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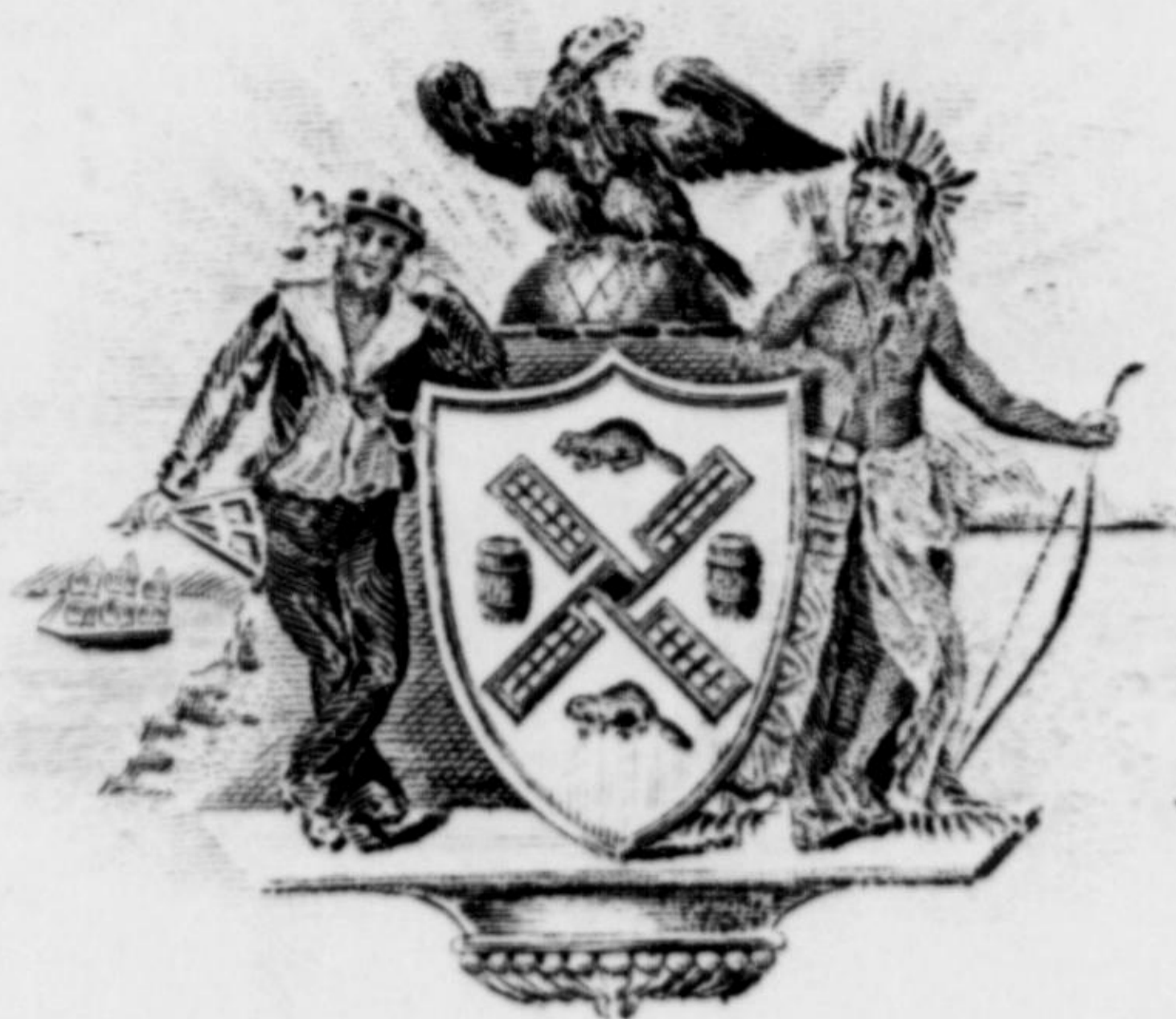
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**Assessors, Office Board of**

**1911**



JOSEPH P. HENNESSY,  
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THOMAS J. DRENNAN  
SECRETARY

*Office Board of Assessors,  
No. 320 Broadway,*

*New York,* March 8th 1911.

Robert Adamson, Esq;  
Secretary.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th inst. stating that the Mayor looks for co-operation from heads of the various city offices with the Municipal Art Society in relation to its annual exhibition in April.

This Board will be very glad to comply with the Mayor's wish in every respect that its co-operation may be invited in connection with the exhibition mentioned.

Yours truly

*Joseph P. Hennessy*  
President.

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*Office Board of Assessors,  
No. 320 Broadway,*

*New York,* March 16, 1911.

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Matter of claim of Jordan L. Mott.

Hon. W. J. Gaynor,  
Mayor.

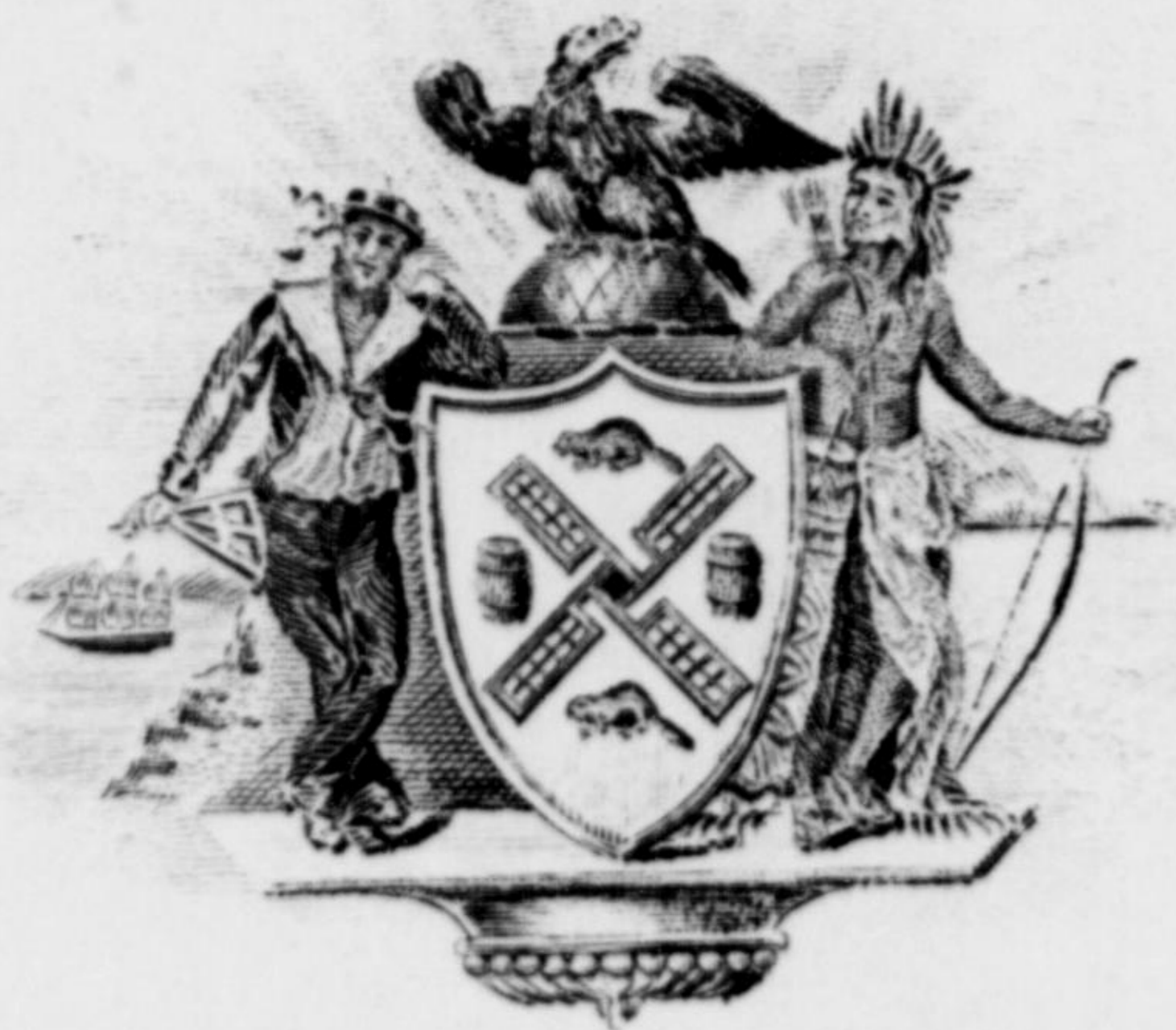
S i r:

I deem it my duty to transmit herewith for such consideration as you deem proper to give it, copy of letter dated March 7th, 1911, referring to the Mott claim in this office, addressed to the members of the Board of Assessors from the Bureau of Municipal Research and bearing the signature of Henry Bruere, Director.

If this communication came before the proceeding was closed, it might be considered of little importance; but, when the letter was written the Bureau of Research, and presumably Mr. Bruere had full knowledge of the fact as herein asserted, that the matter was closed.

The Bureau of Research was so informed by telephone by me personally on making inquiry and was invited by me to inspect the record and a representative of the Bureau came to this office subsequently and examined the stenographer's minutes.

After this examination was made and after the information was given that the proceeding was closed, the letter in question was written. The sending of the letter, at least at the time



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it was sent, was so palpably improper that I feel called upon to acquaint you with the facts as stated herein.

I also send herewith copy of sections 373 and 376 of the Penal Code (1909 Amendments), showing how nearly the sending of such a letter as the one enclosed approaches a misdemeanor.

I beg to add that the board by resolution has transmitted a copy of the letter of the Bureau of Research to the Corporation Counsel, who was represented at the hearing, also to Henry H. Sherman, Esq. attorney of record for the claimant Jordan L. Mott.

Respectfully,

*Joseph P. Hennessy*  
President.

2 enclosures.

( C O P Y )

BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL RESEARCH

Directors.  
Wm. H. Allen,  
Henry Bruere,  
Fred A. Cleveland.

261 B'way, N.Y. March 7, 1911.

Joseph Hennessy, Esq.,  
President, Board of Assessors,  
320 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sir:

During the summer of 1909 this Bureau investigated the claim for damages suffered by J. L. Mott as a result of the construction of a bridge over the Harlem River at 3rd avenue and addressed a letter to your predecessors on the subject under date of June 10, 1909.

It is our understanding that since assuming office your board has reopened this matter and taken testimony as to the amount of damage suffered by this claimant. We desire to inform you that in our opinion the amount of damage suffered by this claimant is not in excess of \$67,500 and that this figure has been arrived at and is supported by expert advice. This estimate of damage compares favorably with the city's expert, Mr. Olpp, i.e., \$62,000 and is predicated on the same theory, namely, that there was no damage to buildings.

We respectfully call your attention to the fact that there is no authority in law for the payment of interest on awards of this character except subsequent to the making of the award.

In conclusion permit us to say that we should be glad to have our expert called in order to give his testimony for your consideration and that we should be glad to cooperate in any other way that your board may desire.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Henry Bruere,

Director.

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P E N A L \_ L A W \_.

Sec. 373.

"JUROR, ARBITRATOR OR REFEREE PROMISING VERDICT.

" A juror or a person drawn or summoned to attend as a juror, or a person chosen arbitrator or appointed referee, who:

1st. Makes any promise or agreement to give a verdict, judgment report, award, or decision, for or against any party; or  
2nd. Wilfully receives any communication, book, paper instrument, or information, relating to a cause or matter pending before him, except according to the regular course or proceeding upon the trial or hearing of that cause or matter,  
Is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Sec. 376.

EMBRACERY.

" A person who influences or attempts to influence improperly, a juror in a civil or criminal action or proceeding, or one drawn or summoned to attend as such a juror, or one chosen an **arbitrator**, or appointed a referee, in respect to his verdict, judgment, report award or decision in any cause or matter pending or about to be brought before him, in any case, or in any manner not included in section 373 or 374, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

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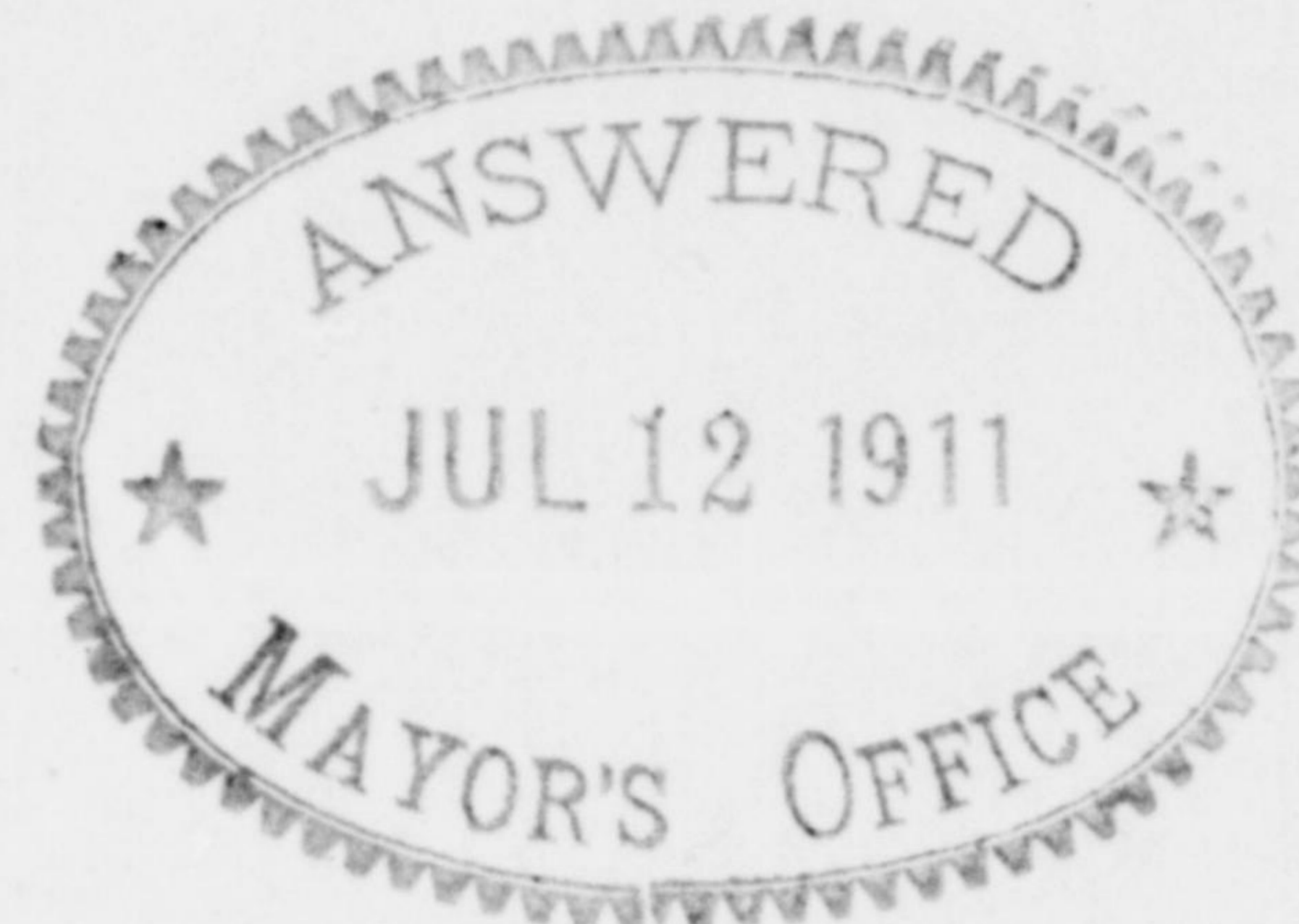
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*Office Board of Assessors,  
No. 320 Broadway,*

*New York,* July 10, 1911.



Hon. W. J. Gaynor, Mayor,  
City of New York.

Sir:

In connection with the report of the Board of Assessors, respectfully submitted in another communication enclosed herewith, your Honor's attention is called to the fact that the office was practically cleaned up on June 30, last; a condition that never existed heretofore. The advantage of this situation to the city, from a financial standpoint is apparent.

Respectfully

*Joseph P. Hennessy*  
President.

July 10, 1911.

In re report of Board of  
Assessors, and calling atten-  
tion to fact that office was  
practically closed up on June  
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July 10, 1911.

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*Office Board of Assessors,  
No. 320 Broadway.*

*New York, Sept. 11, 1911.*

Opening Skillman Place, Long Island City, N.Y.

Hon. W. J. Gaynor,  
M a y o r.

S i r:

The letter of John H. Cording, 9 Skillman Place, Long Island City, dated September 7, 1911 received from your Honor complaining of an assessment against his property of \$10,608. refers to a street opening proceeding and I have forwarded the letter to the Bureau of Street Openings in the Borough of Queens for a report to be made thereon to you.

Respectfully,

*Joseph P. Hennessy*  
President.

Sept. 11, 1911.

Complaint from John H.  
Cordingof 9 Skillman Place, .  
L. I. City, as to an assessment  
against his property.



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*Office Board of Assessors,  
No. 320 Broadway,*

*New York,* Oct. 23, 1911.

Hon. W. J. Gaynor,

M a y o r.

S i r:

So far as Mr. A. Hitzel's complaint refers to action by the Board of Assessors, it appears to be directed entirely to the assessment placed upon his property for an improvement officially described as--

"9858 - Sewer in Third avenue, bet. 60th and 61st streets; 67th street and Bay Ridge avenue, bet. Silliman Place and 73rd street; bet. 74th and 77th streets; bet. 80th and 83rd streets; bet. 84th and 90th streets; northerly intersection bet. Marine avenue and 99th street, and outlet sewer in 76th street bet. 2nd and 3rd avenues."

The assessment imposed for this work included a charge for receiving basins, extending down Third Avenue as far as 60th street. Mr. Hitzel's assessment in this connection was Six (\$6) dollars and the receiving basin for which he was assessed was designed to receive the surface drainage of his and nearby property. I understand from his letter that he does not object so much to the amount, as to the charge itself. It is quite true that this property was formerly assessed for a direct sewer connection, and for general benefit resulting from the trunk sewer, and it is further a fact that he will have to pay for no more sewer construction as far as



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this particular property is concerned. But receiving basins for convenience sake and health have sometimes to be added. If the receiving basin for which Mr. Hitzel was assessed at the corner of 60th street and Third avenue had not been included in the contract under which his assessment came, it would have cost more and the charge to Mr. Hitzel would have been naturally more than Six (\$6) dollars. Having been included with other receiving basins in the sewer contract it cost less and he cannot deny that he is benefited to at least the extent of Six (\$6) dollars.

As to the other matters mentioned in Mr. Hitzel's letter, they appear to refer to the Tax Department, through which department information relative to them might be sought, should your Honor deem it necessary.

Respectfully,

*Joseph P. Hennessy*  
President.

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Oct 23/1911

Upon Letter of  
A. Hitzelsre  
to assignment

enclosure.

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Frederick.

Received 11/1/11.



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Paving FLATBUSH AVENUE, Bklyn.

Hon. W. J. Gaynor,

M a y o r.

S i r:

In reference to the statement of Mr. Terence Curley which your Honor sent to me under date of October 20, last, concerning assessment for temporary pavement on Flatbush avenue between Avenues N and U, I beg to say that the Board is awaiting further official information, both from the Comptroller's office and the office of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn. Mr. Curley has filed a number of papers with the Board supplementing his objections and he has been in personal consultation with Mr. Ormond.

Mr. Curley understands that he will be notified when the Board is in position to take up his complaint for final consideration, and that its aim will be to relieve him so far as possible by laying out an area of benefit which will do justice to all parties concerned.

Respectfully,

*Joseph P. Hennessy*  
President.

Nov 8/11

re. to Oct 20/11

Up on Letter of  
Mr. Pursey re  
Paving Flatbush  
ave

Respectfully,

President.



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Office Board of Assessors,  
No. 320 Broadway,

New York, November 9, 1911.

Hon. W. J. Gaynor, Mayor,  
City of New York.

Sir:

Complying with the request contained in the letter from your secretary, Mr. Robert Adamson, dated November 6, I beg to state that the budget appropriation to the Board of Assessors for the year 1912 does not show any increase over the modified appropriation for the year 1911.

Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of \$625. were issued in August to provide for increases in the salaries of five clerks and one stenographer and typewriter and the budget schedule for this office was at that time modified and remains the same for the ensuing year.

It will be observed that the total amount is \$1,678. less than the total amount of the budget appropriation when this board took office.

Year	Salary appropriation	Contingencies etc.	Total
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1911	40,250.		
	Spec. Rev. Bonds 625.	\$1,775.	\$42,650.
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Respectfully

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President.

Wm. Adamson

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Re-to Nov 6/11

Report to Budget  
for 1912

President.

Respectfully

Net	480.	\$1,845.	\$45,825.
2000. Rev. Bonds	632.	\$1,172.	\$45,650.
	40,100.		
	45,800.		\$45,600.

Salary Appropriation : Contingencies etc : Total