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Executive Board of the

Drivers & Hostlers Protective & Benevolent Union,

Of the Street Cleaning Department of the City of New York.

Headquarters, Gramercy Hall, 326 East 21st Street.

New York, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. Wm L. Strong, Mayor:

Dear Sir,

At a regular meeting of Branch 3 of this Union a resolution was unanimously adapted that we request your honor & to have the commissioner of Street Cleaning adapt a suitable uniform and not one which will make us a laughing stock for the whole community.

We don't object to wearing a uniform which is suitable for our work but the one adapted is unreasonable.

Hoping you will do us justice in this matter.

I remain

Respectfully yours

Patk Goodfellow Secy.  
142 10<sup>th</sup> Av.

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James S. Lehman

Wm. P. Williams

Law Offices of  
Lehman & Williams,  
132 Nassau Street,  
Vanderbilt Building,  
New York.

Telephone Call,  
2521 Cortlandt.

May 24, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

Since my return to the city, I have learned that during my absence and when in the middle of April you accepted my resignation as Commissioner of Accounts, which under the orders of my physician I had tendered to you sometime before, some newspapers of the city intimated that my resignation had been requested by you, because of my connection with a financial message transmitted to the Board of Aldermen. I had then been ill and absent from the city for a month.

Owing to the fact that such absence prevented a denial of these statements on my part, I find that some credence has been given to the same. May I ask you to kindly state whether my resignation was in any manner, directly or indirectly, requested or suggested by you, or was otherwise than voluntary upon my part, or whether I had any connection with the message referred to.

Very respectfully yours,

James S. Lehman



# The Republican Club of the City of New York.

450 FIFTH AVENUE.

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May 24 '95.

Hon W. L. Strong  
Mayor of New York

Dear Sir,

Allow me to respectfully suggest to you the great importance of appointing an Italian, and a Hebrew, as Police Magistrates under the new law. I am advised that there are fully 150,000 Italians, and perhaps 300,000 Hebrew residents of the city, a very large number of whom reside south of 14th St. and East of B'dway.

With my associates I have personally addressed 92 meetings in that part of city, 22 since Nov 19 'last, and I feel well acquainted with them.

They are as naturally Republicans as the Irish are Democrats, and because of this tendency, they have been subjected for years to all manner of petty annoyances by Dammy Police Justices and Policemen - often arrested for no legal cause, - fined, and their fines promptly remitted - no records made, at request of Dammy Leaders. provided they would pledge support to Dammy. The Interpreters translate their evidence wrong - of Republicans and all right Democrats. A Policeman and a Police Justice is about all they see, of our government.

If Mr. A. C. Astarita Pres of Italian League is qualified as I understand he is, and Mr. W. Grossman a Hebrew, I hope they may be appointed.

I know, that the appointment of an Italian and a Hebrew to that Court would be hailed and regarded by these people as a new Declaration of Independence.

Yours faithfully  
A. Steele

N.Y. City May 24<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Sir,

For a number of years

The 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> streets R R Company  
have had possession of the streets  
in this locality but have failed to  
operate the road.

The law requires  
that the said Road should be  
operated and there is a great  
necessity for further cross town  
communication.

I call your attention  
to this matter and sincerely  
hope you will call the authorities  
to account I have been requested  
by my neighbors to help them to

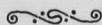


get this road operated and  
appeal to your first is  
your privilege to take  
legal action through the  
Corporation attorney.

Either this road should be  
operated at once or the  
tracks removed.

The matter was  
brought up in the Board of  
Aldermen some three months  
since but it "sleeps" in the  
Committee on Railroads. J. S.  
Suid Jan Platt presents action  
L. J. Dorne M D 352 W 18" 8

E. KUMKE,  
FURRIER,  
134 WEST TWENTY-THIRD ST.



New York, May 24 1895

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

Dear Sir

Will you kindly help me to  
have the Signs and Show Cases between  
my store and Fifth Ave removed,

I have notified the Bureau of  
Incumbrances twice and they promised  
to attend to it but have neglected to  
do so.

Very Respectly

E. Kumke  
per Doty



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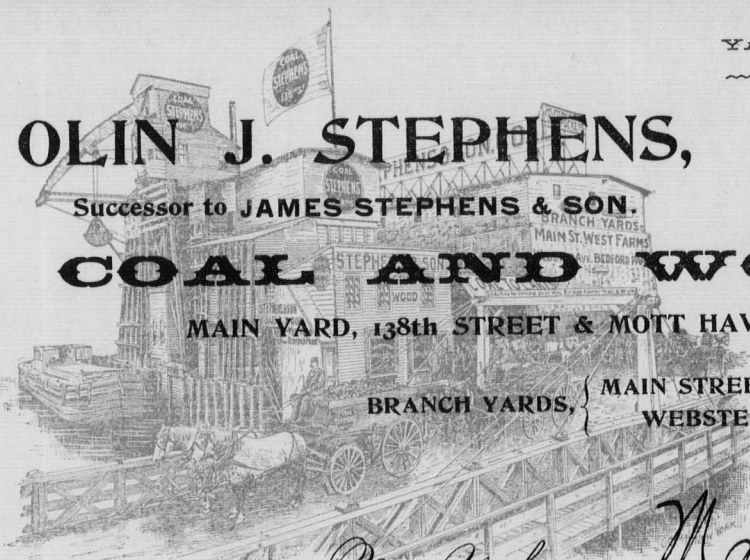
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WEBSTER AVE., BEDFORD PARK.



New York May 24 1895

Hon Mr R Strong

Mayor City of New York

Dear Sir:

A proposition has been introduced in the Board of Aldermen in regard to the laying of a Croton Water Main in 138<sup>th</sup> St between Rail Road Ave & Mott Haven Canal.

There is no main in the street at the present time and the private pipe does not give sufficient flow.

Will you kindly give this matter your attention when it is referred to you and oblige

Yours very truly  
Olin J. Stephens

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### Nº 3 Bloomfield St.

WEST WASHINGTON MARKET.

New York, May 24 1895

Hon Mr Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Honored Sir,

Your letter of yesterday received with report, please accept thanks for same. But, I wish to state that the attorney made a mistake in this report, viz The Complaint against Wheeler Co was dismissed by the Court April 22<sup>d</sup> upon a promise to remove the sign. Wheeler Bradstreet Co were fined \$5 on the first complaint and the others were dismissed by the Court. The signs complained of are still maintained in both places.

This is not so when I made a promise. I kept it, I had three days to remove the sign and on April 24 I placed my sign over my doors within 8 inches of the cable end of the House and I cannot understand the attorney making this report. Wheeler B Co have not removed their sign but I have.

I remain Yours respectfully,  
H. H. D. Klinker



52 East Fifty-Seventh Street.

Mayor Strong:

Dear Sir.

I hope we are not too late  
with our humble petition  
Begging you to approve  
the Bill Annexing the  
Town of Westchester and  
the Village of Williamshutts  
to New York I am one of  
hundreds of small property  
owners who have all they  
can do to hold on to what  
they have on account of  
the Burden of Taxation we  
have here there is a Town Tax  
and a Village Tax and

a water Tax and now a Sewer Tax and  
there is no knowing what they will have  
next. So Sir if you kindly approve <sup>the</sup> ~~them~~  
it will put out of existence the  
various Boards of Trustees who have  
made living in the suburbs anything  
but agreeable. and you will have the  
gratitude and thanks of a large  
number of well wishers hoping I  
have not intruded too much on your  
time I remain Most Respectfully yours

John Cumming  
and Wm O. Gorman  
and many others

May 24, 1895-

P.S. I am a Butcher by occupation and my home  
is in Williamstide.



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AND SUN-DRIED  
FRUITS.  
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315 GREENWICH STREET,  
CORNER OF READE STREET.

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New York May 25<sup>th</sup> 1895-

Mayor Strong  
Do Sir

Street Commissioner Waring has done  
so well with the Streets, better  
than has been done for years -  
We hope the report is correct  
that he is about to resign -  
or at least to do so - Keep  
the right man in the right  
place - We never saw  
Mr Waring - Yrs Truly  
James Chives

GEO. B. POST, Architect,  
33, EAST 17TH STREET,  
New York.

Dictated- N.

25th May 1895.

Dear Sir :

I regret that a business engagement of great importance prevents my going downtown this morning. While it is much to be desired that plans filed in your Department should be passed as rapidly as possible it is obviously impossible that you should be able to carry out the Law if you are required to pass on all plans within ten days after they are filed in your Department. As it would be absurd to make an impossible requirement the Law ought to be defeated.

I am,

Yours very truly,



Stenenson Constable, Esq., Supt.  
Department of Buildings,  
18th St. & 4th Ave.



Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews,  
OF NEW YORK,

105th STREET, West of COLUMBUS (9th) AVENUE.

New York, May 25 1895

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Dear Sir

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews held on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst, it was unanimously resolved

That the thanks of this Society are due and hereby tendered to his Honor William L. Strong the Mayor of this City for his Kindness in assisting in the Ceremonies attending the laying of the Corner Stone of the new edifice now in process of erection and for the invaluable services rendered by him on that occasion.

That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his Honor with our best wishes for his continued welfare and prosperity.

I take great pleasure in transmitting this copy of the resolutions as directed by the Board

Very Respectfully Yours

Albert L. Cohen  
Secretary

To his Honor  
William L. Strong  
Mayor  
New York

M. LEVY & BRO.,  
Leaf Tobacco,  
155 Water Street.

NEW YORK,

May 25 5 189

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His Honor, Mayor Strong  
New York City

Dear Sir-

As a citizen and taxpayer of this city I respectfully beg to enter my protest against the various attempts to remove our able and independent commissioner of Street Cleaning from his present office. I have never known, during the many years of my residence in this city - the streets of New York to be in such a perfect, clear, clean and healthy condition, and while I claim ~~no~~ no knowledge in the management of ~~his~~ the financial part of his department I cannot but consider it a misfortune should his retirement put us back again to the former barbaric, filthy and unhealthy condition existing previous to his occupancy.

Very Respectfully  
M. Levy



STATE OF NEW YORK.  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER.  
ALBANY.

*Building laws  
Award of prize to  
Architects*

P.S...F.

May 25, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor, etc.,  
New York city.

Dear Sir:

The Governor is in receipt of your letter of May 24th, requesting him to take prompt action in respect to Assembly Bill No. 2093, amending Chapter 299 of the laws of 1890.

I am directed to inform you that the bill referred to has been approved by the Governor and is now Chapter 750 of the laws of 1895.

Very respectfully,

*Ashley W. Cole*

Private Secretary.

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MEMORANDUM.

David Weil's Sons Co.  
LITHOGRAPHERS & PRINTERS.  
14 & 16 LISPENARD ST.  
New York.

May 25 1895

To the Honorable Mayor

Dear Sir!

I desire to call your attention to the mismanagement of our City Hospitals, and institution of which we ought to justly feel proud, but here is a case as an instance & show you how patients are treated, the above item (cut off of today Staats-Zeitung) is the case in question this man 84 years of age was run down by a wagon was hurt very severely by having his leg crushed & bruised ~~by a wagon~~ was rendered for the time being unconscious & was taken by the Police to above hospital, where instead of giving him immediate attention let him lay there for over 3 hours without even looking to see what was the matter, when in utter despair he got up & with the assistance of two boys he was dragged (so to speak) to the ferry where on the other side by chance his son met him, now I ask you what do you think of this state of affairs regarding our hospitals, I simply bring this to your Honor's attention so that if



it is within your power as Mayor to bring  
it to the <sup>attention of the</sup> proper authorities to see whether  
this evil cannot be prevented, for I am  
sure you will be doing the city & humanity  
in particular a great blessing,  
I am

Respectfully

Yours truly

W. H. White

P.S. The alarm case in question happened  
about 5<sup>15</sup> P.M. on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>



a tenement house district.

We have no public park  
on the West side (East  
Riverside) facing the river.  
Such a park would be  
an acquisition to the City  
and would be preferable  
to one more centrally  
located. The air would  
be purer on account of the  
river breezes. I am  
an old resident (40 years) of

West side Have been a physician  
to the poor and know this  
part of the City well 123  
If such a park is erected  
near the river it will  
promote the health and  
happiness of the poor many  
of whom must frequent it  
and bless the name of  
Strong. Would like to  
have it named Strong park.

L. G. Doane M.D.  
352 W 28<sup>th</sup> St

N. Y. City May 25/  
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Dear Sir: ✓

Assemblyman Tulpin has a  
bill in the Governor's hands  
to establish a public park.  
Some where bet 20<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> streets  
West side of the City

I would like to call your  
attention to the block situated  
between 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> streets  
10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue This  
plot can be bought by the City  
at a low figure and is in

449 East 121st Street,  
New York, May 27th 95.

To the Mayor,  
City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

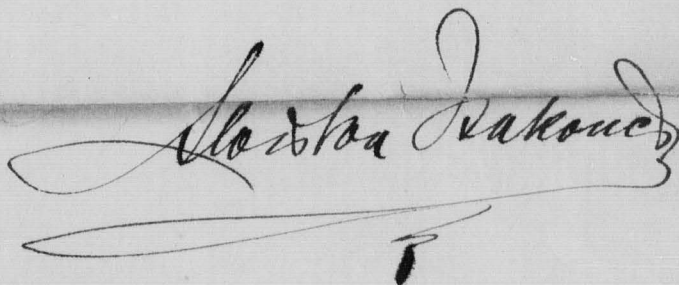
I beg to enclose a letter addressed to the Commissioners of Public Health, containing a complaint, that an order issued by the health board was suddenly hushed up, without complying with the order.

Not knowing exactly whom to address in the matter, I beg to request you to have the kindness to see to it, that the complaint reaches the right office, or one of the Commissioners, who will be able to see to it that the matter receives attention.

I am,

yours very truly,

Alois V. Isakovics,  
449 East 121st Str.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alois V. Isakovics", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.



EPHRAIM B. LEVY,  
7 ASTOR HOUSE, (BROADWAY),  
OPP. POST OFFICE, NEAR BARCLAY STREET.

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NEW YORK,

May 27 1895

Hon W D Strong Mayor New York City  
Dear Sir

Regarding the Annexation bill of Westchester now in your hands for approval, permit to call your attention to the fact that most all the large and small property holders in the Town, ~~and~~ also the respectable element favor the annexation bill, so they can come under the protection of <sup>the</sup> New York City Government. The Race Track, Water Companies, Gambling saloons <sup>interests</sup> are naturally opposed to annexation, as their influence dominates the Town at present, and they do not wish to be shorn of their power, as little Monte Carlo would no longer be able to do business; and other resorts of questionable character would also be closed. The annexation of Westchester would be a great advantage & benefit to New York City, as the Parks which cost so much money could be properly controlled, & it would bring a large amount of taxes into New York City. Annexation would make Westchester develop more rapidly than the 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> wards, as it is easy of access by steam & trolley cars. By approving this bill you will be aiding the future greater New York City and adding greater lustre to the admirable administration you have so far given to New York City. <sup>In remaining very yours</sup> E B Levy

LAW OFFICES  
OF  
HESS, TOWNSEND & McCLELLAND,  
40 AND 42 WALL STREET.

CHARLES A. HESS,  
WILLIAM J. TOWNSEND,  
CHARLES P. McCLELLAND.

TELEPHONE CALL, "1189 CORTLANDT."

New York, May 27, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG.

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I had expected to appear before you to-morrow in opposition to the bill providing for the annexation of a portion of Westchester County to New York, but have been unexpectedly called out of Town on business.

I am one of the Greater New York Commissioners, but this is not in accordance with the great scheme of consolidation. It should not be accomplished in this haphazard, piecemeal way.

The bill was not properly considered by the people of Westchester County and in fact it was considered without any chance of passage until the night before final adjournment of the Legislature. There are a number of constitutional questions involved with it.

In the first place, the Constitution provides that Westchester County shall be the twenty-second Senate District and that said County shall have three members of Assembly. Now in that respect the first query is, did the Constitution mean Westchester County as it then stood, or as it would stand if the bill became a law. Surely the revisers of the Constitution could not have had in mind the passage of a bill of this kind.

The second query is, if the Senate District was to be West-



chester County as it remained, after this piece of territory was taken from it, then where will the people who live in the annexed territory vote for Senators and Assemblymen? If they cannot continue to vote within the old lines of Westchester County for members of the Legislature, they certainly cannot vote within the Districts already laid out in the City and County of New York, because they cannot be changed by legislative enactment.

Thus it will be seen that complications would arise by this bill becoming a law.

There are many other reasons that could be advanced, and many will be advanced, I have no doubt, by those who may have the honor to appear before you.

I am satisfied that the people interested, without regard to how the tidal wave vote of last fall may have made it appear, are not ready for consolidation, and the conditions are not ripe for it.

I trust you will find it consistent with your high sense of public duty to signify your disapproval of the bill.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. A. Culland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.



The Town Clerk of the Town of Eastchester,

WAKEFIELD P. O., N. Y..

Wakefield, N. Y., May 27 1895

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct statement of the result of the Vote on Consolidation as cast in the Villages of Wakefield (3<sup>rd</sup> Election district) and Eastchester (4<sup>th</sup> Election district) on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1894 as shown by the returns of the Inspectors of Elections on file in this office.

Total Vote on Consolidation cast in the Village of Wakefield. 241.

For	147
Against	94
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	53

Total Vote on Consolidation cast in the Village of Eastchester. 38.

For	23
Against	15
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John Barry Jr  
Town Clerk  
Eastchester



## Board of Trustees, Village of Wakefield,

(FORMERLY SOUTH MOUNT VERNON,)

WAKEFIELD P. O., N. Y.

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Whereas there has been sent to the Board of Trustees a notice of a hearing by the Mayor of the City of New York on the proposition to annex the Village of Wakefield, N.Y. to the said city of New York and

Whereas the electors of this village did at the election held November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894, vote by a majority of 53 votes in favor of said annexation, <sup>annexation</sup> therefore,

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to represent to the Mayor of the City of New York the sentiment of the people of this village as so expressed at the polls and,

Resolved, That then be presented with said announcement the certified copy of the vote on the question of annexation in this village as shown by the Town Clerk of the Town of Eastchester, N.Y.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of preamble and resolutions adopted at an adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wakefield, held Monday evening May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1895, a quorum being present.

Chas T. Hueston

Clerk of the Village of Wakefield N.Y.

CLINTON STEPHENS,  
WESTCHESTER, N.Y.

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May 27<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mayor Strong  
Dr Sir

Myself and neighbors  
in Westchester feel  
greatly interested in the  
bill which has been  
passed by the legislature  
for the annexation of  
part of this town and  
other towns to your city  
and hope you will see  
your way clear for its  
approval

Respectfully Clinton Stephens



Supervisor's Office

TOWN OF WESTCHESTER.

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West Chester, N. Y. May 27<sup>th</sup> 1895

Am. William L. Strong  
Mayor of New York City  
Dear Sir.

Being unable to attend  
the hearing before you on the annexation  
Bill, <sup>owing to a death in my family</sup> I desire to place my self on record  
in its favor. I have not met a  
single citizen of the town who opposed  
annexation except those who have fears  
of being deprived of some benefits that  
in my judgement are against the interests  
of the town. I have given to the  
Rev. Mr. Abenden facts to sustain this  
statement which I hope you will  
give your consideration.

Yours very respectfully  
Aug. M. Field  
Supervisor

## **PEQUOD CLUB DENIES IT.**

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### **No Desertions to the I. C. O.—Alleged Dragooning of Saloon Keepers.**

William Brown, Secretary of the Pequod Club, Tammany, of the Thirteenth Assembly district, said yesterday that not a man had deserted from the club since the last election, and consequently that no deserters attended the Independent County Organization's meeting in the district on Friday night. Mr. Brown said: "For some days past Mr. Dreyer, who was appointed an Excise Inspector some weeks ago at a salary of \$1,200 and whose salary was jumped up to \$2,000 a few days thereafter, has been going around the district, telling saloon keepers and others that the Stocklers would have a meeting on Friday evening, May 24, and also telling the saloon keepers that it would be to their interest to attend this meeting. Would such a thing have been tolerated when Tammany Hall was in power?"

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# WINE AND SPIRIT GAZETTE,

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

ROOM 91, KEMBLE BUILDING, WHITEHALL ST.

*New York,* May 27th, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor,

City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

This journal has lately received numerous complaints from liquor dealers who claim that certain inspectors of the Excise Board of this City are going about this town telling the liquor dealers to join the Steckler Association, or Steckler faction, if they want to receive favors from the Excise Board. This is bulldozing. It is one of the many forms of blackmailing, which the people of this City condemned last fall, and meant to stamp out by your election.

Such tricks and practices are totally at variance with the letter and spirit of the platform, on which you were elected Mayor.

The "Wine & Spirit Gazette" respectfully calls your attention to these complaints and in further substantiation of the same appends hereto a clipping from the Sun of yesterday (May 26th).

Very respectfully,

WINE & SPIRIT GAZETTE.

*A. D. Smith*

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

May 27th, 1895.

*Revised*  
Mrs. Abbie Hamilton MacIvor,

675 East 138th Street,

New York City.

Dear Madam:-

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The Mayor directs me to inform you that he has decided to  
appoint you an Inspector of Schools for the Eighth District, and  
would be pleased to have you call at the City Hall at your earliest  
convenience and receive your appointment.

Yours respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
Secretary.



McMAHON & HANDLEY,  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
243 BROADWAY,

New York, May 27 1895

His Honor the Mayor of New York,  
Dear Sir,

Your return of the Manhattan Hospital Bill to the Governor, without approval or disapproval, was wise - In my judgment, it kills the measure until re-enacted by another legislature - I think, you will, after going through your experience of hearing arguments on Special City legislation, arrive at the conclusion suggested in one of my letters to you heretofore, that in the future legislature, it will be the manifest duty of your office, to have your experienced clerk of the Corporation Council's office, specially detailed to watch legislation inimical to the City's interest, and oppose the same by representation to our representatives in the Senate or Assembly - Not a word was uttered in the assembly, against that bill on its original third reading - Nor a word in the Senate of opposition, excepting from Senator McMahon & Cantor, both of whom I influenced to do so from my personal letters to them - If the City had had a competent agent in Albany to watch that measure, and to influence proper amendment, it would have been presented to you, in a shape much more favorable to the City's interests, than it was - In fact, I am satisfied, there was a potent ring behind it influencing legislation, and moreover influencing the public press - & getting men of good character, like Professor Chandler, Ex Mayor Row, & the like to speak before you in its support - I became satisfied of this, after my appearance before the Committee of Ways & Means in opposition to it - I felicitate myself on what I have done against the bill - but to be frank with you, I was acting on my own behalf, representing as I do a large ownership in the Manhattan

front of the Ward Island - many of our representatives  
in the Legislature, owing to the volume of business (however  
well disposed they may be, I know but little of what is  
going on unless their attention is specially invited -  
Of course, they say the Mayor has to pass on such bills  
under the constitution, we will leave it to him to object -  
The consequence is, an immense labor is cast on you,  
the Mayor, to find out the ~~iniquitous~~ character of such  
legislation - It is far better to have on hand, a  
competent agent watching such legislation, so as to stifle  
in its incubation such legislation, rather than to impose  
on you the examination of such measures, after hearing  
long winded arguments pro & con -

Now is the time to manifest home rule;  
by turning out certain officials, & putting in competent  
men, who can practice the economies necessary to ~~sheer~~  
to the City & State, that the City of New York can take  
care of its own expenses, as cheaply as the State -

Your approval of the bi-partisan bill,  
and the appointment of a new set of Police Court,  
is a specimen brick, which is a new revelation to the  
cause of Reform, and demonstrates you were right,  
in what is now occurring in the reorganization of the Police  
Department - So it will be in that Department, having charge of the  
City's expense - The interior Counties of the State - The authorities  
in Mass. & Conn. & New Jersey have for years been unloading  
on the City's institutions, many of their insane - Our officials  
having charge of that department, could have prevented such  
acts by attending to their business, in connection with the  
Police magistrates making commitments - It is an evil which  
can only be corrected by Home rule, exacting of its own officials  
a proper performance of their duties by a proper investigation  
of each case -

I am Yours Respy,

Samuel Mc Mahon

243 Broadway  
N. Y.

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New York, May 27<sup>th</sup> 1895

In re

Mr. B. L. Burrows  
Confidential Clerk  
Mayor's office  
Dear Sir

With great surprise, I  
rec<sup>d</sup>. a note from you, last week, with the Auction  
Bonds of my Firm, returned. In my business, of  
over 42 years, this has never occurred before.  
On many occasions, heretofore, the Mayor has sent  
our license to our office, with his Compliments, by  
the hands of one of the Attaches of his office. I always  
supposed this was done, as a mark of respect to our  
old House. I very much doubt if either of my 2  
bondsmen can give you the information, desired, on a  
slip of paper accompanying your note. I should hate  
to ask them. Let me briefly tell you who the two  
gentlemen are. The first one, Rev. Dr. Cornelius Roosevelt  
Druffie, is the oldest Episcopalian Rector in this City. His

Church (Epiphany), corner of Lexington Ave. & 35<sup>th</sup> St; & I have the honor of being one of his Vestrymen. He was named after Cornelius V. Roosevelt - & is Cousin to Park Commissioner Roosevelt, & Police Commissioner Theo. Roosevelt. Dr. Duffie is also my first Cousin. Dr. Duffie is also Chaplain of Columbia College. He has been one of my bondsmen for nearly 25 years past; & a man of ample means. The other bondsman (for several years past), is of Judge Van Hoesen. Everybody knows who he is, & his financial responsibility: -

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Respectfully yours

W. B. Bunker

I will also say, that, as Real Estate Auctioneers, we are under \$20,000 annual bonds to the State.

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WAGER SWAYNE.  
NOAH H. SWAYNE, 2ND.

Wager Swayne,  
Attorney & Counsellor at Law,  
120 Broadway,  
New York.

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May 27, 1895-

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor -

Dear Sir:-

Granted May 27/95

Will you grant to the Senior Class  
of the New York Law School the privilege  
of having their class picture taken, on  
the steps of the City Hall, on Wednesday  
May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12. noon? This privilege  
has been granted for the last two years.

Respectfully

Noah H. Swayne 2nd

5093.  
New York, May 27th, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Understanding that a revision of the Map, or that section of the Map of the Twenty-third Ward between the Harlem Railroad, Jerome Avenue and Harlem River, will be up for revision before you to-morrow, Wednesday, and having an engagement which calls me out of town on that day, it has occurred to me that I might make a timely suggestion in the interest, and for the benefit of all that section of the City, if in the conference that is to be had provision could be made to locate a station for passengers for the N. Y. Central Railroad Co., under and adjacent to the new bridge. It would be a great accommodation to all the upper Western district of the City, on both sides of the Harlem River, and especially all that region East and West of Jerome Avenue, which Avenue is certain to be the great business thoroughfare of that section of the City. Having had an experience of upwards of forty years in the district North of Harlem River, and for many years had something to do with its remarkable growth and development, I offer the suggestion to you, as the President of the Board of Street Openings, which now has this important Map under consideration, knowing that it will be advantageous alike to the Railroad Company



and to the people who will swarm that section of the City as soon as adequate transit facilities are afforded.

I fully agree with the following extract from the N. Y. Mail and Express, and I commend it to your consideration:

"There is much of reason in the request of the residents of Washington Heights and the vicinity of the new Central Bridge, that a railway station be established by the New York Central at Central Bridge. That great residential district, which Gen. Egbert L. Viele has so appropriately and so poetically denominated the "Transvaal of New York", is now connected with the district "across the vale" by the new viaduct at 155th Street, and its junction at Seventh Avenue with the new draw bridge across the Harlem. A depot at the bridge would benefit not only the residents of Washington Heights, but also those on Sedgwick and Ogden Avenues, and the rapidly increasing population in that vicinity. Mott Haven is almost as inaccessible to these residents as is Forty-second Street, but a station at the point where the railroad goes under the new Central Bridge would be a boon to a great portion of the population of upper New York. The number of stops made by all express trains entering Chicago for the accommodation of residents of districts remote from the main station is an indication of the popularity which might be gained by the Central if it should cater to the interests of the growing districts up town, the residents



of which would fain avoid a five-mile ride through an uninteresting tunnel."

Respectfully,

Yours, &c.,

*Wm. Laidwell*



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Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall, N. Y. City

Dear Sir:

I beg to confirm my message of this morning reading as follows: " AS A CITIZEN AND TAXPAYER I EARNESTLY BESEECH YOU TO SUSTAIN COL. WARING, OUR PRESENT EXCELLENT STREET COMMISSIONER, WHO IS PUTTING IN SUCH EFFORTS TO KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN AND FREE OF TRUCKS."

I understand that a hearing is before you this afternoon with regard to a certain bill which has passed the Legislature relative to permitting trucks to be stabled on our public streets. As a citizen and taxpayer, and greatly interested in the movement for good government in our city, I most earnestly protest against this. I heartily appreciate the sincere efforts of our present Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Col. Waring, and could not avoid but to express my wishes to you. I am a firm believer in the very best of government for our fair city and have always been anxious to see our streets kept clean and no permission given to trucks occupying the same.

Now, I dare say that this good government movement is desirous to see the best interests of our city taken to heart by

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our city officials, and as Col. Waring is a man who appreciates  
the trust reposed in him by your own self <sup>I</sup> and hope you will do  
everything in your power to uphold the interests of the <sup>entire</sup> people  
of this city, *in upholding the honest endeavors of said Col. Waring.*

Thanking you for your kind consideration, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*C. E. Hauselt*

*P.S. My partner being out of town I could not make it possible to speak to you in person.*



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27 th May, 1895.

Telephone 458 Spring.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Honored Sir:-

We desire to submit for your consideration certain conditions which have been forced upon us to-day by the employees of the Department of Street Cleaning in the transaction of our business, which is the manufacturing and buying and selling of house trim, a commodity which you well know is very bulky in character. In the transaction of this business we occupy the entire building on the corner of Hudson and Spring Streets, 75 ft. by 160 ft., seven stories high. We also own and occupy for manufacturing purposes only, Nos. 236 & 238 Spring Street and #27 Clark Street. The product of this factory is altogether fine cabinet work where about 200 employes are engaged in the manufacturing of same. A large proportion of this product is moved from the factory building which is in one block, to the warerooms on the corner of Hudson and Spring Streets. To make this transfer



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we employ two men, whose business it is to attend to this shipping. For their use in handling this product we have provided a hand truck about 8' 0" long, 4' 0" wide, having four wheels. These commodities cannot be piled up in large loads, as for instance, wood mantels which comprise the major portion of the product. This morning while engaged in their duties as usual, having the truck in front of the factory and while going in to the factory to bring out their load, this truck was seized by certain men with Department shields on, who undoubtedly were operating under orders and notwithstanding the protest of our workmen who immediately took hold of the truck and tried to prevent them from moving same, no explanations of any kind would be listened to but our foreman was told that the orders were to take everything they found outside the curb line, and to-day on account of this interference our business is handicapped to the extent of our products being carried over on the shoulders of workmen. We cannot believe that the intention of the City authorities is to interfere with the transaction of legitimate business in this way, this happening as it did at 10 A. M: this forenoon when we were right in the midst of the conduct of our business.

We desire to add for your information that we own and occupy two buildings on Spring Street, opposite our warerooms, for our stable, having stabling room for our five double teams and four single teams, all of which are used in the distribution of



our goods. Thus you will see that we are not at all depending and have not been, upon the streets, nor any part of same for storage purposes.

In connection with the care and management of our stable we are informed that the Department rules are that no truck to which horses are not attached can stand on the street, only between the hours of 12 and 2, these hours being set apart for feeding purposes during which time horses may be removed. The nature of our deliveries is such, distributing as we are goods all the way from the Battery to 160th Street, that it is impossible for us to regulate the time at which we find it convenient to feed our horses. The stable being directly opposite our warerooms, it has been our custom to unharness the horses and feed them in the stable. Now unless our teams happen to be on hand during the hours specified, we are compelled to feed our horses in the harness attached to the trucks, notwithstanding the fact that our stable is right at hand. We can, of course, submit to this order of things, but it does seem that in view of these conditions that the poor horses might have the advantages of the stable when they right at its door.

We think the facts presented to you herewith will prove to you that some mistake has been made in the orders given to these workmen, who have deprived us of the means of conducting our business to-day, and having made an effort this morning to reach Col. Waring, the Superintendent of the Department of Street

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Cleaning, and failed, we make this appeal to you, trusting that you will give it due consideration at your hands. In the meantime we shall do the best we can to recover our property so that we may go on with our work in the usual way.

Very truly yours,

THE BRADLEY & CURRIER CO., Limited.

Per *McCurrie & Pugh*

P. S. Since dictating the above our Superintendent informs me that he has succeeded in laying this matter before the District Supt. Cushman, who upon being informed of the conditions immediately released the truck without expense to us.

G. C.



L. J. J.

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

Mayor of the City of New York

Arthur G. Muhler of No. 14 West 114 St.  
New York City being duly sworn says  
that on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1895  
he paid to Jacob Tumbin City Marshall  
of No. 79 First Street New York City on account  
of judgment of Nineteen <sup>02</sup>/<sub>100</sub> (\$19.<sup>02</sup>) dollars  
received April 6/1895 by W<sup>m</sup> Nickthausen  
and Isidore Levy against Arthur G. Muhler  
in the District Court of the City of New York  
for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District the sum  
of Seven dollars.

Deponent further says  
that on or about the 23 day of April the  
afore said Jacob Tumbin, City Marshall  
Entered the store of, and owned by Henry  
Muhler at #801 Amsterdam ave. N.Y.  
City. of which Arthur G. Muhler was  
in charge, and levied on merchandise  
consisting of Pocket & table Cutlery, Shears,  
Carving Knives & forks to the amount of  
Seventy Six dollars and carried them  
off.

Deponent further says, on or  
about April 26/1895 he called at the office  
of Jacob Tumbin No. 79 First Street

accomplished by witnesses and demanded  
the goods or Merchandise aforesaid which  
was refused, until the sum of Twenty three  
 $\frac{48}{100}$  ( $23 \frac{48}{100}$ ) dollars was paid, the  
deponent further says that deponent paid  
the sum of Twenty three  $\frac{48}{100}$  dollars, to  
the aforesaid Jacob Sunbin

The said Jacob Sunbin  
demanding the excess of judgment.  
being Eleven  $\frac{48}{100}$  dollars as his legal fees  
as a City Marshall.

Sworn to before me

This 28 May 1895

James Noble

Arthur G. Mueller

In the matter of the  
claim of Arthur Mueller  
against City Marshall  
Jacob Sunbin



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N. Y. 7/28 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong  
Dear Sir,

Herewith a photograph  
of Mayor Strong laying a  
corner stone.

Please accept  
it with our compliments.  
And oblige us by  
giving us just a few  
minutes of your valuable  
time so that we can  
make a sitting of you.

Respectfully,  
Pach Bros.

*Edward C. Higgins,*  
*Expert in Street Railway Values & Economics.*  
*Havemeyer Building - Cortlandt Street,*  
*New York.*

RE COL. WARING.

*Cable Address "Higginsee - New York."*

May 28, 1895.

To the Honorable,

The Mayor of New York,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir;

I see that the newspapers of the city continue to talk about the possibility of Col. Waring's removal by you as even a probability. It has not seemed to me that you could for a moment consider such a step in view of the great service which Col. Waring has rendered the city in so many ways, but fearing that there may be some danger that, in the absence of an expressed public opinion on the subject, you may have some thought of asking his resignation, I have decided to write you my own opinion and one which I find is shared by practically all of my business and personal friends.

I believe Col. Waring to be one of the most honest, courageous and able men whom you have appointed to office. He may possibly have lacked discretion in certain cases where discretion would have been to his personal advantage, but he has chosen to come out fearlessly against the shams and abuses which he has found in many directions rather than to regard the effect of what he might say upon his own fortunes. He is keeping our streets clean and free from trucks. He is using his appropriation honestly, I believe, and making every dollar go further than it ever has



before. For my own part, I would rather see a slightly increased tax rate if we can be sure of clean streets.

Col. Waring's utterances on the subject of the Grand Army of the Republic should not, perhaps, be referred to here as they bear only indirectly upon the administration of his office, nevertheless, I cannot help saying that he has expressed in a courageous and manly way my own feeling and that of all the friends with whom I have talked, democrats and republicans alike.

Very respectfully yours,

*Howard E. Higgins*

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LAW OFFICE  
—OF—

A. McC. Mathewson,

ROOM 3, LEFFINGWELL BUILDING,  
Cor. Church and Court Streets.

*New Haven, Conn.,* May 28th, 1895

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To the Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear sir:-

Can I get from you a copy of your laws and ordinances relating to "Public Conveyances" or especially to hacks and carriages? I have been delegated to revise our city ordinances upon this subject. If you cannot send me a copy will you please tell me where I can find them. I know your city is well governed upon this subject, and am very anxious to give to this city the advantage of your experience.

Respectfully,

*A. McC. Mathewson*



OFFICE OF

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Waynesville, S. C. May 28<sup>th</sup> 1846

To The Honorable Mayor of N. Y.

Dear Sir,

As New York is the leading City  
of our Country & has the most crowded  
Streets. I write you to let you know. I  
have invented a Car Finder. The most  
absolutely safe finder against any  
one getting under the wheel that has  
or can be made. and as something of this  
kind is the only thing that will save  
trouble and complaints from the people  
I wish you that if you will give this  
finder your consecration. I will send  
you on a model that will give you an  
idea of its working. It has a band on  
each side that runs back from front of

J. W. COOPER,

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finder to back with same speed as the car goes to front. So that the coming in contact with an object, the bands neutralize the loc. Whenever these bands strike an object that swift action on the object until it is pushed off the track. As I have said as I can't draw in such a way to make you understand this finder, if you will promise for the good of your people, to look into the advantages of this finder I will just box up one and send it to you, with explanations.

I have three inventions on hand, but can not put them before the people as they ought to be, for want of means. I have invented a gin, that a manufacturer has



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just made me, one at his own expense, he was so much impressed with the merits of it, & I hope to get it perfected in a short time. I have made a point in it that Manufacturers have been trying to make for over 20 years. I know what your time is worth, & if you should be pleased with this & your City should accept it I am willing that the time for looking into it should be paid for by you or, one you should delegate to do it.

Respectfully

J. W. Cooper-

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New York 28/5. 90

Your Honor:

I her by let you know  
there are two disorderly  
houses No 200. an 213 Eldridge  
Street. I wrote to 300 Malbury St.  
but the failed to to any thing  
in the matter, there is more  
noise in there an disorderly  
women are going in, so I  
can not sleep. hoping you  
will oblige me. I remain  
very Respectfully

Beno Mattam  
No 200 Eldridge St.

Please do not  
give my name  
away.

City.



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New York, May 28, 1895.

To Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York,

Dear Sir:-

We, the undersigned having been employed in the Department of Public Works, bureau of Water Register in the capacity of Inspectors of Water Meters, until Friday May 24, 1895, on which day we were summarily discharged without <sup>any</sup> cause being assigned for such action, desire to present to your Honor a few facts in the matter.

1st:- That we have passed a competitive civil service examination as required by law, and our names having been properly certified to the Department of Public Works, we were duly appointed.

2nd:- That three of the five discharged men are practical plumbers who thoroughly understand the duties the position requires.

3rd:- That in our places there has been appointed five Veterans of the late war whose names appeared on the civil service <sup>list</sup> of eligibles for said position, and that each of the new men will have to be assigned to an experienced inspector for the purpose of "breaking him in," which operation will not only retard the competent men in the performance of their duties, but will keep the new ones practically idle for a period of from four to six weeks. Is that reform? Is that giving the tax payers the best service for their money?

4th:- That we firmly believe that we were unjustly, unfairly, and illegally removed, and that our removal was prompted by purely partisan motives, and in direct conflict with the spirit and intent of the civil service laws.

Very respectfully yours,

Edward J. McKeenagh  
Joseph H. Fattery  
James J. Sullivan  
John J. Barry  
Joseph P. Kennedy.



Sisters of Misericorde.  
No 33 / E. 86 St.

N. Y. May 28 "1895 =

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Hon. W. L. Strong,

Your Honor,

It is with heartfelt-gratitude that we write, in order to thank you for your kindness for having approved bill, perpetually exempting the real and personal estate of the Home from taxation.

For this great-and esteemed favor, we cannot-find words to thank you enough for this noble act of — charity-in behalf of our Home, open to poor destitute mothers of all nationalities and denominations.

May God bless you and yours, and grant you all that your noble heart-most-earnestly desires for all near and dear to you. With-deep gratitude we remain,

Yours very respectfully,  
The Sisters of Misericorde.

May 28, 1895

To his Honor,

William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City

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Dear Sir — Your Honor will find enclosed the Program of our little celebration for Decoration Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Though on account of your many and onerous duties and engagements leisure will scarcely be yours to be present with us on this occasion, yet we desire that at least you would be with us in spirit and thus share in the ceremonies and event, by which our College seeks to hallow this National Festival. We have selected this day as a most fitting one, upon which to honor in a very special manner our Country's Flag, for which our heroes fought and died and to impress yet deeper the important lesson, so clearly taught by the graves of our fallen ones, that fidelity to our Country and Flag carries with it into daily life great and holy and practical duties, which no citizen may shirk and love his country's good.

Very respectfully,

Your Honor's

Obedient Servant

J. J. Gannon, S. J.  
President





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May 28<sup>th</sup>  
1895Hon W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong

Dear Sir.

The bearer Mr E. M. Tomlinson  
was Chief Inspector in the Excise  
Department for many years  
his knowledge of Excise  
Departmental matters is very  
extensive and accurate.

He wishes to speak with you  
on such matters

Very Truly Yours,  
John W. L. Strong

ARCHIBALD C. HAYNES,  
MANAGER METROPOLITAN DEPARTMENT.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society,

No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

P. O. Box 1427.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1895

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Hon. Mayor Strong  
City

Dear Sir

For some time I have been  
wanting to call on you but know-  
ing your official duties occupy a  
great deal of time. Thought best to  
first make an appointment now  
like to see you on a little private  
business if you will allow me the  
pleasure. I believe you are an Ohio  
man and if not mistaken was at one  
time was Post Master at Londonville  
Ohio. My mother was Charles Stewards  
daughter. Neighbors of Morgan Workmans  
Geo Bender and the Eclys. will be  
pleased to have an interview when  
convenient. Very Respect  
J M Logan  
463 W 57<sup>th</sup>



REFORM CLUB,  
233 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

May 28 1895-

Wm Mr L. Stang:

Mayor of New York

Sir:

The enclosed petition from the people of Wakefield, was circulated hurriedly because of a false report that the Village Board of Trustees was opposing to the Public Meeting the prayer. The Board, I am assured, is heartily in favor of annexation and believe that with more time we should have been able to obtain for this petition the signatures of nine tenths of Wakefield's voters. There is no reason to believe furthermore that the only citizens of Wakefield who would care to see annexation delayed are those who wish to add largely to the bonded debt of the village for public improvements which mostly we are willing to trust New York City to provide. I suspect that a like wish is at the bottom of any call for delay in the other villages.

If Walter Knickerbocker shall delay, even  
for a year, to take who has the prettiest  
and brides now offered to him. They  
will come into his household dressed  
not with riches, but with large and  
more embarrassing debts.

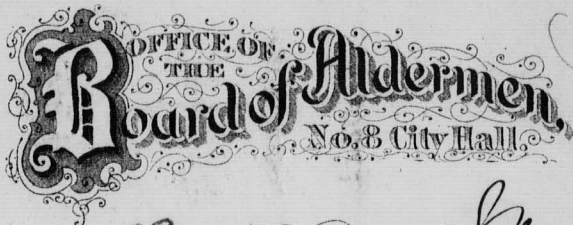
Respectfully yours

E. N. Tallandigham

a. Prudent Walefield  
WR of Chester Co  
VJ



In session -



153 New York, May 28 1895

My dear Mayor:

I do wish your Honor would announce that I am in favor of the annexation of part of Westchester County to the 24 Ward of New York City. for I believe this annexation is <sup>the</sup> first step toward the greater New York.

Important business now before the Board prevents my appearance.

Sincerely yours

Rufus R. Boudette

To Mayor W. L. Strong  
New York

alderman 24<sup>th</sup>

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BRANCH OFFICE,  
NEWPORT, R.I.

CABLE ADDRESS "RETTOP," NEW YORK. ✓

*New York*, May 28th, 1895

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

Dear Sir:-

I regret exceedingly that absence from the City will prevent my appearing at the hearing of the Annexation Bill of certain Towns in Westchester to New York City. As an owner of property in the Town of Westchester, I most heartily approve of this Bill. I am sure that all the larger tax-payers are desirous of being annexed to the City of New York. This part of the County sadly needs better government.

I hope that you will bring yourself to approve of the bill.

Yours truly,

*E.C. Potter*



# WINE AND SPIRIT GAZETTE,

PUBLICATION OFFICE,

ROOM 91, KEMBLE BUILDING, WHITEHALL ST.

*New York, May 29th, 1895.*

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor,  
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Allow us to supplement our communication addressed to you under date of the 27th inst. by the explanation that the reason why we considered it our duty to lay this matter before you at this time is the fear entertained by many liquor dealers that, if this bulldozing is allowed to pass unrebuked at a time when you have the absolute power of removal, a much worse fate is in store for the liquor dealers after the power of removal with which you are clothed by law shall have lapsed on or about July 1st.

The liquor dealers of this city, above all things, desire to be left alone by the politicians, and to be allowed to pursue their business in a lawful manner without being subjected to coercion or dragooning by anybody.

Very respectfully,

WINE & SPIRIT GAZETTE.

*J. D. Smith*

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Times Building, 41 Park Row,

NEW YORK, May 29th, 1895

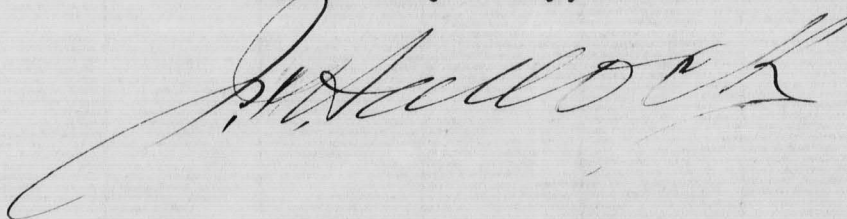
Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor New York City.

My Dear Sir:-

I send you a copy by this mail of the Christian Work containing editorial written just before Chief Byrnes was deposed. It states the case from one who knows the facts very accurately and I shall be glad to have you glance over it.

Yours very truly,





State of New York }  
County of Westchester }

Thomas C Annon being duly  
sworn says that he is the  
Treasurer of School District  
No 1 of the Town of Westchester  
and as such has charge of  
the financial records of said  
district. That the bonded  
indebtedness of said district  
No 1 is Twenty Eight Thousand  
Dollars (\$28,000)

Sworn to before me }  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1895 }

~~Edward B. Baker~~ Thos C Annon  
Notary Public Treasurer

Westchester Co.  
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Present Assessed Valuation of Territory to be Annexed.

In Town of Westchester	\$7,980,108
In Town of Pelham	613,815
In Town of Eastchester	<u>1,501,910</u>

Total	\$10,095,833.00
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Indebtedness of the Territory.

In Town of Pelham	nothing
In Town of Eastchester	48,638.25
In Town of Westchester	271,000.00
Proportion of County Indebtness	<u>17,100.00</u>

(The total assessable )  
valuation of Westchester) Total County & Township \$336,738.25  
County is \$97,187,689. )  
About 1/10 of this asses)  
sed valuation is to be )  
annexed to N.Y. by the bill.  
The total County debt is  
\$171,000, 1/10 of which  
makes the estimated propor-  
tion of \$17,100 above given.)

Village Indebtedness.

Williams Bridge Highway bonds,	
average 4-1/2%	129,000
Williams Bridge Sewer bonds	<u>175,000</u>

Total	304,000.00
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Eastchester, just incorporated and no  
indebtedness.

Wakefield, figures of indebtedness not  
yet ascertained, but village has  
only been incorporated about three  
or four years

The greater portion of the territory to be annexed  
does not yet include any incorporated village, although  
several schemes are in contemplation to incorporate and  
create an indebtedness to turn over to the City at some  
future date, in case the bill is not approved.



School Districts

Town of Pelham	no indebtedness	
Town of Westchester,		
1st District	23,000.	
2nd "	40,000.	
3rd "	nothing	
4th "	9,000.	77,000.00
Total indebtedness		\$717,738.25

Town of Eastchester not yet ascertained.  
There are two school districts in the  
portion to be annexed.

As against the above indebtedness there is  
cash in the Williams Bridge Treasury for sewers \$185,500  
And in the Village Treasury received from taxes 29,000  
Total \$214,500

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Pelham,		
Court House	2200.	
School House	3500.	
Fire property	2800	
Dock property	500	
Total		\$9,000.

Westchester,		
School Dist.No.1, ground	\$25,000.	
Building	50,000.	
School Dist.No.2, ground	10,000.	
building,	20,000.	
School Dist.No.3 ground	10,000.	
building	10,000.	
School Dist.No.4 ground	15,000.	
building	18,000.	
Town Hall ground	10,000	
building	10,000	178,000.

Summary  
Assets \$ 401,500  
Assessed valuation 10,095,833.  
Public property 401,500.  
Total liability 717,738.25



Westchester (continued)

Taxes;- The Town has from time to time (almost annually) purchased lands at tax sales which is being rapidly redeemed and from which redemption there is received not less than \$25,000. per annum.

Town of Eastchester not yet ascertained, but there is undoubtedly school and other town property, which will be acquired by the City of New York.

The water company that has been fighting this bill has a contract with the Town of Pelham, which has a year to run, and under that contract there are twenty-five hydrants in the territory to be annexed, at \$40 a year, which makes a charge of \$1000. for the coming year. Because of the expected annexation of this territory, the water company attempted to secure a ten years extension of their contract, but the Supervisors and Town Board of the Town of Pelham refused to be a party to any such proceeding.

In the Town of Westchester there are 214 hydrants at the present time, which makes an annual charge of \$8560 a year. It will be for the City to say whether these hydrants shall be reduced to 150, the minimum number required by the contract. This contract has about seven years to run.

In the Village of Williamsbridge, there is a contract for one hundred hedrants, but it expires next November. The water company, since the passage of the annexation bill, has attempted to secure a ten years extension of that contract, but under the advise of Judge Mills, their application was refused.



In the Village of Eastchester,-- the newly incorporated village,-- I have been told that since the passage of the bill by the Legislature, the water company did secure a ten years contract for one hundred hydrants, which I have no doubt the City will refuse to recognize. I understand also that the same thing has been done in the Village of Wakefield. A cooked up arrangement between a local town board and a water company under such circumstances, will be undoubtedly treated as it deserves.

In the Town of Westchester there is a gas and electric company, of which Henry C. Henderson is the attorney, and I understand that this company is controlled by the Morris Race Track people. Henry C. Henderson is the attorney of the Morris Race Track. The gas and electric company has a contract from the Town of Westchester to light the roads of the town. At the present time there are about 220 arc lights at \$125. a light, a total of about \$26,500. This could be reduced to the minimum number of 150 allowed by the contract, or a total of \$18,750 a year. This contract has about seven years to run. This is the extent of the corporate hold on the town so far as I have been able to ascertain. It is this corporate influence that has been fighting the bill, tooth and nail, at every step, with hired lobbyists at Albany, and from the whole territory the only parties who appeared against the bill were Mr. Henderson, the attorney of these corporate interests and of the racetrack, the President of



the Sewer Commission in Williams Bridge, and the President of that Village. Of course I except Judge Davis, who was retained by them merely on the point of constitutionality.

The Village of Wakefield and Town of Eastchester cannot vary the figures above given very much. As soon as I can ascertain them they will be sent in.

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The supporters of the bill are attempting to rip the "schemes" in the bud. The opponents of the bill are those interested in furthering the "schemes" and are begging for more time.

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Annexation bill

Assets

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Liabilities

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joined by them merely on the point of constitutionality.

The Village of Wakefield and Town of Framingham.

cannot say the figures above given very much. As soon as I can ascertain them they will be sent in.

State of New York

SS:

County of Westchester

JOHN S. MAPES, being duly sworn  
says, that he is treasurer of School District No. 4, of the  
town of Westchester, Westchester County, N. Y.

That the bonded indebtedness of said School Dis-  
trict is Ten thousand (\$10,000) Dollars.

That this deponent has on hand the sum of One thou-  
sand (\$1,000) Dollars raised for the payment of a bond  
maturing this year, and that the bonds mature at the rate  
of One thousand dollars per annum and bear interest at the  
rate of four per cent.

Sworn to before me this:

29th, day of May, 1895:

*John S. Mapes*

*Edward Batten*  
*Notary Public*  
*Westchester Co*  
*N.Y.*



Supervisor's Office

TOWN OF WESTCHESTER.

West Chester, N. Y. May 29<sup>th</sup> 1895

State of New York }  
County of Westchester }

Augustus W. Field being duly sworn says that he is the Supervisor of the Town of Westchester, that the bonded indebtedness of said town as appears from the Town Books and as far as deposited known are as follows:

\$8,000	7%	Mr Bondy Loan	7%
5,000	6%	Refunding Bonds	Dec 1897
5,000	5%	"	" " 1896
5,000	4%	"	" " 1898
3,334.	4%	Bridge Bonds	" 4,000 per annum
90,000.	3 1/4%	Local Improvement	" 5,000 " " from 1899
133,000.	3 1/2%	"	" 5,000 per annum from 1917

\$271,000 is total Bonded indebtedness outside of Incorporated Villages and School Bonds.

Sworn to before me }  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May }  
1895: Edward Baker }  
Notary Public Westchester Co. N.Y. }  
Aug. W. Field  
Supervisor

New York May 29/95  
Hon. Strong Mayor of New York City  
Dear Sir

We property owners on 3<sup>d</sup> ave  
from 125<sup>th</sup> St to Harlem River feel  
greatly aggrieved at the Condition of  
3<sup>d</sup> ave at the dangerous Condition  
at that point.

The Widening of E 130<sup>th</sup> St from 3<sup>d</sup>  
ave to 4<sup>th</sup> ave is simply to accommodate  
the R.R. Companies Trolly & 3<sup>d</sup> ave  
Nothing more.

Why not simply give us a decent  
outlet by widening 3<sup>d</sup> ave West Side  
from River to 127<sup>th</sup> St. It is Cheaper &  
better & will have to be done sometime  
if not now. This would give the R.R. all  
the Terminal facilities they require  
& stop all this fobbing. Make the Cliff  
200 feet wide or more the better giving  
a beautiful approach to Bridge. I sent all  
parties except one who wants the Bridge  
to <sup>run</sup> straight into his saloon. Nameless



Mullins - E 130<sup>th</sup> St. they own all this &  
lease from 129<sup>th</sup> St to 130<sup>th</sup> St.

Simply give us a sensible & practical  
plan. Say the Reese" plan Engineer  
under the late Louis Henry Com. of  
Streets. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Wards. to change his  
plans was simply jealousy or something  
worse. This to you must be the only  
possible way out. Send an Expert up  
there & make a report to you. Everything  
is in chaos & disorder R.R. having  
the whole block from 128<sup>th</sup> St to 130<sup>th</sup> St. we  
cannot take in a ton of coal without  
being arrested by R.R. Co.

please look after us in this most  
"Important Seminars" in New York City.

I dare not give my name as I would  
be harassed by the interested parties

Yours Truly

a Citizen who voices many  
at this point —

Henry was an honest  
Com. & his Engineer was  
the same. had nothing  
to gain save the good of  
New York City & people

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FRANKLIN A. WILCOX.  
GEO. BETHUNE ADAMS.  
HERBERT GREEN.

Law Offices of  
**WILCOX, ADAMS & GREEN,**  
69 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK. May 29, 1895.

In re Westchester Annexation Bill.  
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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor &c.

Dear Sir:-

I sincerely trust that you will approve this Bill. I pray you will not allow the politicians, and the selfish interests of those composing the local boards in the territory proposed to be annexed to defeat the Bill. As a taxpayer and resident for many years in this City I strongly favor The Greater New York Bill, but if we cannot have the whole loaf, I beg that those who now have official power will give us the half loaf. On a referendum there would be a very great majority, in my opinion, in favor of this Bill. Of course it is possible for interested persons to raise innumerable doubts and questions, as an industrious mind can always do, in respect to the plainest proposition, but it is to be borne in mind that this Bill was favorably considered by two committees of the Legislature and passed both houses, and that these committees and the members of the Legislature were composed largely of lawyers of good standing, having the precedent of the bill annexing the 23rd and 24th Wards before them.

I was present at the hearing before you yesterday on this Bill and had been invited to speak in its support, but I felt that the arguments in its favor were so unanswerable that any remarks of my own were uncalled for in view of your valuable time.



Very respectfully yours,

Franklin A. Woolf.

City Island May 29<sup>th</sup> 1895

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

I attended the hearing yesterday on the bill for the annexation of a part of Westchester County to the City of New York, intending to state why I am in favor of the bill, but on account of the many speakers, and lateness of the hour, I did not like to intrude.

The people in the portion of the Town of Pelham to be annexed to New York City, voted 197 for annexation to 71 against. And, as more than one half the area of the town belongs to New York now, and is about  $\frac{5}{6}$  of the portion to be annexed, separating the remainder of the Town, so as there is no common interest in the improvements that should be made, which is a great injury to the property owners.

Therefore I hope your Honor will approve of the bill as an act of justice to a large majority in both sections of the Town of Pelham.

Respectfully yours  
William M. Miller Supervisor  
of the Town of Pelham



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THE  
Liverpool and London and Globe  
Insurance Company.

HEAD OFFICE,  
45 WILLIAM STREET, N. Y.

HENRY W. EATON,  
Resident Manager.  
GEO. W. HOYT,  
Deputy Manager.

WILLIAM ABBATT,  
AGENT.  
P. O. BOX 114.

West Chester, N. Y. Agency.

May 29 1895.

Dear Sir

As a resident of this town, where my family have been taxpayers for nearly fifty ~~fifty~~ years, I ask you to approve the bill now in your hands, providing for annexing a part of the town to New York.

The decent people of the town are in favor of it, as our only salvation from the rogues whose rule has doubled our taxes in seven years, and who are the chief opponents of the measure. Their craft is in danger, and the race track gamblers who have kept up 'little Montefarlo' are with them. They almost succeeded in defeating the bill in the legislature, but I trust will fail in their efforts before you.

Very truly  
W. Abbatt

Mayor Strong

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In the Matter of the Hearing before:  
the Mayor of the City of New York  
as to the Approval of the Bill for  
the Annexation of Certain Territory:  
in Westchester County to New York  
City.  
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To the Honorable William L. Strong, Mayor of New York City.

I take the liberty of submitting the following brief synopsis of the principal argument made by me orally before your Honor at the hearing yesterday upon the question of the constitutionality of the bill above referred to.



Section 4 of Article III of the old Constitution provided for a census in 1855 and at the end of every ten years thereafter and that each Senate District "shall remain unaltered until the return of another enumeration and shall at all times consist of contiguous territory; and no county shall be divided in the formation of a senate district, except such county shall be equitably entitled to two or more senators". The corresponding provision of the new constitution, contained in Article III, Section 4, is each senate district "shall remain unaltered until the return of another enumeration and shall at all times consist of contiguous territory; and no county shall be divided in the formation of a senate district, except to make two or more senate districts wholly in such county".

It will be observed that the provisions are practically alike, the legal meaning of the latter clause in each being undoubtedly the same.

The old constitution and the new, in Section 5 of Article III, contain substantially the same provision as to the assembly districts, which are to the effect that they shall be apportioned among the several counties of the state in a certain manner and where a county has more than one, the Board of Supervisors shall divide it into assembly districts and the enumeration and such division shall remain unaltered until after the next enumeration. The old constitution contains as to this latter point these words, "and the ~~apport~~ apportionment and districts shall remain unaltered until another enumeration shall be made as herein provided"; and the



new constitution these words, "and such apportionment and districts shall remain unaltered until another enumeration shall be made as herein provided". The language in each is substantially alike. By a vote of the people in November, 1874, going into effect January 1, 1875, this Section 5<sup>(old constitution)</sup> was amended by adding to it the words "Nothing in this section shall prevent division at any time of counties and towns and the erection of new towns and counties by the legislature". These exact words are preserved in the section of the new constitution, *except the words "and counties" in the latter clause*.

The old and the new constitutions contain substantially the same provision as to the judicial districts, that is, that they are to continue as they now are until changed, and that the legislature may alter them once after every enumeration under the constitution. As to the Departments, the present constitution permits the legislature to change them once in ten years, whereas the old constitution, Section 7 of Article VI, permitted the legislature to change them once in five years.

The important point deducible from the foregoing is this: that the condition as to the constitutional provisions was precisely the same in 1873 and 1874, when the act annexing West Farms, Morrisania and Kings Bridge was passed, as it is now in reference to this act.

The object and effect of the latter part of Section 1 of the proposed act is to make the annexation act of 1873, as amended, applicable to the territory included in the proposed act precisely the same as though that territory had been included in the annexation act of 1873 as a part of the 24th Ward. In other words, the constitution is precisely the



same as though this proposed act had amended the act of 1873 by including within it this additional territory as a part of the 24th Ward. Such amendment of course would be given effect only from the date of its passage and the act of 1873 <sup>as</sup> ~~has~~ thus amended would have to be executed as to the new territory precisely the same as though it had originally been passed this year as to that territory.

It is well established that under the constitution it is entirely unnecessary in the proposed act to repeat all the manifold and detailed provisions contained in the annexation act of 1873. The applying of those provisions to the territory to be newly annexed was not a violation of Section 17 of Article III of the new constitution, which section is but a re-enactment of the old corresponding section.

People ex rel Commissioners vs. Banks,, 67 N. Y. 575 - 576.

In Matter of Union Ferry Co., 98 N. Y. 140, 158.

It has been a common practice in acts in reference to villages or cities to make applicable to its territory other laws by similar references. Thus, for instance, most special charters of villages contain a provision to the effect that the trustees "shall possess all the powers within the limits of said village given by law to the Commissioners of Highways in towns".

The case of Lanning vs. Carpenter, 20 N. Y. 447, relied upon by the parties objecting to this act, was a case where the legislature attempted to create out of portions of two or more counties a new county, the County of Schuylers. The Court of Appeals there held in effect that the act was unconstitutional because it violated the provisions of the old



constitution above quoted as to assembly and senatorial districts, that is, leaving a portion of the new county in one district and a portion in another. It is to be observed respecting this case that it was decided by a divided court, four of the judges holding the above point and three dissenting therefrom; and also that at the time when the act under consideration there, in 1854, was passed, Section 5 of Article III <sup>(of the old constitution)</sup> had ~~not~~ been amended by adding to it the words above quoted, to wit "Nothing in this section shall prevent ~~di-~~<sup>erection</sup> vision at any time of counties and towns and the ~~organization~~ of new counties and towns by the legislature". It is quite possible that that decision may have led to that amendment although I am not informed upon this point. So far as the Lanning case might be used as an authority for the proposition that a change in county lines could not be made for the same reason that a new county could not be created out of portions of several counties, its effect and authority was limited by the later decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of Kinne vs. City of Syracuse xxx 2 Abbott's Court of Appeals Decision, pages 534, 537. The Lanning case was decided in 1859 and the Kinne case in 1866. By the act under consideration in the Kinne case, a portion of one assembly district was taken from it and added to another assembly district and the act was made to go into effect at once. In holding the act unconstitutional, the Court of Appeals in effect say, that such an act, that is, one annexing a town or a portion of a town to an adjoining city, must be so made as not to go into effect as to the assembly districts until those districts have been changed in a constitutional manner.



The words of the opinion upon this point are: "If it becomes  
 "desirable to change the boundary line of a town or city, ~~which~~  
 "is also a dividing line between assembly districts, the ~~act~~  
 "act adopted for the purpose should be so framed as to take  
 "effect at the next re-organization of assembly districts or  
 "in some other mode consistent with the constitutional in-  
 "junction in consideration."

The Legislature in enacting the annexation act, which  
 is best seen in the revision thereof, Chapter 329 of the Laws  
 of 1874, adopted the suggestion made by the Court of Appeals  
 in the Kinne case in the paragraph above quoted, and in sec-  
 tions 1 and 2 thereof made the annexation of West Farms,  
 Kings Bridge and Morrisania go into effect as to the Sena-  
 torial, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Assembly <sup>and</sup> Judicial Districts only, when such new  
 districts should be established "by law in the State of New  
 "York under the state census" but made it go into effect in  
 all other respects immediately. Under that act the compli-  
 cated business of the annexation of those three towns to New  
 York City was successfully accomplished and so far as I can  
 learn no one had the hardihood to suggest that the act was  
 unconstitutional. My contention therefore is that the pro-  
 posed act now under consideration is, as to this question  
 of unconstitutionality, precisely in the same situation as  
 was the annexation act of 1874, that is, that the objections  
 presented before the Mayor to the constitutionality of this  
 proposed act obtained, if at all, with equal force against  
 that act. I do not think it is necessary to argue that that  
 act was constitutional. It has so been treated by everyone  
 and most important interests rest upon such a view of it.



The argument submitted by Mr. Southard in support of the constitutionality of this act was not, as he informs me, intended by him to be opposed to the argument submitted by me. His reasoning was that if the view should be taken that the premise upon which my argument was based failed, which premise was that the proposed act made the old annexation act applicable to the new territory, then even the proposed act ought not to be regarded as unconstitutional. In short, his effort was to show that if it be conceded, that section 1 of the proposed act is susceptible of the construction that the old act (of 1874) is not made applicable to the new territory, even then the new act is constitutional. I have not undertaken to consider the question of the constitutionality of the proposed act upon this theory, viz. that the first section of it should be construed as not making the old act applicable to the territory proposed to be annexed. I am entirely clear in my opinion that the meaning of the first section of the proposed act is to extend and make applicable to the new territory the old act, and I believe that no court would hesitate to give such construction to that section.

Without such construction no effect <sup>whatever can</sup> ~~may~~ be given to the language of that section, the gist of which is that the new territory shall be regarded "except as may be modified by the provisions herein contained, as if such territory had been included within said 24th Ward by the provisions of Chapter 613 of the Laws of 1873, Entitled X X X and the several acts amendatory thereof." Plainly if such territory had been included within such ward by the provisions of that act, it would have been subject to those provisions.



It is not pretended that that act (the old annexation act) has ever been expressly repealed. There is nothing in any subsequent act making its repeal by implication necessary ~~its~~ so far as ~~its~~ being extended to cover the annexation of the new territory.

Very respectfully submitted,

*Leone N. Mills*  
Attorney of many Taxpayers  
of the Village of Williamsbridge

Dated May 29th, 1895.

In the Matter of the  
Hearing before the Mayor  
of the City of New York  
as to the Approval of the  
Bill for the Annexation  
of Certain Territory in  
Westchester County to  
New York City.

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Brief of Isaac N. Mills.

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Isaac N. Mills  
Atty & Counselor at Law,  
38 West 12th St.,  
Mount Vernon,  
N. Y.



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New York May 29, 1895,

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

Dear Sir:

I do hereby tender you my resignation as Inspector of  
Common Schools of the City of New York. Hoping you will accept  
the same I remain

Very respectfully yours,

*Louis H. Muller*  
*# 15 King St*

The Drivers' and Hostlers' Protective & Benevolent Union,

\* Department of Street Cleaning. \*

Branch No. 1.



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New York, May 29<sup>th</sup> 1895 -

Honorable. William, L. Strong, Mayor.

Hon. Sir

at a regular meeting of Branch No. 1  
the following resolution was unanimously  
adopted; that we request your honor  
to have the Commissioners of St. Cleaning  
adopt some other Uniform, within  
reason other than white. We have no  
objection in wearing a uniform in compli-  
ance with the law; but do not wish  
to don any that will be jeered at by  
the public Hoping you will give the above  
your Kind Consideration, & oblige.

Yours very Respectfully

Drivers, & Hostlers Union

Gramercy Hall

326 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
City.



*Parkhurst*

No. 133 East 35th Street,

New York, May 29th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My dear Sir:-

Imperative engagements render impossible my attendance to-day at the public hearing to be given on the enactment of Legislature legalizing the acts of the Park Commissioners in connection with the million dollar appropriation. I should have been glad to say a word in encouragement of your giving your assent to the bill. At most, the offence committed by Mr. Straus and his colleagues was a technical one, and I am sure no one can be knowing to what occurred at the time and to the condition of popular feeling that then existed, without being convinced that there was no intentional wrong committed by the parties to whom such bill relates. The special ground of my own feeling in the matter is that the Extraordinary Grand Jury by which the indictment was found, was supposed to be a "Reform" jury; and their action in ignoring a large number of criminals that had a well supported reputation of criminality, and pouncing down upon the members of the Park Board who had a just as well supported reputation for respectability and integrity, is a mode of "Reform" that impresses the popular mind queerly and tends to cheapen the movement in the esteem of candid and intelligent people.

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I trust you will see your way clear to help remove the stigma that the action of the jury has operated to put upon these gentlemen.

Yours very sincerely,

*C. H. Parkhurst.*



Will Mr King give this his  
attention please

May 30 1905

5 EAST FORTY-FOURTH STREET.

Dear Mr Strong 147

Directly & indirectly  
I pay to the city consider-  
able amounts in annual  
taxes & do not remember  
ever to have asked much  
in return. But if it is  
proper, I would now  
like to ask as a special  
favor that my little  
boy Thomas Sloane Barnes  
6 years old be allowed  
during good behavior  
the freedom to use his

little velocipede & roller  
skates in Bryant  
Park 42<sup>nd</sup> St & 6 Ave.

There are not many such  
breathing spots, but  
this one is conveniently  
near my house. At  
present the officer  
on duty here denies  
the little fellow his  
privilege which he  
formerly enjoyed.

Hoping you can  
arrange this with  
kind regards in which  
Mrs Barnes joins I am  
Yours Very Gratefully  
Henry D. Barnes  
To  
Hon Wm L Strong



New York, May 31, 1895

Hon W. L. Strong  
Mayor.

My Dear Sir

I learn that one B. T. Stenrich has applied for a roof garden & concert license at 101<sup>st</sup> & Columbus Av.

I am sure if you realize what this means in a resident neighborhood that has hitherto been kept comparatively free from such things you would not give your sanction.

I write to protest most earnestly & respectfully against the granting of any such license. We look to you for such protection for the better interests of the community as your election to office caused us to hope. We believe we shall not look in vain.

Yours very heartily  
Samuel Francis  
Pastor

166 W 92<sup>nd</sup> St

Mayor's Office,  
Brooklyn.

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May 31st, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:

I am desired by his Honor the Mayor to refer to you the inclosed communication from the Health Commissioner of Brooklyn. By some oversight, it was not laid before the Mayor until to-day, and he wishes that you give it immediate attention.

*Answer*

Respectfully,

*W. M. Palmer*

Secretary to the Mayor.



*Law Offices of  
Southard & Fairchild*

MILTON I. SOUTHARD,  
BEN L. FAIRCHILD.

*155 Broadway,*

*New York* May 31st, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of

New York,

City Hall, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed is an additional statement with a summary showing the net indebtedness of the territory to be only \$314,053.

The assessed valuation of \$10,000,000. is probably much lower than it would be if figured by the New York Assessors, as it is a frequent occurrence in small towns that the assessed valuations are cut down to the lowest possible scale. I would not be surprised if the \$10,000,000. would mean \$20,000,000., based upon the New York City plan of assessment. A resident of the district in my office says that that would be a safe estimate.

The statement that you made that your informant had mentioned \$6,000,000 as the indebtedness of the territory was repeated to me subsequently from a source that came from the opposition. The opposition had

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stated that some one had called on you and told you that the total indebtedness was \$6,000,000., and you were therefore going to disapprove the bill. I do not know who your informant was, but this would seem to indicate that the misinformation was given to you with malice aforethought.

If there should be any further attempt to prejudice your mind by what might be misinformation, I hope you will give me the same opportunity to investigate as you have so kindly done in the matter of this indebtedness.

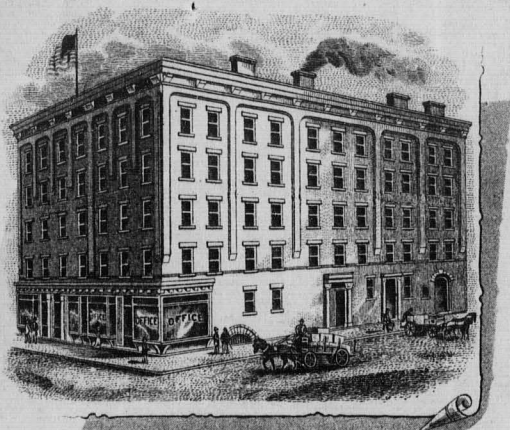
Respectfully yours,

*Ben L. Fairchild*



JOSEPH KRAUS.

FRANK R. LEWIN.



OFFICE & FACTORY Corner 71<sup>st</sup> St. and Ave. A.

*New York, May 31st/95. 189*

Mayor Strong,  
City Hall, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

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We wish to inform you that the dust on this avenue is something unbearable. We wish you would remedy this, and have the street sprinkled so that one can have a door or window open without being choked with dust. The dust is so fine, it blows into the 5th story, blows into the fine stock and destroys it. Kindly oblige us by having this fixed and confer a favor upon

Yours very respt.,

Kraus & Lewin.

ROBERT BLUM,

No. 1 Mitchell Place.

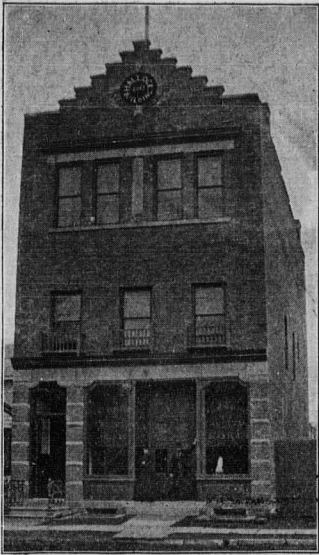


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New York, May 31 1895

William A. Strong Esq  
Dear Sir!

In the name of several residents of Mitchell Place, I wish to complain about the condition of this street. Although in the middle of the city, it is unpaved and forms a continuous menace to the health of the residents & its neighborhood. Several complaints have been made under the Tammany Regime, but without avail, the proper authorities claiming, that they could not get the consent of the property owners, but probably there was corruption behind it. Mitchell Place should be paved. Respectfully Robert Blum  
a reform citizen





HANDSOME STAGE TO SHOW PROPERTY, FREE

Charles W. Hallock,  
Real Estate Broker,

White Plains Avenue.

*Williamsbridge. N. Y.* May 31st.

1895

Honorable Mayor W. R. Strong,

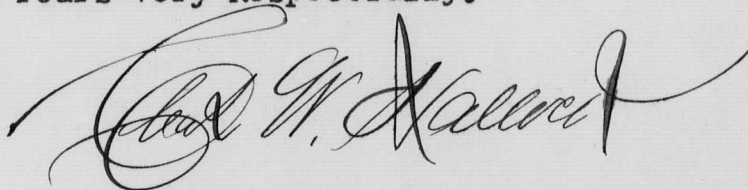
Esteemed Sir:-

Being no speech maker par-

don me for writing you a few lines why I feel you should sign the Bill to annex Williamsbridge to your great City, one of your large Parks is now partly in this Village, your City owns Bronx Park and should own the land surrounding it, some nine tenth of this population earnestly desire to be annexed, the reasons are so we can borrow money from Banks and Institutions at 5% on first class security, being out of the limits we have to pay 6% to private parties, with lower interest. money would be taken rapidly to build this place up, we are growing and are now entitled to letter carriers which we then should have, our present indebtedness is small and never again will the City have so small an amount to assume, as to Sewer money, that is a bonded debt which in times will be paid by assessments for each lot, most of our Citizens are City people and many reside here and do business in City. and feel proud of the greatest City in many respects, in the World, and we want to be owners of homes in a City we are proud to be Citizens of and a

name that gives tone to property in its limits, many more reasons could be named but I will not waste your valuable time but will say if you was a resident here you would no doubt be anxious to have this handsome place part of your great City, you can get along without us but I assure you we need you and as an old resident, largely interested in the welfare of this place and one posted in its value I hope you will approve of the bill.

Yours Very Respectfully.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles W. Haller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Yours Very Respectfully.".