

New York June 27<sup>th</sup> 1895

Louise Lawson, sculptor,  
acknowledges to have  
received from Thomas Murphy  
Treasurer of the S S Co.  
Monument Fund Committee  
the full sum of  
Ten Thousand one Hundred  
and fifty dollars, which  
makes payment in full  
for the bronze statue of the  
Honorable Samuel Sullivan Co.  
and the pedestal, and the  
work and labor performed  
in the completion and  
erection of the S S Co.  
monument in Astor Place  
in the City of New York.

Louise Lawson.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1895 -  
at the Statute in Astor Place.

S. S. Cot Seelue

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Department of Buildings,

New York, June 27, 1895.

To Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Examining Board of Plumbers consists of five officials, as follows:

Two Master Plumbers, one Journeymen Plumber, the Chief Engineer of Sewers, and the Chief Inspector of Plumbing and Ventilation. The last two are non-salaried officers so far as this Board is concerned; the other three receive a compensation of five dollars (\$5.00) per day, and their term of service is limited to four days in each month.

The three gentlemen who are now named for the office of examiners are ~~Mr. Alexander Bryant, of the firm of Bryant & Co., 23d Street and Broadway,~~ Mr. J. P. Knight, of the firm of Knight & Son, No. 755 Seventh Avenue, and James Morrow, foreman for James Muir & Sons, No. 20 East 20th Street.

Mr. Alexander Bryant has personally directed some of the largest plumbing works in this City, among which are the Netherlands Hotel, Buckingham Hotel, Home Life Ins. Building, Downey Building, American Tract Society Building and Metropolitan Life Ins. Building.

Mr. James P. Knight, like Mr. Bryant, has had personal charge of the plumbing of the following large and important buildings; New Herald Building, Manhattan Life Building, Vander-



To Hon. William L. Strong -- Page 2.

bilt Building, Sherman Sq., Beverwyck, Grosvenor and Savoy Hotels.

James Morrow has been an employee of Messrs. Muir & Sons for the past twenty-five years. This firm stands at the head of all plumbing concerns in this country. Mr. Morrow is an able, skillful and intelligent mechanic.

Respectfully,

*Heverman Lovatt*  
Superintendent of Buildings.



Letter to Mayor  
concerning  
Ex. Board of Plumbers.

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Respectfully,

Superintendent of Buildings.

*James C. [unclear]*

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concerning in this country. Mr. Morrow is an able,

Members of the Board of Examining Plumbers.

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Joseph W. O'Brien, Chairman,

Master Plumber, No. 154 Spring St.

Michael Ryan,

Master Plumber, No. 1000 Sixth Ave.

James Mc Govern,

Journeyman Plumber,

Care of Bryant & Crow, No. 12 East 23d St.

*Beauford*  
Horace Loomis, Ex-officio,

Engineer of Sewers, Dept. of Public Works.

George D. Scott, Ex-officio,

Chief Inspector Plumbing & Ventilation,

Department of Buildings.

New York, June 27, 1895.



Arthur H. Napier  
Lincoln Building

— No 1 —  
— Union Square.

in place of Mr A. Bryant.

OFFICE OF  
E. R. WILCOX,  
~~33~~ TOMPKINS STREET,  
<sup>Slattery</sup>  
BET. DELANCEY AND RIVINGTON STREETS, E. R.

Removed to 94 Mangin Street.

New York, June 27 1895

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

My Dear Mr Mayor

I think it  
is a good thing & among other reforms  
in our City, I endorse Preacher  
Falconers idea, that all liquor  
dealers, shall have a provision  
put in future Licenses, that no  
liquor, shall be sold or given, to  
any member of the Police Department  
while in Uniform,  
under penalty of forfeiture  
of the said License.

Very Truly Yours

E. R. Wilcox



F.N. BARRETT,  
Editor.

TELEPHONE, 575 FRANKLIN.  
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New York, June 27th., 1895.

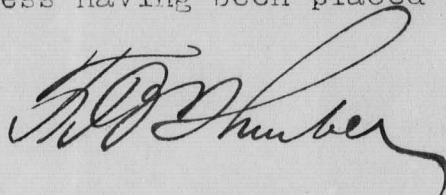
Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear sir:

I found the enclosed paper among those relating to bridge matters which you gave me yesterday, it doubtless having been placed there through error.

Yours truly,



P. S.

Should Mr. Root decline appointment as counsel for reasons mentioned by Mr. Wales yesterday, I would ask your consideration of ex-Judge William G. Choate of the firm of Barlow, Larocque and Choate 35 William street. You are probably acquainted with him, but in case you are not I may say that he was for a time Judge of the U. S. District Court and resigned because he could not afford to longer serve at the small compensation. He is a brother of Joseph H. Choate, and while not so well-known as an advocate, is considered at least his equal in ability as a lawyer. He is an admirable man in every respect, and one of my friends last night suggested his name as being an available man in case such an one was needed. I hope Mr. Root will think it proper for him to accept because in some respects he is the best man I know of but in case he does not, I submit the above for your consideration.

*Dushnick*  
*5500.*  
*South*



Our sole aim is to raise the tone of our citizenship. Whatever concerns the welfare of our city is made the subject of inquiry and conference.

## The City Vigilance League,

UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,  
105 EAST 22ND STREET,  
ROOM 408.

The Fourth  
Assembly District.  
187 Henry Street,

New York, June 27, 1895.

C. H. PARKHURST, D. D., President,  
183 East 85th Street.

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Hon. ABRAM S. HEWITT,  
A. E. KITTREDGE, D. D.  
Rt. Rev. HENRY C. POTTER,  
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A. W. ABBOTT, Secretary,  
United Charities Bldg., Room 408.

WM. M. KINGSLEY, Treasurer,  
45 Exchange Place.

Committee on Markets,  
Board of Alderman,  
New York City:-

Gentlemen:-

I beg herewith to respectfully urge your honorable body to take action looking to the establishment of a public market in this locality.

Being composed largely of a tenement population, with all that that implies, it is impossible to expect these people to patronize the west side markets, or even the old Catharine Market, because of their great distance from the residence center.

This necessitates and causes the present street-market in the region of Hester Street, between Allen and Clinton Streets, which is not only offensive, but even dangerous to the public health.

The Hester Street market however, can not be done away with until a better substitute is furnished, and for this reason we ask <sup>for</sup> immediate action by your Committee.



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New York,

The hucksters and fish-peddlers at present illegally occupying these streets, are even anxious that a market be established where they can hire stalls and transact their business without the constant dread of arrest and fine or imprisonment.

I trust some definite action will soon be taken to relieve this locality from this disgrace, and beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Abn. L. Wolbarst.

Chairman.

W.J.H.

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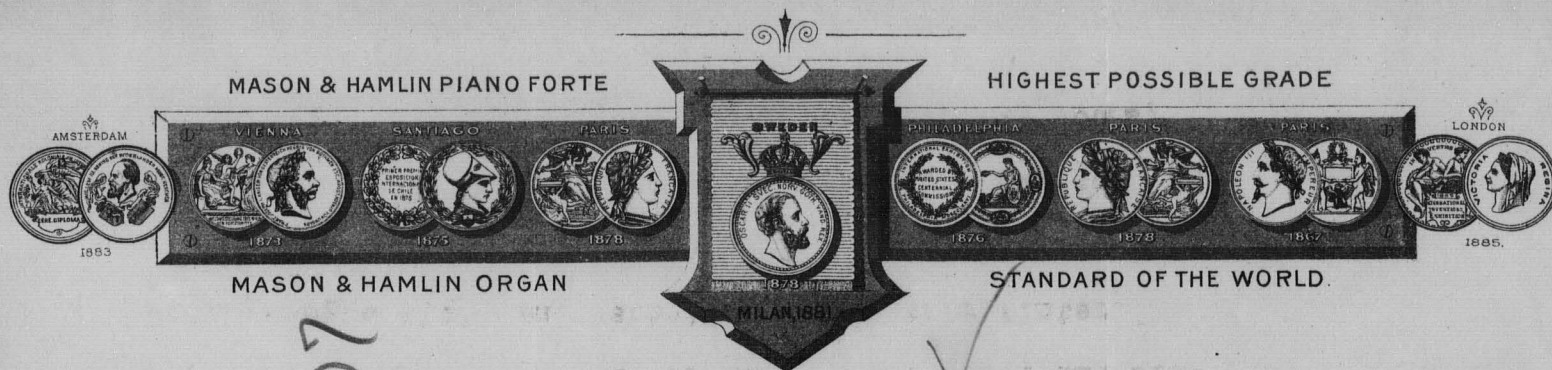
Mary of Strong,  
Mayor's Office  
City.



To Mayor Strong: How is it that Italians do  
hence to pay to Tannman Ram-sellers for their fruit  
and shoe shine stands off from \$10 to \$25 per month  
rent for occupying the public sidewalk outside  
these peoples saloons. You know that it is illegal  
and unlawful fraudulent to charge a rent for  
the public sidewalk, and I wd respectfully  
request that you will be good enough to  
take this outrage on the people's rights  
investigated and have these Ram sellers prosecuted  
for fraud

Risky, Bonafide Republican

27th June 95.



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# Mason & Hamlin Co.

136 FIFTH AVENUE,

*New York,* June, 27th, 1895. *189*

To the Hon. W. E. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

My dear Sir:-

I have taken the liberty of addressing this letter to you in reference to having Music at the City Hall. I have read in the papers of the Receptions that you frequently have at the City Hall, and thinking that a little Music would be appropriate on these occasions, I would submit the following proposition to you.

I play the Mason & Hamlin Liszt Organ, and, on this Organ I play Brilliant, Operatic, and the popular Music of the day; and in order to show you what a grand instrument this is, and the effects that I can bring out from this organ, I will by your permission send this instrument down to the City Hall, and will play at one of your Receptions; or will play for you personally on trial.

I have played this Organ during the past Winter at the New York Press Club, The Garrick Club, The Democratic Club, also I played all last Summer on The Albany night Boat Drew, and will play at The Union League Club, and Manhattan Club, this Winter.

I kindly ask you to give me a trial, and if my proposition meets with your favor, I would ask you to reply to,

Very respectfully yours,

*W. A. Corey*





W. A. Corey,

Mason & Hamlin Co.

#136 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

No. 111 West 115<sup>th</sup> St.  
June 27<sup>th</sup>

To His Honor  
William L. Strong  
Mayor.  
New York City.

Sir,

Your valued favor has been duly received  
& the courtesy of the reply highly appreciated.

I regret to inform you that the Commissioner  
of Public Works has not paid the  
slightest attention to your commands &  
wishes, which would appear as a mark of  
disrespect to you.

The Commissioner evidently considers  
that the affair is none of my business; in  
this, however he is at error; as the position  
that I petitioned for & which I lost in a  
seemingly unjust way was of importance



To me, & I propose, with the kind  
support of your Honor, to know why  
I lost it, & if unfairly, to sift the matter  
to the bottom.

I regret the stand taken by the  
Commissioner, as it is not in  
keeping with the dignity of the office  
which he is expected to uphold.

With deepest regret at my  
enforced trouble to you, Sir,

I have the honor to  
remain your obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>.

(Mrs) Ida D Herwill

June 27<sup>th</sup>/95

✓  
Your Honor

The Strict enforcement of the Excise Law. on Sundays is a Great Hardship to a number of well meaning Respectable Dealers in this great Big Cosmopolitan City. and as I read in this Mornings Papers. Your Idea is to enforce all Laws on the Statue Books untill the Legislature changes them. take the Liberty of offering you a well meaning Dealers Argument

To begin with I was opposed to Sammy Tactics and accordingly <sup>voted</sup> and advised all my intimate Friends and Good Customers to do the same. I live and do Business in a neighborhood composed mostly of decent Hardworking People — and while I have not made a Fortune I was able to support a wife



and six Children in a Comfortable <sup>manly</sup>  
my Business is such that the Profits of  
the Sunday Trade is better than any 3  
days of the week, and as my Rent is  
pretty steep, and my Stock at the  
present a fair supply. I must confess  
that if I am compelled to drive my  
Sunday Business to Hoboken, Statue Island,  
Coney Island, Astoria, and the numerous  
other adjacent places (where they can get  
whatever they demand for the money they  
earn in (N. Y. City) it does force the  
conclusion on me to get away to one of  
the other of those places. (An 'Exile' from <sup>the</sup>  
City of my Birth, and the place I Love,  
my wife and children Love) Simply  
because of an unnecessary and foolish  
enforcement of an obnoxious and unamerican  
Excise Law. - either this or every <sup>man</sup>  
of my calibre in the Business will be  
forced to vacate leased premises, <sup>and</sup>  
in other ways degrade themselves to

make room for an unscrupulous Class  
who will within the next five years  
be in possession of these same Vacated  
Places to glory once again in the <sup>Ascending</sup>  
of Tammany Hall -

The Excise Board are  
Proper People to decide this Question  
as they know the feelings of the People  
better than Theodore Roosevelt who may  
mean Right but nevertheless is doing  
a great injury an admirer of  
Reform in every sense, even in  
the Business of.

Very Respectfully  
a Born New Yorker

Use your Efforts to put a Stop to  
this.

Let the Police close all Places  
known to be kept in an improper manner  
and allow those who run their Business  
in a quiet orderly manner not only on  
Sundays but every day - to make a  
living from the class that earn their  
money in New York City - not in Jersey or Brooklyn



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Registered Office:—9, VICTORIA CHAMBERS, SOUTH PARADE,

LEEDS.

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The Horsfall Refuse Furnace Co., Limited.

ADDRESS  
THE SECRETARY.

June 27th. 189 5.

Mayor Strong  
City of New York  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

We have observed in the "New York Herald" of June 12th. an account of the system of cremation of City Refuse as carried on at Wylmington, Del. We have pleasure in sending you various particulars referring to that system of the burning of refuse known as the "Horsfall"; they are as follows;

Reprint from "Hygiene", Descriptive Letter, List of work done & in progress, & Testimonials.

There is one item in the description above referred to that is of particular interest, & that is the expenses of the burning of the refuse.

This is given as not to exceed 8 cents per caput per annum. Now comparing this with the <sup>cost</sup> ~~figure~~ of the burning of refuse on our system in England it is found to be just about double. Considering the universal importance of this subject we should be very happy to correspond with you with regard to the disposal of your refuse, & we should be pleased to forward <sup>you</sup> any further information or particulars you may desire.

In the meantime

We are, dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Per Pro.

HORSFALL REFUSE FURNACE Co. Ltd.

*W. Watson*  
*Manager*

# United Societies

—FOR—

Liberal \* Sunday \* Laws,

Headquarters: TERRACE GARDEN,

145-155 East 58th St.

NEW YORK CITY.

New York,

June 27<sup>th</sup> 1895

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Arion Soc	Junger M.C.	Central Labor Union
LiederKranz Soc	L'Avenir.	Central Labor Federation
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Schillerbund	Marxner M.C.	United Bookbinders of N.Y.C.
New York M.C.	Orpheus M.C.	Magnolia Assoc <sup>n</sup>
EichenKranz	Rehner M.C.	Culinary Trades Council.
Heinebund	Frischwert M.C.	N.Y. Conditore Ver.
Mozart Harmonie	Schlichter M.C.	Musical M.P.U.
Germania LiederKranz	Saentis.	Balfe Mus. Clu.
Arion Liedertafel	Th. Koerne L.T.	N.Y. Letter Carriers Assoc <sup>n</sup>
Harugari LiederKranz	Central Turn	Germania Sterbecas e
Grutli Maennerchor.	N.Y. Turn Ver.	Order des Herman Soehne
Swedish Singing Soc	Bloomington T.V.	Order K & L of Honor.
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Allemania M.C.	Caustatter " "	Nederland Israel Sick Fund
Bloomington I.K.	Plattdeutsche " "	Lithographers Assoc <sup>n</sup>
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Deutschland G.V.	Manhattan Schuetzenbund.	Saddler & Harness Makers of N.Y.
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Hudson M.C.	Germania Schuetzen bund.	
Hansa Harmonie.		
Tara Maennerchor		

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# MONMOUTH COUNTY HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION.

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P. O. BOX 5,  
WEST END, MON. CO., N. J.

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*Long Branch, N. J.,* June 28th. 1895.

Sir:-

I have the honor to state that at a meeting of the Directors of the Monmouth County Horse Show Association held at Hollywood Hotel, Long Branch N.J. June 22nd. 1895. the following gentlemen were elected HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS for the year 1895.

General Thomas T. Eckert, H.C. Fahnstock, Washington Wilson, James Seligman, George N. Curtis, Henry Seligman, Andrew Dougherty, Col. Wm. L. Strong, Samuel Castner, Randolph Guggenheimer, D.M. Hildreth, John McCall, Robert Macley, H.W.T. Mali, Adolph Lewisohn, E.A. Price, Geo. F. Baker, Joseph Livingston, E.D. Adams, Edward Kemp and Col. W.P. Thompson.

The show will be held this season at Hollywood Park, Long Branch N.J. August 8th. 9th. and 10th.

Very res'y.  
*D. Casey*  
Sec'y & Treasr

To Col. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor N.Y. City.

115.  
233 Broadway, New York,  
June 28, 1895.

Sir:

Early in September of this year, the 8th or 9th, the Kossuth Monument Association of this City will arrange a Magyar National Festival on a larger scale, to celebrate the anniversary of Kossuth's birthday.

The festival will be one worthy of the occasion, solemn, dignified, artistic, and one showing the Magyar National character in its purest light.

Connected with the Kossuth Monument Association in the arrangement of the festival, are all the Hungarian societies, benevolent, literary, and social, of New York City and its vicinity.

The proceeds of the festival are to be devoted to the Kossuth Monument fund.

Will you permit the use of your name as one of the Honorary Managers of the festival, and thus aid the aims and the objects of the association, which, - as suggested by the name, - has been organized to secure funds to erect a statue in honor of Louis Kossuth in this city?

Kindly advise us of your decision at an early date, and accept the assurances of our high esteem.

Yours respectfully,

Hon.  
Wm L. Strong  
Mayor.

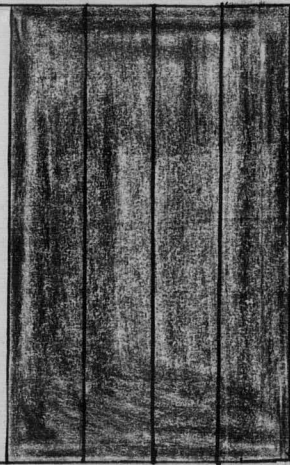
Wm L. Strong  
Pres. Kossuth  
Mon. Assn



Mr Wm Brookfield  
knows me, & can say  
if my representations are  
liable to be correct  
H. B. K.

Alexander Ave

139<sup>th</sup> St



Suburban E. R. R.



William Ave

138<sup>th</sup> St There are bad lots to force in  
in consequence of their being separated,

Station



Recd 8/9  
June 2  
H. B. Kirk & Co.

67 & 69 Fulton Street.

New York June 28<sup>th</sup> 1895

To His Honor, Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir,

I am told that a bill has passed the board, of Alderman, compelling me, to fence in, some lots, owned by me on 138<sup>th</sup> St. bet Alexander, & Willis, Ave's. I think it a hardship, and most respectfully ask your Honor to Veto, the Act for the following reasons, The lots are on the level with the street, Therefore no accidents can happen. It is a great accommodation to residents, in 139<sup>th</sup> St & 140<sup>th</sup> St who cross it to reach the Elevated Station also to do marketing & shopping. It is used by the boys, for a playground, we were all boys, once. The motive for getting the bill through, seems to have been a mixture of spite, on the part of enemies, and the desire of certain Carpenters to get a job. Alder School, I have no doubt, acted in good faith.

I enclose a plan of the property.

Yours Truly  
H. B. Kirk.

P. O. Box 1222.

CABLE ADDRESS, ROOSEVELT.

Roosevelt & Son,

33 Wall Street,

New York, June 28th, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor's Office, City Hall, City.

My dear Mr. Strong:--

Your favor of the 27th, is received.

Has any sketch been made with reference to the Memorial Monument, that could be shown at our next meeting, of the Park Board, if so, could you let me have it for next Wednesday, as our meeting is held at half past nine in the morning of that day at the Arsenal.

Very faithfully yours

*L. H. Roosevelt*  
*lhr*



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No. 177 BROADWAY,

Post Office Box 15.

New York, 28 June 1895.



Hon Mayor Strong.

My dear Sir.

Surely you have  
done me a great injustice  
Sweed, could do  
no worse in the cause  
of good Government;  
A man of your wisdom  
& unquestioned honesty

and fair dealing, cannot  
afford to ignore my  
Splendid Work,

You have made a Serious  
Mistake & I know my  
Man, You are just the  
Noble Good Fellow, to  
put matter right at once.  
Do kindly reconsider,

In any event,

Always Yours,

John Foley

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Shipman & Hamilton,

135 and 137 Broadway.

New York,

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. Wm L. Strong

Sir:

We notice that Police Justice Simms in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday fined a policeman \$10<sup>00</sup> for gross intoxication and abuse of passengers on a Broadway car and then ordered the clerk to mark same paid.

No money whatever having passed whereas the fine ought to be \$50<sup>00</sup> or the policeman jailed or made to pay, but it would appear that this policeman had his pull with this Tammany Judge and would it not be a good thing

To do, To take off every Tammam's  
man's head, especially this Police  
Justice's, would it not be doing  
the whole city, a great good  
that this head should drop in  
the basket before the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

Very Truly Yours.

Thimman Hamilton



## Empire Branch, No. 36,

+ NEW YORK CITY. +

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT,  
JOHN N. PARSONS,  
GENERAL POST-OFFICE,  
NEW YORK CITY.

National Association of Letter Carriers.

New York, June 28<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon William L. Strong, Mayor

Dear Sir

The New York Letter Carriers regret very much that you cannot be present at the Dedication of the S. S. Cox Statue and Presentation of the same to the City of New York on July 4<sup>th</sup>. But we trust you will designate someone to officially represent you in behalf of the City on this occasion.

The Ceremonies will begin at the Statue (Astor Place) 11 AM Sharp July 4<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Any further information needed will be furnished by addressing the undersigned

Respectfully

John N. Parsons  
President  
New York Letter Carriers

June 28, 1895.

Hon. Wm L. Strong,

thank you very much for the interest which you took in me, by sending a notice to the Department of Public Works to remove the stand at 109 Madison St. I received a letter from them stating that the stand can not be removed for the owner of which has a permit.

Dear Mayor! Is it not a law that no stand shall rest upon the sidewalks of New York City?



I also send to you the  
letter which I received  
from 31 Chamber St.

I therefore beg you  
once for all to see and  
help some way so that  
the stand shall be removed  
you are the one that can  
do it!

I'll repeat my  
condition again. I pay  
\$40 a month's rent and  
how can I support my  
family while he is in  
my way.

Yours very Respectfully

J. Harrison

114 Madison St  
City

WHEREAS, there is now pending before the Common Council of the City of New York the application of this Company for the extension of its railroad, among other streets, upon Eleventh Avenue or Boulevard, north of Manhattan Street, and upon St. Nicholas Avenue and Manhattan Avenues, south of 125th Street; and

WHEREAS, resolutions granting the application of this Company have been passed by the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York; and

WHEREAS said resolutions were transmitted to the Mayor of the said City, but were by him returned without approval to said Board of Aldermen for the reason that said application includes two routes which there was no mode of operating connectedly, except upon One hundred and twenty-fifth Street and Manhattan Street, upon which streets the Third Avenue Railroad Company owns and operates a line of railroad; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the said City has further suggested that said resolution be amended by the Board of Aldermen so as to provide for a connected route whereby other companies that the Third Avenue Railroad Company can operate said proposed extension as a connected route;

NOW, THEREFORE, to overcome the objection made by the said Mayor to the granting of the said application of the Third Avenue Railroad Company, it is



RESOLVED that if the said pending application of the Third Avenue Railroad Company be granted and the franchise for the extension covered by the said application be sold at public auction, as provided by law, that the successful bidder at such sale, if other than this Company, shall receive from this company a conveyance of the grant, for the consideration of One dollar per annum as rental, of the right and privilege to use perpetually the tracks of this company for the purpose of operating the cars of the successful bidder upon One hundred and twenty-fifth Street and Manhattan Street, between Eleventh Avenue or Boulevard and St. Nicholas Avenue, and the right to operate such tracks by any motive power which the successful bidder may lawfully be authorized to employ, and to make all track connections which may be requisite and necessary to connect said extension with the tracks of this company at the junction of One hundred and twenty fifth Street and Eleventh Avenue or Boulevard, and at the junction of St. Nicholas Avenue with One hundred and twenty-fifth Street;

And it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, ~~that the said extension be~~ in



case resolutions granting said application be passed by the Common Council, they shall be construed as authority to the Comptroller of the City of New York to incorporate among the terms of sale of said franchise a provision as follows:

The Third Avenue Railroad Company will grant to the successful bidder at said sale a conveyance, granting, for One dollar per annum as rental, the right and privilege of using perpetually the tracks of the Third Avenue Railroad Company upon One hundred and twenty fifth Street and Manhattan Street, between Eleventh Avenue or Boulevard and St. Nicholas Avenue, for the purpose of operating its cars, and the right to operate such tracks by any motive power which said successful bidder may lawfully be authorized to employ, and to make all track connections which may be requisite and necessary to connect said extension with the tracks of the Third Avenue Railroad Company at the junction of ~~Manhattan Street and Eleventh Avenue or Boulevard~~ Manhattan Street and Eleventh Avenue or Boulevard and at the junction of St. Nicholas Avenue with One hundred and twenty-fifth Street.



FURTHER RESOLVED, that this company execute and deliver to the Comptroller of the City of New York a bond in the penal sum of Fifty thousand dollars, obligating itself to comply with the terms of said provisions of said terms of sale.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the preamble and resolutions passed by the Board of Directors of the Third Avenue Railroad Company at a special meeting thereof held on June 28, 1895.

Dated, New York, June 28, 1895.

Alfred Lazarus,

(Seal)

Secretary.

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Third Avenue Railroad  
Company

Resolutions  
of Board of Directors

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My dear Sir:

You can, and ought to  
act promptly, in retiring Commis-  
sioner Porter from the Charters  
& Concessions. He is totally  
incapable and unworthy.  
You might to get a copy  
of the minutes of the Board  
of Aldermen, and see what  
the evidence against him  
in the matter of the building  
of the Sefferen Market Cart-  
house. Porter was one of  
the Commissioners, and borrowed  
or blackmailed Contractors and  
other employees. The outrages  
and thieving in the Depart-  
ment of Charters & Concessions  
are a public scandal.  
This man Porter is a sneak

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liar and swindler. Why such a man ever could succeed to any position in the city government is a mystery. He represents no party - He professes to be a democrat, and under the Anti Democracy was first appointed, but since he has retained office, Abram S. Hewitt formerly Mayor said he re-appointed him because he was indorsed by the Roman Catholic Bishop Corrigan and <sup>Episcopally</sup> Potter.

This is characteristic and shows what an adroit, Political buffer steerer, this Porter is. He is always on the fence, He is never positive or honest, He is simply a adventurer, a miserable creature, who is as helpless to make a living, as any inmate of the institutions he controls -



He is a smiling villain.  
 This fellow was born a  
 Uria's Keep, Nature  
 intended him as a waiter.  
 He ought to have a napkin  
 across his arm, or a  
 shop walker in a Millinery  
 store, or, if he had a  
 political ambition, simply  
 taking the time as fireman  
 over a number of City  
employees, but this miserable  
 creature imposed himself  
 on the democracy. He had  
 nothing to recommend him,  
 but his artful manner, was  
 actually a pauper - a crafty  
 sneak - Presuming on his  
 relation an old New York  
 Whig named James Lorimer  
 Graham who was a

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well known and conspicuous  
man 50 years ago, this fellow  
Porter worked himself in,  
Mr. Mayor. I ask you in  
the name of decency and  
reform to oust this man  
and select some manly fellow  
in his place, This Porter  
is a disgrace to the City  
Government. He has no  
following, represents nothing  
but his own selfishness and  
unworthiness. A fellow that  
is a democrat-republican, or anything  
for an office. Why the look of  
the man is enough, do, in the  
interest of the city, remove  
this dirty selfish sneak. I  
am surprised the other Commis-  
sioners should associate with  
this sneak & thief, L. A. Walker



NEW YORK,

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Con:

W. L. Strong.

Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir

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About two weeks ago I took the liberty of informing you Sir, of the Character of several Individuals, also of one James Mc Carver a City Marshal No 10. Chamber Street, a Strong Tammany Hall partisant, and who is a favored of Purroy who obtained the serving of the Summonses of the Board of Health at a Salary of \$2000, besides the Executions, he is one of the most Illiterate men amongst all the City Marshals, and dishonest.

You may also be kind enough to inform your City accountants to examine the accounts of the Clerk of the City Court, the Law says that he shall keep a fee book the same as the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and the Superior Court, he should give an account for all money, for transcripts, Satisfaction piece of Judgment Subpoena of Due Return, Exemplified Copies of Judgment, Certified Copy Order;

The fee for entering Judgment is one Dollar, and with every Judgment is a transcript which cost six cents more, that goes in the Clerk's pocket. Satisfaction of Judgment is 25 cents that goes in his pocket.

NEW YORK,

There are many hundreds of transcript every week,  
Certify copy Orders signed in Chambers each cost 10. cent  
Exemplified Judgments from \$2.50. to five dollars, sub-  
poenas of Duces Tecum \$1.25.

Ex Commissioner Daly has played the same game kept  
all the fees, with the exception of the return of one dollar  
for entering Judgment, and Why does not Comptroller  
Fitch make the Clerk comply with the law. Clerk  
McGlenick goes to Europe with his family;

Mr George Crocker has been sick for thirty three  
months, he was at Sature Island with Dr Jenkins  
& had the best in the land, and about to Europe  
for several months each time, he is a brother of Ri-  
chard Crocker the Tammany leader, just see he  
signed the pay Roll for him in the Comptroller's office

You also may examine into the Dock Depart-  
ment and see who built Sargent Crum's Docks  
near Madison Avenue Bridge;

You mustoust every Tammany man from  
Marshall down, McCarley is a particular  
friend to Edson of the Health Depart.

In a few days I will give you more news.

Yours Respectfully

J. C. Thompson.

Private



M. ERNST,

Manufacturer and  
... Designer of **Ornaments,**

++ FOR ++

Washington's Birthday,  
Decoration Day, 4th of July,  
St. Patricks Day and Easter,  
... also ...  
Encampments, State Fairs, Etc.



WE are prepared to execute a Design  
of any given Idea,  
for Badges for any occasion or celebration,  
whether FOREIGN  
... or  
DOMESTIC,  
if a sufficiently large quantity will be ordered.

CLEVELAND, O. June 29th 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of

New York City

Your Honor:

Permit me to present to you herewith my latest design of 4th of July Emblem.

I will deem it an honor, if you will approve of it and consider it worthy of being worn by you, when celebrating Independence Day.

Very respectfully yours,

M. Ernst.

METROPOLITAN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY,  
CABLE BUILDING,  
621 BROADWAY.

*June 29*  
NEW YORK, ~~July 2nd,~~ 1895

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen:-

We have the honor to present to you herewith, a new application for a consent to the construction and maintenance of a street surface railroad from One Hundred and Sixteenth Street North to the City Line.

Your previous action indicates that you are of the opinion that such a railroad ought to be built, and it is manifestly the earnest wish of the residents of that part of the City that it should be built without delay.

We have made this new application for a consent not to a branch or extension of any railroad, but in form for a new and independent road, in order that you may be free to impose conditions which will obviate the objections of his Honor the Mayor to the resolutions adopted by you on the 4th of June, 1895, in favor of the Third Avenue Railroad Company, and which will make competition for the right to build the road really open to the several Companies whose lines extend as far North as One Hundred and Sixteenth Street.

We beg to suggest that for the purpose of accomplishing that result you should grant the consent upon the following conditions.



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First. That the purchaser be required to exchange passengers with the Third Avenue Railroad at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street and Manhattan Avenue and at Manhattan Street and Amsterdam Avenue, and that but one fare of five cents shall be exacted for passage over both roads (if the Third Avenue Company consents.)

Second: That the purchaser be required to exchange passengers with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company at One Hundred and Sixteenth Street and Manhattan Avenue and at One Hundred and twenty-fifth Street and Amsterdam Avenue, and that but one fare of five cents shall be exacted for passage over both roads, (if the Metropolitan Company consents.)

Third: That the gross receipts from the joint business of the new road and the Third Avenue Railroad be divided between the purchaser and the Third Avenue Railroad Company upon the pro rata basis established by the statute, as if the new road were an extension of the Third Avenue Railroad.

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The consents of the Third Avenue Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company respectively will, of course, be necessary to make these conditions effectual. We

hereby offer to execute a valid and effectual consent of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company for such exchange of passengers and division of gross receipts from joint business. If the Third Avenue Company desires to participate in this arrangement for a fair competition, they will doubtless give a similar consent. If that Company does give such a consent the new road would then be operated substantially as an extension of both the Third Avenue and the Metropolitan Systems. If the Third Avenue Company refuses such a consent the new road would be operated substantially as an extension of the Metropolitan System.

We hereby offer to bid upon the public sale of a franchise thus conditioned not less than two per cent of the gross receipts in addition to the three and five per cent imposed by statute; and we further offer in case we acquire the right to build the road to pay into the City Treasury the sum of \$100,000. in cash.

Very respectfully,

(S) by Met. St. Ry. Co.



New York City  
June the 28 1895

Mr W L Strong  
Dear Mayor

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city it does not  
look so now  
By the time  
children comes  
out school there  
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New York City

June the 30 1885

Mr Mayer Strong

Dear sir I do be  
truly sorry to make  
complaints. But  
when we have to  
we must here is  
Boys here in this  
57. street that  
violate the law  
day after day when  
the Poliece are not  
a Round Pistols  
is a Regular play  
things with them

and firecrackers  
they think nothing  
of throwing in at  
windows and  
will surely set  
on fire if they  
continue and other  
Danger that is  
created there By  
this infurnel  
nuisance which  
can be stoped By  
using the law on  
them



Mr Mayor there  
are so many people  
in the streets  
if a horse takes  
fright there are  
great many that  
can not get out of  
the way as I seen  
the other Day and  
the flying fugitive  
knocked them over  
Right a left is  
that the kind of  
law we are going  
to have until  
after the fourth  
of July

truly hope to see this nuisance Put to end

Mr Mayor Dear  
sir I truly wish  
that all fire arms  
and crackers was  
not let used in this  
city at all the way  
they are allowed  
to use them is a  
Regular nuisance  
and danger created  
there By surely  
cant last  
your truly

Resident  
57 Street Bet 10 and 9 ave

New York City  
June the 30. 1895-

Mr W L Strong  
Sir I wish to call  
your attention  
to the nuisance  
of this city here  
on the west side  
it is geting to Be a  
Regler nuisance  
with the small  
Boys when thay  
comes out of  
school to get at  
fireing of crackers-  
thay get those

from a citizer  
of this city  
that is greatly anoyed  
By this nuisance  
large ones and  
throw them in  
at windows-  
when thay goes off  
you would think  
that a cannon had  
Been fired off  
then thay Runs  
in the street  
and you can not  
tell what Boy it is-  
I should think  
some means or  
Steps ought to  
Be taken to stop  
it all over town



fires can verry  
easily be started  
By this nuisance  
Besize that there  
are Boys that fire  
Pistols in the streets  
and some men  
as well who knows  
whither thay Blanks  
or not there are so  
many accidents  
more evry year  
Because thay  
has become a  
nuisance and also  
Dangerous to human  
Being and the  
Danger created there By

People that is shot  
By unknown a man  
or person could verry  
easily get shot with  
ought the slight of  
warning or know  
who did the shooting  
I truly hink this  
should be in force  
By the law of this  
city and those Boys  
are verry Rude and  
do not care what thay  
Do or say to those  
who speak to them  
P.S.  
in 57 Street  
Bet. 9 and 10 ave  
W side is the worst

New York June 30<sup>th</sup> 1895

My Dear Mayor Strong

I congratulate you on the  
manly position you held against the  
Liquor Delegation, who want to violate  
our Sunday laws.

All good citizens uphold  
you in sustaining the laws and  
keeping the Sabbath day holy.

Very Sincerely yours

A. J. Lane

89 Grand St

P.S. Praise to President Roosevelt, who  
is fearlessly upholding the laws - and  
sustaining the right without fear or favor.

A J L



To his honor New York June 30/95  
the Mayor.

Dear Sir. C

I am only one  
of many, who helped to  
elect you last fall, hoping  
that you would give us reforms.  
You have splendidly suc-  
ceeded in almost every instance,  
but one regarding the en-  
forcement of the Sunday-  
Laws. My wife was bitterly  
complaining to-day, that  
she was unable to procure  
cake from the bakery, which  
she intended to serve to  
friends, who happened to call  
during the afternoon. These  
friends happened to stay in  
our house until evening.

She sent out to the  
"Delicatessen - Store," but  
O! horror. Every store was  
closed. We could only give  
them stale bread and water  
from Croton (which was  
not even clear), because  
the saloon next corner  
had no beer to sell.

She begged <sup>me</sup> to write ~~to write~~  
you and <sup>to inform</sup> tell you, that  
she will tell all her  
lady-friends to prevail  
on their husbands not  
to vote for you again,  
unless, you have this  
law either changed or  
made <sup>more</sup> lenient, than it is  
over



carried out now.

These stores, ought ~~to~~<sup>PM</sup> be  
open during 5-7 at least.

Please heed this or  
we will surely elect  
Tammany hall people  
next fall

Yours  
truly  
H Dapperlin

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June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1895

Mayor H. L. Strong

Dear Sir,

In regard to the action taken by the authorities of Westchester to test the constitutionality of the bill, annexing that section to New York, I believe it is simply done for the purpose of gaining time to complete certain works which they now have under way, and which will make a certain number of persons better off in this world's goods. If they were so terribly opposed to the New York authorities why do they not insist on the New York police being wholly removed, instead of allowing them to help keep the peace and even bring offenders before a Morrisania police justice. Again N. Y. firemen guard the fire apparatus, and the school authorities are satisfied to allow the New York board to control.

In the Village of <sup>Wapping</sup> Wakefield a system of sewers was started as soon as it was thought a possibility existed of being annexed. These were stopped by Com. Haffen but as soon as the injunction was got, work was commenced at once, and it has been hurried with all



possible despatch. While the pipes are large enough to thoroughly drain the village, if the annexation is constitutional a large territory further north will have to be considered, and what are being put down now will be of no use. The majority of the pipe laying is being done in the extreme northern part of the Village which is one and a half miles from where the disposal works were supposed to be. Anyone would suppose that a beginning would be made at the site of the disposal works, but in the section that is being sewered, the former president and two of the trustees are interested, and I doubt not that in other sections where this work is being carried on, some one else in authority is interested. I heard one in authority in Com. Haffen's office remark that there was about 800 democratic majority in that district, and that everything would be all right if they were taken right. As the head officer of the city, you will be held to account for any increase in the debt, and the carrying out of any plan, and as the Com. office is opposed to you in politics, you can expect them to make no move to help you unless forced to.

Again Judge Dyckman has taken a whole week to give a decision, and from accounts in the press he was pretty thick with that Westchester crowd, and may delay to give them more time. Then whatever the decision, the case will be carried up, and by that time, the work in hand will have been accomplished and the fight will cease.

To a plain citizen, <sup>it seems to me</sup> when the injunction was granted it should have been agreed that this work should be held in abeyance until a decision was rendered. As it has not been done, cannot the city get out an injunction stopping this work, until it has been finally decided who has authority in that district.

Yours respy  
J. E. Snyder



EDWARD GROSSE,  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
140 EAST 16TH ST.,  
NEW YORK.

New York, July 1st 1895

Hon. Wm. R. Strong  
Mayor,  
City Hall.

Sir,

Permit me to call your attention to a consequence resulting from the rigid enforcement of the Sunday law, which was not referred to during the discussions on Saturday last, but which perhaps shows better than anything else the absurdity and unreasonableness of the application of said law to a city like ours. It is this: We have no public urinals or lavatories in our streets, and the people are, therefore, compelled to avail themselves of the toilet rooms of the liquor saloons to attend to their natural and urgent private necessities. The closing of the saloons on Sundays de-



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prives the people of these conveniences  
and compels them, either to commit  
a public nuisance and expose them-  
selves to the risk of an arrest, or to the  
soiling of their clothing. The effort to  
avoid this dilemma will in most  
cases lead to a weakening of the urinary  
and excremental organs and to a  
poisoning of the whole body. A lady  
may take refuge in a private house  
but a man cannot do this very  
well, and for both a request to be  
admitted to a private house for the  
aforeaid purpose must always be  
an extremely delicate matter, which  
neither you, nor Commissioner Roose-  
velt, nor the State ought to inflict upon  
any one.

This result of your rigorous en-  
forcement of said law is a danger  
to the health of the people, which should



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not be made light of. When Col. Waring issued his order forbidding the employees of the Street Clearing Department the visit of liquor saloons during working hours, public opinion compelled him to modify said order by allowing his men to enter saloons for the purpose of attending to their private necessities.

I know, you and Mr. Roosevelt proceed upon the Roman principle, "Plat justitia, et pereat mundus," and it is clear to me that, while you may not destroy the world, you will undoubtedly destroy the health of a great many who our Sunday cannot flee from our city.

Pray, tell us humble citizens, what you are going to do about this danger to our health.

Yours Respectfully  
Edward Grosse



Wakefield, N.Y., May 29, 95.

Total amount of bonded indebtedness  
of village of Wakefield, formerly  
South Mount Vernon, Westchester Co.,  
N.Y. \$83,800.

for Highway improvements, as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Series 4 bonds \$500 each, 4% - \$2000.  
dated Oct 1, 1890, payable in ~~ten~~  
annual installments of \$1000 each  
commencing 1895, Oct 1. and  
balance payable in 5 annual in-  
stallments of \$2000. each, comm-  
encing Oct 1, 1905. Int semiannually.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Series 20 bonds of \$1090 each 4% - \$21,800.  
dated Sept 1, 1891, payable in 20  
annual installments of 1090 each com-  
mencing Sept 1, 1906. Int Semi-annually.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Series, 22 bonds \$1000 each 4%. \$22,000.  
dated Oct. 1, 1892, payable in 22  
annual installments of \$1000 each  
commencing 1902. Int. Semi-annually.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Series 20 bonds \$1000 each - 4 1/2% - \$20,000.  
dated Oct 3, 1894, payable in 20  
annual installments commencing  
1904. Int. semi-annually.
- (over)



Assessed valuation of property in  
Village of Wakefield, 1894  
\$1,188,700. —

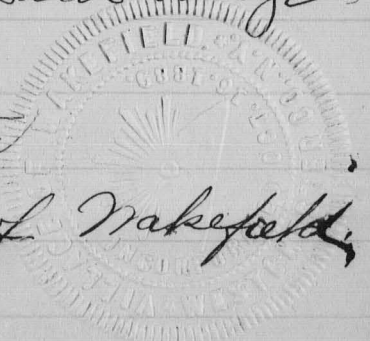
Rate  $\frac{140}{100}\%$ .

Villagers contracted with New York  
and Westchester Water Co in January  
1891, for supplying with water for  
fire purposes and for supply to  
inhabitants. This contract expires  
in January, 1896. The mains, pipes,  
etc, of said water co. are assessed  
in this village at \$22000. and  
pay taxes at same rate as other property.

I hereby Certify that the foregoing  
is a true and correct statement  
of the bonded indebtedness and  
assessed valuation of the Village of  
Wakefield, Westchester County, New  
York as the same appears on the  
records of the Clerk of the Said village

Chas. H. Weston

Clerk of the Village of Wakefield,





Wakefield, N.Y., May 29, 95.  
The Fourth School District of Town  
of Eastchester, Westchester Co.,  
is entirely within the village  
of Wakefield, as is also a part  
of School District No. 1., Town  
of Eastchester.

The bonded indebtedness of School  
District No. 4 is in total \$29,511.

The assets of this School District  
are as follows:

School building and sites \$49,000.

Personal property - fixtures,  
furniture, etc. 3,500.

Asset due from City of Mt.

Vernon an division of School  
District No. 4 10,000.

Back Taxes, due and unpaid about 3,000.

Total assets \$65,500.

Excess of assets over liabilities in the  
Fourth School District \$35,989.

Albert J. Pearson President.  
Board of Education Fourth School District  
in the Town of Eastchester



Office of  
SUPERVISOR,  
Town of Eastchester.  
Herbert D. Lent, Supervisor.

Tuckahoe, N. Y., May 31, 1899

Hon. Benjamin L. Fairchild,

Dear Sir:

At the request of members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wakefield, I write to inform you that the portion of the total outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness of the Town of Eastchester, to be borne and paid by the Village of Wakefield, would not exceed the sum of Eight thousand dollars.

Yours very respectfully,

*Herbert D. Lent*  
*Supervisor*

I hereby certify that there are  
now laid in the streets and  
avenues of the Village of Wakefield  
Westchester County, New York  
more than ten miles of water  
mains and pipes of the New  
York and Westchester Water Company,  
upon which pipes and mains  
there are thirty six hydrants  
rented by the said village of  
Wakefield and erected at an  
average distance apart of

1000 feet. Price per hydrant \$40. per annum  
Hydrants expire July 1st 1896

I further certify that the Village  
is lighted by ninety six (96)  
naphtha lamps under a  
contract with the New Jersey  
Globe and Gas Light Company,  
which contract expires  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Wm McCarthy  
Trustee

Chairman Comm. Water & Drains  
Member Committee on Lighting



ADDITIONAL STATEMENT

As to Indebtedness of Territory to be Annexed.

Village Indebtedness.

Wakefield:

Highway improvements 4% bonds	\$83,500
Less cash in treasury	<u>10,000.</u>

Net Village Indebtedness	\$73,800.
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School Districts, Town of Eastchester.

District No. 1:

Value of School property	\$9500.
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Due City of Mt. Vernon in division of property	\$5142.
Indebtedness	<u>2500. 7652.</u>

Net assets of School property Dist. No. 1.	1858.
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District No. 4:

Total assets of property as per accompanying detailed statement	\$65,500
Total bond indebtedness of School Dist. No. 4	<u>25,911</u>

Excess of assets over liabilities School Dist. 4	<u>39,939</u>
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Total net assets over liabilities of all School Districts Town of of Eastchester	\$37,847.
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In the prior statement the indebtedness of the Town of Eastchester is given as \$48,638.25. Only a proportion of this amount should be charged to that portion of the Town of Eastchester to be annexed to New York, which would be estimated as follows:-

That portion of the Town in the Village of Eastchester	2500.
That portion of the Town in the Village of Wakefield	<u>8000.</u>

Total indebtedness Town of Eastchester	\$10500.
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Total indebtedness as to outside of Village of Wakefield and Village of Eastchester, as per former statement,	\$717,738.25
Less Town of Eastchester's indebtedness as shown by former statement	<u>48,638.25</u>

Balance,	\$669,100.00
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Village indebtedness of Wakefield,	\$73,800
Indebtedness Town of Eastchester	<u>10,500</u>

Total	84,300
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Less amount of School property assets in excess of liabilities,	<u>37,847.</u>
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Balance net liabilities Town of Eastchester and Villages of Wakefield & Eastchester	<u>46,453.00</u>
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Total indebtedness of the whole territory	\$715,553.00
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Value of public property as per former statement	<u>401,500.00</u>
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Excess of liabilities over assets in the whole territory to be annexed	\$314,053.00
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The annexed statement of William McCarthy, Trustee, under the seal of the Village of Wakefield, shows that the information that the water company had obtained an extension of their contract with Wakefield, was incorrect, and that the water contract with the Village of Wakefield expires on the 1st of January 1896, and is only for thirty-six hydrants.

Information has come to me that the contract obtained from the village of Eastchester was for thirty hydrants



and not one hundred hydrants as shown in the former statement.

Office  
of  
THE THIRD AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY,

New York City.

July 1st, 1895.

TO THE HONORABLE

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Gentlemen:

In addition to the offers contained in the Resolutions herewith presented to you and passed by the Board of Directors of The Third Avenue Railroad Company on June 28th, 1895, and by virtue of further Resolutions of said company passed at said meeting, The Third Avenue Railroad Company offers and obligates itself, <sup>in case it shall be the successful bidder</sup> to bid, at the public sale of the franchises described in its pending application for an extension before your Honorable body, and in addition to the three percent of its gross receipts required by statute to be annually paid for the first five years after the construction and operation of said extension, and in addition to the five per cent in like manner required to be paid after said five years, not less than two per cent of its gross receipts per annum, and this Company further offers, in case it shall be the successful bidder at said sale and acquire the right to build said extension, to pay into the City Treasury the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in cash.

Yours respectfully,

THE THIRD AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY,

by

*Albert J. Elias*

President.



New York June 3/95.

Dear Collin.

Would you kindly  
secure for me from  
Mayor Strong a permit  
to preach in the street.  
I desire to use it  
in connection with  
Association and possibly  
independant of it. Have  
the permit made out  
in my name. If not  
to much trouble please  
oblige Will.

# MAYOR'S OFFICE.

No. 130

New York, July 1 1895.

**Whereas** an ordinance relative to public worship in the streets and public places, passed May 14th, 1839, prohibits an assemblage of persons in any public place in the City of New York, laid out and appointed for the common use of the citizens, under the pretence of or for public worship or exhortation, makes it the duty of all magistrates, constables and police officers to prevent such assemblies, and to prosecute all persons concerned in promoting them, under the penalty of five dollars for every neglect of such duty.

**And, Whereas**, the fourth section of said ordinance, as amended on April 11th, 1878, provides that nothing therein contained shall "prevent any clergyman or minister of any denomination from preaching in any place in this City who shall have obtained the written permission of either the Mayor or one of the Aldermen or Councilmen of this City therefor."

**Now, therefore**, in accordance with the authority vested in the Mayor by said ordinance, permission is hereby given to M<sup>r</sup>. O. Berckmann to preach in out-door meetings at various places in the City, during the pleasure of the Mayor, provided that such meetings are conducted without causing any public disorder.

**And, provided further**, that the permission hereby granted shall continue in force, unless sooner revoked, until the 31st day of December, 1895, and no longer.



*W. L. Strong*

Mayor.



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Telephone No. 2585.

Philadelphia, July 1st, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City,

City Hall, New York City, N. Y.

Dear sir:--

I see by our Philadelphia papers that you have been making inquiry as to who the parties are, who have built the Police Stations and Fire Houses in our city.

Relative to this subject, I take the liberty of stating to you, that I have had the pleasure of building for the City of Philadelphia quite a number of Police Stations and Fire Houses. My experience in this line has been considerable, having been the first one to have built the new style stations that the City is now erecting. I built at Tacony, Philadelphia, what is called a combination station, consisting of a Police Station, Fire House, and Mounted Police Station all under one roof. I also erected the same kind of a building at Sixty-first and Thompson Streets; also built a Police Station at Twentieth and Berks Streets, one at Third Street and Moyamensing Avenue, one at Germantown, and a Fire House at Fourth Street and Girard Avenue.

Should you contemplate employing the services of a Philadel-



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phian, either in the capacity of an Architect or Contractor, I would be glad to confer with you. I can refer you to Director Beitler, with whom I am personally acquainted.

Yours very respectfully,

J. H. H. H. H. H.

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July 1/95

Hon Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

Please receive

the congratulations of one of the  
Citizens of New York City, who is  
pleased beyond measure to see  
that we have a Mayor who  
is not afraid to stand by  
the law in regard to the closing  
of Saloons on Sunday. I live  
in a section of the city where  
we have Saloons on every  
corner & Summer gardens  
all around. and the Mayor this  
law has been broken at  
during the administration of  
our previous Mayors has been  
disgraceful, I hope you may  
continue in the good work Respectfully  
B. Rhinelanders. Son



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New York, *July 1<sup>st</sup>* 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong

Dear Sir—

We send you for examination a copy of "Makers of New York" which we have just issued. It contains a photograph and sketch of yourself.

Of course you are not under the slightest obligation to purchase any copies of the book but as the edition is limited (each copy being numbered) and no new one will be issued we take this opportunity of offering a copy in case you desire to possess

one.

The price is \$25= for one  
copy or \$50= for three copies.

Our representative will  
take the liberty of calling  
on you in a few days to  
ask if you wish to retain  
the book.

Very truly yours  
L. R. Hamersley  
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St. Luke's Hospital,  
54TH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE.

New York, July 1, 1895.

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of St. Luke's Hospital will be held on Tuesday the 9th inst., at 1 o'clock at the office of the President, 80 Broadway, New York, to consider the subject of the sale of the present site of the Hospital, 5th Avenue between 54th & 55th Streets and resolutions authorizing the same.

As twenty-two Managers must be present at this meeting for the transaction of the business required which is of much importance, requiring prompt consideration, it is hoped you will not fail to attend.

Called by order of the President.

*J. M. Mearns*  
Secretary.

*To His Honor*

*Wm. L. Strong*  
*Mayer of New York*  
*City Hall*  
*New York*

Mutual Life Building.

July 29 1895

Dear Sir

I send you  
herewith a  
copy of the  
letter trans-  
mitted to  
the board of  
aldermen  
Saturday by  
the Metropolitan



Street Railway  
Company. I  
have not had  
any opportunity  
to consult  
them regarding  
the change of  
route from  
St Nicholas  
Avenue but  
I will do so  
to day

Very truly  
Yours  
Wm. L. Strong

ELIHU ROOT.  
SAMUEL B. CLARKE.  
GEORGE E. P. HOWARD.  
JOSEPH KUNZMANN.  
BRONSON WINTHROP.  
HENRY L. STIMSON.

LAW OFFICE OF  
ROOT AND CLARKE.  
32 NASSAU STREET, MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING.  
NEW YORK.

July 2nd, 1895.

The Honorable  
William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:-

I beg to repeat in writing some of the reasons why the resolutions of the Third Avenue Railroad Company purporting to grant to the purchaser at any sale of the consent for which they are applying to run over their tracks from Manhattan Avenue to the Grand Boulevard are of no use whatever in producing an opportunity for fair competition at the sale.

You will observe that the present consent authorizes the running of a trolley road for ten years north of 162nd Street. A trolley road is inexpensive compared to a cable road. The Third Avenue Company could use this trolley road in connection with their existing cable road on Amsterdam Avenue, and they could build a cable road from 162nd Street south to Manhattan Street on 11th Avenue and operate it in connection with their existing cable road on 125th Street and Manhattan Street. Thus this new strip of cable road could be operated inexpensively by them. If, however, we were to purchase the franchise and build the comparatively inexpensive trolley road from 162nd Street north, the cable road



from 162nd Street south to Manhattan Street on 11th Avenue would be a separate and isolated road not connecting with our cable system and it would have to be operated by us independently with a separate power house and plant. This is wholly impracticable. It would not pay the expenses of operation. Attached to our cable system now existing, or in course of construction, through Columbus Avenue and 116th Street to Lexington Avenue, this additional strip of cable road could be operated from the same power house which operates the road on Columbus Avenue or on 116th Street, and thus operated it could be made to pay. It is thus plain that the route as now arranged in the consent given by the Board of Aldermen by reason of its being connected with the existing Third Avenue cable road would be useful and profitable to them, while by reason of being disconnected from our existing cable road it would be unprofitable and useless to us, and the right to run cars between our old line and this new line over the Third Avenue tracks does not obviate the difficulty at all.

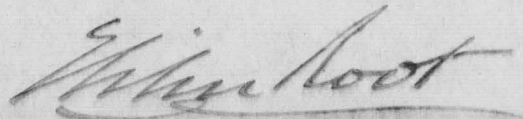
We could not, moreover, to any extent utilize the right to run over the Third Avenue tracks because the difference in cable construction would make it impracticable for our cars to use their cable, and it is, of course, impossible for us to put our own cable structure down over the route where their structure already is, so that the right to use their tracks while it would

be available for a horse car is<sup>of</sup> no use for a cable car.

It is also worth observing that the resolutions of the Third Avenue Company do not purport to grant the right to use their cable but merely the right to run over their tracks with any power which the law allows, and as we could not put in a cable because their cable structure is already in existence under the tracks the only way in which we could utilize the grant would be by having our cable cars hauled over their tracks by horses. This, of course, is a grant of no practical value.

I submit that if the superior advantages offered by the Metropolitan Company are not to be recognized by giving that Company a preference, the only true course is to put up the consent as for an independent road with conditions which will make it practically an extension of both the Metropolitan and the Third Avenue Road, arranging the road so that it will connect with both systems and then let them bid against each other in accordance with the letter from the Metropolitan Company to the Board of Aldermen, a copy of which I submitted to you this morning. I am informed that the objections to the road through the lower part of St. Nicholas Avenue, mentioned by you, can readily be obviated, and that the Metropolitan Company is quite ready to vary the proposed route for that purpose.

Very truly yours,





If not delivered in FIVE DAYS, please return to  
ROOT & CLARKE, COUNSELORS AT LAW,  
32 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

Walter C. May 7/95

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Trustee

3rd Floor R.R.

Mr. Z. Strong

Manager Office

# Good Government Club I.

26th Assembly District, 134 East 115th Street, New York.

Good Government Club I passed at its last meeting, held June 28th, 1895, a resolution which was laid before the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs on July 2nd, and has been unanimously adopted. The resolution reads as follows:

To the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs:

GENTLEMEN: At a meeting of Good Government Club I, held on the 28th of June, 1895, I was instructed, on behalf of the Club, to call the attention of the Council to the fact that the Tammany politicians are seeking to make political capital of the strict enforcement of the Sunday closing law by the present administration, for the purpose of discrediting said administration in the eyes of the voters.

Club I believes that no time should be lost by the Confederated Good Government Clubs in meeting the false issue raised by Tammany Hall, and recommends to the Council that it takes immediate steps to place the true aspects of the case before the voters of this city. The Club holds that the Police Commissioners are only doing their strict duty in enforcing the laws as they find them, and should be commended therefor.

The Club holds that the entire excise question, so far as it concerns the cities of this State, is one of HOME RULE, and should properly be settled by the voters of each city exclusively.

The Club therefore submits to the Council the following resolution with the request that the Council will adopt it, or a resolution of like tenor:

WHEREAS the Mayor and the Board of Police Commissioners have been unjustly criticised for endeavoring to enforce the Sunday closing sections of the excise laws; and

WHEREAS the politicians of Tammany Hall are seeking to deceive the voters of this city into the belief that the administration is responsible for these laws and the injustice and hardships arising therefrom; and

WHEREAS such criticisms and misrepresentations, if allowed to go unanswered, will injure the cause of good municipal government;

RESOLVED that the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs heartily commends and endorses the action of the administration in seeking to enforce the laws of this State, without fear or favor, and appeals to all citizens to sustain such administration in the exercise of the duties which the law imposes upon it.

RESOLVED further, that the Good Government Clubs of this city be earnestly requested to use every endeavor to make known to the voters of their respective districts the true facts of the case, and that the remedy for unjust or unsatisfactory excise laws lies in obtaining from the Legislature such a comprehensive measure of HOME RULE for our city that this question of Sunday closing, as well as other purely local questions, shall be left to the decision of the voters of the community directly interested therein.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT KUNITZER, M.D., President.



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CHARLES W. BANGS  
CHARLES EDWARD TRACY  
FREDERIC B. JENNINGS  
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STETSON, TRACY, JENNINGS & RUSSELL,  
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
MILLS BUILDING, 15 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK.

July 2, 1895.

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Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, etc., etc.,

Dear Sir:-

A resolution was passed by the Common Council to-day, as we are informed, granting a franchise for a ferry from the pier adjoining the foot of 23rd Street on the north side to <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ point between Bay and Munroe Streets in Jersey City. We represent the Erie Railroad which rents a ferry privilege from the foot of 23rd Street to Jersey City, paying a large rental to the City annually therefor. The value of this franchise, for which the Erie Company pays this large rental to the City, will be very greatly reduced by the establishment of a rival ferry immediately adjoining, which, ~~as~~ <sup>we</sup> believe, we can show is wholly unnecessary.

The Erie Company desires an opportunity to present its views in opposition to the granting of this franchise before this resolution is approved, and <sup>we</sup>~~and~~ will be greatly obliged if you can name some hour when you will hear the representatives of the Company briefly upon the question. We understand that

there is serious objection made to the franchise also on the part of manufacturers and business men in the neighborhood who have been in the habit of using this pier for the reception and delivery of materials, this being the only pier left for a long distance up and down the river available for that purpose.

Yours truly,

*Stetson, Tracy, Jennings & Russell*



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*Detroit, Mich., July 2, 1895.*

TO THE HONORABLE,

The Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

The undersigned having been in charge of the allotment of vacant lands to the poor and unemployed in this city during the summer of 1894, has been invited to address the Pan-American Congress of Education and Religion upon the subject of "Relief by Work." Be kind enough to inform me if your city is doing anything in this line the present year, and if so, about how many acres of land are being used and how many persons have received allotments; also, what plan is being pursued.

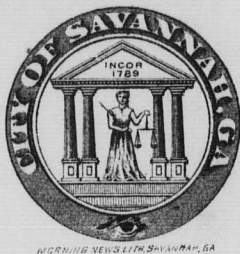
A proper representation of this subject of Relief by Work will bring it prominently before the American people and result in its general adoption in cities.

Should you, for want of time, be unable to answer, please refer this to the person in charge. Thanking you in advance for the information, I am,

Yours very truly,

Capt. Cornelius Gardner,

Detroit, Mich.



*City of Savannah*  
*Office Clerk of Council*

July 2, 1895.

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To the Mayor of

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

This city being about to adopt a system of commissioners for its Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, I would respectfully request that you favor this office with a copy or book containing any ordinance or ordinances respecting such commissions.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy, and being ready to reciprocate at any time, I am,

Yours very truly,

*A. W. Manney*  
Clerk of Council.



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

July 2nd, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor &c., New York.

My dear Sir:-

My purpose in wishing to see you this afternoon rose from a suggestion that you would be asked to attend a meeting this evening of the Commissioners of the proposed East River Bridge, at which meeting there would come up for consideration the selection of two lawyers in New York to act for the Commission, one of them to act as counsel, the other as attorney. The Brooklyn counsel I am advised has already been selected. Our mutual friend, Mr. Frank B. Pavey, who last winter did such gallant and valuable service in the Assembly, and who is himself such a thoroughly fine fellow, has a natural and legitimate wish to be selected as attorney, a selection certain, I think, to result in the duties of the place being admirably discharged. The impression prevails that the Commissioners will consult you in the selection and you will, I am sure, pardon my wish that you should have Mr. Pavey in mind.

Yours very truly,

Wager Swayne



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New York July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1893:

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:

While felicitating yourself  
on the success of your appointments  
as reported in the press of this morn-  
ing, permit me to ask, please,

if your Police Commissioners are  
exempt from enforcement of the  
Sunday closing law?

I personally made repeated  
calls through 7 different precincts  
to see what effort if any was  
being put forth by the police to shut  
out. I have just written Com-  
missioner Roosevelt that in a





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single precinct. I saw at least  
a score of not-dozens of places do-  
ing business while in this precinct  
saw place after place open while  
I personally know from repeated  
observations do not close on Sat-  
urday in observance of their own  
Sabbath. You have repeatedly  
declared your intention to "enforce  
all the laws." One is still defied  
even by a commissioner. I would  
see that law was rigidly enforced  
or know why.

I am, sir

Yours most respectfully  
Benj. F. Leary

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State of New York

Executive Chamber

Albany, July 3 1895.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in informing you  
that the Governor has appointed as Notary  
Public for the County of New York  
Miss Lida W. Lynch,  
who was recommended by you.

Very respectfully,

Ashley W. Cole.

Private Secretary.

Mayor Strong

City Hall

N. Y.





New York, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895.

Hon William L. Strong  
Mayor of New York City

My Dear Sir,

We shall be obliged by you informing ~~us~~ per return mail weather or not, you favor a request to the Governor to at once call an extra session of the Legislature for the purpose of passing a just and equitable law which would regulate the Sunday liquor traffic so as to allow of justice to all, which would do away with discrimination and satisfy the needs of the people.

Respectfully Yours,

Theodore M. Roche  
Pres<sup>t</sup>

280 Broadway



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

HEADQUARTERS, ESSEX MARKET BUILDING, Cor. GRAND & LUDLOW STREETS.

New York, July 3<sup>d</sup> 1895.

To his Honor the Mayor,  
the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund  
and the Board of Estimate & Apportionment of the  
City and County of New York.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee appointed by the Volunteer Firemen's Association of the City of New York, address the following communication to your honorable board for your consideration in relation to our headquarters at Essex Market Building.

The old Volunteer Fire Department were legislated out of office in the year 1865, and were superseded by the present Metropolitan Paid Fire Department. It is now thirty years since, and many of the Volunteers continued to do duty in the present department up to the present time. Very many of them are officers, every chief engineer since 1865, having been a graduate from the ranks of the Volunteers. Many other representative men also sprang from the ranks of the Volunteers, they are too numerous to mention:



some of them held high and trusted positions, four, held the highest office in the gift of the people of this City, the high and honorable office of Mayor. They were the Honorable Daniel F. Tieman, Honorable C. Godfrey Gunther, Honorable William H. Wickham and Honorable Thomas F. Gilroy.

The Volunteer Firemen's Association was organized on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, 1884, which was nineteen years after the old department was legislated out of office. It was organized for charitable purposes, and also to preserve the many relics and trophies of the old department.

We are a chartered organization and have been in existence now eleven years, and have kept many an old Volunteer from being a charge on the tax payers of this City, when they become sick or disabled. Any Volunteer Fireman who was a member in good standing, and an honorable discharge, is eligible to become a member of our association, no matter how indigent or what his physical condition may be. He does not have to be examined by a physician as in other associations, and is entitled to all the benefits of our association.

It goes without saying that all of our members are old men, their ages range from fifty-five years to ninety years, our average death rate, since the time we were organized to the present time, is about fifty-two per year or one per week. Our present membership is about eleven hundred.



We have paid in death claims or mutual aid to last February, the sum of \$75,000.00, and for relief to sick members at \$5.00 per week the sum of \$39,165.00, total in both branches \$114,165.00. All of this money came from the pockets of the members, except what profit was made on the annual balls and pic nics.

When our association was first organized we paid rent for 143 Eighth Street, near Broadway, and remained there until the year 1889, when in August of that year we moved to our present headquarters in Essex Market Building, third floor.

In the year 1888, the following bill was passed in the Legislature and approved by the Governor on April 3rd.

"The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City  
"and County of New York, upon the request by resolution of the  
"Board of Aldermen of said City, are hereby authorized to grant to  
"the Volunteer Firemen's Association of the City of New York, the  
"use of any public building or property or rooms in any of the  
"public buildings of said City, which the Mayor of said City  
"shall certify is sufficient for the purpose, for the occupation  
"by the said Volunteer Firemen's Association of the City of New  
"York, for the purposes of its organization, such occupation to con-  
"tinue so long as the same is occupied for such purposes and no  
"longer."



To carry out the full intent and purposes of the law as passed by the Legislature, the Mayor with the Sinking Fund Commissioners in the year 1889, did grant to the Volunteer Firemen's Association, the use of the third floor of Essex Market Building, and we have been in possession up to the present time. This floor was in a dirty, shocking, untenable condition. We could not get the City authorities to do anything towards making it tenantable for our use, and we had to pay for doing it ourselves. We had to do carpentering, plumbing, painting, papering and plastering work at that time, and more or less since then, amounting to \$5,650.00. In our last annual report that we hand you, you will see one item for painting and papering of \$115.35, another for plumbing for \$31.91 and several smaller items.

In the years 1890 and 1891, there was a bill each year in the Legislature to sell the building both times it was defeated. In the year 1890, the Board of Education commenced proceedings to procure our Headquarters, the Hon. Hugh J. Grant was Mayor, and the Hon. Theodore W. Myers was Comptroller of this City, and after the subject had been discussed at several meetings of the Sinking Fund Commissioners the whole matter was referred to the Corporation Counsel, William H. Clarke, for his decision. On December 8th, 1891, his decision is reported in the City Record of January 9th, 1892. After referring to some preliminary matters he

says his conclusion is: "that the Volunteer Firemen's Association  
"of the City of New York has a right to the occupation of the por-  
"tion of the Public Building set apart to it so long as the same  
"is occupied for the purposes of its organization, and no longer  
"and therefore, the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking  
"fund granting the use of the third floor of Essex Market for  
"school purposes is not legal, and cannot transfer the occupancy  
"thereof to the Board of Education temporarily."

From all the above facts, and as we have never used it  
for any other purpose only our own, we claim we are in possession  
of our headquarters by legal authority, and cannot be removed to  
transfer the occupancy to the Board of Education.

When we took possession of our present headquart-  
ers we were led to believe that we would be in peacefull possess-  
ion of the same, as long as our association would be in existence,  
which will not be many years more. Under this impression we went  
to more expense than we otherwise would have done had we known we  
would have to vacate now, not quite six years as an occupant.

Our sister City Brooklyn has recognized the serv-  
vices of the Volunteers in a generous manner, there are five organ-  
izations in that City, four of them have been given headquarters,  
two being armories, the fifth the City gave \$2,500 towards buying  
a building, and all of them are in good locations.



The Citizens of the great Empire City can well afford to furnish a Headquarters for the brave Volunteer Firemen, as they were called over thirty years ago when doing fire duty. Many a brave man lost his life trying to save the lives and property of the Citizens of this City, especially during the Draft Riots of 1863, when the Militia were to the war, and policemen were very scarce on our streets, then it was that whole companies of firemen were sworn in as special deputy Sheriffs and did Patrol duty in addition to fire duty, and between the two neglected their business for several days. Some of you will remember.

Many an old Volunteer Fireman is suffering to-day by being disabled in the discharge of his duty. He did that duty with a free will, and without fee or reward.

Are we to be forgotten now after spending the best part of our lives for the benefit of the tax payers and the citizens at large of this City?

We see in the City Record of June 6th in the proceedings of the Board of Alderman, that they have passed a resolution to transfer the occupancy of the third floor of Essex Market to the Board of Education, and requesting and urging your Honorable Board to provide permanent quarters for the Volunteer Firemen's Association of the City of New York, amply adequate and satisfact-

ory to the Association, and also that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a reasonable amount to the Association, to re-imburse them for expenses involved in fitting up their present quarters, and to enable them to place their new quarters in an acceptable condition.

We ask your Honorable Board to keep in mind that we are a charitable association, supported only by our own members, receiving no aid from any outside source whatever, and while we are not opposed to the Education of the Children, we have to look to the interest and welfare of our association and of its funds.

We ask your Honorable Board to consider that if we have to move it will cost us about \$450.00, as we have a great many relics and trophies of the old department. One tablet of white marble cost us \$20.00 to move it to headquarters, some of these relics are over One hundred years old. We have a great many visitors who come to see them, and it is acknowledged to be the largest collection of fire relics in the United States.

We invite your Honorable Board to visit our headquarters and see for yourselves, no doubt it will bring back recollections of younger days, especially to his Honor the Mayor and some of the older members of the board, and the younger members can see models of engines &c. before the days of steam.

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TYPE WRITER



We pray your Honorable Board that if we have to move that you carry out the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, and give us a central location between 10th and 34th Streets, and between 3rd and 5th Avenues, and that we be re-imbursed to the amount of \$3,650.00 already expended, and to the amount of \$450.00 for moving expenses and re-placing our relics on the walls of new quarters  
Total \$4,100.00

Very respectfully,

*Richard Cullen* President

*John H. Waydell*  
Treas. V. 344

*Francis H. Coyle* Secy V. 344

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New York July 3d 1895.

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Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

New York.

Dear Sir:-

I understand an attempt is being made to have the Essex Market building hereafter appropriated to other than school purposes, so that the about 3,500 children who, I learn, could be accommodated in the building, would practically have, for a time at least, to dispense with school facilities, for, as I believe, there are no vacant lots in the 10th Ward that can be obtained for school purposes, and the existing schools are all already more than overcrowded.

A most unsatisfactory condition of school affairs exists, as you may be aware, in the 7th and 10th Wards. Nowhere is it more important that most liberal school facilities should be provided than amongst the tenement population, composed to a large extent of ignorant immigrants, whose children it is our duty to Americanize through the machinery of our public schools if they are not to become a lasting menace to the community. For some time it has been rather the exception than the rule for children in the 7th and 10th Wards to be able to find school accommodation, and I therefore give expression to the earnest hope that you will



Hon. W. L. S.  
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use your entire influence toward the amelioration of the condition now existing in these Wards, and, as a present step in this direction, that the Essex Market building be permanently turned over to the Board of Education.

Very respectfully,

*Jacob H. Chaff*

OFFICE OF R. DUNCAN HARRIS,  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

No. 35 WILLIAM STREET.

Entrance by Elevator  
41 Exchange Place.

New York, July 3<sup>d</sup> 1895

Hon William L. Strong  
Mayor &c,

Sir;

I do hereby resign as  
a Commissioner of Common  
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York,

Very Respectfully Yours

R Duncan Harris



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New York, July 3rd, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of City of New York,

Hon. Sir:-

We understand that the franchise for the new Ferry at the foot of 23rd Street has been passed upon by the Board of Aldermen and that there is a hearing to be held before you on Friday, July 5th. Circumstances prevent us from being present, but we wish to express our strong desire to have this franchise granted as we think it will be of great benefit not only to the business community in our section but also to the travelling public.

Trusting you will look favorably into the matter, we are,

Very respectfully yours,

Cassidy & Son Mfg. CO.,

*J. B. Cassidy* Vice President.