

HAMILTON

New York, Oct. 22nd 1896  
40 Central Park South;

Hon: William L. Strong:

Dear Mr Strong;

I received your letter to-day and will say a few words to you in reply to your note. You will notice that I have addressed you personally and not as Mr Mayor; I do this because I may say something that you would not stand in your official capacity/and yet would endure as "Sass" from an individual to an individual.

In the first place you do not designate the case so that I can readily look it up on the books; But I think I have recalled the case to which you refer and which you and the Department have seen fit to review in my absence and arrived at a conclusion as regards the merits of the same.

Now in the first place I was appointed to decide the cases as I thought they ought to be decided, and not as Col. Waring thought. The presumption is that I passed upon this particular case in accordance with that tenet? You obviously might answer that the Mayor might be permitted to make an inquiry now and then, especially of an appointee on

whose judgement he relies, as is evidenced by the fact of his appointment" But you have not done so: On the contrary you ask me, very courteously, to look into this matter a little more thoroughly, and, in substance, do better hereafter.

Do you care to learn

what this case was to which reference has been made and in which the requirements were "Grossly violated" ? A street foreman came into court with a cartman under arrest. He said the driver was dumping on the street without a permit. I asked the prisoner for his explanation and he said he was hauling simply under orders and supposed his boss had the requisite permit. The officer then said he was dumping away out in the street, out to the car track, and even upon the car track, without having any planking under, or, better, upon upon the sidewalk, to protect the pavement. Just at this time the contractor came in and up on the bridge, saying that he had heard of the arrest of his driver and had followed him down.

He said he had

had his permit all right and the man was hauling brick on one of those long carts; that these brick are tipped down a chute by backing up to it and running them down from the tail of the cart. The horses and a part of the cart reach over on to the car track, the street being narrow a

street being narrow, and when he dumps his load some brick run off the sides and fall on the street, often on the car track; that this officer complained of these brick, but it was impossible to prevent the scattering and just as soon as the team was drawn off, these brick were picked up and sent down the chute. I asked the officer if these brick and the unloading of them and the consequent scattering of them was the cause of the complaint: He replied in the affirmative and I at once discharged the prisoner.

I also told the officer that under the circumstances he had no business to arrest the man; that he knew the contractor had a permit and his excuse was that he could not find it in the building. He represented to me that there was dumping on the street, extending to the car tracks, when, owing to the sudden appearance of the contractor, it was shown that he was grinding out a grudge, and, but for an accident, would have maintained that building material was piled upon the street in violation of every known ordinance, when, as a matter of fact, all that occurred was a necessary incident of unloading. Neither Mr Waring nor any other person can suspend the laws of gravitation under any ordinance of the City and County of New York.

I know what it is to act in perfect good faith

in obedience to the laws and ordinances, and when I see that an officer is captious and the citizen is doing his best, and pretty well at that, I shall pass upon that matter as I think it ought to be passed upon; in fact that is what I am there for - to decide between two individuals. This is not the first time that Mr Waring has disagreed with me, and in fact with every other Magistrate, as to what he considered to be the proper duty in his particular cases; I have received impertinent letters from him going to the extent of enclosing a copy of the ordinance, which he claimed was violated by me. I never noticed them and it was only during the last month that I received a letter from his deputy, so impudent, that I simply endorsed it with "Respectfully returned to the writer"

I think a great deal of Col; Waring. Having money enough he is able to keep the streets clean, a proposition not usually understood around here, and therefore entitling him to unusual commendation.

He did not tell you that last winter I caught his officers dumping snow in Railroad Avenue, and when the fellow was found he was just tipping the sixth load. I discharged the poor devil, who said he was following the foreman's orders, and drew a report and directed the Captain of the Precinct to send it to the Colonel: Do you know how I know he received it? Well one day Mott showed me some correspondence from Wa-

ring, giving him "Hail Columbia" It turned out, as I recall, that this same fellow, who was before me for dumping the snow (It might have been some other employee) was called before Mott, and, being found guilty of wrong doing, dumping snow I think, ~~was~~ Mott fined him \$ 10: The result was, a distinct violation of the Monroe Doctrine: You would have thought that New Jersey had captured New York - Waring worked at Mott for something like three weeks to get him to remit the fine. Mott could'nt do it you know, but that did not make any difference with a man of Col. Warings comprehensible faculty; it was sufficient that he wanted the fine remitted, supposedly out of Mott's pocket, and he wrote to Mott, and accused him of all sorts of deviltry in the premises, and actually cited me as an example for Mott's imitation.

I do not think there is a Magistrate who does not regard Waring as a crank, and I never dreamed that you did not, until I received your note this day. He makes a thundering good commissioner, but has got into the habit of running to the Mayor like a cry baby cripsey when we do not decide every one of his cases in his favor, instead of 98 percent.

There is another case of thr Street Department which I have had before me within a week, and which I will take up with you, if you should desire. I know

all about it; but do not reprove the "Judge" ( God save the mark) until you hear both sides.

Last week I was accused of discharging a man who pleaded guilty, and I was threatened with an indictment, by the newspapers—all of which was a lie. The next day I was accused of holding a private examination, which they asserted I had no right to do.—all of which was a lie. Yesterday I was threatened by the reporters with a "Roast", if I dared to examine a rape case in private, which was not a lie. To-day a reporter appeared and said that The Journal had a statement to publish in the morning that I had got out of bed on Monday morning, and gone to the Police Station and personally bailed out Moran, which was a lie, and now right on top of all this trouble the father of my official being tells me to do better.

To tell the truth I am pretty tired of trying cases twice, and the second time ex parte and out of my jurisdiction, and so far as the streets are concerned, I shall take the same interest in them in the future as in the past, and I want you to feel that ~~some~~ way towards me. I understand people better than Mr Waring does; I get along with them better than he does; and I do not like his constant interference through the representations of his white diapered men, with what I consider the proper adjustment of the business coming before me.

The officer who I in a measure reprimanded, went

directly to his superior and the latter came to you I suppose. I shall continue to decide cases as I think they should be-and I can assure you that in no instance has the Street Department been injured, or the public service damaged.

Yours Truly,

Thomas A. Whitworth

C.B.L.



# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* November 2nd, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I beg to return herewith a letter written to you October 22nd by Magistrate Wentworth, together with the result of a special investigation that I have made in the cases to which he refers.

His statement differs radically from the facts of the Wooster Street case. Were it not for the coincidence of one or two matters of detail, I should say that he had entirely mistaken the case. It was not a cartman whom Foreman Reilly took under a summons before Magistrate Wentworth, but John Deeves, the contractor himself. He was charged by Foreman Reilly with failure to put planking under his building material, as his permit required, and with exceeding the limits of his building permit. In his reference to the falling of bricks from a chute on to the street, Deeves was trying to work into the Wooster Street case a condition of affairs which existed in another case of his in West Broadway. This Foreman Reilly tried to explain, but the Magistrate would not hear him and abruptly dismissed the case. It seems to me that where a Magistrate was put on the Bench "to decide between two individuals", which Wentworth says was his position, it is but fair and just that both individuals should be heard before a decision is reached. There was no fairness and no justice, in my estimation, in Magistrate Wentworth's treatment of this case. It was simply a failure to hear testimony which would have convinced any just man that the complaint was properly brought.

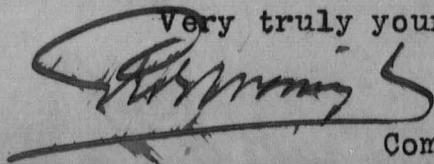
Foreman Reilly did not say that there was no permit for this building material, for he knew to the contrary. Deeves's foreman had produced it the day before, after a policeman had been called in. As to Reilly's "grinding out a grudge", I will say that he had been but four days in the Section when this affair came up.

Magistrate Wentworth takes this occasion to bring up a matter which happened last Winter, and he presents it in a manner which shows that he had either forgotten the facts, or had never clearly understood them. They were as follows: One, or possibly two, of our drivers were arrested for dumping snow in a vacant lot where they had permission from the owner to do so. The cartmen were taken before Magistrate Mott, who fined them each \$10. I asked the Magistrate to remit the fine. He said he was unable to do this (he had, in the meantime, gone to another District), but that if he had known the true state of affairs at the time he would have dismissed the case.

Another case of Judge Wentworth's occurs to me. On the 14th of September, Anna Jackson, of 15 Minetta Lane, was taken before him on the charge of mixing her ashes and garbage. She was the house-keeper at this number. She admitted that the material was mixed, but said she was not responsible. On her testimony alone, the Magistrate dismissed her, without hearing the witnesses for our side. These were Foremen Lorain of this Department, Police Officer Jenkins, Mr. Foulke, the Attorney of the Health Department, and detailed men, Mc Chrystal and Shelley of this Department; all of whom had gone to the Court to sustain a case presented by the Health Department, and at great inconvenience to themselves and disadvantage to the public service.

I think it would be well if you would ask Judge Wentworth to read again his letter to you and the foregoing exact statement of the cases to which he refers.

Very truly yours,



Commissioner.

(Enclosures)

C.B.L.



# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~Criminal Court Building,~~

~~Corner, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.~~

New York, November 2nd, 1896

George E. Haring, Jr., Commissioner.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

You handed me a communication, dated Octr. 27th, from H. J. Klappert & Co., 22 West Houston Street, complaining that they had twenty barrels of ashes, garbage and paper on hand. "None has been taken the last 5 days. It is a menace to health."

I referred this matter to Mr. R. T. Fox, Superintendent of the District in which Messrs. Klappert & Co. do business.

He says: "I called at 22 West Houston St. and made a thorough and complete investigation of the case.

"I find that the writer of the complaint has deliberately misstated facts in order to create the impression that he has been much injured and neglected at our hands and that the health of the neighborhood has been imperilled.

"He had paper on hand. Everybody had. His ashes and garbage were not removed on one day because they were locked in the basement when the cart driver called, and it was not his duty to inquire for the key, and carry them up a flight of stairs. It is not true that this man has had at any time twenty barrels of material of any kind on hand, nor has he had any one kind of material, except paper perhaps, on hand for a greater time than two days."

Will you do me the favor to communicate these facts to Messrs. H. J. Klappert & Co., 22 West Houston St., and oblige

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

(Copy)

**DISTRICT No. 2. South**

**DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.**

Capt. F. M. Gibson,  
GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,

NEW YORK CITY, November 12th, 1896

Deputy COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.

SIR:—I have to report that a casual visitor to the northwest corner of my District, in the neighborhood of Ridge and Rivington streets, would have reason to think that sidewalks were conspicuous for their absence, so hidden are they by every conceivable incumbrance.

The Police, when appealed to, blame the Bureau of Incumbrances and not without reason.

Now, why should not that Bureau perform its functions, instead of sitting supinely by and leaving us to do the work with the assistance of the Police?

What with the struggling mass of push-carts in the roadway and the miscellaneous collection of fish, flesh and fowl on the sidewalks, the dirt and litter from which becomes scattered over the street and chokes up the gutters, it is impossible to properly clean these blocks in question.

Foreman Mc Namara is vigilant and does all he can to remedy the existing conditions, and the Police render effective assistance when called upon; but they should not wait to be egged on by this Department. They should take the initiative, compel people to keep everything back to the stoop line and enforce the ordinance defining the distance to be maintained between push-carts, and from corners.

As it stands now, one would justly imagine that no such ordinance existed, as it is violated a hundred times a day with impunity.

In calling your attention to these conditions, it is not my intention to rob the Police of one iota of the credit due them for the aid they have given us; but I think the higher authorities may be induced to pursue a more vigorous policy, and arouse the Heads of the Departments responsible for these evils, to more prompt and decisive action.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) E. A. Benajmin,

Acting SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTRICT No. 2 South

C.B.L.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, November 13th, 1896*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith copy of a report from the Acting Superintendent of our District No. 2 South, to which I ask your earnest attention, and concerning which I beg to enlist your interest and influence.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

SECTION No. 46

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY,

November 15<sup>th</sup> 1896

GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,

COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.

SIR:—I have to report that

Magistrate Brann in the Harlem Police Court discharged the following Push Cart Peddlars (whom I had arrested on Saturday afternoon) for standing less than 25 feet from the corner of the street.

Nicholas Degas #31 Hamilton St.  
Geo. Stamatakos 50 Cherry St.  
Jacharis Mattheas 2427 First Ave.  
John Jonople 439 E. 113<sup>th</sup> St

The Magistrate did not reprimand the men and said in future when I had any arrests of this kind to make to find some other time than Saturday afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

*G. P. Champion*

Foreman of Section No. 46

SECTION No. 46

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY,

November 17<sup>th</sup> 1896

GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,

COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.

SIR:—I have to report that

My Detail Man W. J. Sherry Jr.  
had the following Push Cart Peddlars arrested  
to-day for standing less than 25 feet from  
the corner of 116<sup>th</sup> St. on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

John Jonople 439 East 113<sup>th</sup> St.

James Carelantes 50 Cherry St.

They were fined \$<sup>00</sup> each in the Harlem Police  
Court by Magistrate Brann.

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They were fined at 3.15 P.M. remained  
in Jail 45 minutes, paid nothing,  
discharged at H. P. U., and promptly  
resumed business at the old stand  
as usual. History has again  
repeated itself. W. D. Bouton  
Supt 10<sup>th</sup> Dist

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. Champion  
Foreman of Section No. 46

New York, November 19th, 1896.

Colonel George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Sir:-

The Section Foremen, Tug and Scow Inspectors, Dump Inspectors and Assistant Dump Inspectors, Stable Foremen and Assistant Stable Foremen; and the Detailed Assistants of the Uniformed Force, have organized a MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION and adopted a Constitution. At their last regular meeting an executive committee was appointed, as undersigned.

We were instructed to lay before you the following statements in regard to the present pay of the Uniformed Force below the grade of District Superintendents and also to present reasons for advancing said salaries to a figure that we honestly consider a fair remuneration for the services rendered by said officers. In so presenting our case, we are fully aware that it is purely a legislative one, but we also know that unless approved by our Commissioner the hoped for increase could not be obtained. We take pleasure also in stating that the entire association is unanimous in saying that we desire no action taken that would in any way clash with your own estimate of the value of our respective services.

Foremen and all officers named as members above the rank of "assistants", receive at present One thousand dollars per year. Class "A" Sweepers and Drivers secure Seven hundred and twenty dollars. Therefore, said officers excess in salary is but Two hundred and eighty dollars.

The duties of the uniformed officers besides demanding greater intelligence and general knowledge than mere laborers or cartmen have to be a superior class of men, so as to keep pace with the vastly improved and more effective methods of street cleaning in vogue under your able and entirely successful administration.

We work every day in the year, no days off--no National or legal holidays, no entire Sundays. We are liable and do perform difficult and laborious work during the winter months, working night and day without any extra compensation.

We begin work before the roll-calls and finish long after both Drivers and Sweepers. We have to dress better than a Sweeper, our uniforms are more expensive. The success of the stable work and final disposition depends on our efficiency. The Board of Health cheerfully gave our Department full credit for its large share in the improved health of the people of this City, during your term as Commissioner.

We have directed or aided in the said direction of the separation of the different materials hitherto thrown away at sea as useless, but which in the near future will not only pay our present salaries but amounts in advance of any increase granted.

We see to the enforcement of ordinances, make arrests, and assist at the seizure of incumbrances. We are nearly all day on foot or on our bicycles superintending the work. In fine we find our hours long--our work is hard, and our

responsibility is far in excess of the remuneration received.

The Legislature in Eighteen hundred and ninety-four increased the yearly salaries of Stable Foremen from Nine hundred to Twelve hundred dollars, passing over all other officials. Since the law known as the Street Cleaning Act of Eighteen hundred and ninety-two, all officers have been obliged to procure uniforms without any advance in pay.

We therefore pray that if such a course meets with your approbation that you suggest that such changes in salaries as you may deem will receive proper action at the hands of the authorities.

With the assurances of our regard and esteem, we remain,

Very respectfully,

UNIFORMED OFFICERS MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

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Officers,

*David H. Maxwell* President.,

*W. H. Jenkins* 1st. Vice pres.

*G. S. Tanner* 2nd. Vice pres.

*Alex. Sorecher* Secretary,

*Michael Neasey* Treasurer,

Sergeant at arms.

Stable Foremen, advance from \$1,200. to \$1,300.

Section Foremen, advance from \$1,000. to \$1,200.

Dump Inspectors, advance from \$1,000. to \$1,200.

Tug & Scow Inspectors, advance from \$1,000. to \$1,200.

Asst. Stable Foremen, advance from \$900. to \$1,000.

Asst. Section Foremen advance from \$600. & \$720. to \$2,000.

~~Assistant Dump Inspectors, advance from \$900. to \$1,000.~~

C.B.L.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*  
*City of New York,*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* December 1st, 1896. *189*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find the communication to me from the Committee of Foremen, &c., which I read at the conference yesterday afternoon, and concerning which I spoke to you this morning.

Very truly yours,

(Enclosure)

Commissioner.

C.B.L.



*Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* December 1st, 1896. *189*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

You sent me the other day a man named Timothy Whalen, with a personal note as follows: "The case of this man seems to be a hard one. Please give him a chance to tell his story."

I heard him and made a memorandum to investigate his case. This I have done to-day. He is the worst kind of a dead beat. He kept a Night Section Station, and he locked it up and went out for a drink, or for some other purpose, as often and as long as he chose. So far as I can judge, he is utterly worthless.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

*Entered in Minutes Aug 14 96*

*Endorsed  
"S. S."  
Signed M.S.*

New York, Aug. 5th, 1896.

George Malraison,  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law  
Bennett Bldg., 99 Nassau St.

Capt. F. M. Gibson,

Acting Commissioner D.S.C.

Dear Sir:-

The bearer, Mr. Vito Carbo of 241 Mulberry St., this City, is an applicant for the position of sweeper in your department. I beg to recommend him to you as a very deserving man. I have known him and a number of his relatives for over 10 years, every one is a gentleman. The bearer is now out of work, he lost what savings he had, his wife died, and he remains with three children, he is an able man. He tells me he passed the required physical examination in March 1895, he is in every way fit for the position, and should there be a vacancy and you appoint him, you will have added a very valuable man to you and the department, for he is a good worker.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Geo. Malraison.

*Marked*  
*Vito Carbo 241 Mulberry St*  
*E.L. 1178*  
*3-25-95 (Signed) E.P.C.*

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Department of Street Cleaning,

Office of Superintendent.

*Aug. 12* .....189*6*

Foreman Sec. *16* .....

Employ as "Extra Sweeper."

*Vito Carbo*

*241 Mulberry St.*  
*William Robb*

Gen'l Supt.

*the Commission Street.*

Approved:

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*Clerk of Incumbrances.*

*Granted, and Permit ordered to be issued.*

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*Commissioner of Street Cleaning.*

## MEMORANDUM.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,  
 CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING,  
 CITY OF NEW YORK.

To

*J. J. Brennan*

New York,

*16 Dec*  
*Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1896*

*copy of this*  
*his*  
*Vito Carbo is dropped from*  
*the Extra list.*

*Respectfully*

*William Coburn*  
*Supv*

No. 1128

TRANSCRIPT FOR FILE.

To. ----- E. P. Cringle, Esq.,  
A. & R. Clerk.

New York, Nov., 12th, 1896.

N a m e ----- Vito Carbo  
Address ----- 241 Mulberry Street  
Position ----- Ex. Sweeper 16th Sec.  
Remarks ----- Dropped

Incompetency.

(signed) William Robbins.

Superintendent.

Attached hereto is copy of assignment as extra man, also copy of notification of dismissal from extra list.

City and County  
of

New York, SS:-

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Vito Corbo, being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States, living at 241 Mulberry Street in the city of New York; that during the latter part of August, 1896 he was employed for the first time by the Dept. of Street Cleaning of the city of New York, and that as a consideration for such employment deponent paid Tamassino Canale the sum of ~~the~~ five dollars with the express understanding that that amount of money was to be divided with a certain clerk named Jackson who is employed in the office of Col. Waring; that deponent was employed by the department about four months, putting in in that time about seven days actual work; that thereafter or on or about the 6th day of November, 1896 deponent was peremptorily discharged from the said department, no reason being assigned for the said discharge; that on or about September 27th, 1896 one E.F. Madden received from deponent in a saloon at 464 Sixth Avenue in the city of New York the sum of five dollars and agreed with deponent that he would keep him permanently employed by the said department, which said receipt of money is hereto annexed, and of which the following is a copy:

"Sept. 27, 1896

"Recd. from Vito Carbo \$5,- to be returned case of failure.  
E.F. Madden.

"Saloon, 464-6th Ave."

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 2d day of December, 1896.

*Joseph Shepley*  
*Notary Public*

*Vito J. Corbo*  
*Received*  
*before*  
*Joseph Shepley*

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

New York, Dec., 3rd, 1896.

Col. George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

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The following is an abstract of the charges and action taken in the case of Vito Carbo:

Vito Carbo, 241 Mulberry St., examined March 25, 1895  
Application #1128 - 1895. Appointed Extra Sweeper Aug. 12th, 1896  
and assigned to Section 16. Dropped from the extra list November  
12th, '96 upon complaint of Foreman James McKenna.

Report of Foreman reads as follows:

"November 10th, 1896. H. L. Stidham, Esq., Dist. Supt.  
Vito Carbo, 241 Mulberry St., extra sweeper in this section is in-  
competent, being unable to cover his route, by reason of inability.  
I respectfully request that he be dropped from the list."

(signed) James McKenna.  
Foreman Section 16.

Said report being endorsed by Dist. Supt. Stidham with this remark.

"This man was given a thorough trial - seven or eight days."

Recommendation endorsed and signed H.L. Stidham, Supt. 4th Dist.

Copy of transcript furnished A. & R. Clerk, E. P. Cringle, Esq.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~Criminal Court Building,~~

~~Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.~~



S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, December 3rd, 1896. 189

Colonel George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

S i r :-

Vito Carbo was appointed an Extra Sweeper in Section 16. He was afforded a most thorough trial, - a much longer one than usually given the new men sent to us for testing. His Foreman recommended the man's dismissal for incompetency, and I knew enough of Carbo's work to heartily endorse the recommendation.

I cannot believe that the Foreman had any monetary transaction with the man, because Carbo showed, from the first, that he was not likely to prove a good Sweeper.

Yours very respectfully,

A. S. Stidham

Sup't District No. 4.

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Department of Street Cleaning,

Office of Superintendent.

*Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 189..*

Foreman Sec. *18*

Employ as "Extra Sweeper."

*Giuseppe Gentile*

*19 Cherry St.*

*William Coburn*

Gen'l Supt

*the conditions stated.*

Approved:

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*Clerk of Incumbrances.*

*Granted, and Permit ordered to be issued.*

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*Commissioner of Street Cleaning.*

No. 738

TRANSCRIPT FOR FILE.

To -- E. P. Cringle, Esq.,  
A. & R. Clerk.

New York, Oct., 29th, 1896.

Name ----- Guisseppi Gentilese  
Address ----- 19 Cherry Street  
Position ----- Ex. Sweeper 18th Sec.  
Remarks ----- Dropped

Incompetency.

(signed) William Robbins.

Superintendent.

Attached hereto is copy of assignment as extra man, also copy of notification of dismissal from extra list.

## MEMORANDUM.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,  
 • CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING,  
 CITY OF NEW YORK.

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To

Foreman

18 Ave

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 189

New York,

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Mr. Giuseppe Gentile dropped from  
 the Extra list Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 96.

Respectfully,

William Robbins  
 Supr

City and County

of : s.s.

New York.

Giuseppe Gentile<sup>i</sup>sco, being duly sworn deposes and says, that he is a resident of the City and County of New York, residing at No. 19 Cherry street; that he was employed by the Street Cleaning Department of New York City up to the eighth of August last, and was arbitrarily discharged on the sixth of November, without any reason or cause; that prior to his discharge the Foreman who employed him one pay day intimated to deponent that if deponent wished to see him in reference to the work or his wages, he could be seen in the middle of the block, Seventeenth street near First avenue; that his intimation was further reinforced by a gesture that plainly meant the payment of money; that deponent declined to meet him and thereupon deponent was discharged and the reason given by the foreman was that the man was discharged for incompetency; that subsequent to that time deponent caused a letter to be written to Col. Waring, Commissioner of the Street Cleaning Dept. setting forth all the facts in the case, which said letter was marked personal, and which said letter as deponent is informed and verily believes was opened and destroyed by one of the subordinates of the said Street Cleaning Commissioner, and that the said Commissioner never saw said letter; that it was a matter of common notoriety that each Italian who obtains work on the Street Cleaning Dept. who is taken from the eligible extra list pays a fee varying from \$35. to \$25

\$45 to a certain intermediary who acts as that intermediary between the clerks in the office and the man who pays the money; deponent further says that a certain clerk has offered and in some cases received the sum of thirty-five dollars for advancing certain men on the ~~regular~~ eligible extra list over and above those who had the prior right of advancement; that the name of that clerk is unknown to deponent; that one Frank ~~XX~~ Melo had approached deponent prior to his discharge from the Street Cleaning Dept. and told deponent that he could advance him on the extra list over and above people who were ahead of him in case he would pay the sum of fifty dollars, and that said Melo also said that the said fifty dollars was to be divided between him and the clerk in the office and the foreman; that said deponent refused to pay said money and was thereafter discharged.

Subscribed and sworn  
before me this 2d day of December, 1896.

*John J. Kelly*      *Giuseppe Gentile*  
Notary Public.

*John McCann*

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

New York, Dec., 3rd, 1896.

Col. George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

S i r-

The following is an abstract of the charges and action taken in the case of Guisseppi Gentilesco:

Guisseppi Gentilesco, 19 Cherry St., examined Jan'y 24th, 1896 - application #738. Assigned as extra sweeper to section 18 Aug. 7th, 1896 - dropped from the list of extra sweepers Oct. 29, '96 upon complaint of Foreman Pfeiffer.

Report of Foreman reads as follows:

" Oct., 27th, 1896, H. L. Stidham, Esq., Dist. Supt. Guisseppi Gentilesco, extra sweeper of this section, failed to clean his route to-day, after I instructed him so to do, and I would therefore recommend that he be dropped from the roll. This is not the first time he did this. He did it once before, and I suspended him five days for it - this is the first day that he is back from his suspension, and it seems that he does not care to do as he is instructed."

(signed) Jos. Pfeiffer  
Foreman Section 18

Said report endorsed by Dist. Supt. Stidham as follows: "I recommend that Gentilesco be dropped from the roll for incompetency and disregard of orders."

(signed) H. L. Stidham,  
Dist. Supt. 4

Copy of transcript furnished A. & R. Clerk, E. P. Cringle, Esq.

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets



S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, December 3rd, 1896

Colonel George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

S i r :-

Guisseppe Gentilisco was an Extra Sweeper only, and was appointed to the 18th Section for trial. He received much more consideration than is usually accorded to an Extra man,- a business acquaintance asking me to watch his work closely, and to do what I could for him.

He early showed a disposition to do his work in an indifferent manner and to disregard orders. An instance was reported to me by his Foreman, with the recommendation for the man's dismissal. Gentilisco's capabilities were fairly good, and I, therefore, had the Foreman suspend him for five (5) days, and published the cause of the punishment upon the Section bulletin board. I also telephoned his sponsor to see the man and give him a sharp talking to, and to warn him that the next offence meant dismissal.

After a short interval, Gentilisco again offended. (He refused to sweep some litter out of the gutter a few minutes after quitting time for the day). His dismissal was then recommended by me.

The man was never anywhere near being made a Regular Sweeper. In any case, he could not have been made a Regular

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Sweeper without my endorsement of his Foreman's recommendation. I feel perfectly confident that neither Foremen, under whom he worked, received the slightest gratuity from him.

After his dismissal, Gentilisco came to me twice pleading for another chance on account of his large family. He acknowledged his refusal to obey orders, but tried to justify himself without success.

Very respectfully,

*A. D. Stidham*

Sup't District No. 4.

C.B.L.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*Criminal Court Building,*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, December 3rd, 1896.*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I have received from you copies of the affidavits of Vito Corbo and Guiseppe Gentilisco.

I beg to enclose herein the report of H. L. Stidham, Esq., Superintendent of the District in which these men worked.

I also enclose duplicates of the full records of these two men, showing their applications, recommendations, appointments and dropping.

Neither one of them was on the regular force.

I also return a communication received from your Secretary November 24th, being a letter from Gentilisco to yourself November 23rd; also a letter from the same to me November 9th, and referred to in his letter to you.

I know nothing whatever of the Frank Melo, of Tomasino Canale, or of E. F. Madden, who are mentioned in the affidavits.

The James Mc Cann mentioned in G.G.'s letter is probably Foreman James Mc Kenna.

There is no "Mr. Dobbs" in this office. The Chief Clerk's name is Doe, but he would have nothing to do with appointments or transfers.

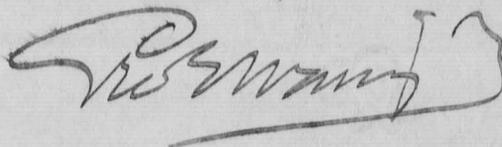
I know nothing of any "Mr. Fay."

We have long had reason to suppose that there are Italians in the city who succeed in making their countrymen believe that they have some way to get them work in this Department, and

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that they have collected considerable money for doing this. The closest investigation has failed to show that any one of these men has ever succeeded in getting a man appointed or promoted.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. S. Wainwright", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

(Enclosures)

Commissioner.

C.B.L.



# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~Criminal Court Building,~~

~~Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.~~

New York, December 3rd, 1896.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

S i r:-

I have this day opened bids for the construction of a steel pocket dump at the foot of East 17th Street, as follows:

1. Owego Bridge Co., Owego, N. Y.	\$ 8,165.00
2. Link-Belt Engineering Co. (Nicetown), Philadelphia, Pa. (49 Dey St., N.Y. City).	13,000.00
3. Post & Mc Cord, 4th Avenue & 22nd St., City.	12,192.00
4. Hamilton & Stow, 178 Centre St., City.	12,193.50
5. Augustus Smith, 460 West 44th St., City (Office, 39 Cortland St.)	10,272.00
6. King Bridge Co., Cleveland, Ohio. (New York Office, Geo. E. Gifford, 510 Fifth Ave).	9,700.00
7. Milliken Bros., 39 Cortlandt St., City.	9,989.00
8. Valentine Cook & Son, 212 East 37th St., City.	10,350.00
9. Riter & Conley, Pittsburg, Pa. N.Y. Office, 39 Cortlandt St., City)	8,767.00
10. Colin McLean, of 1 Broadway, submitted a bid of \$10,500.00 ,	

but his bid is irregular, for the reason that his sureties did not fill in the blanks and qualify as required by law.

I shall make an immediate investigation as to the Owego Bridge Co., and if no reason appears why their bid should not be accepted, I shall, with the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, award the contract to that Company.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

# Board of Directors

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## Metropolitan Carriage and Wagon Co.

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SUITABLE STYLES FOR EVERY BUSINESS.

160-162 South Fifth Ave. bet. Broome and Spring Sts.

*New York,* 12/22/96. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall,

New York City.

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed letter will explain itself. We have since received a tardy acknowledgement from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, approving the action of his Deputy.

As Executive Officer of the City, we would respectfully request you to send the Commissioner of Accounts to investigate the Purchasing Bureau of the Street Cleaning Department.

Their willingness to pay 40% advance for material above market rates, must appeal to you as a business man, to require some explanation. Our ability to perform the contract, as per samples shown, is unquestionable.

They had no business to solicit our bid if they considered we were unable to perform same.

Their unbusiness like methods will probabally explain why such enormous amounts are required for this Department.

As a member of the Board of Estimate, you will probabally bear this fact in mind when making the Appropriation for this Department in 1897.

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New York, ..... 189.....

(Hon. William L. Strong, #2)

The other scandals which are constantly cropping out in the Administration of this Department, must lead you to have some confidence in our request, or we fear some future Legislative Investigating Committee, will expose the system in vogue there, which will not reflect any glory on your Administration.

Very respectfully.

Metropolitan Carriage & Wagon Co.

*John F. Galvin*

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New York, 11/24/96. 189

Hon. George E. Waring,  
Com. Street Cleaning Dept.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

On the 6th inst. we received a communication from your Department, requesting us to go to Stable "A" and furnish estimate on furnishing six Buggy Tops like sample. On the 11th inst. we furnished estimate accordingly.

A few days ago we called at your Department to find out whether we had been fortunate enough to be awarded the contract, and were informed by one of the clerks, that order had been given to one "Parkinson".

As we are the only manufacturers who make a specialty of Carriage Tops, in this City, we were somewhat surprised. From further questioning we were told by said clerk that the trouble was, our bid was "too low."

We were somewhat astounded to hear this statement, and applied to the Deputy Commissioner for an explanation, and told him, that as tax payers, we were astounded to learn that your Department followed such a rule in awarding contracts.

The Deputy Commissioner informed writer that it was none of our "Damned business" and we were further more requested to "Get to Hell out".

We had an impression before this that the "Captain" title was a military one, but his "canal boat" manners betrayed him.

Now we respectfully ask you whether you approve of the Deputy Commissioner's method of doing business, and of his treatment of Citizens who have legitimate business with your office.

Yours respectfully.

Metropolitan Carriage & Wagon Co.

*Copy*

Received  
1/18/96

NY Dec 18/96

Wm L. Strong Esq  
Mayor NY City

Dear Sir

Your attention  
is called to the horrible  
condition of West Street  
and its crossings  
This should be the  
first street next to  
Broadway to be cleared  
of snow as you well  
know is a shipping  
street and one leading  
to many ferries also  
Franklin St to Hudson  
Hudson from Canal St.

Through to Murray to  
Murray or Warren  
also made Lane  
I see by the Paper  
The up town Street  
where there are no  
Traffic they are  
cleaned first where  
as money could be  
saved in not cleaning  
them as snow is now  
needed up town for  
Sleighing hoping  
you will give the  
you early attention  
I remain

Yours Truly

Jas Smith  
Fort Jay St

C O P Y .



# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

*Criminal Court Building,*

S.A.W. *Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Haring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* December 22nd, 1896.

Mr. John Smith,

Foot of Jay St., City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 18th instant to Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor, and also one of the same date to H. L. Stidham, Snow Inspector of this Department, have been referred to me, at the direction of the Commissioner, for reply.

Mr. Stidham says it is, in his opinion, that the main avenues in Harlem are as important as the majority of the streets in the lower portion of the city. He also states that the carts and trucks in Harlem, or above 34th Street, will, under no circumstances, go downtown to haul snow. No persuasion of short hauls or easy work will avail with them, and goes on further to state, that we are forced to use them in their own section, despite the fact that the trucking districts are suffering for carts. It is the hardest sort of fight to get carts in the section below 14th Street, and we are forced to work day and night continuously, in that portion of the city, to give acceptable results. Even with this, if it were not for the Jersey City and Brooklyn carts, we would be stalled almost completely.

We fully realize the importance of the downtown streets, but you can readily understand the disadvantage under which the Snow Contractor is working,- especially as your fellow co-workers are concerned in such disadvantage.

I desire to inform you that every street mentioned in your letter, except West Street, was cleared by Saturday night, the day after your letter, and many of them before you wrote.

Yours truly,

JOHN P. YATES,

Private Secretary.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*  
*City of New York,*

S.A.W.

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* December 22nd, 1896/89

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
S e c r e t a r y ,  
Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find copy of reply to letter attached.

Respectfully,

*J. P. Yates.*  
Private Secretary.

(Enclosures)

H.M.G.



*Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* December 24th, 1896. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Sir:

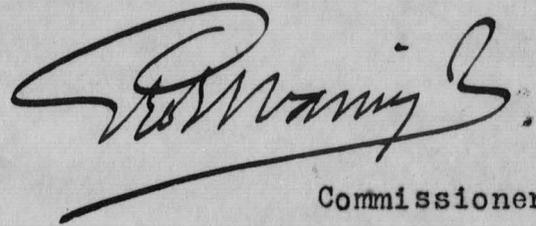
I beg to return herewith the copy of an " Ordinance to Amend Ordinance Regulating the Placing of Building Materials in the Street", enclosed to me by your Confidential Clerk in a letter of December 23rd, with a request for me to report my views thereon.

I think that if this ordinance were to receive your signature the effect on the work of this Department would be extremely bad. It is not at all the purpose of the planking now required to be placed under building materials to protect the pavement from injury, and would not be necessary for that purpose in the case of asphalt or wood. The purpose is to define the permitted area, and since this requirement has been made it has been comparatively easy to keep building material within the limits of the permit; because we can require it to be kept upon the planking which covers only those limits. Without this safeguard, we should lose the good effect of this work, and it would become impracticable for us to keep the streets in fair condition where building is

Hon. W.L.S., ---2.

going on.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Manning S.", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

(Enclosure)

Commissioner

*Original sent over last Monday. SWB*  
COPY. Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,



~~Criminal Court Buildings~~  
~~Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets~~  
H.M.G.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, December 24th, 1896 189

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Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. WARING, Jr.,

Commissioner.



CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

December 24th, 1896.

Col. George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

My dear Colonel:-

The Mayor directs me to hand you the enclosed letter from Aaron Wolfelt, which has appealed to him, and I call your attention to the memorandum in the Mayor's hand writing at the bottom of the letter.

Very truly,

*Job C. Stearns*  
Secretary.

*This man has made no application. I am sending for him and we will do what we can - but I don't want to do what we can do.*

*Waring*

8 pm

New York Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 96

Hon. Mayor of the City

Dear Sir!

For 2 full days now, no  
ashes and garbage has been  
removed from the north  
side of East 3<sup>rd</sup> St bet. Bow-  
ery + 2<sup>nd</sup> St. having no receipt  
labels no more, and we, as well  
as the rest, have the unsight-  
ly lot standing in front of  
the houses, we appeal to  
you for help. 6 o'cl tonight  
a man took the south side  
of the street, but would not take  
anything from over side.

I remain resp yours

Chs. H. Williams  
7 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St



Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, December 29, 1896. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the enclosed letter from Chs. H. Williams, Esq., 7 East 3rd St., complaining of the non-removal of ashes, etc., from his premises, and to inform you that the following is a copy of the report of the Acting District Superintendent to whom the matter was referred for investigation:

"I called at No. 7 East 3rd St. and was informed by Mrs. Bopp, housekeeper, that she knew of no such person as Chas. H. Williams, and furthermore, her ashes, etc., are removed regularly and she cannot see any cause for such complaint."

Respectfully,

*Jno. A. Yates.*

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

POSTAL CARD ONE CENT.

United States of America

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NEW YORK  
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To The Hon.  
Mayor of New York  
City Hall  
New York City

I would like to  
call your attention  
to the Candidates of  
Leroy St. from the  
Burying ground  
to Belvidere St. two  
blocks. It is im-  
possible - snow or  
refuse piled up with  
removal of hazardous  
vehicles scattering  
same over walk &  
into stores - I recu-  
my wife - & same  
has not been removed  
for long time past

W. J. Griffin  
1897 No. 4 & 4 1/2  
Leroy St.



*Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,*

(Copy)

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* January 6, 1897. 189

L. O'Brien, Esq.,

56 Leroy St., City.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner to inform you that your postal card of the 4th inst., addressed to the Mayor, was referred to this Department for attention.

The following is a copy of the report of the District Superintendent who investigated your complaint:

"I have to report in relation to the attached complaint that I inspected Leroy street this morning, January 6th, and found it to be in good condition.

"At the close of the recent snow this street, I know, was in very bad order, but, with all due respect to the complainant, its condition was not such as his report would lead one to believe.

"The street was cleaned as quickly as the demands on my carts would permit."

Yours truly,

(Signed) Jno. P. Yates,

Private Secretary.



*Department of Street Clearing,  
City of New York,*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* January 6, 1897. *189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the attached postal card from L. O'Brien, 56 Leroy street, and also a copy of a letter which has been sent to Mr. O'Brien.

Yours truly,

*J. S. Yates*

Private Secretary.

(2 enclosures)

( C O P Y )

SECTION No. 10th Sub.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 6th, 1897. 189

GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,

COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.

SIR:—I have to report that yesterday at 3.50 P.M. I caused the arrest of Herman Sanders, a truck driver, at the cor. of 5th and Lewis Sts., for deliberately punching sweeper Wm. Goetz and throwing water over him.

Sanders was arraigned before Magistrate Brann, at Essex Market Court this A.M. After the sweeper had stated his case and the defense was heard, being an eye witness to the occurrence, I was about to offer my testimony to the court, when Magistrate Brann absolutely refused to hear me, shutting me off with the declaration. "You are one of those fellows, who writes letters to Col. Waring about me not fining people enough when they are brought before me, you've got cast iron gaul, etc." I begged the court's pardon, and informed him he might be in error so far as I was concerned. He abruptly told me to "shut up, he didn't want any back talk", and fined the defendant One Dollar. If I may be permitted to suggest, what has all this got to do with punishing this offender.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)  
W. S. Clarke,  
Dist. Supt.

(signed) Alex. S. Drescher,  
Act. Foreman of Section No 10 sub.

H.M.G.



*Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* January 8th, 1897. *189*

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r .

Sir:

I beg to enclose herein for your information, and possible action, a copy of report this day received from a Foreman of this Department.

Very truly yours,

(Enclosure)

Commissioner.