E. Hedges.

Dear Sir: A long time ago I was introduced to you by Mr. Julius Mayer at some Committee meeting. You may not remember I therefore beg to introduce myself now: for a long time an active Republican with the old Nineteenth, at Reorganization Chairman of the Y. E. Dist. 28<sup>th</sup> An. D. today Chairman of the 8<sup>th</sup> E. D. 23<sup>rd</sup> An. have been to most Conventions, twice asked + nominated to represent our side on Com. Com. but had to decline on lack of time, having charge of the decorative Dept. of Messrs. Blank & Co. 16 Horatio str.

I am also one of the five County Delegates of the 23<sup>rd</sup> An. D. to the McKinley League + today one of the foremost supporters + uncompromising Republicans of the 23<sup>rd</sup> An. D.

This is one reason motivating my request; another is: Coming from a family of teachers + preachers + having been a teacher myself in my early days I know how a school-house must be kept I therefore beg to make application for the janitorship of school on W. 128<sup>th</sup> str + Amsterdam Ave. vacated by the death of Mr. Dempsey, the late janitor was a Tammany Hall star of this



neighbourhood which is a  
stronghold of Democracy &  
I think every effort should  
be made ~~to~~ secure this job  
for a Republican.

Now, Mr. Lee, I would  
like to ask you to employ your  
influence in my behalf, no  
doubt the Mayor's word will  
go a great way with the Board  
of education or ~~however~~ has the  
appointing power to this office.  
I can furnish recommendations  
of many leading firms & of every  
Republican affiliated with our  
side of the party.

Yours Most Respectfully  
Rudolf Lungenbach.

New York Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 96

Honored Sir!

Excuse an old Veteran with troubling  
you with this few lines. I was in  
your office this morning but admis-  
sion was refused to me, there-  
fore I take the liberty to write these  
few lines to you. I made about  
6 months <sup>ago</sup> application for a posi-  
tion as Clerks in the public  
department and have not heard  
anything yet. I was in former  
time a Shitcutter but had the  
misfortune to cut my hand  
through so that I ain't able to  
work at my trade any more.  
I as well as my family are in  
a starving position, because the  
money is missing to buy ~~the~~  
anything. I don't write this

letter to You asking You for any  
charity, I only ask You how.  
Sir, Please. Give me something  
to do no difference what it is  
and can You depend on that You  
help a starving family out their  
greatest distress.

Hoping to hear of You very  
soon a favorable <sup>reply</sup> Can You depend  
on that I will show myself al-  
ways thankfull to You

Very respectfully  
Your obedient Servant  
Henry Lowenthal  
337 East 85<sup>th</sup> Str

Mr S H Deligniere knows me and  
can tell You that I always support-  
ed ~~respectably~~ my family respect-  
ably.



New York Jan. 12/96  
Mr Wm. L. Strong

Dear Sir

I take the liberty in  
addressing you asking a favor  
if possible, I am a young  
married man 25 yrs. of age  
strictly honest and sober, and  
at present employed but two  
days in a week, and as I  
have <sup>a wife</sup> and two small children  
to support, and in unfortunate  
circumstances at present, I  
humbly ask you to assist me  
in procuring a situation of.

any kind, with a small salary to start with, and I will repay you just as soon as possible, am quick and correct at figures, with a fair knowledge of human nature, and capable of filling any position requiring energy and trust. I have tried hard to get a steady position, but with no success, due apparently with me having no friends in this city, as I have only been a resident of this city for 13 months, having been born and raised in the city of Philadelphia, where my father is at present a policeman in the 2nd Dist

Police Station, he has served over 27 yrs as one, but as my stature, does not come up to the required limit, I would not be qualified as a policeman, am not afraid of hard work or long hours, can refer to Mr. John O'Brien, Supt of The Central News Co 614 Locust St. Phila, Pa where I was employed for over seven years, and left on my own accord, I have written to De Chas. Parkhurst and Mr Theo. Roosevelt, and in reply stated, that they had absolutely no means of assisting me, to procure a situation, so dear sir I ask

you again to try and help  
one, who some day perhaps  
will repay double.

Very Resp  
Amos E Long  
434 Pearl St  
New York City

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66 West 55th Street.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The Board of  
Inspectors of Common  
Schools in the 18<sup>th</sup> District  
respectfully informs you,  
that since the removal of  
Mr. Lewis M. Hornthall  
from this District, it has  
but three members, and  
would be very much pleased  
if you would appoint  
two more members to it.

I have the honor to re-  
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Yours to command,  
(Mrs. R. H.) Minnie D. Louis,  
Sec'y.

New York,  
October 12, 1896.

66 West 56 Street.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The Board of Inspectors for the 18<sup>th</sup> School District desire to respectfully present to your consideration for appointment of its fifth member, the name of

Dr. John P. Munro,  
16 West 58 Street.

I have the honor to remain

Yours obediently,  
Miss Annie D. Lorn's  
Secretary.

New York,  
November 4, 1896.

5-45 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1896

His Honor William L. Strong

Dear Sir

I called at your office yesterday but after waiting three hours they told me you were gone to a bridge meeting so I thought I would write your Honor and explain my position and ask your assistance. I have had a hard struggle during the past year to keep my family together. My husband having worked only four months of the year. I have tried to obtain employment myself (mornings and evenings) but could get nothing to do when my children were very hungry.



I went to several houses and asked for food but got none. two weeks ago my husband got a letter to the Broadway Cable Company (to which he made application as Gyrfanau some time ago) and was appointed he has worked from five in the morning to 7-8- at night for which he is to receive no pay but got order to furnish Uniform which will cost over twenty dollars and for which he would have to pay cash were it possible for him to do so (which it is not) he would have to wait for perhaps two or three weeks to get called as tripper and then would make from four to six Dollars per week, but for the kindness of our Pastor we would have no home now he has paid a months rent for us

what we call home is the basement  
of a little framed or wooden  
house as we had to move from  
where we lived the rent been too high  
there are hundreds of positions any one  
of which my husband could fulfill  
and which would enable us to  
bring up our children as useful  
Citizens instead of what they must  
necessarily be if our present poverty  
continues if there is neither work  
nor Charity what are we to do  
work is what we want and not charity  
I beg of your Honor not to refuse  
my request as I don't know where  
to turn for aid I have walked down  
to your Office yesterday and back  
I will do so again tomorrow and  
hope for good news my husband can  
furnish reference from business men  
who have known him fifteen years

but who are unable to place him  
in a position themselves

Very Respectfully Yours

Mrs Henry McFabe

545 West 48<sup>th</sup> Street



Office of Estate of  
Stephen D. Hatch.  
Architect.

BOREEL BUILDING. 115 BROADWAY.

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NEW YORK.

January 21<sup>st</sup>

1896

Hon. William L. Strong

Dear Sir.

In view of the present stagnation in business and the difficulty in securing new business. I have decided to obtain a position with salary where there is an opportunity for advancement, and to that end I would respectfully solicit your aid. If you will assist me in the N. Y. Life Ins. Co. I would greatly appreciate it. Mr Fitzpatrick told me some time since that he was to be the Supt. in charge of their New York City Building and as I presume the company require the services of a Supt. who ~~could~~ inspect and supervise all their work not alone here in New York, but elsewhere, and also to report upon buildings where loans are to be made. In view of the fact that you have previously said you would at any time aid me if within your power, it has occurred to me and I take the liberty of soliciting your good offices to assist me in securing such a position with that company. This being in the line of my work for Mr Hatch, in addition to which however I also represented his interests in several Corporations

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NEW YORK,

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The science of Life Insurance in the abstract has not been with me a life study, and the knowledge of it which I possess was obtained as the Supreme Officer (President) to which I was elected by a Fraternal Order (The National Provident Union) and served them four years, during which time I brought them from insolvency to a most splendid financial condition having a membership in New York City and Brooklyn alone of over 4000 members, with over 80 subordinate councils established in eleven States. I mention this only to show incidentally what I have accomplished in addition to my regular and somewhat complex work under and for Mr Hatch.

My work in closing the Hatch estate will be finished this month, and I wish to make some connection by or before February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can assist me in obtaining a position in the New York Life Ins. Co. or in any other of the many corporations with which you are connected, or acquainted with, I shall, I assure you be deeply grateful. I am Sir

Very respectfully and truly yours  
William H. McCabe

Application

BORREL BUILDING 115 BROADWAY

NEW YORK



PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
346 BROADWAY.

Mar 11/96

Dear Mr Mayor

I believe  
my friend Robert J  
Lowry of Atlanta  
would be an excellent  
Trustee for the South to  
fill vacancy caused by  
Mr Inman's death. His  
course in recent campaign  
was most commendable  
Sincerely yours  
Wm A. McCall

Executive Department  
of the  
*New York Life Insurance Company.*  
*John A. McCall, President.*  
*346 & 348 Broadway.*  
*New York.* November 11th, 1896.

Honorable William L. Strong,  
Trustee New York Life Insurance Co.,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The Executive Committee today unanimously reported the name of Robert J. Lowry to succeed Mr. Inman. I have a telegram of acceptance from Mr. Lowry.

Very truly yours,

*John A. McCall*  
President.

#15 Wall St., City,

12/28/'96.

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
City Hall, City.

My dear Colonel;-

Mr. William Caldwell Sammons,  
#169 West 45th St., City is an applicant  
for Subpoena Clerk. He is a Republican and  
very active. I trust you can aid him in this  
matter.

Merry Christmas.

Very respectfully yours,

*Abner McKimley*



THOMAS W. McKNIGHT.  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.  
167 EAST 121ST STREET.

New York, July 9<sup>th</sup> 1896

Job E. Hedges Esq  
Private Secy &  
Mayors Office  
N.Y. City.

Dear Job:-

There is a vacancy  
in the Board of School  
Inspectors for the 21<sup>st</sup> District  
caused by the non-residence  
in the district of Mr Benno  
Lewinson.

I am a resident of Harlem and  
own my house where I reside  
at 150 East 128<sup>th</sup> Street.

I have resided in the district  
for more than fifteen years.

I have always taken a great  
interest in the school system  
and would <sup>be</sup> very much pleased  
to obtain the appointment to  
fill the vacancy. Knowing

me for many years, I trust  
you will secure this for me.

Of course I can obtain  
any recommendations that  
may be necessary. I understand  
there are other applicants for  
the position. If you care  
to see or hear from me in  
relation to the matter, I  
will be glad to call. I  
suppose you are aware of  
the fact that I have always  
been a Republican and  
have never held any office.

Sincerely Yours  
Thos W McKnight

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Readsboro. Ct.  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1896

Hon W. E. Strong.

New York City

Dear Sir. I see from the papers that there is an effort to have another Receiver appointed for the C. F. & Y. V. RR. in N. C. Being a North Carolinian a practical railroad man and well acquainted with the affairs of the C. F. & Y. V. Road. I respectfully ask your assistance in securing the additional Receivership. This is a valuable piece of property and I don't see any cause for this road not paying the interest on the bonded debt, if properly operated.

There are many reasons why another receiver should be appointed to act in conjunction with the present receiver. And one who understands the economical operating of a railroad. That can stay on the line and give his entire services to the bond holders. There is much room for retrenchments on this road at present.

I am in the RR. business now. And can give you best reference as to ability and economical management. I could make it interesting to you regarding this road. As I have worked for the Company several



years previous to my coming north.  
And would be glad to hear from you  
on the subject.

I Am Yours Truly,

W. S. McKill.

Box 17 Readsboro, Vermont,