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BUSINESS, BOARD OF STATE AND APPORTIONMENT,
MEETING HELD APRIL 16, 1895.

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I BOARD OF EDUCATION: *Report of Comptroller transmitting*

a Resolution to issue \$ 190,000 School House Bonds for erection of new school building on northeast corner of 119th street and Madison avenue.

b Resolution to issue \$ 3,569 School House Bonds for supplying furniture for new school building corner First avenue and 9th street.

c Resolution to issue \$ 1,895.60 School House Bonds for furniture for new school building at Fox, Simpson and 167th streets.

d Resolution to issue School House Bonds \$ 1,421. for furniture for new building corner of First avenue and 9th street.

e Resolution to issue \$ 365 School House Bonds, for furniture for addition to Grammar School No. 43 corner 129th street and Amsterdam avenue.

f Resolution to issue \$ 55.00 School House Bonds, for payment of bill of Francis W. Ford for survey of property on Oliver, Catharine and Henry streets for new school building.

2 REGISTER: Opinion of Corporation Counsel relative to landmaps and resolution authorizing award of a copy thereof to Register.

3 HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Transfer of \$ 1,200. to provide for employment of additional Fish Inspector.

PARK DEPARTMENT :

4 Opinion of Corporation Counsel relative to issue of \$ 45,000 Bonds for asphalt walks in Central Park, pursuant to chapter 575, Laws 1887, and resolution authorizing same.

5 Resolution authorizing transfer of \$ 1,000 under chapter 575, Laws 1887, from "Central Park--northwest corner to Central Park entrance at West 90th street.

6 DEPARTMENT STREET IMPROVEMENTS : Resolution authorizing \$ 10,000 Revenue Bonds for surveys etc. North Side Concourse.

7 FIRE DEPARTMENT : Matter of Fire Hydrants for consideration.

8 POLICE DEPARTMENT : Resolution transferring \$ 6,834.60 to provide for increased salaries of Surgeons under chapter 751, Laws 1894.

9 HARLEM RIVER BRIDGE COMMISSION : Present communication and vouchers for advertising. Resolution authorizing Comptroller to utilize unexpended balances of 1893 appropriation and referring advertising bills to Corporation Counsel.

10 RAPID TRANSIT RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS : Communication asking for \$ 5,000 pursuant to Section 10 of chapter 4, Laws 1891 as amended by Section 7, chapter 752, Laws of 1894.

Present & Refer

11 SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Communication asking transfer of \$ 450 from Salaries of Clerks etc. to Pay Roll of "Clerks in Sheriff's Office. Present and Refer.

Bills of Washington Bridge Park Commission

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BUSINESS, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

MEETING HELD SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1895.

BOARD OF EDUCATION : Report of Comptroller transmitting seven resolutions for School House bonds aggregating \$ 92,010.60, and one resolution for Sanitary Improvement School House Bonds for \$ 2,345. as follows :

- # 1. \$ 2,345 for Inspectors etc. on Sanitary Inspection work chapter 432, Laws 1893.
- # 2. \$ 10,184.50 for furniture for new school building on east side of Edgecombe avenue, between 140th and 141st streets.
- # 3. \$ 9,889.70 for furniture for new school building southwest corner St. Nicholas avenue and 117th street.
- # 4. \$ 29,784. for heating and ventilating apparatus for new school building southwest corner St. Nicholas avenue and 117th street.
- # 5. \$ 70.40 for extra work done by P. Carraner Jr. on Grammar School No. 23.
- # 6. \$ 8,000 for purchase of site adjoining Primary School No. 27, 511 West 37th street.
- # 7. \$ 16,500 for purchase of site 275 East 4th street.
- # 8. \$ 17,582. for heating and ventilating apparatus for Primary School 22.

9. *sub action with*
Report of Corporation Counsel and Comptroller on claims of J. J. Linson and J. M. Ruse, and resolution auditing same

10. ~~10.~~ Communication from Corporation Counsel requesting \$ 3,000 from bonds under Change of Grade Damage Act to provide payment for city's witnesses. Resolution to authorize.
11. Report and resolution authorizing issue of \$ 3,322. Bonds to pay advertising bills for Washington Bridge Park proceeding.
12. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS :
- Resolution setting apart \$ 18,000. from appropriation for 1895 "Repairs and Renewal of Pavements" to repair Eighth avenue asphalt pavement from 13th to 59th street.
- PARK DEPARTMENT :
13. Resolution transferring \$ 2,000 under chapter 11, Laws 1894 from Morningside Park to Manhattan Square.
14. Resolution transferring \$ 2,872.25 under chapter 74, Laws 1894, from Woman's Cottage in Riverside Park to work of asphaltting walks.
- 14a. Request for \$200,000 Bonds for Riverside Park Refer*
15. Resolution authorizing \$ 23,000 bonds for awards and costs in acquiring lands for Sedgwick and Ogden avenue approaches to McComb's Dam Bridge.
16. Communication from R. Burnham Moffat transmitting certified copy of Chapter 521, Laws 1895, and presenting bill for professional services rendered to Commissioner of Charities and Correction for \$ 8,515.13. Present and Refer.
17. Requisition of Rapid Transit Railroad Commission for \$ 17,751.19. Present and Refer.
18. Matter of appropriation for New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital. For consideration.
- ~~19.~~ 19. Transfer of \$ 2,500 for Police Department.

STATE OF NEW YORK.
ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.



~~ALBANY~~

June 26, 1895.

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor of the city of N.Y.

My dear Sir:

As I have to leave for Europe to-day, I will not be able to present this petition to you in person, so send it by mail.

I send this letter to you, you being the chairman of the financial board, and beg of you to help us in this matter. The noise which arises from the wagons and trucks rumbling through this street is some thing unbearable.

By granting this petition, you will confer a great favor upon the residents of this neighborhood.

Yours sincerely,

Judson Lawson

#798 West End Ave.

To
The Honorable William L. Strong,
Chairman of the Board of Estimate & Apportionment,
and
The Honorable William Brookfield,
Commissioner of Public Works:

The undersigned, residents, property owners and tax-payers, residing in One hundred and fourth Street between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive respectfully petition the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to pave that street with asphalt from Western Boulevard to the Riverside Drive.

The block is short and built up with fine private houses on both sides so that there will be no disturbance of the pavement by reason of new buildings.

One hundred and fourth street is the first open street and thoroughfare to Riverside Drive north of Ninety-sixth Street and it also leads to a station of the elevated railroad.

There is, therefore, great traffic of carriages and other vehicles through the street to the Drive.

The present stone pavement, having been torn up and patched several times, is very uneven and in bad condition, and the noise of the traffic is becoming unbearable to the neighborhood.

It would not only be a great convenience to all persons who reside on the street, but it would also be a great convenience and pleasure to the public who are

compelled to use this street as a means of access to the Drive if this petition be granted.

Judson Lawson 798 West End ave
corner 104th St

James Mackell 313 W 104

Alexander Walker 792 West End Ave

Mr L Adrian 248 W 104th St

Donald Mitchell 811 West End Avenue

Mr Esnell 809 West End Ave

Henry McNulty 301 West
104th Street

John Falconshaw 307 W. 104.

Glenn W. Hillier 321 West 104th St.

Richard J. Bacon, Riverside Drive cor. 104th St.

Henry Wellbrots 799 West End Ave cor 104th St.

Jacob Blundermann 795 West End Ave

A. C. Blos 252 West 104th St.

Lennard Benton 308 West 104th St

Chas. E. Horner 794 W. End Ave.

Geo. W. Corlip 790 West End Ave -

J. S. Gausche 791 " " " -

Eugene Trayer 323 West 104th St.

John W. Goff 319 West 104th St

Edward D. Nicks 809 West End Ave

Dr. A. Olin Hardy 251 W 104 St.

Aug. Chason 322 W 104th St.
Akinbeef 320 W 104th St.

M. A. Gottlieb 304 W. 104th St.

H. J. Albert Gottlieb 304 West 104

Adolf Gottlieb 304 W 104

Geo. Pennell 318 W 104

Peter B. Acker 316 W 104

Chas. Horner 302 West 104th St.

MARIE A. WILSON,
STENOGRAPHY, TYPEWRITING, TYPOLITHOGRAPHING,
Room 150, POTTER BUILDING, 38 PARK ROW, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Chief Clerk

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OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY.

Executive Department—City Hall.

New York, July 30th 1895

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 and Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on

Wednesday July 31st 1895 at Eleven o'clock A.M.

for the purpose of Considering the Pay Roll of the Department of Street Cleaning and providing means for the payment of the same.

W. L. Strong
Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY.

Executive Department—City Hall.

New York, August 13th 1895

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 and Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the

Mayor on

Wednesday August 14th 1895 at 12-30 o'clock P.M.

for the purpose of considering the Pay Rolls of the Department of Street Cleaning.

W. S. Gray

Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY.

Executive Department—City Hall.

New York, September 6th 1895

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 and Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on

Monday September 9th 1895, at Eleven o'clock ^{AM} for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

W. L. Strong

Mayor.

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VOLUNTEER LIFE SAVING CORPS OF NEW YORK.

REPORT OF LIFE SAVERS AT HELL GATE, First Avenue, City.

Rescued by Crew

Jacob Seelig, Captain,
Daniel J. Ryan, Boatman

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June 17th, 5.15 P.M.

Arthur Hearn, age 8, residence 214 -85th Street.

While playing on shore foot of 87th street, fell into River, after drying clothes sent him home.

The dangers have been lessened while we have been stationed here. When we see children playing in dangerous places we chase them away. I am having many men new members, enrolled in our service. I wish you would send four rubber life preservers.

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June 18th, 4.20 P.M.

John Burns, while under the influence of liquor fell off stone boat, foot of 86th street, East River.

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June 18th, 9.15 A.M.

Heard cry for help, supposed to come from Blackwell's Island which is about 1/2 mile from station named, V.L.S.C. Boat went to rescue. Being heaving ebb tide and very dark, could not locate cry, but found out next day, that it was on other side of Island. Dr. Stewart informs us that it was a nurse on Island, named James Winslow.

June 18th, 6.35 P.M.

Joseph McGarricle, age 9, residence 350 E. 91st Street, father dead, while playing on 91st street dock with several other boys, fell into the River between dock and a barge, moored alongside. Came up under dock, and was rescued by J. W. Gallagher, ex-fireman and keeper of baths, assisted by officer Connelly and sent home after recovering.

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June 18, 7.05 P.M.

Charles Meyer, age 8, residence 349 E. 92nd Street, fell overboard at end of 91st street dock while playing, was rescued by Gebhardt Linder, 433 E. 92nd street and taken home.

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Rescue Record 1895.

RECORD OF RESCUES 1895.

East River Park Life Saving Station.

June 28th 1895 the tug boat "S. E. *Jas. F. Envoind*" ~~fell~~
(off the dock at East 86th St.) upset the boat carrying
three men who were rescued by the patrol boat,
Captain Selig commanding.

Friday June 28th 1895. Louis Cassell age 7, fell off the
Buckhead, foot of 86th St.; rescued.

July 3rd 1895. 4:30 P. M. James Carroll and W. Divine of
1316 2nd Ave.,, while out in a skiff off East River Park
were capsized and rescued by Captain Selig and D. Ryan
assisted by officer Charles Hildebrand.

July 8th 1895. Robert Hutchison age 9, residing at 405 E.
87th St., fell into the river near 88th St.; rescued by
the patrol.

July 14th 1895. 5:20 P. M. boat upset off 89th st. con-
taining 3 men, 2 women and 3 children; rescued by the
patrol assisted by other boats.

July 28th 1895. Alfred Marren of 898 11th Ave., and
Henry Hamell, 402 W. 48th st. and John Buttler of 600 W.
55th capsized opposite the Millrock in Hell Gate; res-
cued by patrol, assisted by others.

August 2nd 1895 7 P. M. James Donahue age 5, residing at
427 E. 84th fell off the rocks E. 88th; rescued by patrol
with the assistance of Julius Leck.

August 11th 1895 Freeman Baxter residing at 437 E. 89th
and John Read fell off boat from barge.

W. H. Morton Foot of E. 86th; rescued by the patrol.

August 19th 1895 7:20 P. M. William Wainwright 3 years
residence 518 E. 83rd while swimming off 82nd, became ex-
hausted; rescued by the patrol.

September 11th 1895 Louis Levyman residence 517 E. 87th
while stepping from deck to boat, E. 86th, fell into the
river; rescued by the patrol assisted by Joseph McQuade.

VOLUNTEER LIFE SAVINGS CORPS OF INLAND WATERS OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK.

New York, August 1st. 1895.

At 2.30 P.M. Annie Schultz, age 4 years, residing
at No. 1666 Avenue A, while playing on the bulkhead foot
of 86th street, E.R. lost her balance and fell off said
bulkhead in the River. We, the Life Saving Corps sta-
tioned at 87th street, E.R. rescued her and brought her
to her home.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob Seelig,

Daniel J. Ryan.

N.Y. Aug. 12th, 1895.

12 o'clock noon, Lieut. J. ~~Rexley~~ Ryan rescued John Carroll, 14 years old, of 106 East 103th street, while out rowing off Hell Gate point, capsized, and becoming exhausted, was reached by Ryan in time and brought to shore.

Respectfully,

Jake Seelig, Captain

Dan Ryan, Lieut.

Life Saving Corps,

87th St. & East River.

REPORT AT HELL GATE V.L.S.C. OF N.Y.

About 4.30 P.M. George Lally, age 7 years, residing at No. 537 E. 87th street while playing on the bulkhead between 86th and 87th street, E.R. fell off said bulkhead on to the rocks a distance of 10 feet, cutting the scalp about 2 inches. We picked him up and he was unconscious; we revived him dressed his wound and carried him to his home.

Sept 21. 1895 ---:0:---

About 12.30 P.M. GEORGE J. KELLEY, residing at No. 550 E. 86th street while swimming at the bath foot of 87th street was taken with a cramp and went under the water three different times. I dove and brought him to the surface and with the assistance of Daniel Ryan took him ashore when we kept him until he revived and then sent him home.

Respectfully submitted,

Sept 22^d 1895.

Jacob Seelig,

Daniel Ryan

V.L.S.C. Hell Gate.

~~Volunteer~~ Life Saving Corps,
Hell Gate Division,
Foot of E. 87th St.

New York September 25th, 1895.

To The Honorable,
William L. Strong Esq.,
Mayer of the City of New York.

Sir:-

We beg leave herewith to apply for the renewal of appropriation heretofore made by the City and which expired on September 12th, for the support of our Life Saving Station in the vicinity of the East River Park.

We beg leave to recall our interview on this subject with you on Friday, September 13th, wherein you asked us to continue our work until November 1st 1895. We beg leave to transmit this formal application in pursuance of said interview. We also herewith transmit the Record of our services during this summer as said station
We saved ³/ lives this season.

Yours respectfully,

Captain Life Saving Station,

Frank Seelig

Lieutenant Life Saving Station.

Daniel J. Ryan

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THE AMERICAN SANITATION COMPANY,
No. 66 BROADWAY.

Organized for the purpose of mining, manufacturing and transporting Nitrogenous and Phosphatic Earths
for the absorption and deodorization of organic waste matter and preparation of
Fertilizing Compounds, &c., &c.

New York, Sept. 17th, 1895

Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch,
Comptroller of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I desire to respectfully request of the Board of Estimate & Apportionment in case of their action to-day as suggested in the Daily Press on the question of final disposition of the ashes and garbage of this City, that they at their own time and convenience will appoint a day for a public hearing of those persons or corporations desiring to make a bid for such disposition in order that they may clearly demonstrate and explain in person or by attorney the methods they are desirous of using and such other information as may be pertinent in enabling your Honorable Board to arrive at a decision with benefit to the City's interests.

Yours respectfully,

P. A. Quackenbush

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Present

American Sanitation Co
Sept 17, 1895

Requesting a public
hearing on subject of
Final Disposition of
Material Collected by
the Street Cleaning Dept.

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Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

Sept 26th 1895

Referred to the Special Committee
on Final Disposition of Material.

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Board of
Estimate and Apportionment,

New York, ^{at} Sept 28 1895

Hon Wm L Strong
Mayor.

Herewith I

submit a Communication from
Mr P P Quackenbush, representing
the American Sanitation Co. requesting
a public hearing on the subject of
Final Disposition of Material &c
collected by the Dept. of Street Cleaning,
which was presented to the Board
of Estimate & Apportionment at a
meeting held Sept. 26. 1895. and
referred to the Special Committee
on Final Disposition.

Very Respectfully
Chas. H. ...

Board of
Estimate and Apportionment,

New York, Oct 10th 1895

Hon Wm L Strong
Mayor.

The Mayor announced the following dates upon which the Provisional Estimates of Departments, Boards, Courts, etc., for the year 1896, would be considered by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. That the sessions will commence at 11 o'clock A. M., each day named, as follows :

Wednesday, October 16—Department of Public Works, Department of Public Parks, Mayoralty, Board of Aldermen, Mayor's Marshal.

Thursday, October 17—Department of Police, Bureau of Elections, Fire Department, Building Department, Law Department.

Friday, October 18—Department of Charities and Correction, Board of Education, Colleges.

Tuesday, October 22—Department of Health, Department of Street Cleaning, Department of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Civil Service.

Wednesday, October 23—Department of Finance, Department of Taxes, Public Libraries, County Clerk.

Thursday, October 24—District Attorney, Surrogates, Sheriff, Register, Coroners, Commissioner of Jurors, Commissioners of Accounts.

All others to be considered at convenience of Board.

The Mayor offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to notify the head of each Department, Board, etc., that they will be expected to appear before this Board on the dates as this day designated, and be heard in explanation of their estimate, and in case of failure to so appear, the estimate of said Department, Board, etc., will not in any respect be increased beyond the estimate as fixed for the year 1895.

A true copy of Resolution
adopted by the Board of Estimate
and Apportionment. Oct 11th 1895

Chas. H. H. H.
Clerk

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BOARD OF
Estimate and Apportionment.

NEW YORK, October 30, 1895.

To

Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Mayor

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the heads of departments, the Board of Education, and all officers who have annual appropriations made to them by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, be and are hereby requested to furnish to this Board, *positively* on or before the first day of December, 1895, statements of all unexpended balances of appropriations made to them for the year 1894 and all previous years, together with statements of all unsettled claims and liabilities that may exist against such unexpended balances of appropriations, stating the nature of the claims or liabilities and the names of the claimants and the amounts thereof.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. V. ADEE, *Clerk*,
Room E, Stewart Building.

BOARD OF Estimate and Apportionment.

NEW YORK, October 30, 1895.

To

Hon Wm L Strong

Mayor

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held this day, the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Section 203 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 provided that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall file with the said Final Estimate during the month of December in each year, a schedule of the names of all persons not within a department, employed under the City Government, the designation of their officers and employments respectively, and the salaries and compensation fixed for each, which said schedule shall be published in the CITY RECORD; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to prepare and present to this Board, before the adoption of the Final Estimate for 1896, a schedule in conformity with the provisions of law above recited; and for this purpose is authorized to obtain from all officers and boards of the City Government, not within a department, a statement of the facts required by said law to be filed and published.

You are respectfully requested to furnish to this Board the statement **POSITIVELY** on or before December 1st, 1895.

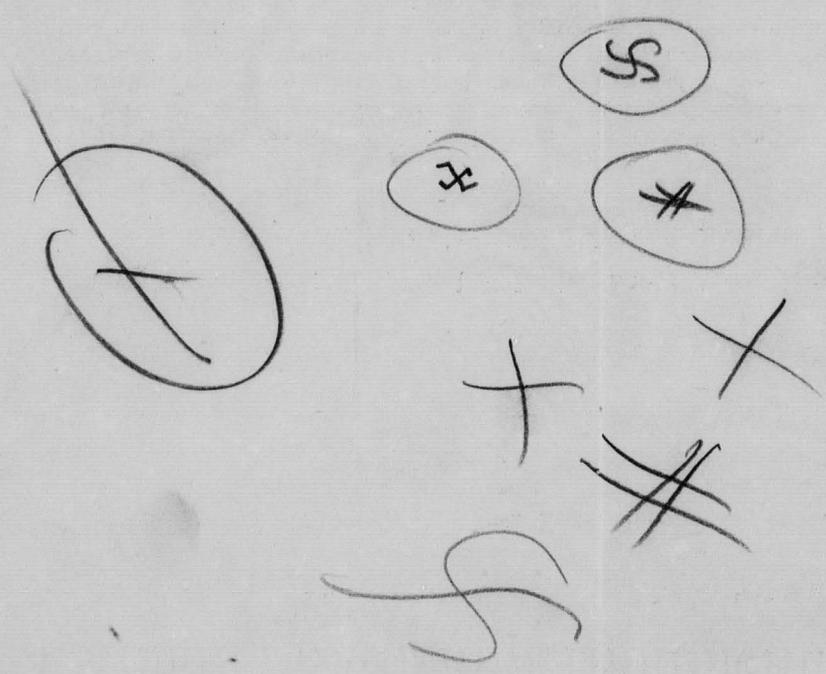
CHAS. V. ADEE, *Clerk*,

Room E, Stewart Building.

*Also ask
Inspectors & Sealers
of Weight & Measures*



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Board of
Estimate and Apportionment,

New York, Dec 5th 1895

Hon^{ble} Wm L. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir

Herewith I transmit
a copy of the Report of the Committee
appointed to examine into the
Condition of the Register's Office &c.
which was presented to the Board
of Estimate & Apportionment at a
Meeting held Dec. 3, 1895 and
ordered placed on file.

Very Respectfully
Chas. A. Adel
clerk

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NEW YORK, Dec. 17, 1895.

To the Honorable

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Gentlemen:--

I am requested by the Finance Committee of the Board of Education, to call your attention to the item inserted in the Estimate of this Board for 1896 entitled "Libraries",....\$15,214.24 and to state that information has since been received from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction that the sum apportioned by the State will amount to \$12,437.66, it will therefore only be necessary to appropriate a similar sum, under the law, and the item can be reduced.

Very respectfully,

Charles C. Wehrum

Chairman, Finance Committee.

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Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

CITY OF NEW YORK.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, CITY OF NEW YORK, CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, CENTRE, WHITE, ELM AND FRANKLIN STREETS. NEW YORK, December 9, 1895. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—The pay of the men of the Department of Street Cleaning, as the force is estimated for 1896, would be at the rate of \$720 per annum.

1,500 Sweepers, including Drivers of machines and water carts	\$1,080,000 00
757 Drivers	545,040 00
79 Hostlers	56,880 00
20 Boardmen	14,400 00
2,356 men	\$1,696,320 00

This is for 8 hours daily work.

At the rate as originally fixed by the Law of 1892 (\$600), it would be.....\$1,413,600 00

The difference amounts to

For the whole year, or for each of 313 working days

The usual pay for good citizen labor, as employed by contractors, for longer hours, deductions being made for idle days and rainy days, is not over \$400 per annum. At this rate, the pay of the force of the Department of Street Cleaning, as above, would be \$942,400. The City could get as good service for this amount as it now receives, employing only citizens. This would effect a saving of \$753,920 per annum.

(Italians and others doing equally good work could be had, in the open market, for \$350 per year.)

The difference between \$400 per year and \$720 per year, equal to a daily sum of \$2,408, is mainly an amount which may be said to be paid in deference to the mistaken idea that municipal employees should get higher wages for the same work than other workmen who are taxed to pay them; and to curry favor with the labor vote. Most of this money is practically taken from the people of New York as a contribution to partisan election funds. No man would pay out of his own pocket such wages for such labor in his own business.

If we assume that the City's employees are to be a corps d'elite, made up of selected men and worked to their full capacity, and that they should have somewhat higher pay, because they have to provide themselves with uniforms, to keep up a good appearance, and to set an example to other workmen, it would be proper to fix their wages at an average of less than \$600 per year, or less than \$1,400,000 for the whole force. This is really higher pay than it may seem to be, because it is for the whole year, without lost time for absence on leave, or for temporary disability. It would save nearly 1,000 per day on the cost of the work of the Department.

The question now arises as to the distribution of this sum among the workmen. The present plan of paying all at the same rate is grossly unfair. About 125 of these men are detailed to act as Assistants to Foremen, or in other important positions. These are selected for especial capacity and merit, for duties which are worth more than laborers' pay. Then, again, Drivers have much harder work than Sweepers, and they work longer hours; they should have more pay. So, too, the Hostlers have more responsible work, and they have to work 365 days in the year; they should be paid accordingly. Furthermore, there is a difference in capacity among the Drivers and the Sweepers, and the best of each should have more pay than their inferiors.

In my judgment, the force should be graded as follows:

125 detailed men at \$720	\$90,000 00
100 Hostlers and Stablemen at \$660	66,000 00
200 Drivers, Class A, at \$660	132,000 00
150 Drivers, Class B, at \$600	90,000 00
407 Drivers, Class C, at \$550	223,850 00
300 Sweepers, Class A, at \$600	180,000 00
300 Sweepers, Class B, at \$550	165,000 00
900 Sweepers, Class C, at \$500	450,000 00

Total

Sweepers and Drivers now in service should be graded, according to merit, into Classes A, B and C. Newly employed men should be appointed only to Class C, and all should be promoted, as vacancies occur, to the next higher class, according to merit alone. Men suspended for more than three days should be reduced to the next lower class, and men dismissed should be reappointed only to Class C. Recommendations for promotion and reduction should be made only by District Superintendents and their superiors, and only on the ground of character, conduct and efficiency.

The saving of this scale of wages over the uniform rate of \$600 per year would be \$16,750. Under the law providing for a five per cent. annual addition to the force since 1892, a considerable increase beyond 2,356 men is allowed. I would suggest employing 100 extra men at \$156.50 per annum. This would be at the rate of 50 cents per day for 313 days. These could be used for help in the early morning clearing up. These extra men would get full pay, as now, when taking the place of absent regular men, and they would have a preference for appointment to Class C, as vacancies occur.

If the foregoing schedule is adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the appropriation for the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1896 may be reduced by \$283,820, and the force will still be more than liberally paid.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. E. WARING, Jr., Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

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Board of
Estimate and Apportionment,

New York, Dec 19th 1895

Hon^{ble} J^r L Strong
Mayor.

Sir

Herewith I transmit
Copy of Communication from Com^r of
Street Cleaning, relating to a
Scale of Wages to be paid to the
Employs of the Dept. of Street
Cleaning. Presented to the Board
of Estimate & Apportionment at a
Meeting held Dec. 9. 1895.

Very Respectfully
Chas. A. Dee

Clerk

Board of Estimate and Apportionment, CITY OF NEW YORK.

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on the 30th day of October, 1895, adopted the Provisional Estimate for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six (1896), and have considered the objections to and rectifications of said estimate, made by the Board of Aldermen on November 22, 1895, of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York, in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year, to wit, for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six (1896), in which estimate is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of interest on the bonds of the said City and County, which becomes due and payable within said year, which is not otherwise provided for; also such sum as is necessary to be raised by tax to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable during the said year, which is not otherwise provided for; also the amount to be raised by tax annually, which, with the accumulations of interest thereon, will be sufficient to redeem the stocks and bonds issued to provide for the supply of water, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of article VIII. of the Revised Constitution of the State of New York, adopted at the General Election held November 6, 1894, and also so much as may be necessary to pay the proportion of the State tax required to be paid by the City and County of New York in said year 1896, as provided by section 189 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, which objections to and rectifications of said Provisional Estimate were transmitted by the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen on December 18, 1895, and presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 19, 1895; therefore

Resolved, That after such consideration of the said objections to and rectifications of said Provisional Estimate, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment do hereby make this a

FINAL ESTIMATE

of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York, in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year, to wit, for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six (1896), in which is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the said City and County, and of the annexed territory, which becomes due and payable within said year, and also such sum as is necessary to be raised by tax to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable during the said year, not otherwise provided for; also the amount to be raised for the supply of water by tax annually, which, with the accumulations of interest thereon, will be sufficient to redeem the stocks and bonds issued, as provided by section 10 of article VIII. of the Revised Constitution of the State of New York, adopted at the General Election held November 6, 1894, and also so much as may be necessary to pay the proportion of the State tax required to be paid by the City and County of New York in said year, as follows:

FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1896.

THE MAYORALTY.

Salaries and Contingencies—Mayor's Office:		
Salary of the Mayor.....	\$10,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks and Subordinates, and Contingencies.....	16,000 00	\$26,000 00
Bureau of Licenses—Mayor's Office:		
Salaries.....	\$12,550 00	
Contingencies.....	250 00	12,800 00

Salaries of Inspectors and Sealers of Weights and Measures:		
For Salaries of two Inspectors, at \$1,500 each per annum.....	\$3,000 00	
For Salaries of two Sealers, at \$1,200 each per annum.....	2,400 00	5,400 00

A true copy of Final Estimates for the year 1896, adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, December 31, 1895.

Chas. Adee
Clerk

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Board of
Estimate and Apportionment,

New York, 189

FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1895.

THE MAYORALTY.

Salaries and Contingencies—Mayor's Office:

Salary of the Mayor	\$10,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks and Subordinates, and Contingencies.....	17,800 00	
		\$27,800 00

Bureau of Licenses:

Salaries	\$13,450 00	
Contingencies.....	250 00	
		13,700 00

A true copy of Resolution *Final Estimate for 1895*
adopted by the Board of Estimate
and Apportionment *Dec. 31. 1894*

Chas. Adee
Clerk

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

OF CITY EMPLOYEES, JANUARY, 1895, AND JANUARY, 1896.

	<u>1895</u>	<u>1896</u>
Mayor's Office	8	7
Bureau of Licenses	10	8
Common Council	47	47
Finance Department	200	200
Law Department	96	97
Police Department	3945	3946
Department of Street Cleaning	2705	2520
Department of Public Works	1439	1296
Fire Department	1246	1368
Building Department	140	165
Department of Public Charities and Correction	1796	2111
Health Department	268	322
Park Department	1150	959
+ Department of Street Improvements 23rd and 24th Wards	307	803
Department of Docks	792	617
Department of Taxes and Assessments	70	78
Board of Excise	87	83
+ Board of Education	4884	5282
College of the City of New York	64	59
Normal College of the City of New York	76	77
Aqueduct Commission	129	109
Bureau of City Record	12	11
N. Y. City Civil Service Board	11	24
Board of Armory Commissioners	3	2
Board of Estimate and Apportionment	1	1
Gas Commission	1	1
Board of Street Openings and Improvements	1	1
Examining Board of Plumbers	4	4

	<u>1895</u>	<u>1896</u>
Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners	2	2
Commissioners of Accounts	14	35
Sheriff's Office	72	77
County Clerk's Office	62	62
Register's Office	125	113
Surrogate's Office	72	76
Coroner's Office	14	21
District Attorney's Office	55	68
Supreme Court	72:	
Superior Court	45:	201
Court of Common Pleas	47:	
City Court of the City of New York	39	39
General Sessions	56	55
Commissioner of Jurors	26	27
District Civil Courts	89	89
Police Courts	48	43
Special Sessions	9	19
Change of Grade, Damage Commission		6
Board of Electrical Control		13
Inspectors and Sealers of Weights and Measures	4	4
National Guard: Armorers, Janitors, &c.	<u>60</u>	<u>65</u>
Totals	20403	21213

Comparative
Statement

of
Dept. Employees.

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Board of Estimate
March 31, 1896

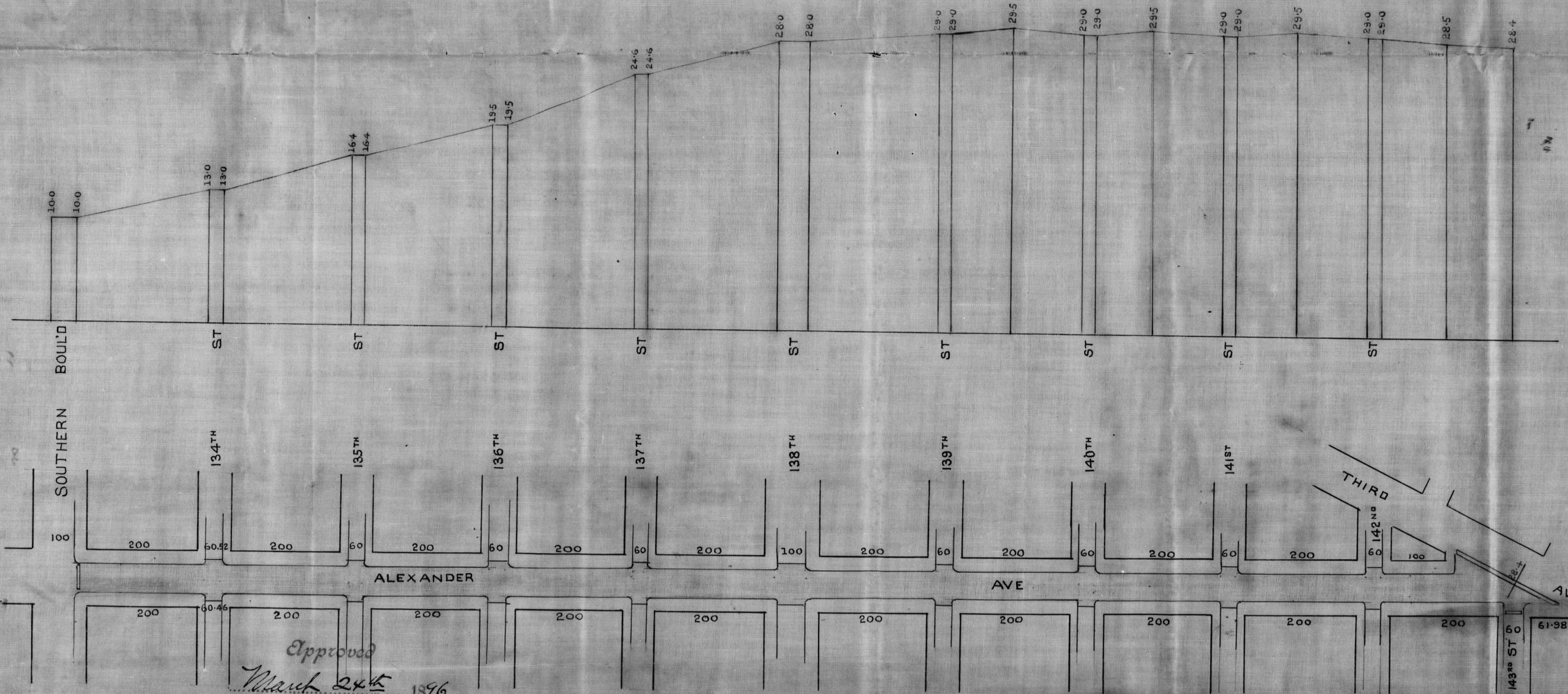
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Board of Estimate and Apportionment

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Chairman.

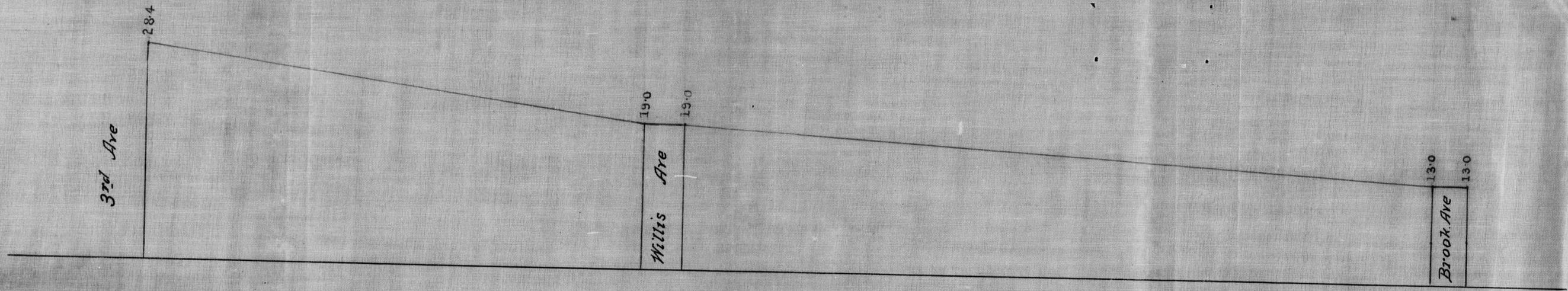
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Approximate Estimate
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 2500. Lin Feet of New Curb.

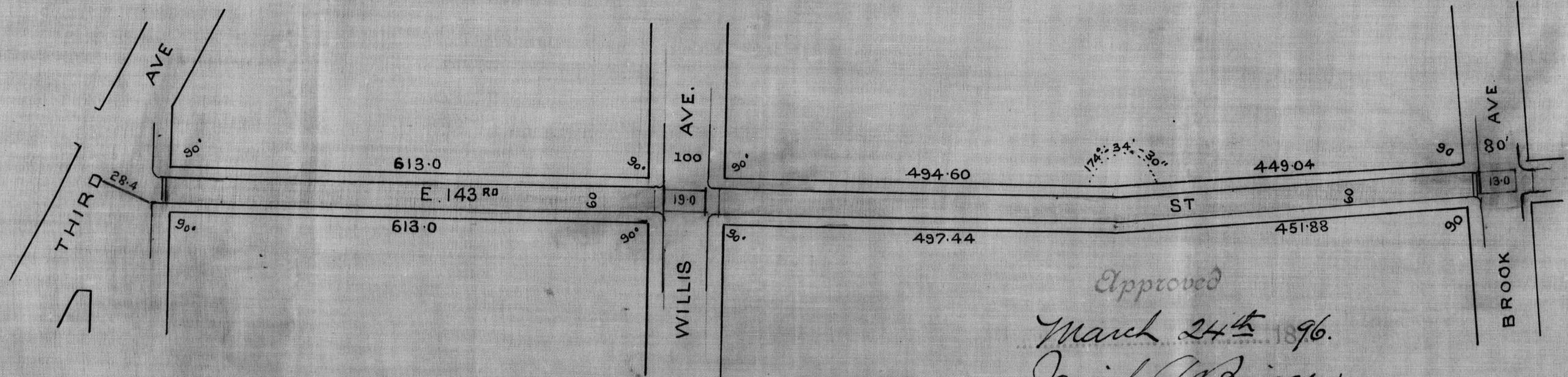


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 March 24th 1896.
Josiah A. Briggs
 Chief Engr. of Const'n

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 Eng. Dept



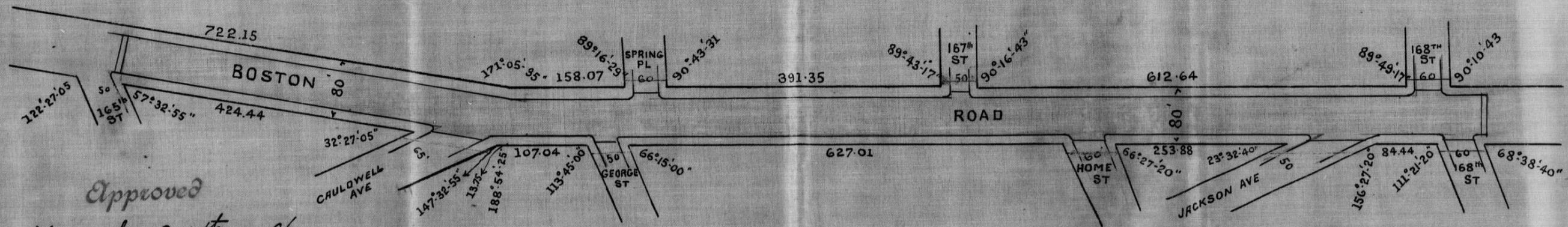
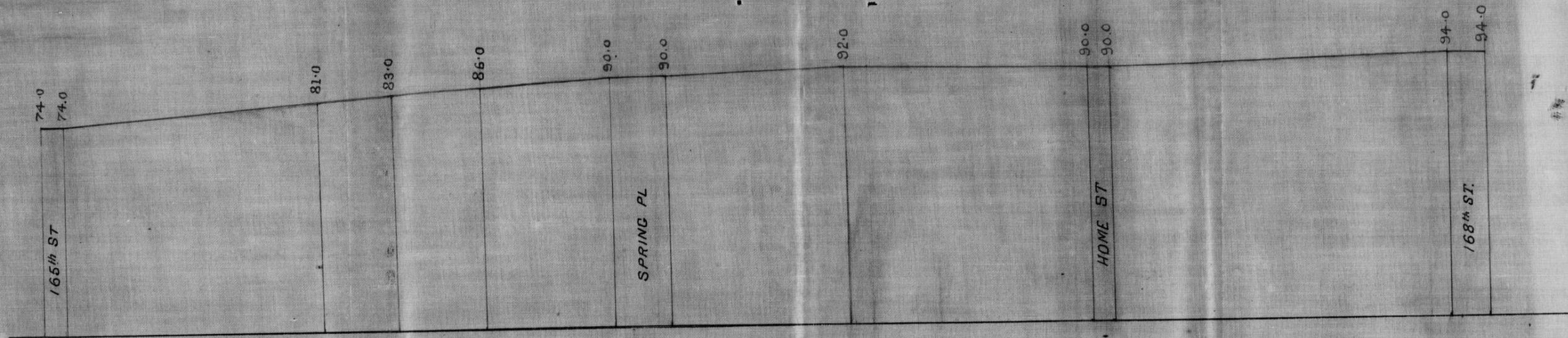
Approximate Estimate.
 5400 Sq Yds of Asphalt Surface.
 1500 Lin Feet of New Curb.



Approved
 March 24th 1896.
 Josiah A. Biggs
 Chief Engr. of Constn.

OFFICE OF ENGINEER
 OF ROADWAY, TRENDS & HAIRING
 S. C. Thompson
 3/21/96 Eng. Report

Approximate Estimate
 11,300 Sq Yds of Asphalt Surface
 1,950 Lin Feet of New Curb



Approved

March 24th 1896

Joseph A. Briggs
 Chief Engr. of Const.

OFFICE OF ENGINEER
 OF REGULATING, GRADING & PAVING

H. C. Thompson

Eng. Report

Mar. 23/96



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

J.A.P.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

New York March 30th 1896.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT,
 Hon. William L. Strong, Chairman:

Dear Sir:-

Under the authority of Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1895, which provides for the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$200,000.00 for the repaving of roads, streets and avenues in the 23rd and 24th Wards of the City of New York, and deeming repavement necessary, I have determined to repave with asphalt, Alexander Avenue, Boston Road, and One Hundred and Forty-third Street, at an estimated total cost of \$99,875.50 as follows:-

ALEXANDER AVENUE , between Southern Boulevard and Third Ave.,			
15,500 sq.yards of asphalt pavement @ \$2,90 =		\$44,950.00	
2,500 linear feet of new curb @ 50¢ =		1,250.00	
		<u>\$46,200.00</u>	
Engineering, inspection, &c.....		1,500.00	
T o t a l		\$47,700.00	\$ 47,700.00
 BOSTON ROAD , between 165th and 168th Street,			
11,300 sq.yards of asphalt pavement @ \$2,90 =		\$32,770.00	
1,950 linear feet of new curb @ 50¢ =		975.00	
		<u>\$33,745.00</u>	
Engineering, inspection, &c.....		1,200.00	
T o t a l		\$34,945.00	\$ 34,945.00
 143RD STREET , between Alexander and Brook avenue,			
5,400 sq.yards of asphalt pavement @ \$2,90 =		\$15,660.00	
1,500 linear feet of new curb @ 50¢ =		750.00	
		<u>\$16,410.00</u>	
Engineering, inspection, &c.....		820.50	
T o t a l		\$17,230.50	\$ 17,230.50
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Grand Total ,-----		\$ 99,875.50	\$ 99,875.50
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Your Board appropriated the sum of \$85,000.00 for the repaving of WILLIS AVENUE with asphalt on September 4th last and as you have power under the act in question, I hereby request an appropriation not exceeding ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000.00) DOLLARS, as soon as possible, so that I may be able to proceed with the re-paving of ALEXANDER AVENUE, BOSTON ROAD, and ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD STREET, at the earliest moment.

Sketches enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.

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BUSINESS, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

MEETING HELD MAY 19, 1896.

1. Transfer of \$ 1,116.66 for Court of General Sessions to provide for payment of temporary help during months of March and April.
2. Resolution to authorize \$ 50,000 bonds for new East River Bridge.
3. ~~920~~ New site for College of the City of New York. For consideration.
\$ 24,200
4. ~~920~~ Report and resolution to authorize issue of \$ 25,322.82 School-house Bonds for inspectors and draughtsmen on new school buildings, and making unexpended balance of old appropriation available. ✓
5. ~~920~~ Report and resolution to authorize issue of \$ 4,810.38 School-house Bonds for furniture for 68th street school.
6. ~~920~~ Report and resolution to authorize \$ 125,500 School-house Bonds for new school buildings on Moshulu Parkway between Briggs and Bainbridge avenues.
7. ~~920~~ Resolution authorizing \$ 43,044.35 School-house Bonds for acquisition of school site corner of Sheriff and Broome streets (condemned).
8. ~~920~~ Resolution to authorize \$ 28,000 School-house Bonds for erecting annex to Grammar School 75 (E. A. Thorp & Son).
9. ~~920~~ Report and resolution to make proceeds of \$ 950 School house Bonds authorized January 14, 1891, but not used for original purposes applicable to payment of expert witnesses.

10. *atp* Report and resolution authorizing issue of \$ 200 School house Bonds to pay bills of Francis W. Ford for building surveys.
11. *atp* Matter of purchase of 163d street school site. For consideration.
12. *atp* Resolution to transfer \$ 1,083.90 from appropriation entitled "Additional amount for remodeling etc." to appropriation entitled "Salaries" to pay balance due E. T. Davis for special stenographic work.
13. *Refer to Airport Fund* Request of Police Department for change of title of appropriation of 1894 and 1896 for "Steam Launches". For consideration.
14. ✓ Resolution to transfer \$ 200 from Hospital Fund--Hospital Supplies, Improvements, Care and Maintenance of Buildings and Hospitals on North Brother Island, etc. to Hospital Fund--For construction of pipe trenches, etc.
15. ✓ Report and resolution to issue \$ 4,000 bonds under chapter 746, Laws 1894 for Wm. M. Ivins, Special Counsel.
16. (16) Report and resolution to authorize \$ 100,000 bonds under chapter 112, Laws 1895 for repaving in 23d and 24th Wards
17. ✓ Resolution to authorize \$ 1,560.55 Revenue Bonds to pay claim of 1st Brigade National Guard of Pa. (Columbus Celebration).
18. *no vu* Matter of O'Brien claim. For Consideration.
19. Matter of plans for new buildings for Department of Correction and selection of architect etc.

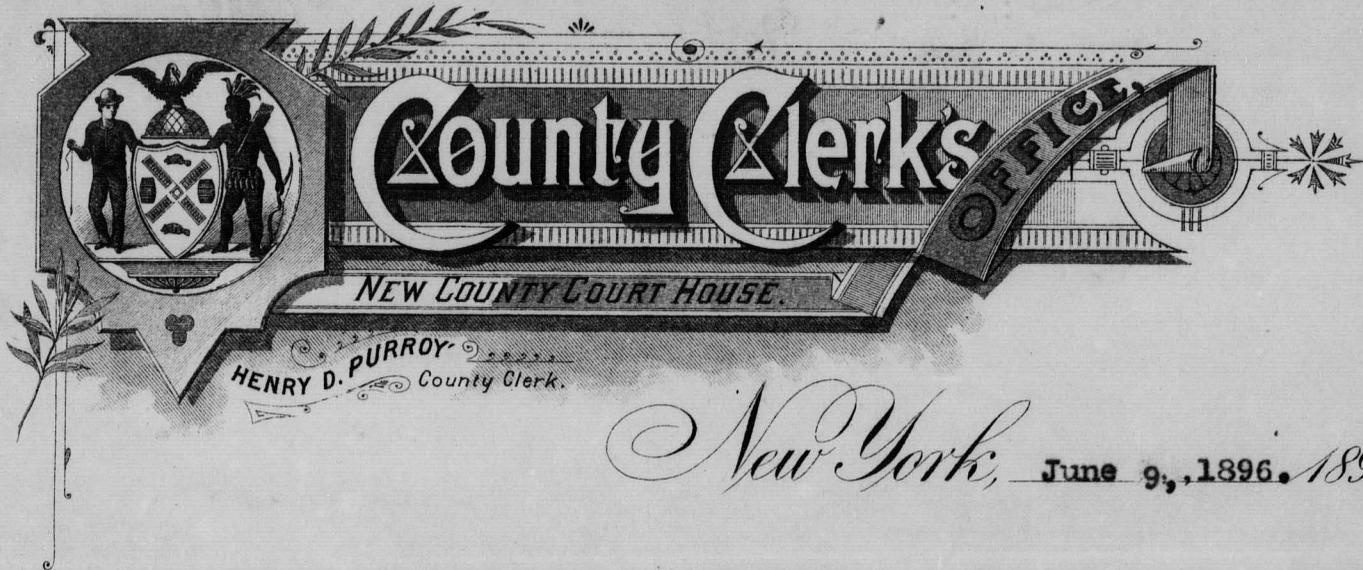
20. *RW* Petition of District No. Independent Order of Sons of America
Present and Refer.
21. *WJ* Matter of transfers for District Attorney for prosecution
of excise cases. For consideration.
22. Matter of bids for final disposition. For consideration.

Case No. 100-100000-100
District of Columbia

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Docket No. 100-100000-100
District of Columbia



Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with Section 885 of the Laws of 1896, and the provisions of Section 9, Article 5 of the State Constitution, I have appointed James Mitchel and John B. Shea as Assistant Clerks, at a salary of \$2,500. each. I respectfully request ^{that} the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in accordance with the provisions of the Act above referred to, may make provision for the payment of the salaries of the said Clerks so appointed as aforesaid.

Yours very respy.,

Henry D. Purroy

County Clerk.

N.B. Our books show that this office turned over to the Comptroller in 1895, unexpended balances which aggregated \$14,641.91

Henry D. Purroy
June 21st

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I deem it my duty, as Mayor, to call the attention of the Heads of the several Departments, and others of the City Government, in submitting annual estimates to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in accordance with the circular letter of the Comptroller of date July 30, 1896, that the strictest economy should be observed.

The annual increase in the amount of State tax that this City is called upon to bear, together with other items of a mandatory character over which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has no control, must naturally increase the amount to be raised by direct taxation.

The increased accomodation required in our Public Schools, the additional Police and Fire Department facilities demanded; the cleaning and lighting of our streets; the preservation of our public health; the embellishment and maintenance of our parks and pleasure grounds; the care and preservation of our water system, our hospitals and asylums, our sewerage and pavements, our museums and libraries, all require additional appropriations as our population increases.

In our appropriations for 1897 we must realize that our City is larger by over 15,000 acres than before, and all to be not only improved, but maintained. While I believe in a liberal but judicious expenditure of our public monies, in order that our City may be maintained commensurate with its magnificence and importance, we must be mindful that all the monies so spent is raised by direct taxation, and taxation is felt by all classes.

In order that the importance of this matter may be recognized by all, I deem it my duty, at this time, to urge upon the head of each and every Department and office of the City Government to use the greatest diligence and care in the practice of the most consistent economy in the preparation of estimates for 1897, in order that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may be enabled to appropriate the least amount that will secure efficiency and economy to the City Government during the coming year.

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to the City government during the coming year.
The laws enacted that will secure efficiency and economy
of Estimate and Appropriation may be enabled to appropriate
preparation of estimates for 1934, in order that the Board

TO THE HONORABLE,

THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT,

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

YOUR PETITIONER "THE CATHEDRAL FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY"
RESPECTFULLY SHOWS:

THAT THE SAID "THE CATHEDRAL FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY" IS
A CORPORATION, INCORPORATED BY THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK AND FORMED UNDER THE CHAPTER 378 OF THE LAWS OF
1892 OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECOND. THAT THE SAID LIBRARY HAS THE LEASEHOLD IN THE
CITY OF NEW YORK, OF THE BUILDING 123 E. 50TH ST. VALUED AT 22,000.
DOLLARS AND ABOUT 20,000 VOLUMES AND MAINTAINS SAID BUILDINGS AS A
LIBRARY WITH ALL PROPER APPURTENANCES FOR THE FREE CIRCULATION OF
BOOKS TO AND AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BUT
ESPECIALLY TO THAT LARGE CLASS OF THE UPPER EAST SIDE ABOVE 42D ST.,
THAT SINCE ITS FORMATION THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN LARGELY USED BY PEOPLE
OF ALL CLASSES BUT ESPECIALLY BY YOUNG MEN WHO ARE THUS ENABLE TO
SUPPLEMENT WHAT HAS BEEN, TOO OFTEN, A LIMITED EDUCATION; BY
STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE HERE BOOKS NOT TO BE FOUND
IN ANY OTHER PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE CITY; BY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND
STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK WHO HAVE FOUND COM-
PETENT DIRECTION AND ASSISTANCE IN THEIR SEARCH FOR REFERENCES.

THIRD. THAT IN THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1896, SAID CORPORATION
LOANED TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK MORE THAN 65,000
VOLUMES TO BE READ AT THEIR HOMES AND NO CHARGE WAS MADE FOR THE LOAN
OF THE SAME, AND NO APPROPRIATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THIS CORPORATION
FOR THE LOANING OF SAID BOOKS IN SAID PERIOD, BUT THE ENTIRE WORK
HAS BEEN DONE BY PRIVATE AND VOLUNTARY EFFORT, THE CLASS MOST LARGELY
BENEFITTED BEING THOSE WHO COULD NOT PAY ANYTHING FOR

SUCH BENEFITS AND WHOSE SUM OF HAPPINESS HAS BEEN MATERIALLY ADDED BY THE OPPORTUNITIES THUS AFFORDED.

FOURTH. THE SAID LIBRARY IS NOW SUBJECT TO THE INSPECTION OF THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK REGISTERED BY THEM, MAINTAINING A PROPER STANDARD AND THAT THE SAID REGENTS HAVE EXECUTED A "CERTIFICATE OF APPROVED CIRCULATION" WHICH IS HERETO ATTACHED SHOWING THAT THE CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ACCORDING TO WHICH YOUR HONORABLE BOARD IS ENTITLED TO APPROPRIATE MONEY UNDER THE LAWS OF 1892, CHAPTER 378, PARAGRAPH 37, IS 66,000 VOLUMES, AND THAT THE APPROPRIATION WHICH CAN BE MADE UNDER THE SAID LAW CANNOT EXCEED 10 CENTS PER VOLUME, AN AGGREGATE SUM OF SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND THAT BY AN AMENDMENT MADE TO THIS LAW BY THE LAST LEGISLATURE THE BOARD IS ALLOWED TO MAKE THIS APPROPRIATION OF MONEY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

FIFTH. THAT SAID CORPORATION IS IN GREAT NEED OF SUCH APPORTIONMENT AND ALLOTMENT FOR THE REASON THAT THEIR ADDITIONAL WORK IS BADLY CRIPPLED BY LACK OF FUNDS--THAT THE DEMAND FOR BOOKS IS EVER INCREASING--THAT THE EMPLOYMENT OF SALARIED LIBRARIANS IS NECESSARY TO MEET DEMANDS: THE LIBRARIANS HERETOFORE HAVING SERVED GRATUITOUSLY AND FREQUENTLY AT CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE.

WHEREFORE YOUR PETITIONER PRAYS YOUR HONORABLE BOARD MAY MAKE TO THE CORPORATION THE FULL ALLOTMENT WHICH UNDER THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IT IS AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO MAKE.

[SIGNED]

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,

PRESIDENT

"THE CATHEDRAL FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY."

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK S.S.

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE BEING DULY SWORN SAYS THAT HE IS
THE PRESIDENT OF THE CATHEDRAL FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY, AND THAT
THE FOREGOING PETITION BY HIM SUBSCRIBED AND EXECUTED IS TRUE TO
HIS BEST INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS

TWENTIETH DAY OF OCTOBER 1896.

JAMES J. TRAYNOR,

NOTARY PUBLIC,

NEW YORK COUNTY.

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RESOLVED, That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Mayoralty for the year 1896, entitled:

"Salaries and Contingencies, Mayor's Office,"

the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof to the appropriation made to the Bureau of Licenses - Mayor's Office, for the year 1896, as follows:

\$400 to salaries ,

350 to contingencies,

the amount of said appropriations being insufficient.

A true copy of Resolution
adopted by the Board of Estimate
and Apportionment. *Oct. 21. 1896*

Chas. Adair
Clerk

being insufficient.

A true copy of Resolution

of the Board of Estimate

for the year 1880,

is hereon made to the

Comptroller for the City

of New York,

at the City of New York,

the 10th day of January,

1880.

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RESOLVED, That, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 626 of the Laws of 1896, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the plans submitted by the Commissioner of Correction for temporary quarters of the City Prison, approved by George B. Post, Consulting Architect of this Board,

and authorizes said Commissioner to proceed with the construction thereof pursuant to law; and

RESOLVED, That, for the purpose of providing the necessary means therefor, including architects' fees, inspection, and incidental expenses, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, as provided by Section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to an amount not exceeding Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.) bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, and redeemable in not less than twenty nor more than fifty years from the date of issue.

Preamble and
A true copy of Resolution
adopted by the Board of Estimate
and Apportionment *Nov 5 1896*

Chas. Rice
File with G. B. & A. Clerk
R. Wright

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Approved by George B. Post, Commanding Officer of USS

Post,

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BOARD OF
Estimate and Apportionment.

NEW YORK, October 30, 1896.

To

Samuel J. Strong
Mayor

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the heads of departments, the Board of Education, and all officers who have annual appropriations made to them by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, be and are hereby requested to furnish to this Board, *positively* on or before the first day of December, 1896, statements of all unexpended balances of appropriations made to them for the year 1895, and all previous years, together with statements of all unsettled claims and liabilities that may exist against such unexpended balances of appropriations, stating the nature of the claims or liabilities and the names of the claimants and the amounts thereof.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. V. ADEE, *Clerk*,
Room E, Stewart Building.

BOARD OF Estimate and Apportionment.

NEW YORK, October 30, 1896.

To

Wm L Strong
Mayor.

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held this day, the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted :

WHEREAS, Section 203 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 provided that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall file with the said Final Estimate during the month of December in each year, a schedule of the names of all persons not within a department, employed under the City Government, the designation of their offices and employments respectively, and the salaries and compensation fixed for each, which said schedule shall be published in the CITY RECORD; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to prepare and present to this Board, before the adoption of the Final Estimate for 1897, a schedule in conformity with the provisions of law above recited; and for this purpose is authorized to obtain from all officers and boards of the City Government, not within a department, a statement of the facts required by said law to be filed and published.

You are respectfully requested to furnish to this Board the statement **POSITIVELY** on or before December 1st, 1896.

CHAS. V. ADEE, *Clerk*,
Room E, Stewart Building.

*Also ask
Inspectors & Seals
of Weights & Measures*

BUSINESS, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 1896.

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1. Report and resolution to transfer \$ 36,000. to Interest on Revenue Bonds of 1896.
 2. Resolution to authorize \$ 2,000 bonds under ch. 56, L.1894, to pay taxed bill of Edward J. Nellis in Colonial Park proceeding.
 3. Resolution to authorize \$ 2,700. bonds to pay taxed bill of costs of Albert Bach in Colonial Park proceeding.
 4. Report and resolution relative to transfer of \$ 6,000 for compensation of Supreme Court Justices from other districts.
 5. Transfer of \$ 150 for Law Department.
 6. Resolution to concur in amended resolution of Aqueduct Commissioners relative to refund \$ 65.83 taxes to Frances E. Cornish.
 7. BOARD OF EDUCATION :
Resolution to authorize \$ 2,350 School House Bonds to pay taxed certain bills of costs.
 8. Resolution to authorize \$ 16,380.05 School House Bonds to pay awards, costs etc. for 52d and 53 street school site.
 9. FIRE DEPARTMENT: requests amendment of transfer made December 30, 1895. Refer.
 10. FIRE DEPARTMENT: transfer of \$ 500 from Salaries, Headquarters" 1896, to Salaries "Bureau of Fire Alarm Telegraph" 1896.

11. FIRE DEPARTMENT ; Communication relative to former request for bonds under ch. 76, L. 1894. Refer.
12. Opinion of Counsel to the Corporation relative to claim of Messrs. Meakin, Koch and Fitzpatrick. For consideration.
13. Claim of Messrs. Hoadley, Lauterbach & Johnson. Refer.
14. Communication from Mr. Jordan L. Mott relative to approaches to new Third Avenue Bridge. For consideration.

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY.

Executive Department—City Hall.

New York, January 7th 1896.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 and Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on

Friday January 10th 1896, at Eleven o'clock A.M.
 for the purpose of transacting such business
 as may be brought before the Board.

H. S. Strong
 Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY.

Executive Department—City Hall.

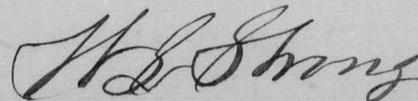
New York *March 14th* 1896

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 and Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the

Mayor on

Monday *March 16th* 1896, at Eleven O'clock AM

for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.



Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY.

Executive Department—City Hall.

New York, March 25th 1896

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 and Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on

Thursday March 26th 1896 at Eleven O'clock A.M.

for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

W. L. Strong

Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY.

Executive Department—City Hall.

New York, th October 27 1896

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 and Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on

Thursday October 29th 1896. at 11 o'clock A.M.
for the purpose of transacting such business
as may be brought before the Board.

W. S. Strong

Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY.

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Executive Department—City Hall.

New York, *November 18th 1896*

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 and Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on

Thursday November 19, 1896, at One o'clock P.M.
for the purpose of transacting such business as
may be brought before the Board:

W. S. Strong
Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY.

Executive Department—City Hall.

New York, November 20th 1896

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 and Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on

Monday November 23rd 1896 at 2 o'clock M.

for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

H. S. Strong
Mayor.

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BUSINESS, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

MEETING HELD DECEMBER 1, 1896.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

1. *WFB* Resolution to issue Revenue Bonds for November Pay-roll of Inspectors under Emergency Act (\$ 1,551.66).
2. *WFB* Transfer of \$ 400 from "Rents" to "Salaries" 1896.
3. Transfer of \$ 600 from "Rents" to "Contingencies" 1896.
4. *WFB* BOARD OF CITY RECORD: Resolution to transfer \$ 25,000 from "Publication of City Record" to "Printing, Stationery and Blank Books" 1896.
5. *WFB* Resolution to transfer \$ 250 from "Salaries--Judiciary-- Clerks, Supreme Court" to "Salaries--Judiciary: Clerks County Clerk's Office".
6. *WFB* STREET CLEANING DEPARTMENT: Resolution to authorize transfer of \$ 5,000 Incumbence moneys to "Final Disposition".
7. *WFB* Resolution to transfer \$ 40,000 to "Final Disposition".
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8. *WFB* FIRE DEPARTMENT: Resolution to transfer \$ 500 from Headquarters Payroll to "Salaries, Fire Alarm Telegraph" 1896.
9. *WFB* BOARD OF EDUCATION :
Report and resolution to authorize issue of \$ 15,823.60 School House Bonds to pay wages of inspectors and draughtsmen on new school buildings from November 1st to May 1st 1897, and to make unexpended balance of former appropriation applicable to same purpose.

10. Resolution to transfer \$ 2,200 from Salaries, Evening Schools" 1895, to several appropriations of 1895.

11. Resolution to transfer \$ 1,400 from "Contingencies-- Comptroller's Office" to Salaries--Finance Department for Expenses of Temporary Clerks in Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

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BUSINESS, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 1896.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS :

1. Report on proposed bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek. For consideration. *Refer to CC.*
2. Request for transfer of \$ 970 from "Free Floating Baths" 1895 to "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices" 1896. Refer.
3. *Refer to Comp. W. H. Paul Same as March 1896*
Opinion of Corporation Counsel relative to claim of John McClave. For consideration.
4. POLICE DEPARTMENT: Requesting transfer of \$ 7,000 from "Election Expenses: For Compensation of Inspectors etc." to "Supplies for Police etc." *Refer*
5. Requesting transfer of \$ 5.29 from "Supplies" 1895, to "Alterations and Repairs" 1894. Refer. *Comp. H. H.*
6. *Refer*
CHANGE OF GRADE DAMAGE COMMISSION: Resolution to authorize \$ 17,700 bonds under ch. 537, L. 1893, for expenses during year 1897 (Same amount as 1896).
7. *Refer*
FIRE DEPARTMENT: Matter of amendment of transfer previously made.

BOARD OF EDUCATION :

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8. *Refer*
Resolution to authorize \$ 16,380.05 School-house Bonds, to pay awards and costs in West 52d and 53d streets school site proceeding.
 9. *Refer*
Resolution to authorize \$ 16,000 School-house Bonds for purchase of two lots on West 45th street.
 10. *Refer*
Resolution to authorize \$ 10,095 School House Bonds for improving lot adjoining Grammar School 60.

11. *PR* Resolution to authorize \$ 1,676.11 School-house Bonds to pay for gymnasium apparatus.
12. *PR* Resolution to authorize \$ 45,170 School House Bonds to pay for heating and ventilating St. Ann's avenue school building 147
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13. *PR* Resolution to authorize \$ 126,900 School-House Bonds for contract for new Trinity avenue school building.
14. Resolution to authorize \$ 124,900 School House Bonds for contract to built new school at 149th street.
15. *PR* Resolution to authorize \$ 268,750 School-house Bonds for contract for new Catharine and Oliver streets school building. 149*
16. *PR* Resolution to authorize \$ 200 School House Bonds for expert witness fees as taxed by Supreme Court. 192
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17. *PR* Resolution to authorize \$ 205 School House Bonds to pay bills of F. W. Ford, Surveyor.
18. *PR* Resolution to authorize \$ 565 School House Bonds to pay bills of F. W. Ford.
19. Resolution to authorize \$ 15 School House Bonds to pay bill of F. W. Ford, Surveyor.
20. *PR* RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSION: Requisition for \$ 16,545.83. Refer.
21. *PR* Resolution to transfer \$ 199.85 from "Bureau of Licenses--Mayor's Office: Salaries" to "Bureau of Licenses--Mayor's office: Contingencies"
22. Resolution to authorize 3,830.07 Revenue Bonds upon requisition of the Greater New York Commission.

New York, Dec. 8th, 1893.

The Trustees of the Aquilar Free Circulating Library present to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment this statement requesting them to grant for the year 1897 the full amount authorized in the statute. This amount at the rate of ten cents per volume circulated according to the certificate approved the circulation would be \$31,500 as the circulation for the year ending Sept. 1st was 315,000, an increase of 50,000 over the previous year.

The attention of your honorable body is respectfully called to the fact that since the date of the last appropriation a new branch has been started at 176 E. 110th St.; a most densely populated section of the city and that since its opening on May 1st the average number of books circulated per month has been about 7,000, and now and larger quarters have also been provided for another branch at 613 E. 5th St. These additional libraries were opened largely upon the belief that your honorable body would approve of the extension of our work and give a larger grant in consequence of this extension. If the library possess larger means it could extend these branches as the number of books on the shelves is entirely inadequate to the demand. This can be shown by the fact that since Sept. 1st there has been a constant increase in the circulation at all the branches.

These facts are presented to your honorable body because of our belief that a free library is as necessary to the proper education of the community as a free school. Good reading is one of the most potent influences in the making of good character and good character is the basis of good citizenship.

A comparison of the total amount of money appropriated for public libraries and for public library work in our city with what is appropriated in the other cities would show that New York is far behind in this regard: _____

It will be noticed that the location of our libraries is such that it brings them close to the people that most need the influence of good reading. In the vicinity of 127 E. Broadway where one of the libraries is located a large number of the residents are immigrants. At this library during the year ending Oct. 1st more than 100,000 books were circulated, a very large percentage of which were books relating to American History and Biography. In this quarter this library is largely aiding in training the residents in a knowledge of American ideas. The other libraries are located at 613 E. 5th St where with 3,000 books a circulation of over 20,000 was reached last year.

At 118 E. 59th St. more than 100,000 volumes were circulated last year, and as has been stated the average circulation at 178 E. 110th St. has been over 7,000 since the first of May. At all these branches care is taken to secure the co-operation of the public school teachers so that the library and the school work hand in hand. Our libraries have been started and largely supported by private help. With the growth of our work it is found more difficult to get adequate means and as the work is of a purely public character and has received the approval of the library authorities we earnestly hope that the request we have made will be granted. There are many needs that must be met for the improvement of our libraries, more books, printed catalogues, larger quarters, increased numbers of reference books and more librarians. If the full amount that your Board is permitted to give is granted the better service will be assured.

New York, Dec. 8th, 1896.

The Trustees of the New York Free Circulating Library which circulated last year 680,000 volumes and the trustees of the Aquilar Free Circulating Library circulated last year 819,000 volumes, respectfully request your consideration of the annexed statements. The two libraries working on the same lines and almost uniform as the method maintained.

Eleven libraries, the total circulation of which last year was one million and which promises largely to exceed that number during the present year. The circulation of one million well selected books means the bringing into each household so many influences for good. Whether regarded as rational recreation or instruction these libraries add to the powers for good in our city and we therefore urgently request in the interests of the highest education the granting of the full amount allowed by law, which even if allowed will take but a very small portion of the over budget of the city. No extension received more cordial approval than the appropriation for free libraries. The Mayor in a recent letter expressed his determination to further as his highest ambition the cause of our city's education and no factor is more potent to that end than free libraries.

Frances H. Jones -

Alice Sterne.

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BUSINESS, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT
MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10, 1896.

1. Transfer of \$ 1,000 to Election Expenses--Contingencies to provide for fitting up Central Market.
2. RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSION: Requisition for \$ 16,545.83
Resolution to pass certain items of,
3. BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Transfer of \$ 600 from Salaries to Contingencies.
4. EAST RIVER BRIDGE COMMISSION: Resolution to authorize issue of \$ 12,325 Bonds.
5. Report and resolution to authorize issue of \$ 250,000 Assessment Bonds.
6. Matter of steel pocket dump for Street Cleaning Department For consideration.
7. BOARD OF EDUCATION: Resolution to authorize issue of \$ 17,493.92 School House Bonds for Carmine street site.
8. PARK DEPARTMENT:
Report and resolution relative to issue of \$ 10,000 Revenue Bonds for new park at 192d street.
9. Report and resolution to authorize transfer of \$ 15,000 of funds under chapter 194, Laws 1896, for purchase of mould for territory around northwest corner of Central Park.
10. Report and resolution to authorize \$ 6,000 Bonds under chapter 194, Laws 1896, for improving gore of land near west approach to Macomb's Dam Bridge.

11. Communication relative to Assistant Engineer of 12th
Regiment Armory. For consideration.

12. Matter of application of St. Zita's Home. For consideration

13. Committee children - October

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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, December 14, 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r , and
Chairman of the Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

Dear Sir:-

Upon consultation with our Chief Engineer, I find that in the original plans for water mains on Fifth Avenue, there was an estimate made of 50,000 square yards of pavement to be relaid between 4th and 81st streets. Upon the determination, however, to repave with asphalt from 9th to 59th streets, there was deducted from the estimates for the water main contract the area to be repaved between those streets, namely, 30,000 square yards. The estimated cost of the repaving of said 30,000 square yards, at the prices bid in the water main contract, \$1.25 per square yard, it was understood was to be transferred from the water main fund to the appropriation for repaving streets and avenues. This transfer has not yet been made by the Board of Estimate & Apportionment, and the entire contract cost, namely \$318,100, for the repaving of Fifth Avenue with asphalt between 9th and 59th streets, is now charged to the special appropriation of one million dollars under Chapter 475 of the Laws of 1895.

The contracts which have been made for repaving chargeable to the million dollar fund therefor, for 1896, amount altogether to the sum of \$992,745.85, as per memorandum thereof hereto annexed.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

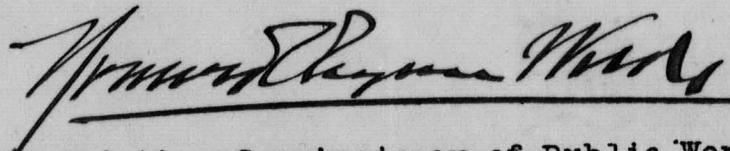
No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

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The contracts which have been made for water mains, and the estimated cost of new mains, and charges for engineering, inspection and contingencies authorized by the Board of Estimate & Apportionment, or heretofore requested to be authorized by said Board, amount to \$959,706 payable out of the water main fund of one million dollars, authorized by Chapter 669 of the Laws of 1896. If the \$42,500, the estimated cost of repaving below 59th Street above mentioned be transferred to the fund for repaving, the entire water main fund will be exhausted.

Very respectfully yours,



Deputy & Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

MEMORANDUM.

LIST OF CONTRACTS charged to Repaving, Chapter 475, Laws of 1895.

Appropriation for 1896.

Fifth Ave. from 9th to 59th St., -----	\$318,100.00
43rd St. from 5th to 6th Ave.s and 7th to 8th Avenues, -	13,310.00
120th St. from 5th Ave. to East River, -----	40,079.50
85th St. from Park to Madison Avenues, -----	3,783.75
126th St. from 2nd to 4th Avenues, -----	15,503.00
100th St., from 8th to Amsterdam Ave., -----	14,796.75
106th St., at 8th, 9th and 10th avenues, -----	6,110.10
115th St., from Avenue A to Lexington Ave., -----	17,115.70
77th and 78th Sts., from Avenue A to 3rd Avenue, -----	36,034.50
82nd St. from 8th to Columbus Ave., -----	7,522.00
92nd St. from Ave. A to 1st Ave., -----	6,037.50
Marketfield St. from Broad to New St., etc. -----	5,079.50
49th St. from 6th to 7th Avenues, -----	7,318.75
52nd St. from 4th to 5th Ave. and 54th St. from 6th to 7th Ave. -----	15,783.75
1st Ave. from 20th to 109th St. -----	303,880.00
1st Ave. from 28th to 33rd St., 49th to 51st St. &c., &c. -----	58,255.10
Clinton Pl. from 6th Ave. to Macdougall St. &c. -----	7,821.75
15th St. from Union Sq. to Irving Pl. -----	4,351.30
Madison Ave. from 125th St. to Bridge, -----	31,826.40
Boulevard E.S. from 92nd to 106th St. -----	47,376.50
49th St. from Madison to 4th Ave. -----	4,171.50
129th St. from 7th to 8th Ave. -----	8,572.50
Madison Ave. from 125th north to Bridge, (bet. tracks) -	19,916.00
Total -----	\$992,745.85

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Board of Estimate and Apportionment, CITY OF NEW YORK.

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on the 30th day of October, 1896, adopted the Provisional Estimate for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven (1897), and have considered the objections to and rectifications of said estimate, made by the Board of Aldermen on November 24, 1896, of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York, in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year, to wit, for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven (1897), in which estimate is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of interest on the bonds of the said City and County, which becomes due and payable within said year, which is not otherwise provided for; also such sum as is necessary to be raised by tax to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable during the said year, which is not otherwise provided for; also the amount to be raised by tax annually, which, with the accumulations of interest thereon, will be sufficient to redeem the stocks and bonds issued to provide for the supply of water, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Article VIII., of the Revised Constitution of the State of New York, adopted at the General Election held November 6, 1894, and also so much as may be necessary to pay the proportion of the State Tax required to be paid by the City and County of New York in said year 1897, as provided by section 189 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, which objections to and rectifications of said Provisional Estimate were transmitted by the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, on November 27, 1896, and considered by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on December 29, 1896; therefore,

Resolved, That after such consideration of the said objections to and rectifications of said Provisional Estimate, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment do hereby make this a

FINAL ESTIMATE

of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York, in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year, to wit, for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven (1897), in which is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the said City and County, and of the annexed territory, which becomes due and payable within said year, and also such sum as is necessary to be raised by tax to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable during the said year, not otherwise provided for; also the amount to be raised for the supply of water by tax annually, which, with the accumulations of interest thereon, will be sufficient to redeem the stocks and bonds issued, as provided by section 10 of article VIII. of the Revised Constitution of the State of New York, adopted at the General Election held November 6, 1894, and also so much as may be necessary to pay the proportion of the State tax required to be paid by the City and County of New York in said year, as follows:

FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1897.

THE MAYORALTY.

Salaries and Contingencies—Mayor's Office:		
Salary of the Mayor	\$10,000 00	
Salaries of Clerks and Subordinates, and Contingencies.....	15,000 00	\$25,000 00
Bureau of Licenses—Mayor's Office:		
Salaries	\$13,200 00	
Contingencies	3,955 00	17,155 00

Salaries of Inspectors and Sealers of Weights and Measures:		
For Salaries of two Inspectors, at \$1,500 each per annum.....	\$3,000 00	
For Salaries of two Sealers, at \$1,200 each per annum.....	2,400 00	5,400 00

*A True Extract from the Final Estimate for
the Mayoralty for the year 1897, adopted
by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment
at a Meeting held December 31, 1896.*

*Chas. Ades
Clerk*

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To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,
Gentlemen:-

In submitting my estimate for the Registers Office for the year 1897 I have asked for Salaries the sum of \$129,000 or \$1,000 less than any of the estimates for the past five years, This in my judgment is the lowest sum with which the office can be properly conducted during next year.

Notwithstanding the dulness in the real estate market during the present year, an examination discloses that up to the present time there have been recorded in this office over 300 more Conveyances and Mortgages than during the corresponding period of last year. An excess of 500 in Chattel Mortgages also shows the increased volume of business

It must also be remembered that since the annexation of part of Westchester County more than 3000 papers affecting that section have been presented for record, although no additional appropriation was made to meet this increase in the amount of work.

With the prospect of greater activity in real estate circles next year the business of this office will be greatly increased, and with that in view I believe that my estimate will no more than meet the necessary requirements of the public service.

That there has been a marked improvement in expediting the return of papers and otherwise improving the tone of the office has been subject of frequent remark from those doing business with the office.

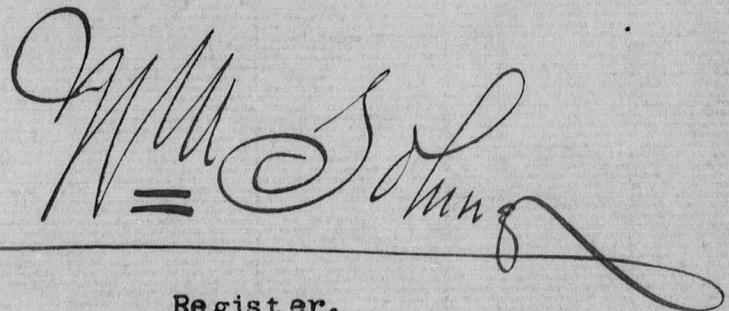
From personal observation I am satisfied that the employees of this office will compare favorably ^{as to} ~~in~~ competence.

tency and efficiency with those in any other office or department and their salaries and compensation for similar services should not be inferior to those paid in other municipal departments.

Some reductions might be made in the force in the office were we located in a building properly adapted to the needs of a Hall of Records, and I can only add my testimony to that of my predecessors, several Grand Juries, and the members of the bar to the imperative necessity for immediate action looking to a building adapted to the security of the public records.

Hampered as we are by the lack of proper facilities and the imperative necessity for having the work of the office carefully and promptly performed, it will be absolutely impossible to properly transact the business of the office with a smaller appropriation than the amount submitted in my estimate for 1897.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. M. Jones". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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