

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

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

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 538. To permit Butt and Sanders to place and keep a show-window at No 272 Grand Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that there is no objection to this resolution as the show-window will not project more than twelve inches beyond the building line.

No 559. To pave 130th Street, from Convent Avenue to Amsterdam Avenue, with granite blocks.

As the grade on this part of 130th Street is too steep for an asphalt pavement, it is necessary to pave it with granite blocks. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 558. To pave 142nd Street, from Convent to Amsterdam Avenue, with asphalt.

The grade on this part of 142nd Street is suitable for an asphalt pavement. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 563. To pave with granite or syenite blocks 127th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

No 551. To pave Dyckman Street, from Kingsbridge

Road to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, with asphalt pavement on concrete foundation.

The improvements provided for in these two resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 550. To fence vacant lots on the south-east corner of 77th Street and 5th Avenue, where not already fenced.

No 564. To fence vacant lots on the north side of 143rd Street, from 7th to 8th Avenue.

It is necessary to fence these vacant lots to prevent nuisances caused by dumping rubbish thereon. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 568. To regulate and grade Kingsbridge Avenue, from Terrace View Avenue to Van Corlear Place.

This avenue has been legally opened and it is necessary to regulate and grade it for the benefit of the people living in its vicinity. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 569. To re-number houses on Bethune Street, from Hudson Street to 13th Avenue.

The block of Bethune Street, between Hudson and Greenwich Street, has been open to the public but a short time, and houses have just been built on the line thereof. In allotting numbers for these new houses, it will be necessary to renumber the entire street. I therefore recommend that the resolution be approved.

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No ~~574~~. To permit the La Comte Hotel and Restaurant Co. to erect an ornamental electric lamp in front of No 36 West 31st Street.

On December 17th you vetoed a resolution to permit this Company to place a sign on the gas lamp-post at 36 West 31st Street. The present resolution does not state that the proposed ornamental electric lamp is not

to be used for advertising purposes, or that the lamp shall be lighted the same number of hours as public lamps. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 540. To permit Joseph Barnes to place and keep a bill-board in front of No 2,387 Third Avenue.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because it is intended to place the bill-board on the sidewalk at the curb, which would be illegal.

No 539. To permit Wallach Bros., N. E. corner of 3rd Avenue and 122nd Street, to extend a show-case along the wall of their building on the 122nd Street side.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the location should be the N. W. instead of the N. E. corner of 122nd Street and 3rd Avenue. He has ascertained that the proposed show-case will be about 23 feet long and several feet high, similar to the one placed at 99th Street and Columbus Avenue under a resolution of the Common Council, and removed by this Department upon complaint of the Building Department and property owners of that street. I recommend that the resolution be not approved because a show-case of the character and dimensions described would be illegal.

No 567. To lay crosswalks on 187th Street, at its intersections with Wadsworth and Audubon Avenues.

The Water Purveyor reports that it is necessary to pave this street as early as practicable, and I will forward to the Board of Aldermen at an early date draft of a resolution and ordinance for this improvement, including the crosswalks provided for in this resolution. The crosswalks will be better laid in connection with the paving of the street than if laid separately, and the cost to the property owners will be less. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 561. To pave 133rd Street, from Amsterdam to Convent Avenue, with granite blocks.

In the opinion of the Water Purveyor, an asphalt pavement would be more suitable for this street than granite, and would cost less than the latter. I therefore recommend that the resolution be amended so as to provide for asphalt instead of granite.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, January 11, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 611. To pave 146th Street, from 7th to 8th Avenue with asphalt.

This improvement is necessary. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 595. To place four lamps in front of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in East 28th Street.

No 596. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 182nd Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

No 597. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 8th Street, Williamsbridge.

No 599. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Intervale Avenue, from Freeman Street to Wilkins Place.

The gas-mains, lamps, etc., provided for in these four resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 610. To pave Edgecombe Avenue, from 137th to 138th Street, with asphalt.

According to a ruling of the Board of Assessors, this resolution does not authorize the paving of the intersection of 138th Street, and it is suggested that the resolution and ordinance be amended to read: "That the carriageway of Edgecombe Avenue be paved with asphalt

pavement on a concrete foundation from the north side of 137th Street to the north side of 138th Street."

~~No 574. To permit Edward Moore to keep a shipping clerk's office on the sidewalk within the stoop-line on the north side of White Street, about 100 feet east of Broadway.~~

As the proposed structure would be an illegal obstruction, it is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 601. For gas-mains, etc., in 163rd Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Edgecombe Avenue.

This street is not regulated and graded. The resolution is premature.

No 602. For gas-mains, etc., in East 184th Street, and Davidson, Grand and Aqueduct Avenues, on University Heights.

184th Street and Davidson, Grand and Aqueduct Avenues are not regulated and graded, and there are no houses to supply with water. The resolution is premature.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. P. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, January 20, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 638. To fence the triangle bounded by 8th and St. Nicholas Avenues and 120th Street.

No 645. To fence vacant lots on Morningside Avenue East between 120th and 121st Streets.

It is necessary to fence these vacant lots to prevent nuisances thereon. I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 639. To renumber West End Avenue, north of 59th Street.

The numbers on Central Park West, the Boulevard, Columbus Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue begin at 59th Street, and this resolution is necessary to authorize the renumbering of West End Avenue so that the numbers will also begin at 59th Street. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, January 25, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to present reports on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 673. To fence vacant lots on the south side of 96th Street, 300 feet west of Park Avenue.

It is necessary to fence these lots to prevent nuisances. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 687. To regulate, grade, etc., 215th Street, from Kingsbridge Road to Columbus Avenue.

No 689. To regulate, grade, etc., Terrace View Avenue south from Kingsbridge Avenue to Broadway and 226th Street.

No 690. To regulate and grade Wicker Place, from Jansen Avenue to Kingsbridge Avenue.

The improvements provided for in the three foregoing resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 688. To pave 216th Street, between Kingsbridge Road and Columbus Avenue, with asphalt.

This street is about to be regulated and graded, and it is intended to include the paving in the same contract. Drafts of resolutions for water-mains, sewer and gas-mains will be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen at an early date in order that these sub-structures may be

laid in advance of the new pavement. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 659. To permit Mare Hidlitz and Son to erect a temporary platform over the sidewalk and carriageway of Rector Street, between Broadway and Church Street, to protect pedestrians during building operations.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 680. To regulate and grade 184th Street, from 10th to 11th Avenue.

As this Department has no record of the legal opening of this street, it would appear that we have no power to regulate and grade it. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 662. To permit John Leonard to erect a platform scale in front of No 362 to 366 Avenue A.

The erection and maintenance of a platform scale on the public sidewalk would be illegal. For this reason the resolution should not be approved.

No 625. To permit H. M. Kuhnast to lay a switch on the west side of 10th Avenue, between 12th and 13th Streets.

The switch provided for in this resolution appears to be necessary for the accommodation of a large market on the west side of the block between Little West 12th and 13th Streets. It is suggested, however, that the resolution be amended by inserting at the end of the third line from the bottom: "And when 10th Avenue is repaved, the said H. M. Kuhnast shall provide such other rails as are acceptable to the Commissioner of Public Works, and shall bear his proportion of the cost of repaving the avenue and thereafter maintain the pavement in such state as to be satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Works through the continuance of this permit."

Very respectfully,

Charles S. D. Collier

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
 Commissioner's Office,
 No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, February 8, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor,

Dear Sir:

As requested, I present reports on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 714. Permitting the Washington Life Insurance Co. to erect temporary platforms on Liberty Street, between Broadway and Temple Street, etc.

The platforms provided for in this resolution are necessary for the safety of the public and convenience of street traffic.

No 722. Permitting Teresa Schwind to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 13 Avenue B.

no objection -
 No 747. To lay gas-mains in Fort Independence Avenue from Boston Avenue to Albany Avenue.

No 749. To lay gas-mains in 6th Street, between White Plains Avenue and 4th Avenue.

No 750. To lay gas-mains in 185th Street, from Washington Avenue to Park Avenue.

No 751. To lay gas-mains in Academy Street, between Seaman Avenue and Kingsbridge Road.

No 752. To lay gas-mains in 216th Street, from Kingsbridge Road to Columbus Avenue.

No 753. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Spring Place, from Franklin Avenue to Boston Road.

Gas mains and public lamps are necessary in the streets and avenues named in these ^{six} ~~seven~~ resolutions, and it is recommended that they be approved.

No 746. To lay water-mains in Lexington Avenue, between 98th and 101st Streets.

No 745. To lay water-mains in Prospect Avenue, from Freeman Avenue to Ritter Place.

No 743. To lay water-mains in 216th Street, from Kingsbridge Road to Columbus Avenue.

No 742. To lay water-mains in Riverside Drive, between 122nd and 127th Streets.

No 740. To lay water-mains in Crotona Avenue, from Tremont Avenue to Lebanon Street.

No 736. To lay water-mains in 184th Street, between Jerome Avenue and Aqueduct Avenue East, etc.

No 737. To lay water-mains in Burnside Avenue, between Jerome and Sedgwick Avenues.

No 741. To lay water-mains in 171st Street, from Commerce to Sedgwick Avenues, etc.

Water-mains are necessary in the streets and avenues named in these eight resolutions. I recommend that they be approved.

No 748. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Oakland Place, from Crotona Avenue to Belmont Street.

This street is not regulated and graded and has no sidewalks. The resolution is premature.

No 739. To lay water-mains, etc., in Fort Independence Avenue, from Boston Avenue to Albany Avenue.

Water-mains in this part of Fort Independence Avenue are included in a resolution approved by you September 16th, 1896, and a contract for them will be entered into in a few days. The present resolution is therefore unnecessary.

No 738. To lay water-mains in Oakland Place, from Crotona Avenue to Belmont Street.

Oakland Place is not graded and should be graded before water-mains are laid.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,*

New York, February 9, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

The Clerk of the Common Council has transmitted to this office a certified copy of a resolution and ordinance, passed by the Board of Aldermen on the 12th ultimo, and approved by you on the 26th ultimo, to pave Lexington Avenue, from 97th to 103rd Street, with asphalt block pavement.

The resolution and ordinance were not referred to this Department for examination and report. If they had been, I would certainly have reported that the grade of Lexington Avenue, between 102nd and 103rd Streets, is utterly impracticable for any kind of asphalt pavement, being fully 13 per 100.

I now have the honor to recommend that the Board of Aldermen be requested to amend the resolution and ordinance so as to provide for a pavement of granite or syenite blocks between 102nd and 103rd Streets.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins
Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

*Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,*

New York, February 9, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to report on the following resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 732. To fence vacant lots at No 303 West 71st Street.

Upon examination it is found that these lots have ~~been fenced in, and there is no necessity for the~~ resolution.

No 744. To lay water-mains in Spring Place, from Franklin Avenue to Boston Road.

This street is not graded. It should be graded before water-mains are laid. The resolution is premature.

Very respectfully,

Charles W. Kellogg

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.

*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* February 16, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I respectfully report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 768. To permit Merck and Co. to place and keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp on the S. E. corner of University Place and Clinton Place.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 770. Accepting from the University of the City of New York a fountain on Sedgwick Avenue, west of the new University Library.

It would benefit the public to accept and supply this fountain with water. I, therefore, recommend that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

~~No. 100 Nassau St.~~
150 Nassau St.

New York, Feb. 19th 1897. *189*

Dear Sir,

I respectfully ask that you will disapprove the accompanying resolution authorizing the erection of an ornamental lamp in front of 1086 Fifth Avenue.

I am doing my utmost to rid Fifth Avenue from Washington Square to the Harlem River of all obstructions upon the sidewalks. Already I have arranged with the Fire Department that as the new pavement is laid, the fire hydrants shall be taken from Fifth Avenue and located in the side streets.

I have made a similar arrangement with the Post Master of the City in regard to the letter boxes; have also removed all carriage stepping stones and dead lamp-posts, and have placed handsome illuminated street signs at the intersections of the streets as far north as 79th Street.

I am glad to say that the residents along the street have cheerfully acquiesced in this improvement, and have removed all obstructions maintained by them when their attention was called to it by this Department.

I hope I shall have your support and the support of the Board of Aldermen in carrying out my purpose in regard to this great Avenue.

Yours very truly,

Charles A. T. DeLoach

Commissioner.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,*

New York, February 23, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

As requested, I present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 786. To permit John Leonard to keep a platform scale in front of his premises, Nos 362 to 366 Avenue A.

This resolution is objected to because a platform scale on the public sidewalk constitutes a violation of law.

No 787. To permit George E. Munson to erect an iron post, with mortar, at No 381 Fourth Avenue.

This resolution is opposed on the ground that a post and thermometer of this description cannot be legally placed and maintained on a sidewalk.

No 801. To permit the Stephen Merritt Burial Co. to place an illuminated sign in front of Nos 241-243 West 23rd Street.

The proposed sign would extend out to the stoop-line. The legal limit is only three feet from the building line. The sign would be illegal. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 806. To permit the Time and Weather Pillar Co. to erect a clock at No 253 Broadway.

The base of the pillar in this case will occupy a space of 30 x 36 inches. The dial of the clock is to be 16 inches in diameter, while the top thereof measures

about 56 inches. I cannot approve of the erection of a column of these dimensions on a public sidewalk, especially on such a busy thoroughfare as Broadway at Murray Street.

No 809. To permit the Kips Brewing Co. to place and keep a post for supporting a swinging-bridge in front of No 550 First Avenue.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the post provided for in this resolution is already in place and has been in operation for many years as a means of loading trucks which are supported by it. As it is an illegal obstruction, I cannot recommend the approval of the resolution, but I would state that traffic is not materially interfered with by the post and swinging-bridge attached thereto.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No 31 Chambers Street,

New York, March 1st 1897. *189*

Dear Sir;

Resolution of the Board of Aldermen No. 1482, permitting the New York Life Insurance Company to construct a stoop or portico in front of their new building, Nos. 346 & 348 Broadway, was not submitted to this Department for a report before your action thereon was taken. Had it been, I should have called your attention to the fact that the Board of Aldermen have no such power, and therefore the resolution goes for naught.

Such an erection would be a violation of the Consolidation Act, and I have notified Mr. McCall to that effect, so that he may not be put to the expense of building an obstruction which I should be compelled to remove.

Yours very truly,

Charles A. D. Collins

Commissioner.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City.

Department of Public Works,

*Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,*

New York, March 1, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 817. To permit the 18th St. Methodist Episcopal Church to erect transparencies on lamp-posts at 18th Street and 8th Avenue, 18th Street and 9th Avenue and in front of said Church between 8th and 9th Avenues.

No 821. To permit St. Philips Episcopal Church to place transparencies on certain lamp-posts in front of the Church, and on the S. W. corner of 25th Street and 6th Avenue and the N. E. corner of 25th Street and 7th Avenue.

Transparencies on lamp-posts are very unsightly.

They are used chiefly to advertise church fairs and are often left on lamp-posts long after the fairs have taken place and the time stipulated in the resolutions has expired. It is the opinion of the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas that the placing of such transparencies on public lamps should be prohibited. I agree with him.

*They reduce the illuminating power 60 per cent -
No objection if they are made of glass. —*

No 820. To permit Gutfreund Bros. to place an illuminated gas sign (extending two feet outside the stoop-line) in front of premises No 1,685 Madison Avenue.

The general ordinance permitting the erection of signs of this description provides that they shall not extend beyond three feet from the building-line. The

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proposed sign would exceed this limit by about six feet,
and would therefore be illegal. It is recommended that
the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* March 8, 1897.HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 844. To permit Andrew P. Nahmens to place and keep an ornamental clock on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of No 262 West 125th Street.

As the post and clock to be placed under this resolution will not exceed the dimensions prescribed by law, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 838. To permit the United Dressed Beef Co. to place and keep a platform scale on the sidewalk in front of their premises, south side of 44th Street, East River.

This resolution is opposed on the ground that a platform scale on the sidewalk would be illegal.

No 835. Permitting James P. Lennen Association to place and keep transparencies on lamps on the south west corner of 30th Street and 10th Avenue, etc.

No 842. Permitting the Young Men's Christian Association to place transparencies on lamps on the south-west corner of 23rd Street and 4th Avenue, etc.

These transparencies are unsightly and diminish the light at least sixty per cent. It would be well if their erection on public lamps were entirely prohibited.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collier

Commissioner of Public Works.

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Trunkkeeper

Post office
HON. WILLIAM E. BURROUGHS
N. Y. C. N. Y.

March 8, 1897.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

March 16, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 861. To pave 108th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to the Boulevard, with asphalt blocks.

This improvement is necessary and I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 853. For an improved iron drinking-fountain on the N. E. corner of 177th Street and Arthur Avenue.

As this location is in the 24th Ward, it might be well to obtain a report on the resolution from Commissioner Haffen. There is no objection on the part of this Department.

No 862. For an additional lamp-post in front of the Young Men's Guild of St. Phillips Church, 125 to 129 West 30th Street.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 855. To flag the sidewalks in front of Nos 133 and 135 West 11th Street.

No 856. To flag the sidewalks on both sides of 49th Street, from 11th to 12th Avenues.

No 858. To flag the sidewalks on 14th, 15th and 16th Streets, between 10th and 11th Avenues.

It is necessary to flag the sidewalks referred to in these resolutions, and I recommend that they be

approved.

✓ No 863. To renumber 89th Street, from Central Park West to Columbus Avenue.

The irregularity of the present numbers on this part of 89th Street necessitates the approval of this resolution.

✓ No 865. To pave with asphalt 139th Street, from Hamilton Place to the Boulevard.

The Water Purveyor reports that this street has a grade of 10 per cent, which he considers too steep for asphalt. I, therefore, recommend that the resolution be amended by substituting granite on concrete foundation.

✓ No 869. To permit Abraham J. Divorsky to extend a vault at the N. W. corner of East Broadway and Clinton Street, upon the payment of such an amount as may be deemed an equivalent by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

This resolution is not in proper form, inasmuch as it provides that the amount to be paid for the proposed privilege shall be determined by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. The extension of a vault is within the scope of the Revised Ordinances of 1880, Chapter 6, Article 10, Sections 182 and 194. The resolution should be amended accordingly.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. J. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

150 Nassau Street,

New York, _____ **March 22,** _____ *1897*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, to remove an iron drinking fountain now in front of No 542 West 14th Street, I beg leave to report that I know of no reason why this fountain should be removed.

Very respectfully,

Charles W. T. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*I should like to have fuller
opportunity to investigate*

C.W.T.C.

Department of Public Works,

*Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,*

New York, March 22, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 925. To lay water-mains in Aqueduct Avenue, from Hampden Street to Buchanan Place.

No 922. To lay water-mains in 182nd Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

No 923. To lay water-mains in 11th Avenue, between 173rd and 190th Streets.

No 924. To lay water-mains in 92nd Street, 95th Street and 99th Street, between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive, etc.

No 921. To lay water-mains in 165th Street, between Audubon Avenue and Boulevard Lafayette.

No 920. To lay water-mains in 190th Street, from Amsterdam to 11th Avenue.

The water-mains provided for in these six resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 908. To permit D. Kohn to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 1,502 2nd Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 889. To pave 106th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive, with asphalt on concrete foundation.

No 890. To pave 98th Street, from West End Avenue to Riverside Drive, with granite on concrete.

The pavements provided for in these two resolutions

are necessary. It is recommended that they be approved.

No 903. To permit Frederick Billings to erect and keep a stone portico in front of the entrance to the Royalton Hotel on the north side of 43rd Street and the south side of 44th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues.

I object to this resolution on the ground that the proposed portico would consist of four stone columns on the public sidewalks on 43rd and 44th Streets, 3 feet 6 inches beyond the building line. The portico would in no sense be acceptable as a stoop. Owners of adjoining property have objected to projections of this character, and, in my opinion, all such structures should be confined to the building-line and not encroach on public sidewalks.

No 898. To permit F. H. Wakeham to erect and keep a temporary wooden scaffolding or enclosure to cover a chain hoist-way on the outside of the premises and inside of the stoop-line of No 419 West Broadway.

There is no objection to this resolution if the erection and use of the proposed wooden covering are to be temporary, during the building or alteration of a house. The resolution should, however, limit the time during which the covering may remain.

No 911. To permit Christian Gartelmann to place a watering-trough at No 1,243 Westchester Avenue.

This is in the district in charge of Commissioner Haffen. It is suggested, however, that the resolution should be amended so as to provide for "An improved iron drinking fountain."

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, _____ March 30, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 941. To permit Louis Biel to place and keep an ornamental lamp in front of No 2,128 Third Avenue.

No 955. To permit the erection of two lamps in front of the Church of Epiphany, 35th Street and Lexington Avenue.

No 956. To permit the erection of two additional lamps in front of Bethany E. Lutheran Church in Teasdale Place, between Boston Road and Cauldwell Avenue.

No 957. For gas-mains and public lamps in Decatur Avenue, between Moshulu Parkway and Woodlawn Road.

No 958. To light Park Avenue East, from 138th to 156th Street.

No 959. Permitting the erection of two additional lamps in front of the Rectory of Grace Emmanuel Church north side of 115th Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

No 960. For gas-mains and public lamps in 12th Street, from White Plains Avenue to Prospect Terrace, etc.

No 962. To amend the resolution for lighting 6th Street, between White Plains Avenue and 4th Avenue.

No 963. For two additional lamps in front of the Church of St. Francis De Sales on 96th Street, 125 feet west of Lexington Avenue.

No 964. For gas-mains and public lamps in Briggs Avenue, from Suburban Street to Moshulu Parkway.

No 965. For two lamps in front of St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fulton Avenue, between 169th and 170th Streets.

No 966. For gas-mains and public lamps in 5th

Street, between 10th and Park Avenues, Williamsbridge.

There is no objection to either of these twelve resolutions.

No 952. To regulate and grade 181st Street, from Boulevard Lafayette to Kingsbridge Road.

The title to 181st Street being vested in the City, and the proposed improvement being necessary, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 942. To permit the George E. O'Brien Association to place and keep transparencies at 86th, 106th, 116th and 125th Street and 3rd Avenue.

These transparencies are unsightly and diminish the light at least 60 per cent. It would be well if their erection on public lamps were entirely prohibited.

No 961. For gas-mains and public lamps in 237th Street, from Keppler Avenue to Oneida Avenue.

This street is not regulated and graded and has no sidewalks. The resolution is premature.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 7, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No ⁴1,327. To pave 112th Street, from 5th to Lenox Avenue, with asphalt.

This improvement is necessary. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No ¹⁵958. To pave Park Avenue at the west side of intersection of 97th Street, with granite blocks on concrete foundation.

This is a very desirable improvement. I recommend the approval of the resolution.

No 1,332. To pave Lexington Avenue, from 101st to 103rd Street, with granite blocks

This ordinance should be amended to read: "granite block pavement on concrete foundation."

No 992. Permitting George Hornberger to place and keep a stepping stone on the sidewalk in front of No 62 7th Street.

This resolution is opposed on the ground that stepping-stones constitute one of the most dangerous obstructions that the City has to contend with. Many complaints have been and are being received against these obstructions, a large number of which have been removed to the Corporation Yard during the past month.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins
Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 14, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 1,408. To lay water-mains in Ford Street, from Webster Avenue to a point 250 feet west.

No 1,411. To lay water-mains in 165th Street, between 3rd and Brook Avenues.

No 1,381. To lay water-mains in Baretto Street, from 165th Street to a point 450 feet north.

The water-mains provided for in these three resolutions are necessary. I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 1,250. To regulate, grade, etc., Kingsbridge Avenue, from Terrace View Avenue to War Department Line.

This improvement is necessary, and I recommend the approval of the resolution.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures .

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 15, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 795. To pave 132nd Street, from Broadway to Amsterdam Avenue, with asphalt.

This improvement is greatly needed. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 1,388. To pave Pleasant Avenue, from the south side of 113th Street to the north side of 114th Street, with asphalt on concrete.

Pleasant Avenue, from the south side of 113th Street to the north side of 114th Street, has not yet been legally opened. The resolution to pave it is therefore premature.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

Department of Public Works,

*Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,*

New York, April 20, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 64. To permit Maduro Bros. and Co. to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of Nos 110 and 112 Nassau Street.

No 69. To permit George Degenhardt to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 107 West 42nd Street.

There is no objection to these resolutions.

No 71. To permit John B. Ireland to lay a steam pipe from the N. E. corner of West 3rd Street and West Broadway to Nos 570-76 West Broadway.

This Department is about to lay a 36-inch main in West Broadway, from 4th Street south. It is very objectionable to have so many cross pipes in the streets, especially where they are of very large size. I, therefore, recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 67. To permit John T. Hayes to keep a shipping clerk's office in front of No 119 Cedar Street.

The proposed office would be an illegal obstruction on the sidewalk. I, therefore, recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 63. To permit Peter E. Finegan to keep a platform scale at the foot of Canal Street,

The erection and maintenance of platform scales on streets are illegal.

Very respectfully,

Charles T. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 26, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 81. To permit Mrs May Smith to place a watering-trough in front of No 652 East 18th Street.

As the trough is to be placed and supplied with water at the expense of the applicant for the permission, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 79. To permit the N. Y. Central and Hudson River Railroad Co. to construct a bridge over Vanderbilt Avenue, between 43rd and 44th Streets, to Grand Central Station.

There is no objection to this resolution, the bridge being necessary to facilitate the work of constructing an annex to the Grand Central Station.

No 93. Directing the Commissioner of Public Works to renumber 51st Street, from 9th to 10th Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 94. To permit L. Van Brink to suspend a banner at the N. E. corner of 117th Street and 3rd Avenue.

A banner or sign extending four feet from the house-line, as provided in this resolution, would be illegal. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 85. To permit John J. Leonard to place and keep a watering-trough at 120th Street and Lexington Avenue.

It is recommended that this resolution be not approved because the pavement on 120th Street is asphalt, and the con-

stant wetting of it by water from the trough would destroy it. An additional reason for opposing this resolution is that there are railroad tracks on Lexington Avenue, and the stoppage of teams at the watering-trough would impede traffic.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 30, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to the following resolution, which was adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen, and is now awaiting your approval or veto:

"Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Henry Wulfers to place, erect and keep a storm-door in front of his premises on 13th Street, on the south-west corner of 13th Street and University Place, said storm-door to be ten feet high, eighteen feet long and six feet from the house-line, as shown upon the accompanying diagram, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council."

The resolution was introduced by Alderman Dwyer, and lest it may not come to this Department for report before you take action on it, I deem it proper to inform you that the erection of the structure which the resolution authorizes would be a gross violation of law, as it is to be used as a kitchen for the premises at the location named. The police of the 15th Precinct stopped the work several days ago, and requested this Department to have so much of the structure as had already been placed removed. The Superintendent of Incumbrances has served notice on the owner to remove it, and it is his (the Superintendent's) intention to remove it if the owner fails to do so.

In view of these facts, I respectfully ask that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

James Thompson Wilder

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, May 4, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 124. To permit John B. Ireland to lay a pipe from the N. E. corner of West 3rd Street and West Broadway to Nos 570-6 West Broadway, for the purpose of making steam connection between the buildings.

As the proposed pipe is small and is to be laid under the direction and supervision of this Department, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 111. To permit August D. F. Meyer to keep a drinking fountain on the south-east corner of 1st Avenue and 87th Street.

There is no objection to this resolution, provided the hydrant be placed on the 87th Street side of the corner. The pavement on 1st Avenue will be asphalt, which would be damaged by constant wetting with water from the hydrant. Besides, if placed on the 1st Avenue side of the corner, traffic on the avenue would be obstructed by the stopping of teams to drink at the fountain.

No 113. To permit the Consolidated Ice Co. to move their scale 100 feet south of its present position.

Scales of this description being considered illegal, I cannot recommend the approval of a resolution to remove a

scale from one place to another.

No 119. To permit the Metropolitan Street Railway Co. to erect a temporary structure for the shelter of relays of horses, on 41st Street, east of 1st Avenue.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because the proposed structure would be illegal, and a similar one was recently removed from the same location by the Bureau of Incumbrances.

No 126. To permit Henry Wulfers to erect a storm-door on the south-west corner of 13th Street and University Place.

As stated in my letter to you of 30th ultimo, the proposed storm-door would constitute a gross violation of law. The structure is not to be used as a storm-door but as a kitchen for the premises in front of which it is proposed to place it. Mr Wulfers began to erect the so-called storm-door some time ago, and the Police Department and others complained of it, whereupon the Superintendent of Incumbrances notified Mr Wulfers to remove it, and he has done so. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

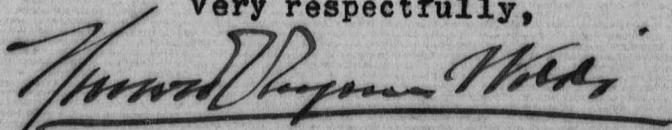
No 125. To permit the Italian Athletic Club to suspend a banner across Varick Place, from Nos 3 to 6.

Banners of this description are illegal and unsightly. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 123. To permit J. F. Marsh to suspend a banner in front of No 73 Spring Street.

This banner would be the same as a sign, and as the resolution provides that it may extend four feet beyond the house-line, it would be illegal, the distance to which signs may project beyond the house-line being three feet. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,



Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, May 11, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 161. To permit the Standard Gas Light Co. to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of Nos 34, 36 and 38 West 125th Street.

No 172. To permit Louis Maas to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 294 Grand Street.

There is no objection to these resolutions.

No 157. To permit G. Stein to place plants in front of his premises, within the stoop-line, at the N. E. corner of 7th Avenue and 124th Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that there is no objection to the placing of plants on the sidewalk as proposed.

No 139. To regulate, grade, etc., Van Corlear Place, from Wicker Place to Kingsbridge Avenue.

No 148. To regulate, grade, etc., Jacobus Place, from Van Corlear Place to Terrace View Avenue south.

These improvements are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 151. To pave Barrow Street, from Washington to West Street, within land grants, with asphalt.

The part of this street not within land grants having been authorized to be paved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, this resolution is necessary to enable this Department to have the full width of the street, within and not within land grants, paved at the same time.

No 140. To regulate, grade, etc., 48th Street, from 11th to 12th Avenue.

This is a very desirable improvement. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 135. Amending the resolution to pave 40th Street, from 11th Avenue to the Hudson River, by striking out the word "asphalt" and inserting the words "granite block."

As a granite pavement is desired by a great many of the residents and business men in the neighborhood and by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 149. To pave 21st Street, from 9th to 10th Avenue, with asphalt within land grants.

No 145. To pave 3rd Street, from Lewis Street to the East River, with asphalt, within land grants.

No 144. To pave West Street, from the north side of Dey Street to the south side of Cortlandt Street, within land grants.

These improvements are necessary. I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 146. To fence vacant lot at No 128 West 26th Street.

No 141. To flag the sidewalk in front of Nos 312, 314 and 316 West 48th Street.

No 138. To fence vacant lots on the north side of West 120th Street, running about 100 feet east of Morningside Ave.

It is necessary to fence the vacant lots and to flag the sidewalk referred to in these resolutions. I therefore recommend their approval.

No 159. To permit the N. Y. Ice Co. to lay pipes on East 18th Street, from No 525 to the East River.

A potent objection to the granting of permission to private parties to lay water-pipes in streets is that when said pipes leak our repair gangs have to dig up the streets to find the leaks, which are generally erroneously reported as leaks in the City's water-mains. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 166. To permit Thomas Schneider to erect, place and keep an additional pilaster in front of the N. W. corner of 156th Street and Union Avenue.

The proposed pilaster would be an illegal encroachment. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 142. To fence vacant lots in front of Nos 312, 314 and 316 West 48th Street.

These lots have already been fenced. The resolution is therefore unnecessary and I recommend that it be not approved.

Very respectfully,

Charles J. D. Keellis

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, May 18, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 263. To pave 185th Street, from Kingsbridge Road to the east side of Wadsworth Avenue.

No 229. To pave Bradhurst Avenue, from the north side of 145th Street to the north side of 150th Street.

No 249. To pave 173rd Street, from Amsterdam to 11th Avenue.

The improvements provided for in these three resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 231. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 179th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to 11th Avenue.

No 233. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Ford Street, from Webster Avenue to a point 250 feet west.

No 236. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Boulevard Lafayette, from 158th Street to a point about 2,000 feet north.

No 237. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Pell Place and De Mitt Avenue, etc.

No 238. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 179th Street, from Park to Valentine Avenue.

No 246. For an additional lamp on west 33rd Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues.

I recommend that the six preceding resolutions for gas-mains and public lamps be approved, the gas-mains and lamps being necessary.

No 248. To regulate and grade 49th Street, from 11th to 12th Avenue.

No 251. To fence vacant lots on the S. W. corner of Central Park West and 69th Street.

It is necessary to regulate and grade that part of 49th Street and to fence the vacant lots named in resolution No 251. I therefore recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 214. To lay water-mains in Amsterdam Avenue, between 119th and 120th Streets.

No 215. To lay water-mains in Briggs Avenue, between Suburban Avenue and Mosholu Parkway.

No 217. For water-mains in 183rd Street, from 3rd to Washington Avenue.

No 218. To lay water-mains in McComb's Dam Road, between 153rd and 154th Streets, and in 154th Street between McComb's Dam Road and Bradhurst Avenue

No 219. To lay water-mains in 116th Street, from Lenox to 7th Avenue.

No 221. To lay water-mains in 137th Street, from 7th to 8th Avenue.

No 222. To lay water-mains in Jackson Avenue, between 165th and 166th Streets.

No 224. To lay water-mains in Avenue A, between 59th and 61st Streets.

No 223. To lay water-mains in 77th Street, between Avenues A and B.

The water-mains provided for in these nine resolutions are necessary. I recommend that they be approved.

✓ No 210. To permit F. W. Gerraty to place a watering-trough on the N. E. corner of 115th Street and 5th Avenue.

There is now a watering-trough on the south-east corner of 115th Street and 5th Avenue and the Water Purveyor reports that there is no necessity for a trough on the opposite corner.

I want to keep Fifth Avenue clear
No 180. To annul, rescind and repeal the resolution to repave 40th Street, from 11th Avenue to the Hudson River, within land grants.

There is no objection to this resolution.

✓ No 227. To pave Dyckman Street, from Kingsbridge Road to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad with asphalt block pavement.

A resolution to pave this part of Dyckman Street with

asphalt was approved by the Mayor on January 12th, 1897, and a contract has been prepared for the work. The Water Purveyor sees no necessity for changing the kind of pavement to be laid under the original resolution, and such a change would result in delaying the work. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 245. To regulate and grade 49th Street, from Mitchell Place to Beekman Place.

No 244. To pave 49th Street, from Mitchell Place to Beekman Place, with asphalt.

The location given in these resolutions as "49th Street, from Mitchell Place to Beekman Place," should be "Mitchell Place, from Beekman Place to 1st Avenue." The City has not yet acquired title to the street and has therefore no authority to grade or pave it.

No 252. To pave 146th Street, from 8th to Bradhurst Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

No 253. To pave 147th Street, from 8th to Bradhurst Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

These two resolutions should be amended so as to provide for a concrete foundation.

No 255. To pave 139th Street, from Hamilton Place to the Boulevard, with asphalt blocks.

The Water Purveyor reports that this part of 139th Street has a ten per cent grade, and that an asphalt block pavement would be dangerous under certain conditions of weather. The resolution should therefore be amended to read "granite or syenite on concrete foundation" and should provide for the necessary crosswalks.

No 254. To pave 148th Street, from 8th to Bradhurst Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

This resolution should be amended so as to provide for a concrete foundation.

No 261. To pave with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation 140th Street, from Hamilton Place to the Boulevard.

The grade of that part of 140th Street is nine per cent.

and an asphalt block pavement would be dangerous. The resolution should be amended by substituting granite or syenite on concrete foundation for asphalt block pavement. The resolution should also provide for the necessary crosswalks.

No 232. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Anthony Avenue, from 180th Street to a point 125 feet north.

This avenue is not regulated and graded and has no sidewalks. The resolution is premature.

No 234. To lay gas-mains in Lebanon Street, from Franklin to Prospect Avenue.

This street is not regulated and graded and has no sidewalks. The resolution is premature.

No 235. For gas-mains, etc., in Ryer Avenue, from 180th Street to a point 150 feet north.

No 239. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Brookline (139th) Street, from Decatur to Marion Avenue.

These sections of Ryer Avenue and Brookline or 139th Street are not regulated and graded and have no sidewalks on which to place public lamps. The resolutions are premature.

No 182. To permit the Quigg Club to suspend a banner from No 371 Amsterdam Avenue to the opposite side.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports against this resolution on the ground that a banner erected and maintained in a public street would be illegal.

No 191. To permit John A. Hagemeyer to keep plants within the stoop-line at No 302 West 23rd Street.

No 209. To permit George M. Knight to keep plants within the stoop-line at the north-east corner of 25th Street and 6th Avenue.

These two resolutions are opposed on the ground that the plants are to be used to screen off a part of the sidewalks to be used as a summer garden where tables and chairs are placed and refreshments served. Besides, the plants would be an illegal obstruction.

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✓ No. 216. To lay water-mains in 182nd Street, between 11th and Amsterdam Avenues.

A resolution for water-mains in this part of 182nd Street was passed by the Board of Aldermen March 30th, 1897, and approved by the Mayor. The form of contract for the work is now being printed. The present resolution is therefore unnecessary.

✓ No. 220. To lay water-mains in 179th Street, from Park to Valentine Avenue.

This part of 179th Street is not graded. It should be graded before water-mains are laid.

Very respectfully,

Charles S. D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

150 Nassau Street,

New York,

May 24,

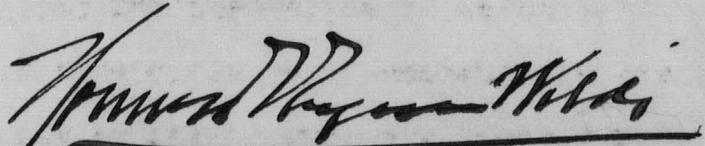
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Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 250, to fence vacant lots on the south side of 80th Street, commencing 50 feet east of the Boulevard, and on the north side of 79th Street, 125 feet east of the Boulevard, where not already done, I beg to report that the fencing provided for in this resolution is necessary. I, therefore, recommend that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,



DEPUTY Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* May 24, 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r ,

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to report, in reference to resolution of the Board of Aldermen No. 177, to fit up old station house in 59th Street for Volunteer Firemen's Association, passed May 11, 1897, authorizing the same to be done at an expense not to exceed \$3500 without public letting, that said resolution seems to be without objection, and to be one to facilitate the doing of this work, which is so much needed, and should in our judgment, therefore, have your approval.

Also in reference to resolution No. 260, for regulating, grading and curbing of 50th Street from 11th to 12th Avenues, that the same is a proper one, and is therefore recommended for your approval.

Very respectfully,

Samuel D. Wood

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works .

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, May 24, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 319. To fence vacant lots Nos 115 and 117 Crosby Street and No 86 Marion Street.

It is necessary to fence these lots. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 312. To regulate, grade, etc., 162nd Street, from Amsterdam to Edgecombe Avenue.

This street was once regulated and grade, but when the width of Edgecombe Avenue was reduced by 20 feet, a ledge of rock remained which has prevented any further improvement of the street. The work provided for in the resolution is necessary to render the street, which is already well built up, habitable. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 322. To fence the vacant lot, No 174 Wooster Street.

It is necessary to fence this lot, and I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 270. To permit the Sunlight Commercial Company to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 545 Broadway.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 273. To permit James Whitford to place a watering-trough at No 116 East 130th Street.

As the watering-trough is to be placed and the water supplied at the expense of the applicant, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 313. To pave 165th Street, from the Boulevard to Amsterdam Avenue, with asphalt block pavement.

No 314. To pave 164th Street, from Edgescombe Avenue to Amsterdam Avenue.

No 315. To pave 187th Street, from Kingsbridge Road to 11th Avenue, with granite or syenite block pavement.

No 316. To pave 116th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Morningside Avenue West.

No 317. To pave 137th Street, from 7th Avenue to 8th Avenue.

The pavements provided for in these five resolutions are necessary. I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 294. To permit Frederick H. Walker to erect a temporary shaft in front of No 252 West 116th Street.

As this shaft is to be placed within the stoop-line and used temporarily in hoisting material during the alteration and repair of the building No 252 West 116th Street, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 318. To pave McComb's Dam Road, from 8th Avenue to Central Bridge.

This improvement is necessary, but the resolution should be amended to read after the words: "block pavement on concrete foundation," except where the Commissioner of Public Works thinks granite or syenite pavement on concrete foundation is necessary on account of the grade. This amendment is necessitated by the fact that at the intersection of McComb's Dam Road and 153rd Street the grade at the north-east corner is liable to be very heavy, and may require a granite pavement, although this cannot be definitely decided upon until

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the Park Department shall have settled the grade for their sidewalk.

No 264. To permit the Pintsch Compressing Co. to lay gas pipes in 135th and other streets for the purpose of supplying the elevated railroads with gas.

Though this Company has no charter from the Legislature, yet the laying of this line of pipe being necessary to supply the Manhattan Elevated Railroad on the East Side with a better illumination for their cars, I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 321. For an improved iron fountain on the south-west corner of Wooster and West 4th Streets.

This resolution should be amended so as to provide that the owner of the property in front of which the fountain is to be placed shall bear the expense thereof and pay for the water used. A resolution amended in this manner will meet the approval of this Department.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

150 Nassau Street,

New York,

June 8,

1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 347, to permit Felix A. Mulgrew to lay a 1-1/2-inch steam pipe on 8th Street, 100 feet west of the East River bulkhead line, I have the honor to report that there is no objection to the resolution.

Very respectfully,



DEPUTY Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

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No 349. To permit the Metropolitan Street Railway Co. to erect temporary posts on the sidewalk, near the curb, in East 41st Street, near 1st Avenue, to support a canvas awning to be used as a relay station for horses during the months of June, July, August and September.

A structure of this character would be illegal. A similar structure was removed from this place about a month ago on complaint of some of the neighbors. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 351. To permit A. P. Furman to suspend a banner, announcing a charity entertainment, from the premises No 236 Broome Street to the building on the opposite side.

The proposed banner would be illegal. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 355. To permit John Higan to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 802 9th Avenue.

No 344. To permit the Sunlight Commercial Co. to light Lexington Avenue, between 40th and 41st Streets, with their

system of lighting.

There is no objection to these two resolutions, and I recommend that they be approved.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

June 8,

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HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 359. To appoint Lloyd Collis, 1055 5th Avenue, a City Surveyor.

The testimonials attached to the resolution show that Mr Collis has had sufficient experience to qualify him to efficiently discharge the duties of a City Surveyor. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 386. To repave with asphalt the carriageway of 68th Street, from Columbus Avenue to the Boulevard.

No 365. To pave 90th Street, from 1st Avenue to the East River, with asphalt.

There is no objection to these resolutions, and I recommend that they be approved.

No 383. Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to furnish and fit up the 7th District City Magistrate's Court.

This Department is called upon to completely fit up and furnish a new City Magistrate's Court in the new 54th Street Court House by July 1st. The authority to do the work without advertisement and public letting is necessary to complete it in time. I recommend the approval of the resolution.

No 366. To regulate and grade Sherman Avenue, from 10th Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

This is a desirable improvement. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 364. To permit A. M. Williams to place a Shipping Clerk's Office within the stoop-line at the south-west corner of 6th Avenue and Washington Place.

A structure of this character on the sidewalk would be illegal. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 372. To permit Thomas Lloyd to suspend American flags across the carriageway in front of No 15 Park Place and 12 Murray Street.

This resolution should be amended so as to specify the time during which the flags may be suspended, and that they shall not be used for advertising purposes.

No 379. To permit Bartholomew J. Clancy to keep moveable plants in front of his premises, north-west corner of 29th Street and 6th Avenue.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because moveable plants on the sidewalk would constitute an illegal obstruction.

No 369. To change the name of Avenue A, between 57th and 58th Streets, to Sutton Place.

Avenue A has been known as Sutton Place, from 58th to 60th Street, for some years, but there is no record that the change in name has ever been legally authorized by resolution of the Common Council. The houses on these two blocks still have the old avenue numbers, the numbers for Sutton Place having been assumed by the householders without official authority. If this resolution were approved, the block between 57th and 58th Streets would be the only one having the official name of Sutton Place. It would then become necessary to change all the house numbers on Avenue A, north of 58th Street. The resolution should either be disapproved or amended to include the three blocks from 57th to 60th Street, so as to legalize the designation of Sutton Place for the two blocks from 58th to 60th Street.

No 380. To permit Conron Bros. to lay a 4-inch water pipe in certain streets.

This resolution should be amended to read: "To lay a 4-inch water pipe under the paved carriageways of 132nd, 131st and 130th Streets, and about 70 feet west of 12th Avenue, next to and alongside the railroad tracks of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, which is an unpaved area."

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, June 14, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 393. To permit the Metropolitan Street Railway Co. to place a temporary shelter for horses in South Street.

There is no objection to this resolution, as the location selected for the shelter is one that will not call forth opposition from residents or storekeepers of the neighborhood.

No 396. To permit the erection of a stand in front of No 115 Baxter Street.

As the proposed stand will be in place one day only, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 405. To permit George Popp to place a watering-trough in front of No 723 East 11th Street.

A drinking trough at this location would be objectionable because the pavement is asphalt, and would be injured by constant wetting. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 392. To permit Daggett and Ramsdell to keep an ornamental post, surmounted with a druggist's mortar, on the sidewalk within the stoop-line in front of their premises.

This application is opposed because the distance from the building where it is intended to place the post is not given. Thirty-fourth Street will soon become a well paved, well graded

and much used avenue. I want to keep it free from obstructions, especially of an advertising character.

No 397. To permit John A. Hagemeyer to place and keep movable plants in front of his premises, No 302 West 23rd Street.

Movable plants on sidewalks are illegal. It is proposed to establish a summer garden within the stoop-line and to place the plants therein. Such use of the sidewalks constitutes a violation of law. I recommend that the resolution be not approved. This report also applies to resolution No 409.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

June 22,

1894

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir :

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 455. To fence vacant lots on the south side of West 121st Street, running about 100 feet east of Morningside Avenue

This improvement is necessary and I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 419. To regulate, grade, etc., 116th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

It is very necessary to regulate and grade these two blocks of 116th Street. In their present condition they are a blot on the beautiful scenery of the neighborhood.

No 454. To fence vacant lots at Nos 532 and 534 West 36th Street.

It is necessary to fence these lots. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 449. For an improved iron drinking fountain in front of the Van Courtlandt Hotel, on the south side of Van Cortlandt Avenue, about 100 feet east of Jerome Avenue.

As there is much driving at this point, the drinking-fountain provided for in the resolution is necessary.

No 450. To lay water-mains in Marmion Avenue, from Elsmere Place to Fairmount Place, etc.

The water-mains provided for in this resolution are necessary.

No 443. To pave with asphalt 114th Street, from Lenox Avenue to St. Nicholas Avenue.

No 456. To pave 97th Street, from 4th to 5th Avenue, with asphalt block pavement.

No 457. To pave 103rd Street, from 4th to 5th Avenue, with asphalt block pavement.

No 460. To pave 165th Street, from Edgecombe to Amsterdam Avenue.

No 461. To pave 179th Street, from Kingsbridge Road to Amsterdam Avenue.

No 463. To pave 187th Street, from 11th Avenue to Amsterdam Avenue.

No 465. To pave 185th Street, from Wadsworth Avenue to Amsterdam Avenue.

The pavements called for by these seven resolutions are necessary. I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 471. To permit C. D. Hawkins to place and keep an ornamental clock on the sidewalk at the curb in front of his premises.

There is no objection to the approval of this resolution.

No 472. To permit Richard Meyer of 615 11th Avenue to erect and keep an iron awning across the sidewalk in front of his premises.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 453. To fence vacant lots in front of Nos 532 and 534 West 36th Street.

This is the same as resolution No 454, favorably reported. The resolution is therefore unnecessary.

No 441. To pave 182nd Street, from the Boulevard to Amsterdam Avenue.

This resolution is premature, as no sewer, water or gas mains have been laid in the street.

No 442. To pave Claremont Avenue, from 116th to 127th Street.

Part of this avenue has no sewer, and water and gas mains have not yet been laid. The street should not be paved until the sewer is extended through it and water mains are laid.

No 459. To pave 125th Street, from Claremont Avenue to the Boulevard.

This improvement should be deferred until a sewer and water and gas-mains are laid, *† the scheme for the East approach to Grant's Tomb is projected -*

No 462. To pave 183rd Street, from Kingsbridge Road to Amsterdam Avenue.

There are no water-mains in this part of 183rd Street. The street should not be paved until water-mains are laid.

No 466. To pave 119th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive, with asphalt block pavement.

This street should not be paved until a sewer is laid therein.

No 446. To lay water-mains in 107th Street, between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive.

The Chief Engineer reports that this is included in General Order No 1,536. The present resolution is therefore unnecessary.

No 447. To lay water-mains in 97th Street, between the Boulevard and Amsterdam Avenue.

Water-mains in this part of 97th Street were included in a contract let June 14th, 1897, a resolution therefor having been approved by the Mayor March 30th, 1897.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

June 24,

1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to recommend your approval of the enclosed resolution and ordinance, No 484, to pave Lexington Avenue, from 97th to 101st Street, with asphalt block pavement. The property owners and residents in that vicinity are anxious for this improvement, which has been delayed in consequence of conflicting Aldermanic legislation, and it is desirable to have it under contract as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

June 26th

1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to present the following report on resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

#494. To pave Kingsbridge Road from 190th Street to the Harlem River with asphalt block pavement, except where the grade is too steep, where granite or sienite pavement shall be laid.

This part of Kingsbridge Road is regulated and graded and the pavement is necessary.

#495. To pave 11th Avenue, from Dyckman Street to the intersection of Wadsworth and St. George Avenue, with granite block pavement.

The avenue is regulated and graded and sewerred. The pavement is necessary.

#497 To pave 114th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Riverside Drive, with asphalt block pavement.

The street is regulated and graded and the sewering is about to be completed. The pavement is necessary.

#498. To pave 153rd Street, from 7th Avenue to Macomb's Dam Road with asphalt block pavement.

All preliminary improvements on this street are completed and the pavement is necessary.

#501 To pave 108th Street, from Central Park West to Columbus Avenue with asphalt.

The street is graded and provided with sewers and water mains. The pavement is necessary.

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#502

To pave 108th Street, from 1st to 2nd Avenue, with asphalt.

The street is regulated and graded, and provided with sewers and water mains. The pavement is necessary.

#493

To pave 148th Street, between the Boulevard and the New York Central R. R. tracks, with granite block pavement.

All preliminary improvements on this street are completed and the pavement is necessary, but the resolution and ordinance should be amended to provide for concrete foundation and for crosswalks.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, June 28, 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

Since the report to you of the 22nd by Commissioner Collis on resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, I have received further reports from Bureau officers which justify me in recommending your approval of the following resolutions and ordinances.

No. 441 -- To pave 182nd St. from the Boulevard to Amsterdam Avenue.

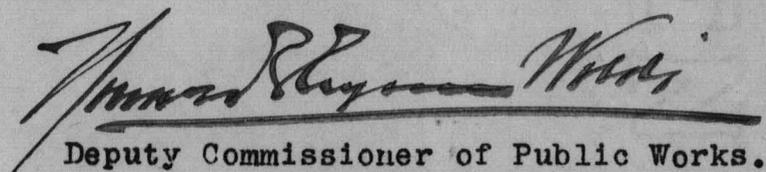
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No. 462 -- To pave 183rd Street from Kingsbridge Road to Amsterdam Avenue.

No. 466 -- To pave 119th Street from Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

Very respectfully,


Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, June 28, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir :

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 499. To regulate, grade, etc., 140th Street, from 7th Avenue to the Harlem River.

The title to this street is vested in the City. The proposed improvement is necessary. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 507. To permit Joseph Miller to place and keep movable plants on the sidewalk within the stoop-line in front of his premises, N. E. corner of 114th Street and 8th Avenue.

It is the intention of Joseph Miller to use a part of the sidewalk as a summer garden. Such use of the sidewalk is contrary to law. Complaints have already been made to this Department regarding plants on the sidewalk at that place, and Mr Miller has been notified to remove them. If he fails to do so they will be taken to the Corporation Yard. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

Howard Raymond Wiley

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.

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