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Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, March 18 1895

Sam Wm. S. Strong
Mayor &c
Dear Sir

In reply to yours
enclosing application Mrs
C. Sutton for retention
as attendant in the Governor's
Room, I desire to say that
no woman employed by
this Department will be
removed, unless "for cause"

Very respy

Your obt servt
Charles H. D. Collis
Dep. Comr —

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

Copy.

New York, March 18, 1895.

Edward Lyon, Esq.,

Agent, Fidelity and Casualty Co.,

140 Broadway.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter to him, submitting a proposition to insure the elevators in the public buildings under the charge of this Department.

In reply, I beg to say that the elevators in the County Court House and the Brown Stone Building in City Hall Park and in this building, No 31 Chambers Street, are already insured for this year with the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, and the only other elevators of which this Department has charge are those in the Criminal Court Building, six in number, and one in the Harlem Court House. I suggest, therefore, that you submit your proposition to insure these seven elevators, stating the premium for the insurance.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles H. T. Folliott
Supt Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street*

Copy.

New York, _____ March 18, 1895.

Albert Burnton, Esq.,
49 6th Avenue.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me the petition signed by yourself and other residents and business people on 6th Avenue, from Carmine Street to 14th Street, for electric lighting on that portion of the avenue, and, in reply, I beg to say that it is at present impossible to introduce electric light because there is no subway in the avenue for the placing of electric wires. The first action toward the establishment of such electric lighting will have to be an order from the Board of Electrical Control to have subways built there.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) *Charles H. T. Folli*
Sef Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, — March 18, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith,
for your information, copies of letters addressed
by me to Mr Edward Lyon, 140 Broadway, and Mr Albert
Burnton, 49 6th Avenue, in response to communications
received from them through your office.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Lecky Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

Copy.

New York, March 20, 1895.

L. O. Davis, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your schedule of questions regarding gas lighting in this City, and in reply, I respectfully present the following information:

1. The price of gas furnished private citizens is \$1.25 per M. This is the maximum rate fixed by law for New York City.

2. The prices for public gas lamps are as follow: Equitable Gas Co., \$12 per year for each lamp; Standard Gas Co., \$13.04-1/3; Consolidated Gas Co., \$17.50; Northern Gas Co., \$28; Central Gas Co., \$24, and Yonkers Gas Co., \$28. The three latter companies light the upper parts of the City north of Harlem River--a section which is partially settled. The prices quoted include the lighting, extinguishing, reglazing and painting the lamp-posts and lanterns. The lamps are lighted 4,000 hours per year, and the burners consume three feet of gas per hour.

3. The candle power of the gas varies from 20 to 30 candles, the Equitable Company's gas being 30-candle power.

4. Our contracts are made annually.

We cannot answer your fifth and sixth questions because the gas companies are private corporations, and we know nothing of their private business.

7. On December 31st, 1894, there were 1,412 miles of gas-mains in the streets of this City.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wm Brookfield
Commissioner of Public Works.

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*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street*

New York, March 20, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of a reply I have addressed to Mr L. O. Davis, City Clerk of Montreal, whose letter to you was transmitted from your office to this Department for attention.

I have forwarded to the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards the letter addressed to you by Mr Gordon McDonald, 18 Wall Street, concerning the condition of streets and roads in the 23rd and 24th Wards, this matter being under the jurisdiction of Commissioner Haffen.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

OFFICE OF
NEW YORK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION,
32 & 34 Vesey Street.

W. J. LA ROCHE,
PRESIDENT
METROPOLITAN HARDWARE CO.

} PRESIDENT.

HENRY WITTE,
BAWO & DOTTER,
30 AND 32 BARCLAY ST. } SECRETARY.

DAVID RICH,
D. RICH & CO.
22 PARK PLACE. } VICE-PRESIDENT.

MATTHEW W. HAWS,
SECRETARY
ROCHESTER LAMP CO.
37 BARCLAY ST. } TREASURER.

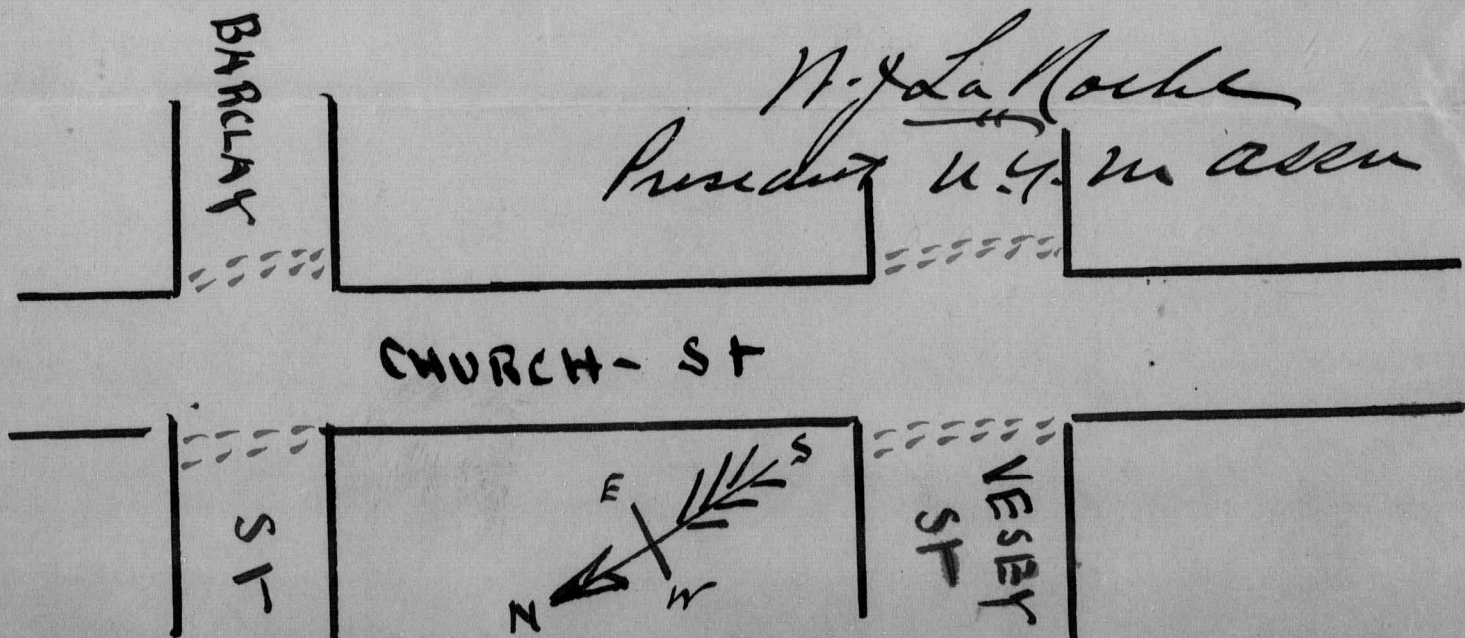
CHAS. E. HILL, 96 BROADWAY, ATTORNEY.

New York, March 20 1895
Hon Mr L. Strong
Sir

The attached matter
will come before you to day. You
will favor our association by passing
same as we are put to much
inconvenience on account of these
bad crossings. They are also dangerous.

Yours Resp

W. J. La Roche
President N.Y.M.A.



Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York,

March 16, 1895.

W. J. La Roche, Esq.,

New York Merchants' Association,

32 Vesey Street.

Dear Sir:

I duly received your favor of the 14th inst., calling my attention to the fact that the resolution for crosswalks at Vesey and Church Streets and at Barclay and Church Streets was passed by the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday last, and asking me to see that the matter is pushed.

In reply, I desire to say that the resolution referred to is now before me, and that I will favorably report it to the Mayor to-day. As soon as it is approved by him the crosswalks will be laid.

Very respectfully,

Charles M. D. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works:

signed at
Lugman

March 24/45

P. H.

M. J. H. Roche, Esq.

Department of Public Works,
Bureau of Incumbrances,
No 31 Chambers Street, N.Y.

New York, March 20th 1895

Mr. Job E. Hedges

Chief Clerk re.

My dear Sir:

Mr. Samuel Ebert of 256 Livingston St. called upon me this morning to renew his complaint of stands at #71 & 73 Sheriff St. and exhibiting a letter he had received from you referring him to this Bureau for the adjustment of his grievance.

In order to relieve you as much as possible from the persistent importunities of this individual, I have again extended to him the consideration usually shown to consistent and reasonable complainants, and have removed the stands referred to, to the Corporation Yard. I would also remark incidentally, that fourteen removals and twenty five inspections were made at this particular location during the past year upon receipt of complaints from Mr. Ebert.

This degree of attention to one particular complainant is unprecedented, and the many removals have been a source of great expense to this Dept. I trust that the indulgence of his Honor the Mayor and yourself will no longer be extended to this individual to encourage his pessimistic communications.

Very Truly Yours, William Shenkel
Supt. of Incumbrances.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street,*

Copy.

New York, March 21, 1895.

Messrs Samuel **Hammond** and Co.,
62 Wall Street.

G e n t l e m e n :

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter of 15th inst., complaining of the escape of steam from the New York Steam Company's mains in front of your building, and, from the report of the General Inspector, I find that your complaint is justified. He states that there is a dangerous leak in the steam main at that point, which is now being repaired, and has necessitated the tearing up of the pavement. He further states that the entire renewal of the steam plant on Wall Street, from Broadway to Pearl Street, is the only means of effecting a permanent remedy. I have notified the New York Steam Company to make such renewal as speedily as possible.

Very respectfully,

Sign'd Charles H. T. Collins
Dep Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Copy.

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, March 21, 1895.

Henry Caro, Esq.,

Secretary, Property Owners Union,

78 East 96th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter of 12th inst., conveying the resolution of your Association, petitioning for the construction of a foot-walk across the railroad cut on 4th Avenue at 99th Street.

From report of the Chief Engineer, to whom this matter was referred, I find that, in connection with the original railroad improvement on 4th or Park Avenue, a bridge was constructed at 98th Street, and he considers another one at 99th Street, only one block distant, unnecessary, especially in view of the fact that for all such constructions the City has been compelled to pay one-half the cost, the other half being borne by the railroad company.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles D. T. Collins
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, March 21, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith, for your information, copies of replies addressed by me to Messrs Samuel Hammond and Co., 62 Wall Street, and Henry Caro, 78 East 96th Street, whose letters to you were transmitted to this office for attention.

Very respectfully,

Charles V. D. Collis

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York

May 21, 1894.

Hon. Patrick J. Ryder,

154 Spring Street;

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of 16th inst., transmitting a communication addressed to you by Mr J. Hawley, asking that West 11th Street be paved with asphalt, I beg to inform you that contracts have already been made for all the asphalt pavements that can be paid for out of the special appropriation for street pavements, which expires this year. Under these circumstances it is impossible to say when funds will be available to pave the street, even if it should be decided that an asphalt pavement is necessary.

Very respectfully,

Michael T. Daly

Commissioner of Public Works.

Mr. Clifford

March 23

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

March 23, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enclosed three letters, received with a letter dated 15th inst. from your Secretary--one from J. W. Hawley, 48 West 11th Street, urging the repavement with asphalt of 11th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues; one from ex-Alderman P. J. Ryder to Mr Hawley, dated May 22nd, 1894; and one from Commissioner Daly to ex-Alderman Ryder, dated May 21st, 1894--I beg to say that the situation at present is practically as stated in Commissioner Daly's letter, viz: the legislative appropriation for repavements is exhausted, and no further contracts under it can be made. At present we have an appropriation of only \$250,000 for repavements, while for each of the past six years this Department has had from \$1,300,000 to \$1,350,000 for this purpose. While the Department is limited to this small appropriation no encouragement can be given that 11th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues, can be repaved with asphalt this year.

I understand that the repavement, between 6th and 7th Avenues, especially in front of St. Vincent's Hospital, was made because it has been recognized by the Department that noiseless pavements in front of hospitals are specially desirable.--Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, March 23, 1895.

H. Rosenzweig, Esq.,

168 Delancey Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your complaint regarding the replacement of sidewalk stands in front of Nos 164 and 166 Delancey Street after they had been removed by the Bureau of Incumbrances.

In reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Incumbrances that a resolution of the Common Council, approved on the 4th inst., authorizes the placing and retention of the stand at No 166 Delancey Street, placing it beyond the power of this Department to remove the stand.

He also reports that the owner of the stand at No 164 Delancey Street has again been notified to remove the same.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins
Supt. Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

Copy.

New York, March 23, 1895.

H. Rosenzweig, Esq.,

168 Delancey Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your complaint regarding the replacement of sidewalk stands in front of Nos 164 and 166 Delancey Street after they had been removed by the Bureau of Incumbrances.

In reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Incumbrances that a resolution of the Common Council, approved on the 4th inst., authorizes the placing and retention of the stand at No 166 Delancey Street, placing it beyond the power of this Department to remove the stand.

He also reports that the owner of the stand at No 164 Delancey Street has again been notified to remove the same.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) *C. H. T. Collis*
Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York,

March 23, 1895.

Copy.

A. S. Schloss, Esq.,

122-1/2 Chrystie Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me the letter of 16th inst., signed by yourself and several of your neighbors, complaining of a fruit and cigar stand at the N. W. corner of Broome and Chrystie Streets.

In reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Incumbrances that the owner has been notified to remove the stand, and, if the notice is not complied with in reasonable time, the stand will be removed to the Corporation Yard.

Very respectfully,

Signed) C. H. T. Collins
Supt Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

March 25, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enclosed resolution, No 99, to amend section 419, article 43, chapter 6, of the Revised Ordinances of 1880, relating to gutter bridges, I have the honor to report that there is no objection to the proposed amendments except in this respect:

This Department has charge of, and is responsible for the condition of all the pavements south of the Harlem River. The placing of gutter bridges in nearly every case involves disturbance of the pavements, and in most cases the setting of a double or outer curb on the line of the gutter. It is, therefore, recommended that an additional amendment be embodied in the resolution requiring that the applications received by the Department of Street Cleaning shall be submitted to, and approved by, this Department before permits are issued.

Although this has not heretofore been prescribed by ordinance, it has been the practice of the Mayor's permit bureau to submit all applications for gutter bridges to the Water Purveyor and to obtain his report thereon before issuing permits.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, March 28, 1895.

Copy.

Mrs J. W. Smith,
122 East 113th Street.

M a d a m:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your postal card to him of 22nd inst., calling attention to unfenced vacant lots on 113th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues, and, in reply, I beg to say that this Department can take no action in the matter unless directed by special ordinance of the Common Council to erect fences in front of the lots and have the cost assessed thereon.

I would suggest that you apply to the Board of Aldermen, or to the Alderman from your District, for the introduction and passage of such an ordinance.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles H. T. Lillis
Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, March 28, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of a letter
I have addressed to Mrs J. W. Smith, in
reply to her postal card of 22nd inst.,
received through your office.

Very respectfully,

Charles M. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

March 28, 1895.

Copy.

Messrs F. A. Ferris and Co.,

262 Mott Street.

G e n t l e m e n :

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 23rd inst., in regard to the imperfect manner in which repairs are being made to the pavement on Lenox Avenue, between 122nd and 123rd Streets.

The bad condition of the avenue is due to the construction of the Lexington Avenue and Pavonia Ferry Railroad Company's cable.

The repairs now being made are only temporary. When the work on the cable is completed, the entire avenue will be resurfaced, as the Cable Company have placed their rails above the existing grade. The permanent work will be in charge of this Department, and will be done to the satisfaction of the people living in the neighborhood.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) CHARLES H. T. COLLIS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

March 28th, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to transmit to you
herewith a copy of my reply to the letter
addressed to you by Messrs F. A. Ferris and
Co., and received from your office for
attention.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collier

copy Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 34 Chambers Street.*

Copy.

New York, March 29, 1895.

Charles E. Miller, Esq.,

Foot of West 79th Street.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of 19th inst. which was transmitted to me by the Mayor, calling attention to the defective condition of the sidewalk at the S. E. corner of 79th Street and Amsterdam Avenue and the projection of rock, earth and rubbish beyond the stoop-line, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Street Improvements that, on a previous complaint, the owner of this property was notified to, and did, make some repairs to the sidewalk. He will now be served with a final notice to make complete repairs, and if he does not comply with the notice in reasonable time, certificate will be made to the Board of Aldermen for the purpose of obtaining authority, by special ordinance, to have the necessary work done by this Department and the cost assessed on the property.

As to the fencing of this vacant property, this Department has no initiatory power and can only act when directed by special ordinance of the Common Council.

I, therefore, suggest that you apply to the Board of Aldermen, or the Alderman from your District, for the introduction and passage of an ordinance directing that the lots be fenced in.

Very respectfully,

Wm. B. Wood

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No 34 Chambers Street,

New York, March 29th, *1896*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith a copy
of my reply to the letter addressed to you
by Mr Charles E. Miller, and received from
your office for attention.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Wm Brookhuis

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, April 2, 1895.

Copy.

Messrs Sheuer Bros.,

425 Broadway.

G e n t l e m e n :

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter of 27th ultimo, complaining against a show-case at No 425 Broadway, and, in reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Incumbrances that the show-case was removed by the owner on notice from the Bureau of Incumbrances in response to a previous complaint from you.

He will make another inspection, and if the show-case has been replaced as stated by you, he will have it removed to the Corporation Yard unless the notice from him is complied with.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles A. T. Follio
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, April 2, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

The letter addressed to you by
Messrs Scheuer Bros has been answered by me as
per the enclosed copy.

Yours very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collis

Leepys Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street.

New York, April 6, 1895.

Copy.

Ignatz Stern, Esq.,

294 Broome Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your complaint of 1st inst. against sidewalk stands at Nos 290 and 294 Broome Street, and, in reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Incumbrances that these stands were removed on previous complaints, and that he will have them taken to the Corporation Yard if the owners have put them back in their former places.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street,
New York,* April 6, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith
; copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr Ignatz Stern, and received from
your office for attention.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Wm Brookfield

Copy.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, April 10, 1895.

Rev. Herman Paul Faust,
120 Forsyth Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter to him of 3rd inst., asking that Mrs Weineroth be permitted to maintain a sidewalk stand in front of her premises, No 111 Forsyth Street.

From report by the Supt. of Incumbrances, I find that Mrs Weineroth maintained a soda-water stand in front of No 111 Forsyth Street, N. W. corner of Broome Street, which together with other stands on the N. E. and S. W. corners of these streets, was removed on the complaint of store keepers in that locality, who claimed that they were unable to compete in business with the owners of sidewalk stands for which no rental is paid.

This Department is compelled to execute the law and ordinance against sidewalk stands with absolute impartiality, and has no discretionary power, however much it may sympathize with persons in the circumstances of Mrs Weineroth. It will, therefore, be the duty of the Supt. of Incumbrances to remove to the Corporation Yard any of the stands mentioned which have been replaced.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street.

New York, April 10, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to send you herewith a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to you by the Rev. Paul Herman Faust, 120 Forsyth Street, and referred to this Department for attention.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No 34 Chambers Street.

Copy.

New York.

April 13, 1895.

Adolph Luhrs and Son,

514 6th Avenue.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me for attention and report your letter to him of 4th inst., complaining of a dangerous tree in front of No 134 East 30th Street.

Your communication was referred to the Superintendent of Incumbrances, who reported on the 11th inst. that the tree would be inspected and removed if found to be in a dangerous condition.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles H. T. Collis
Sept Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York.

April 13,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you
herewith a copy of my reply to the letter
addressed to you by Messrs Adolph Luhrs and
Son, and received from your office for atten-
tion.

Very respectfully,

Charles M. J. Collins
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York. April 16, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have answered the Mayor of Detroit's letter to you regarding the wages paid by this City to laborers. I have informed him that the City pays laborers \$2 per day of eight hours.

Yours truly,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

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New York,

April 16,

1896

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have referred to the Park
Department for attention the letter addressed
to you by Mr S. Frank Russell, asking for soil
to be placed around a tree planted in memory
of Abraham Lincoln.

Yours truly,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Wm M. Russell

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street.

Copy.

New York, April 16, 1895.

J. M. Peters, Esq.,

17 Vandewater Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter of 8th inst. to him, complaining of a drop awning hanging too low in front of Nos 14 and 16 Frankfort Street.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the owner of the awning has been notified to change or remove it, and if the notice is not complied with in reasonable time, the awning will be taken to the Corporation Yard.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) *Wm J. Brookfield*
Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York. April 16, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr J. M. Peters, 17 Vandewater Street,
and referred to this Department for attention.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 34 Chambers Street

Copy.

New York, April 18, 1895

The Monohan Express Co.,

189 South 5th Avenue.

Gentlemen:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 9th inst., regarding defective pavement within and about the rail-tracks on South Fifth Avenue, between Grand and Broome Streets.

The General Inspector has inspected the portion of South 5th Avenue complained of, and has notified the Metropolitan Traction Company to repair the pavement.

Very respectfully,

Signed Chas H. T. Collins
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 34 Chambers Street,

New York, April 18, 1892

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of my
reply to the letter addressed to you by the
Monohan Express Co., and referred to this
Department for attention.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Collins
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

Copy.

New York, April 19, 1895

James H. Croft, Esq.,

306 West 36th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 16th inst., regarding defective pavement on 8th Avenue.

In reply, I would respectfully inform you that forms of contracts and specifications are in preparation for the letting of a contract to repair and maintain in good condition the asphalt pavement on 8th Avenue until 1905. The work will be begun as soon as possible, but the necessary preliminaries will take some time.

Yours respectfully,

Signed) Wm Brookfus

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York; April 19, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr James H. Croft, and referred to
this office for attention.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, _____ April 19, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the letter of 15th inst. from your Secretary, transmitting a complaint addressed to you by Mr C. K. Reynolds regarding an expressman's booth at the corner of 9th Street and 6th Avenue.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the owner of the booth complained of has been notified to remove it, and if the notice is not complied with in reasonable time, the booth will be taken to the Corporation Yard.

The reason the booth was not removed before is because the Supt. of Incumbrances believed the complaint concerning it was malicious. The booth is small, has been in its present position for three years, and no one in the immediate vicinity has ever complained of it.

I cannot answer Mr Reynolds direct because he does not give his address, and I do not find it in the City Directory.

Very respectfully,

Wm Broome

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

April 20, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I have answered the letter addressed to you by Mr J. Muller, 425 Amsterdam Avenue, and have informed him that the defective pavement in front of No 423 Amsterdam Avenue has been repaired.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Corlies
deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works
Commissioner's Office
No. 31 Chambers Street

Copy.

New York, April 24, 1895.

B. M. Freligh, Esq.,

West Side Express,

Foot of West 11th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter to him of 11th inst., asking that your son be permitted to replace and maintain a booth for an express office at the corner of 6th Avenue and 9th Street, which he was compelled, by notice from the Bureau of Incumbrances, to remove.

In reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Incumbrances that several complaints against the booth have been received, and as there was and is no legal authority for its maintenance on the sidewalk, this Department had no alternative but to order its removal. ~~There~~ There is no legal power in this or any other Department to authorize such obstructions by permit.

Very respectfully,

Signed) Charles H. T. Collis
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street.

New York, April 24, 189*6*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith a copy
of my reply to the letter addressed to you
by B. M. Freligh of the West Side Express.

Yours very respectfully,

Charles M. D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Copy.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, April 25, 1895.

James Brown, Esq.,

16 East 114th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter to him of 17th inst., complaining against the erection and operation of a derrick at 113th Street and Park Avenue, and the closing of the street across the avenue on account of the work for the Park Avenue Improvement, by the raising of the grade of the railroad viaduct.

This work is under the immediate direction of the Park Avenue Improvement Commission, and this Department exercises only a limited supervision over it. The General Inspector of the Department reports that the character and magnitude of the work required to be done at 113th Street renders it necessary and wise to close the street within the lines of Park Avenue, for the safety of the public and to facilitate and expedite the work, thus shortening the period of obstruction. The derrick mentioned in your letter is no doubt necessary for the prosecution of the work.

This Department and the Improvement Commission are doing everything possible to limit the extent as well as the duration of obstructions on account of this great work.

Very respectfully,

Signed Charles H. T. Folger
S^{ep} Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

April 25,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith a copy
of my reply to the letter addressed to you by
Mr James Brown, of 16 East 114th Street.

Very respectfully,

Charles D. Ballis
Copy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 34 Chambers Street

Copy.

New York

April 25, 1895.

J. H. Haffner, Esq.,

141 East 105th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter to him of 15th inst., complaining of insufficient supply and pressure of water in your house, and in the upper west side generally.

In reply, I beg to say that your house, and the whole upper west side district, are supplied from the high service pumping stations. This supply is limited to the capacity of the pumping engines, and is not benefited by any abundance of supply at the Croton dam and the City reservoirs.

For several years past the pumping engines have been operated to their fullest capacity. In the meantime, as you must be aware, the district has grown rapidly in buildings and population, at a greater ratio than any other part of the City. The increased demands on the high service thus created have naturally and gradually decreased the pressures and the elevation at which the water can be delivered in the houses. Those on very high ground, like your own, have been most affected by this decrease of pressure, which is inevitable and will continue until the new high service works now in course of construction west of Amsterdam Avenue, between High Bridge and Washington Bridge, are completed. It is expected to have them in operation by the latter part of next year, and as they will duplicate the present pumping capacity, good supply and pressure in the high service districts will be assured for a number of years.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles H. T. Collins
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street.

New York. April 23, 1898

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith a copy
of my reply to the letter addressed to you
by Mr J. H. Haffner, of No 141 East 105th
Street.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

April 26, 1895.

Copy.

Theodore Yachman, Esq.,

148 Essex Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me your complaint, received on the 19th inst., against sidewalk stands at Nos 156 and 159 Essex Street, and 115th Stanton Street.

In reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Incumbrances that the stands have been taken to the Corporation Yard, the owners having disregarded the notices to remove them.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, April 26, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr Theodore Yachman, of 148 Essex
Street.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, April 26, 1895.

Copy.

Louis Gertner, Esq.,

156 Stanton Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me your complaint of 20th inst. against a sidewalk stand at No 154 Stanton Street, and, in reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Incumbrances that the stand has been removed by the owner on notice from that Bureau.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 34 Chambers Street,

New York,

April 26, 1892

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith a
copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr Louis Gertner, of 156 Stanton
Street.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No 31 Chambers Street.

New York, April 29, 1895.

Copy.

Monahan's Express Co.,

189 South 5th Avenue.

G e n t l e m e n :

In answer to your complaint of 15th inst., received through the Mayor, regarding the defective condition of the pavement in South 5th Avenue, between Grand and Broome Streets, I beg to say I find, from report of the Water Purveyor, that the needed repairs will be made this week.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles H. T. Collins
Dep. Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, April 29, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Monahan's Express Co.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. P. Collier
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, April 30, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

The letter addressed to you by
Louis Baker, 30 Spring Street, and referred to
me, was answered by me to-day.

I informed Mr Baker that the stand at
28 Spring Street would be removed to the
Corporation Yard if the owner failed to comply
with a notice from the Bureau of Incumbrances
to remove it.

Very respectfully,

Charles M. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, April 30, 1895.

B. L. Burrowes, Esq.,

Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of yesterday, requesting that permission be granted to the Bijou Theatre to maintain certain signs in front of the Theatre, similar to signs maintained in front of other theatres, I beg to say I fully concur in the views expressed by the Supt. of Incumbrances in this matter as follows:

"The sign or signs are already in place and in use. They are attached to the front of the building, one being about 15 feet long by 2 feet wide, and the other above the first about 10 feet long by 4 feet wide. Both signs are so arranged that when in use they are swung out across the sidewalk, and during the day are kept in against the building. They present an unsightly obstruction, and are a palpable violation of law. ~~Many~~ other theatres on Broadway and vicinity maintain similar signs, but none so large or extending so far out as those belonging to the Bijou Theatre. Several complaints have been received against these signs, and notices to remove have been served upon all theatres maintaining them. No permit can be granted that will legally protect signs of this description and these dimensions. The general ordinance permits the erection of signs within three feet from the building line, and if any are to be permitted they must directly conform with the provisions of the ordinance"

Very respectfully,

Charles S. D. Collins

Leapy Commissioner of Public Works.