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JUSTICES.

Judges Chambers,
Court of Special Sessions,
The New Criminal Court Building,
Cor. Franklin & Centre Sts.

New York, December 18th 1895.

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

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your communication of December 3rd., asking, among other things, that a brief summary of the work of the Court of Special Sessions be forwarded to you.

I beg to report that such Court was organized promptly on the morning of the First day of July, 1895, all the Justices being present.

We proceeded to the appointment of a Clerk and other Officers and Attendants contemplated by the Act creating the Court.

On the Second Day of July the Court proceeded to transact the business for which for which it was organized.

By Chapter 601, of the Laws of 1895, there was transferred to this Court all the unfinished business of the former Court of Special Sessions, together with all the records and proceedings of that Court.

As speedily, as practicable, we caused an examination to be made of the records of the Old Court for the purpose of determining the amount of unfinished business left over by the Old Court.

Such examination disclosed that there were pending and untried 1194 cases.

This Court since its organization has been diligent in the discharge of the current business and has also placed upon its



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Calendars, from day to day, a considerable number of the Old Cases until at the end of November all of the Old Cases had been on the Calendar and nearly all have been tried and disposed of.

Since July First, up to and including December 17th., there have been received of Current Business 6,543 Cases; of these cases 5,561 have been ^{try} tied or otherwise disposed of and 875 Cases have been removed to the General Sessions leaving on that day, pending in this Court, 1,301 Cases.

In the progress of the business of this Court, it has uniformly given preference to Prison Cases so that prisoners in the Tombs have had a speedy trial and there is no accumulation of untied cases there so far as this Court is concerned.

Since July First, up to and including November 30th., there has been collected by this Court in Fines \$54,348.50, all of which has been paid over to the City Chamberlain. From the amount of Fines collected for the current month it is safe to estimate that the total Fines from July First 1895, up to January First 1896 will exceed the amount of \$60,000.00

The expenses of the Court for salaries for the Justices and employees from July First to December First have been \$27,719.74

There are outstanding Liabilities for Contingent Expenses for which no appropriation has been yet made, to the amount of \$762.95, including \$40.00, estimated, for postage for the current month of December, making the total expenses of the Court for Five Months, including an estimated postage, to be \$28,482.69



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There will accrue for the Salaries for the current Month of December \$5,691.65, which will make the total expenses of the Court for the First Six Months \$34,174.34

Accompanying this report is a statement of the Clerk, which we have caused to be prepared, showing in detail, as far as practicable, the business of the Court during the First Five Months of its existence.

We have made application to the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners for some minor, necessary, changes in the appointment connected with the Court Room, and as we are advised the same have been approved and in due time will be made.

We have no further suggestions to make at this time touching the organization or workings of the Court. It is possible that some amendments to the Act, creating the Court, may be desirable but as that matter does not pertain to any Department of the City Government, until a bill for the same shall be passed, and shall be presented to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval we deem it unnecessary, at this time, to make any suggestions touching that matter.

Yours very respectfully,

E. B. Hinsdale
Presiding Justice,

Court of Special Sessions.

CLERK'S OFFICE.
COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

New York, December 18th, 1895.

To the
Justices of the Court of Special Sessions
Of the City and County of New York.

Dear Sirs:

At your request I herewith submit, for your consideration
a statement of the business relating to this Court.

Number of cases on hand July 1st, 1895, not disposed of by old Court.....	1194
Number of new cases received from July 1st, 1895, to and including December 17th.....	<u>6543</u>
TOTAL.....	7737
Number of cases disposed of from July 1st, 1895, up to and including December 17th.....	5561
Number of cases transferred to Gen. Sessions.....	<u>875</u> <u>6436</u>
Number of cases on hand December 17th, 1895,.....	1301
Amount of fines collected from July 1st, 1895, to December 1st, 1895 (five months), and paid to City Chamberlain.....	\$54,348.50
Expenses of Court--Justices, Clerks and Attendants' salaries for above five months, including \$762.95 for contingent expenses.....	<u>\$28,482.69</u>
Amount collected in excess of expenditures.....	<u>\$25,865.81</u>

Respectfully yours,

W. H. O'Donnell
Clerk.

number of cases disposed of from July 1st, 1882, to and including December 1st, 1882.....2581

TOTAL.....2581

number of new cases received from July 1st, 1882, to and including December 1st, 1882.....2581

number of cases on hand July 1st, 1882, not disposed of by old court.....112

a statement of the business relating to this court.

At your request I prepared this report for your consideration

DEAR SIR:

Of the City and County of New York.

Justices of the Court of Special Sessions

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*Office of the
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ROOMS 114 AND 115,

Stewart Building,

280 Broadway.

SETH SPRAGUE TERRY,
RODNEY S. DENNIS,
Commissioners.

New York, January 20, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

An examination of the accounts of the Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions of the Peace from July 1, 1895, to and including January 8, 1896, which period comprised the term of office of Theodore F. McDonald, the late incumbent, shows that during such period he received \$61,814.00 and paid to the City Chamberlain \$54,859.50 and to the Justices of said Court \$1,848.90, leaving a deficit of \$5,105.60. The amounts of the receipts and payments for each month are shown in the tabulated statement hereto annexed.

The system of keeping the records and papers in the Court appears to be excellent.

The law requires a bond in the amount of \$1,000 from the Clerk of this Court. The inadequacy of this amount is illustrated by the fact that during the month of August last over \$26,000 was collected by him. In our opinion, the law should be amended so as to provide for a bond in a larger amount.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Sprague Terry
Rodney S. Dennis
Commissioners.

John F. Sullivan
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AMOUNTS COLLECTED BY THE CLERK AND AMOUNTS PAID BY HIM.

1895.	Received by Clerk	Deposited by Clerk with City Chamberlain.
July - - - - -	7,615.00	7,615.00
August - - - - -	26,873.50	26,848.50
September - - - - -	8,635.00	8,635.00
October - - - - -	5,270.00	5,270.00
November - - - - -	6,566.00	6,491.00
December - - - - -	5,644.50	
1896.		
January - - - - -	1,210.00	
Amount paid to Justices of the Court and now held by them		1,848.90
Deficit		5,105.60
	<u>\$61,814.00</u>	<u>\$61,814.00</u>

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SETH SPRAGUE TERRY,
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Commissioners.

New York, November 19, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

An examination made of the "Court of Special Sessions of the Peace" for the period extending from January 10, 1896, (the date to which the last examination was made) to and including the 31st of October, 1896, shows receipts by the clerk of the Court

of	29,449.50
by the warden of	2,720.00
and by the superintendent of the workhouse of	<u>175.00</u>
making a total of	\$32,344.50,

all of which has been paid into the City Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Sprague Terry.
Rodney Strong Dennis
Commissioners.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.

Fines received from January 10 to October 31, 1896, inclusive.

Warden's Account.

350.00
620.00
75.00
175.00
100.00
825.00
230.00
275.00
50.00
20.00
<u>175.00</u>
\$2,895.00

Clerk's Account.

January	4,787.00
February	4,414.00
March	4,715.00
April	4,383.50
May	2,490.00
June	1,945.00
July	1,970.00
August	1,048.00
September	1,887.00
October	1,810.00
Workhouse	
Totals	<u>\$29,449.50</u>
	<u>2,895.00</u>
Grand Total	\$32,344.50

Special Excess

\$2,832.00
172.00
 50.00
 50.00
 272.00
 230.00
 832.00
 100.00
 172.00
 42.00

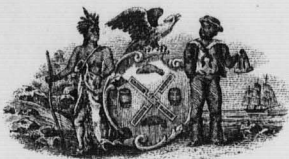
Totals
 Workhouse
 October
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 August
 July
 June
 May
 April
 March

Grand Total

\$28,344.50
5,832.00
 \$22,442.50
 1,810.00
 1,887.00
 1,048.00
 1,270.00
 1,345.00
 2,430.00
 4,382.50
 4,112.00

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*Judges Chambers,
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New York, June 26th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:

Since our interview on Wednesday last I have again examined the statute creating the present Court of Special Sessions, and find that when a vacancy occurs among its Justices by reason of the expiration of a term of office the person appointed to succeed the Justice, "whose term has expired," shall hold office for the term of ten years." The person thus appointed, therefore, as I view the statute, cannot be appointed until after the expiration of the term. My present associates, Justices Hinsdale and Jacob concur in this view. As my term does not expire until midnight of the 30th of June next, I will, if agreeable to you, call at your office on the following morning, July 1st, at 10 o'clock to take the oath of office, as has been suggested. I mention this hour as I am presiding in the Court, and if reappointed shall return immediately to resume my duties.

With much respect I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. C. Holbrook

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