



# Hotel Majestic.

CENTRAL PARK WEST,  
72<sup>ND</sup> AND 71<sup>ST</sup> STREETS.

RICHARD H. STEARNS.  
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

New York, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895

Major Strong  
Dear Sir

I am a young man married on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 1894 and having struck pretty hard luck ever since. I ask you in the name of God to do something for me at the present time my dear wife is lying out and I am trying to get along here working in the Hotel Majestic for \$13 a month and no prospects of bettering myself. Now, dear Sir, although not acquainted with you I can understand you are a good conscientious man and understand the times, you would do a great favour and charitable one by placing me in a position where I can live like an honest man with the fear and love of God. I am young, able, and willing to do anything to make an honest living.

so for the love of God. do not cast  
that aside but do something for  
me as I am in need of it badly  
and it will never hurt you besides  
making a happy home for a household  
hoping to hear from you

To receive

Your humble petitioner

Thaddeus Adolphus Casey  
636 Washington St  
New York

Please do something for me





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New York, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir

Your anxiously awaited letter was received on yesterday. and am sorry to see you cannot do anything for me, as you were the only hope I had left. Your suggestion to apply at the various departments all failed me as I have done so before I wrote to you and could not connect anywhere. I hope you will consider my case as it is indeed a sad one and a friendly hand would make a happy change in a miserable life. Please do something for me and God will bless you for it.

I remain

Respectfully yours  
Shadens. C. Casey  
636 Washington St  
N. Y. C.

your. Thomas

By the way I got out about  
the robbery. The drivers see  
if this hole you were in the  
5th Hotel or in the Madison  
Park is an Exit that lead into  
the ground. Now you must  
tell all the Hack Drivers an  
Trials. You know that a Wa-  
men was brought to the 5th Hotel  
also to the Brownsville you know.  
But the Drivers had given  
there Henry John Butler and  
Sam Means told you of it.  
Now you must go find out all  
about the Robbery the Hack-  
Drivers know you can be there  
just as much as the gang also you  
must tell them that while the

and at night the use there  
wives and children. To my know-  
ledge the gang has been working  
there. Get them all on Trial and  
after get there place where the  
hang and executed.

When I went this summer to the  
police I ask for help and you  
know how the protect me I  
cannot go through the street  
without being insulted. You  
could just as well keep Byrnes  
as P. Cantin is just as bad as  
he was he know all and all  
but I dont go to a man that  
run after me like Byrnes if  
he is not fit for the Position  
but you could find no other man.  
If a Chief has time to run any  
man after an 50 years old Woman  
noon Evenings he has no time  
for the City. I wish you would  
know all I know about the



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administration and Police the  
whole staff give money to get the  
Witnesses away of the Exam Com.  
I am sarran I did not take the  
stand against the Adminis-  
tration. When I ask you to  
see you or anyone that report  
to you it was to tell you my  
Story like I did it in Mr Gaff  
Office to Terome. Money I  
could have off Mr Syrens  
all I want but I cant need  
nothing of a Person like him.  
I want to be paid by the City  
for 6. years Service. like Capt  
Creeden told Mr. Dickels. Satis-  
faction I can get over any one  
as long as I tell the truth.  
but not from a Laver as the  
think. You cant know the

Way it is going on in America  
because this gang is all over  
the Country all Vitals are rotten.  
In Headquarters they know all  
all all the Chief the Board of  
Health and what is done for  
the use the discover it they  
get sailed every night and  
was driven to sharnagen  
Remember it is never to late  
for me to start for a bumble  
to the City and if I see that  
this keep up I go to the  
Press perhaps when it is to  
late they will remember  
that they have to deal  
with a Character you can  
crush but never bend

I wish you a happy  
N.Y. and may you remember  
that the whole City  
look to you as their Father  
Yours request Amalie Ceruti.

St. M. Dauph

101 W. 75<sup>th</sup> St.

New York City -

April 8 1895

To

The Hon:

William A. Strong,  
Mayor of New York;

Dear Sir:

Some earnest friends of  
"the best things" for this City -  
have asked me to suggest to  
you some suitable women  
for appointment on the School  
Board.

I claim no right to ask  
for the appointment of any body.



but so far as my judgment  
and testimony may be of any  
service in selecting efficient  
capable and worthy women for  
this office, I take pleasure in  
complying with this request.

Miss Alice Woodbridge

Secretary of the Working  
Women's Society. 312 W. 54<sup>th</sup> St  
and

Mrs Proctor Benson

Editor of The Teachers  
Tribune, 13 Astor Place,  
are admirably qualified  
in all respects for this work.

They would take great  
interest in the schools, -  
as, indeed, they already do,  
and would be worthy coin-  
blers with the best, in  
judicious and effective  
work in the schools.

Very respectfully yours  
Julius L. Chamberlain.

Society President of Bowdoin  
College, Maine, &c.

TELEPHONE CALL,  
308 38th Street.

Daniel E. Charles & Co.  
"Builders Hardware,"

842 Third Avenue,  
236 - E. 53 St

New York, Sep 28 1895

For Mayor Strong

My dear Sir:

I take the liberty to write you  
and trust it will be received in good  
faith.

I have been fifteen years in the Hardware  
business, and eleven years a voter, I have  
never belonged to any party.

Business has  
been very dull in our line and it  
makes one try for something else. if  
you have a place to give I solicit an  
interview.

Yr Very Obedt

Daniel E. Charles  
236 E. 53 St



THOMAS HILLHOUSE, President.  
FREDERICK D. TAPPEN, Vice President.

CHARLES M. JESUP, 2d Vice President.  
BEVERLY CHEW, Secretary.  
GEO. D. COANEY, Asst. Sec'y.

# *Metropolitan Trust Company.*

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

CAPITAL \$1,000,000.

37-39 WALL STREET.  
CABLE ADDRESS: "METPOL"

*New York,* Oct. 2, 1895 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of N.Y.

Sir:-

As a citizen of the United States, and of the State and City of New York, over the age of twenty one years, residing in the City and County of New York, at 23 East 45th Street, in said City, by occupation an officer pro-tem of the Metropolitan Trust Company of the City of New York, respectfully solicits his appointment to the office of Commissioner of Deeds for the States of California and Nevada.

It is at the request of the Hon. Levi P. Morton, that I respectfully ask you to endorse my application for the above. My application to Gov. Morton is endorsed by the Hon. Thos. Hillhouse, President of the Metropolitan Trust Company, No. 37 Wall Street, and by D. O. Mills, Esq. 35 Wall Street, both of this City. By granting the above, you will confer a great honor on

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*Raymond J. Hatry*

New York, May 22nd, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a notice from Commissioner Brookfield which will deprive me of my office on the 1st inst. as Assistant Engineer in Department of Public Works. I appeal to you to reconsider this matter with Commissioner Brookfield, and restore me to the place at a reduction of my compensation, at the same time to permit me to do the work of the office without an assistant, which will still make a reduction of \$1,500 per year.

I claim that as I have been connected with the Croton Aqueduct as an Engineer for ten years, and have passed a civil service examination successfully for my present place, that I ought to be conceded a prior preference to R. L. Blake, my assistant, being older and more experienced. I am willing to serve at a reduction of pay and conform to your plan to reduce expenses.

I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a tax payer and hope that you will receive my appeal favorably.

Yours respectfully,

*Alex Crawford Chenoweth*  
Assistant Engineer,  
Croton Aqueduct,  
Department Public Works.

178 East 7<sup>th</sup> St

N. Y.

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 93

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 93

To His Honor:

Mayor Strong  
Sir;

I again take  
the liberty of addressing  
you; and petition to your  
Honor's kindness for if  
you knew the circum-  
stances that surround  
lots of respectable people  
you would most assuredly  
lend them aid most  
willingly. Honorable  
Sir I ask you that which  
lies within your power  
to do; and which may  
Heaven be your reward



and yours hereafter.  
Would you Lordship be  
so good as to refer me  
to Commissioner Parter  
for a position as I have  
been told he has lots  
of them both in Ship  
North Brothers Island &  
Charity Hosp: Sir I am  
the person who addressed  
you last week and whom  
you referred to Charity  
Reginagation Society but  
as it is not really in  
those ladies power to  
do so. I have been told  
again to appeal to you  
that you had a kind  
and fatherly heart  
to those who seek  
your strengthening hand

Honorable Sir I want  
 nothing but work as I  
 am young strong &  
 health and willing to go  
 to the furthest ends  
 of the earth to obtain it.  
 And rest assured kind  
 Sir that I am well tired  
 of looking for work  
 when I appeal to your  
 Lordship and every cent  
 spent going round & boarding  
 myself. I want a favorable  
 reply which I know  
 your generosity of heart  
 will give.

Yours Resp.  
 Thos. A. Cherry

New York, March 18th, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Mayors Office,

New York City.

Dear sir:

Some time ago I addressed you a communication, asking that you give me a trial whenever you were in need of the services of an expert stenographer and type-writer operator for evening or extra work, which you kindly acknowledged, stating you would keep me in mind.

I write you this to keep the matter before you, and trust that you will upon some occasion, give me an opportunity to prove my ability in this line.

Yours very truly,

*Wm S. Christy*

P.O.Box 880,

New York.

New York, June 16, 1895  
Mr. Wm. Strong-  
Honorable Sir-

Being unable  
to find a position for the past 2  
months, in which I have tried my  
utmost efforts; so I at last came  
to you, as you are the father of  
our "Great City," to ask of you  
a great favor but you know of  
any vacancies.

I am a young man 16 years  
of age, had a first class education  
in G. S. No. 4 this city from which  
I have a good recommendation, and  
hoping that you "Honorable Sir"  
will consider the matter that I am  
trying to make a living in this



world and to try to make for  
me a vacancy.

I remain,

Respectfully yours

Henry Pinver

277 E. Fourth Str.

THE H.B. CLAFLIN COMPANY,

New York, Jan 14.<sup>th</sup> 1895

My dear Mrs. Cooper,

I called on Col  
Strong Saturday, but did not  
find him in. I called  
again today and had a  
long talk with him. He  
feels as we do in regard to  
the desirability of having  
a lady in charge of the  
general work of the office  
in question but there are  
in the near future, questions

business matters to be decided  
and transfers of R.E. to  
to be made, which in his  
opinion render it necessary  
that he should appoint  
appoint a man to take the  
place of the outgoing com-  
missioner.

Regretting that I  
cannot be of service to  
you in this connection I am

Very truly yours

H. B. Claflin

Letter from

Mr. Claflin

Jan. 18. 1895

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JOHN CLAFLIN, PRESIDENT.  
EDWARD E. EAMES, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT.

DANIEL ROBINSON, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.  
HORACE J. FAIRCHILD, 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT.

DEXTER N. FORCE, TREASURER.  
GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG, SECRETARY

## **THE H.B.CLAFLIN COMPANY,**

NEW YORK: Church St. Worth St. and W. Broadway,

MANCHESTER: 123 Portland Street.

PARIS: 5 Passage Saulnier.

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"CLAFLIN" New York.

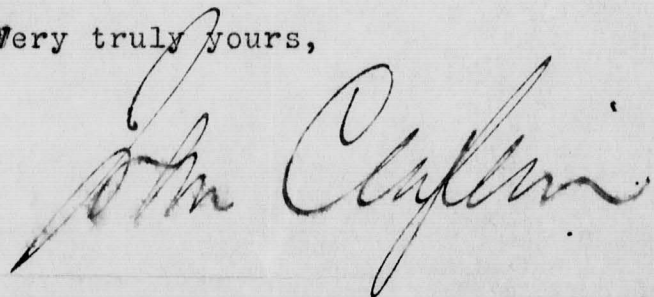
**NEW YORK, May 18, 1895.**

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I have the pleasure of introducing to you hereby James L. Coogan, Esq., an old and valued customer of our house. Mr. Coogan would like to talk with you in regard to a gentleman whom he considers especially qualified to be a Police Justice.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Claflin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Very truly yours,".



OFFICERS.

CYRUS CLARK, PRESIDENT,  
Residence, 327 W. 76th St.

JAS. VAN DYCK CARD,  
WILLIAM C. STUART,  
JOHN C. COLEMAN, } VICE-PRESIDENTS.

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G. B. SHEPPARD, SECRETARY,  
Room 119, 10 Wall Street.

THE

WEST END ASSOCIATION,

426 Columbus Avenue.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE  
SECRETARY, AT HIS OFFICE.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS:

JAMES VAN DYCK CARD, 248 West 73rd St.

SANITARY AFFAIRS AND NUISANCES:

EMERSON COLEMAN, 167 West 73rd St.

MEMBERSHIP:

GEORGE C. BATCHELLER, 129 West 73rd St.

GRIEVANCES:

FRANK R. HOUGHTON, 32 West 88rd St.

FINANCE:

GEORGE C. BATCHELLER, 129 West 73rd St.

LEGISLATION, LAW AND SCHOOLS:

JOHN C. COLEMAN, 167 West 73rd St.

TAXATION:

Hon. GEORGE F. LANGBEIN, 315 West 80th St.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

JAS. V. D. CARD, 248 West 73rd St.

At the meeting of the West End Association held at its rooms on Monday evening, December 2nd, 1895, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, and Messrs. George Clinton Batcheller, Richard Deeves, Lucius M. Stanton, J. Edgar Leaycraft, J. Hamilton Hunt and Cyrus Clark were appointed a special committee to present same to his Honor the Mayor on behalf of the association:

WHEREAS, In view of the very estimable and valuable services rendered by Kiliaen Van Rensselaer in the past to the development of the West Side of our City, in our opinion he is eminently qualified, by such services and on account of his valuable experience, having been connected with many of our most worthy charities for several years last past, to become one of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint Mr. Van Rensselaer as one of the Commissioners named above.

*Cyrus Clark*

PRESIDENT WEST END ASSOCIATION.

ATTEST:

*G. B. Sheppard*

SECRETARY.

REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE 23<sup>D</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT  
OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS, 1693 AMSTERDAM AVENUE.

FRANCIS J. WORCESTER, Chairman.  
GEORGE R. CARRINGTON, Vice-Chairman.  
ELTON W. CLARK, Secretary.  
HENRY R. CARSE, Treasurer,  
537 West 141st Street.

*Confidential*

New York, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor City of New York.

Dear Sir,

In view of the recent disaster in  
Orchard St. which has shown a bad state of affairs in  
the building department, permit me to refer you to a young  
man who is opposed to "kin building", and whose application  
now lies upon your desk. Mr John A. Hamilton, 39 Broadway.  
He has modestly applied for the Place of 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy, but  
if you will look up his record you will see how eminently  
fitted he is for the Place of Supt. He has not called upon  
you with an army of "political backers" at his heels,  
but in a guise of a capable citizen, and one too



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who understands fully the requirements of good building, abhorring in every particular all that <sup>which</sup> is not fair and honest. He steadfastly refuses even to draw plans for crooked builders. He is an honest, able and energetic young man, upon whom the utmost confidence can be placed. You will find his record to be without "deals", for that which is "dark" has no place with him. He owes his present position and success to his own honest efforts. If you see fit to appoint him to the Post of Supt., he will give the City an administration the same as your own, a clean, fearless one. Our District has as before had thrust upon it, any place of trust, and you could in no way more fittingly please a set of men who turned this Dist. from a Democratic one to a sound Republican one than by appointing Mr John A. Hamilton, Supt of Buildings. Respectfully, Elton W Clark 537 West 141 St

531 West 141<sup>st</sup> St.

New York, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Hon. Wm L. Strong.

Dear Sir.

This note is not written because the writer feels he should receive some reward for working for your election. I am out of employment, having filled Position's as book-keeper and teller in a large bank, from which I resigned to enter business for myself. I was forced to withdraw from business



on account of the hard times  
rather than lose money. I am  
21 years of age, and well con-  
nected. I want employment, and  
am not looking for "snags." If there  
is a chance for me in the New  
York Chamberlains office, or any  
other place will you let me know?

Reference of business men.

Messrs. W<sup>m</sup> H. & Co. Jr. Asst. Cashier,

Manhattan Bank. D. B. Halstead

President. N. Y. Nat. Ex. Bank. W<sup>m</sup>

Loft. 5th Barclay St. Frank A. Lewis

West St. Tho: Caccagham. Lincoln  
Building. Union Square. Dr. John  
D. DeLman, 21 West 122<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Francis Worcester. Shoe & Leather Band  
Building. Peter Lang. 30 Moore St.

The above Application is made  
as a business man, not as a  
political one. Trusting that  
it may have your consideration,  
I remain,

Very truly

Alton W. Clark  
531 W. 121 St

New York Nov 26/95

Hon. William H. Strong.

Dear Sir.

I kindly ask  
you if you would help me in  
getting me a position, I have  
been all over New York to try to  
find work, but failed.

My wife is about to be con-  
fined at any day, and I have not  
as much as a dollar in the house,  
my rent will be due Monday and  
I have not got a cent towards  
it. I am willing to work at  
anything I am a young American  
man 23 years of age, and have  
the best of references.

God knows I am trying to keep



my little home up the best I  
can, but luck has turned agence  
me. ever since I lost my position.  
I was employed with the Palmer  
Live Co 66 Read St; and if  
I do not find a position in  
side two weeks, I will be put on  
the street and no ware to go.

So I kindly ask you to grant  
me this small favor for my wifes  
sake, so hoping to hear a favorable  
reply. I remain

Yours Very Respectfully  
Phineas A Clark.

63 W. 100 St.  
City

New York Nov. 13, 1895-

Hon. Wm L. Strong:

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly read this through and if possible send me your further influence in my behalf.

I sought a place in the City Government and passed the civil service examination necessary for Plumbing and Light and Ventilation Inspector. I was placed on the eligible list at a fair rate of excellence, for I had had two years experience in the work and considered myself fairly well equipped for it.

I was summoned to the Building Department a week ago for another examination and have not heard yet. What will be done, but - think a word from you would do me good.

You wrote me a commendation to Mr. Constable, three months ago, but that is old by this time.

I have waited since (from the time I was placed on the eligible list) and am in the direst condition now. Now - you come to my aid? I now appeal to you as an Ohio

man and a member of that society  
but as a man who seeks honest em-  
ployment for which he is well fitted  
both by education and experience.  
You know me and the position  
I have maintained, and the difficulty  
that I have in getting employment-  
that besets a professional man.  
When his profession fails.

I am sober and industrious  
and know outside of music,  
a great deal pertaining to the  
Sanitary inspection of Buildings  
and the work of the Health  
Department for the work in which  
I was engaged at that time was  
under the Health Department  
but since transferred to the Building  
Department.

Will you give me the weight of  
your influence? Mr. Constable will  
certainly give me an immediate ap-  
pointment if you desire it.

I take the liberty of sending  
this to your house, hoping you may  
excuse the want of etiquette in

(21)  
consideration of the fact of immediate action, being a necessity.

I await your reply with much trepidation, but hope for the best.

Very Sincerely

H. Eugene Clarke

39 Gramercy Park



LAW OFFICES  
OF  
RICHARD H. CLARKE,  
Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank Building,  
49 & 51 CHAMBERS ST., N. Y.

NEW YORK,

March 16th

1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor

Dear Mr. Mayor

Having learned that Mr. Francis D. Hoyt is a  
Candidate for one of the positions of Tax Commissioner,  
though not personally acquainted with you, yet as a citi-  
zen who sustained the movement you victoriously  
led, I would beg leave to say that I am well acquaint-  
ed with Mr. Hoyt, & have every reason to believe  
that he would bring to that position full measure  
of integrity, business attention and ability, and a con-  
scientious discharge of his duties. He took an active  
part in the movement of last fall. He is a man of  
singular earnestness, and I feel confident he  
would make a good tax commissioner.

Very truly & respectfully Yours

Richard H. Clarke, Esq.

1187 Lexington Ave  
N.Y. 8<sup>th</sup> Apr 95

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor N.Y. City

Dear Sir:-

You may recall me  
as the young man (introduced to  
you last Summer by Mr. William  
Van Rensselaer) who had won his  
appointment to West Point, and  
for whom you wrote a letter to  
Congressman (Quigg) advising  
him to withdraw his opposition.

Shortly after seeing you I  
regained my position with Messrs.  
Tiffany & Co. and became a member  
of the Evening Session of the New York  
Law School. I am most anxious  
to pursue my studies and should  
be greatly aided in that direction  
by obtaining a clerkship in one of  
the legal departments of the City  
Government, where I could ac-  
quire some practical experience  
and have sufficient time, which  
I now lack, for study.

I am a graduate of the  
College of the City of New York,  
and can supply the highest re-  
ferences as to my character

and ability,

May I ask your aid in  
securing me such a position?  
It will be greatly appreciated by,

Yours very Respectfully,

Wallis Chapman.

Hon. W. E. Strong.

Mayor.

New York City.

Dear Sir:

I take the  
liberty to address myself to you  
to the end that I may present  
an application for a place under  
the City government. Doubt-  
less thousands of others have  
done the same, so I will not  
endeavor to convince you by  
an everlasting Cingo of



words partly true, but more untrue, that I am just the person  
you need. I will say I have always endeavored to do an  
honest day's work for an honest day's wages, and still hold to  
the opinion, somewhat old-fashioned though it is, that that  
same is the best policy. I know something of books, <sup>and</sup>  
think I know a little of secretarial, and executive work,  
and of the art of street cleaning. I think I may also  
venture to say, that what I do not know (which is largely in  
the majority doubtless) I have a reasonable ability to learn.  
I certainly have the will, and should you be disposed to  
accept my service, I can refer you to parties as to who and  
what I am and whom I feel will be satisfactory to you.  
I am Respect. Yours

O. Blizbe.

133 St. 45 St.  
New York.

March 11, 1895.



36 East 21<sup>st</sup>

New York Sept 17/95

Hon William L. Strong  
City Hall

Dear Sir:

I wrote you  
from Astor Park a  
few weeks ago and  
feeling confident that  
some reply was made  
to my letter, which

undoubtedly has been  
lost in the mail  
or transmitted from  
my former residence  
15 W 20<sup>th</sup>, I take  
the liberty of addressing  
you again & learn  
if such was the case

Very truly yours  
Henry W Coffin

Yin some three weeks  
ago from Ashbury Park  
was not received by  
you and I therefore  
take the liberty of again  
addressing you and  
beg by this method to  
introduce myself.

I am a son of  
the late Levi Coffin  
the Quaker philanthropist  
of Ohio. I am now  
a citizen of New  
York. For the past

fifteen years I have  
been engaged in Real  
Estate, enterprises  
in this city and the  
city of Washington.

I have accumulated  
a modest property and  
am at present out  
of business. I have  
had a wide business ex-  
perience and an extensive  
acquaintance and  
knowledge of men.

I adhere to the  
Quaker faith of my

ancestors, but my  
life long friend the Hon  
Ben Butterworth insists  
that I am reputed to be  
a good deal better man  
than I really am.

If there is any  
position in your admin-  
istration for which you  
are seeking a conscientious  
adherent to duty - I shall  
be glad to have others,  
whom you know, speak  
in my behalf and I shall  
be gratified to serve  
you. Very truly yours  
Henry W. Coffin



THE TWO KIDS,

J. COHN & CO

98 GREENE STREET,

manufacturers of

MISSES' <sup>AND</sup> CHILDREN'S CLOAKS,

NEW YORK, August 2 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong

Dear Sir,

Could you kindly obtain  
for me, "the Oldest Kid" an appointment  
as Poll Clerk on Election day.

Yours truly,

Mark J. Cohn

✓  
241. 20. 34<sup>th</sup> St

New York Feb 27/95

To the

Hon Wm L. Strong

Mayor of New York City

Dear sir:

I am an applicant  
for a position, just what  
you must decide from  
my qualifications. I am  
a man of 50. a hotel man  
by profession. a good bus-  
-iness man. of executive  
ability. understand the  
management of help. a  
fine double entry book-  
-keeper. of good address  
+c. References: L. B.  
Miller & Son 145 Reade  
St. H. C. Shannon  
The Langham 5<sup>th</sup> Ave -  
H. H. Brockway Ashland

House 24<sup>th</sup> Ave, and  
endorsed by the good  
Government Club H,  
of New York City.

Trusting you can  
find a place for me  
and that I may have  
a favorable reply to  
the above address.

I am

Very respectfully

R. F. Cole



133 East 16<sup>th</sup> St  
N.Y. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 95

Hon. W. L. Strong

My dear Sir,

The prevailing type of person in the important position of Police Justice has been one of the greatest evils of our city. I rejoice that a change is coming.

Understanding that Mr. Fred. G. Ireland is a candidate for this office I take the liberty to say to you that I have known him for twenty years, that he

a gentleman, well educated & intelligent, modest & conscientious. In short he is of the class from which I trust the new magistrates will be selected.

Yours very respectfully  
Charles Collins



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New York Mar. 11, '95.

To the Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City  
12 West 57th. Street, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir.— I am a colored young man in my 22<sup>nd</sup> year, and it is my ambition to become a lawyer. I am a graduate of the Public Schools of New York, and have attended the courses of an Academic or High School a while. I am advise that the position of messenger in the Department of Docks, Public Works or any of the City Departments would enable me to attend the Law lectures at the University of the City of New York, which begin about 4 'o' clock; at any rate it would be convenient.

Acting under the advice of those that sympathise with me in my efforts, I would respectfully apply to you for the position of messenger in some of the City

departments. I see no other opportunity open to me at present, by which I can accomplish my studies, as I have other than myself to care for.

I am permitted to refer you to:  
Mr. Gustave G. Laureyres,

981 Mad. ave. N. Y. City;  
Prof. John Holley Clark, Dean of  
the School of Social Economics,  
Cor. 16th Street, Union sq. City  
Dr. Joseph Finch, princp. Grammar  
Schools No 38-(67 until 1893.).

Hoping you may consider my  
honest appeal,

I remain respectfully,  
Felbert A. Collins,

981 Madison Ave.,  
New York City.

248. W. 47<sup>th</sup> N Y City

1895

New York City March 17  
To the Hon W. M. Strong

Dear Sir

I am indeed very sorry to  
annoy you with such a com-  
-munication as this: but having  
failed in every attempt for a  
number of months past. to secure  
employment. I take it upon  
myself to ask you to assist me  
to secure, or secure for me a  
position. from some of your  
many friends of business men  
as porter in Office of some  
Law firm or Store or any  
situation wherein there is an  
likelihood. I am a Colored man



A Resident and Voter of this  
City. I am allright Physically<sup>and</sup>  
Mentally. Reading and writing  
the English language with  
a small degree of propriety.  
I can give proof of my honesty  
industriousness and sobriety.  
If you have any Menial position  
at your disposal I would  
be Thankfull for such. It is  
employment I am<sup>now</sup> seeking. Not  
Fame nor Notoriety.  
I shall be ready to respond  
to your call at any time.  
If you are pleased to secure  
for me employment.

Hoping to hear from you  
Yours

Nathan R. Collins  
248 W 47 St  
N Y City



## THE ATLANTIC AVENUE R. R. CO.

GENERAL OFFICE:

ATLANTIC AND THIRD AVENUES,

BROOKLYN,

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1875-

His Honor Wm L. Strong  
Mayor of New York

Dear Sir

Though you may not remember me yet I may perhaps refresh your memory by saying that when the Plaza Park was organized I made application to be cashier and was subsequently made receiving teller - Mr Mills the Cashier knows me well.

Though as you will see my acquaintance with you is but slight yet I feel that I may take the liberty of suggesting a name to you for Commissioner of the new contemplated bridge between New York + Brooklyn Gen. Horace Porter Vice Pres of the Pullman Palace Car Co so well and favorably known that I need not say a word of commendation of him.

The General I believe would make an excellent Commissioner and I hope you may deem it advisable to consider his name

Very Respectfully

Oliver

Long Island City N.Y. June 12/95  
Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor of N.Y. City  
Dear Sir

I hereby make  
application for an appointment in the  
Health Dept. of N.Y.C. as Fruit Inspector  
I was engaged in the Foreign & Domestic Fruit  
business twenty eight (28) years

I am a native of N.Y. City, a War Veteran  
also a Vet. of the old Vol. Fire Dept. of N.Y.  
and a comrade of Benj. Ringold Post #283  
G.A.R. I therefore do modestly feel  
entitled & qualified to fill the position  
Hoping this will meet your favorable  
consideration I remain

Very Respectfully

Peter B. Boutelin.

#470 Jamaica Ave. Long Island City  
N.Y.



STATE OF NEW YORK.

SENATE CHAMBER.



JOHN LEWIS CHILDS.  
FIRST DISTRICT.

ALBANY,

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. W. F. Strong  
Mayor. N.Y.C.

Dear Sir -

I take pleasure in  
recommending you an appointment  
in the Health Dept. of N.Y.  
City, Mr P. B. Calkins.  
believe him to be thoroughly  
competent and worthy and  
trust you will give him  
favorable consideration

Yours truly  
John Lewis Childs

WILLIAM J. YOUNGS,  
Chairman.

CHARLES L. PHIPPS,  
Vice Chairman.

B. FRANK WOOD,  
Secretary.

WILLIAM M. HAWKINS,  
Treasurer.

1895.

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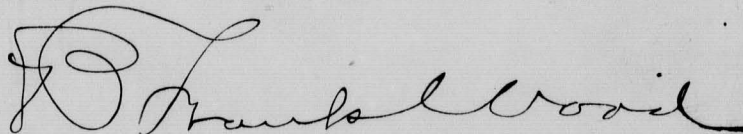
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JOHN H. PRALL, Newtown.  
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HARRY J. PARKES, Woodside, Box 124.

LONG ISLAND CITY.  
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MARTIN REHM, L. I. City.  
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HENRY C. JOHNSON, Astoria.

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CHAS. F. LEWIS, Port Washington.  
CHAS. G. PETERS, East Williston.  
MONROE S. WOOD, Roslyn.  
JOS. D. ARMSTRONG, Mineola.

1895.

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Queens County Republican Committee, held at Allen's Hotel Mineola, on Thursday the 13th. of June, at four P. M., the application of Peter B. Conklin, for appointment as inspector in the Health Department in New York City, was taken up, and after due consideration, ordered to be endorsed, and was endorsed.



Secretary.



The undersigned enrolled members  
of the Republican Association of the  
Sixth Election District of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward of  
Long Island City hereby endorse the appli-  
cation of Peter B. Conklin for appoint-  
ment as Inspector in the Health Depart-  
ment in New York City.

Edward Bell, 167 Main St. L.I.C.  
Oscar E. Knauer 228 Pomeroy St  
J. Thomas 48 Main St  
Chas. Rauppinger Jr. 356 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Chas. Rauppinger Sr. 356 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Henry Funk 15<sup>th</sup> Ave bet 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Jamaica  
George Dorr 311 Pomeroy St.  
Adolph Miller 282 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Daniel Müller 282 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Moris Stiebitz 265 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Jacob Ziegler 358 Juniors. Sec

At a meeting of the Republican Club Com-  
held April 1<sup>st</sup> 1895 the above application was  
unanimously endorsed by

Henry Johnson Chairman  
Stephen L. Rook Secretary

Application

Peter D. Conklin

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J. C. Conklin

STATE OF NEW YORK.  
ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.



ALBANY.

Feb'y 13 1895

Dear Sir:

I write to recommend  
for the position of  
Commissioner of Jurors  
Mr. Robert A. Greacen  
of No. 307 West 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Street.

Yours respectfully  
A. R. Conkling

The Hon.

W. L. Strong



LAW OFFICE  
OF  
ALFRED R. CONKLING,  
170 BROADWAY.

✓

New York, May 25, 1895.

The Hon. W. L. Strong,  
chairman of the Com<sup>rs</sup> of  
the Sinking Fund:

Dear Sir:

A colored man named  
Lee, who has filed an  
application, is an ex-  
perienced caterer.

I have known him  
several years. He asks



for the privilege of selling  
lunch in the new Crimi-  
nal Court House.

I recommend him  
for the position.

Very respectfully yours  
A. R. Conkling



H. A. RICHARDSON,  
PRESIDENT AND TREASURER.

WORTHINGTON GREGORY,  
VICE-PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF

THE SANTARIET COMPANY,

234 WATER STREET,

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ABSOLUTELY  
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IRON TO RUST OR FOR  
BRICK OR STONE TO  
ABSORB WATER WHEN  
COVERED WITH  
SANTARIET.

WORKS:  
63 AND 65 COMMERCE STREET,  
BROOKLYN.

S. G. CONKLIN, MANAGER.

New York, March. 14th. 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York, City.

Most Honorable Sir;

As a republican and citizen of this State, I take the liberty of making an application to you for a position in the Building Bureau of this City; provided you think I am capable and the proper person to appoint to a position in any of these departments.

I do not come to you recommended by any particular politician, but as a republican, independant and an honest man, and rather proud that I am: I am in my twenty seventh year and reside at 21 Patchen, Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y. I have been associated with the Building Trades for the past eight or nine years, and am making building a study, and think that I understand proper, or improper construction when I see it, although I have a great deal to learn, as building is a business in which one can always learn something, and in which new ideas are continually coming up.

I am now, Manager of this Company who are interested in Waterproofing, Brick and Fancy Stone buildings, preserving them from the actions of the Elements: If you should care to do anything for me at any time, I can furnish you with the best of City references which will vouch for my character, honesty and ability; In the political





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S. G. CONKLIN, MANAGER.

New York, ..... 189

field I would refer to Hon. Jas. R O'Biern, also I used to know Genl.  
H. C. T. Collis very well, when he was a member of the firm of Collis  
& Levy 19 New St.

I will consider it a great favor if you can do any-  
thing for me, and if you can-not, I trust you will pardon me for the  
liberty I have taken, and trust that this may not cause you any  
inconvenience.

Wishing you every success as Mayor of New York, and  
admiring your principles from day to day, believe me, I have the  
honor to remain,

Most Respectfully Yours,

Dictated.

*S. G. Conklin*

→\*THE MYSTIC LINIMENT CO.,\*←



Office, 822 BROADWAY,

CHAS. C. CONNER, MANAGER.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Wm L Strong June 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

Honorable Sir: I take the liberty to write, and ask your favor, in the way of an appointment. Have been a resident of my dist, 12 years, and have always done my share of work for the Republican party.

Am a business man, but have met with reverses in the past year.

As this is a business Administration, I thought a letter coming in this way, would gain me an audience, and perhaps a position. "Who knows"

Hoping that I may be successful in securing an interview,

Remain

Fraternally yours

Chas. C. Conner

16-39 Madison Ave.



✓ Brooklyn, N. Y., April 29<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

If you  
appoint F. D. Grant  
a Police Commissioner  
you do you so of course  
upon the strength of his  
feathers name with the  
public. Aside from that  
influence he could not  
secure the appointment  
of Bert Black to your  
honour. He is entirely  
unworthy. One who knows  
him - Respectfully

W. Fitchman - J. H. Connor

UNION REPUBLICAN CLUB,

OF THE 29TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT,

3340 THIRD AVENUE.

L. V. CONOVER, JR., SECRETARY.

NEW YORK,

Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895

The Hon. W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong  
Mayor City of New York

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose  
herewith a copy of a  
resolution passed unanimously  
last evening at a meeting  
of the chairman of the  
various election districts of  
the 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
and remain

Very respectfully

L. V. Conover Jr

Secretary

Chairman's meeting

UNION REPUBLICAN CLUB,

OF THE 29TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT,

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NEW YORK,

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*Copy*  
of Resolution passed Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> 95.

Be it resolved that We.

The chairmen  
representing thirty-one election  
districts out of thirty-two election  
districts composing the

29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
do heartily approve the ap-  
pointments, by his Honor.

Mayor W. L. Strong, of

Wm. Brookfield Commissioner of  
Public Works

Edwin Einstein Commissioner of  
Dock Department

Jos. Murray Commissioner of  
Excise Dept.

MAIN OFFICE, CAPITOL, ALBANY.

Mrs. Ella Nagle,

Deputy Factory Inspector,

State of New York.

SUB-OFFICE :  
ROOM 14, CLINTON HALL,  
ASTOR PLACE,  
NEW YORK CITY.



ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO  
New York.

PARIS, 21 rue d'Hauterive.

LYON, 8 Quai St. Clair.

MANCHESTER, 41 Lower Mosley St.

New York

Apr 24/95

Dear Mr Strong

Mr Eagle whose card  
I received called on me this  
morning, wishing a letter of  
introduction to you; but I  
refused knowing how much  
you are pestered - She was  
in our employ for five years  
and left us in 1883 to get married,  
I understand very respectably; she  
has been a widow some years,  
this is about all I know about  
her - she will undoubtedly  
call to see you

Sincerely yours  
James M. Carter



*Head-Quarters of*  
**GENERAL HENRY W. BIRGE**

*Command No. 7,*  
**Union Veterans Union Dep't N-Y.**

Meets Every Saturday Evg at 8 o'clock, at N.E. Corner of 8th Avenue and 31st Street.

*Private Entrance in 31st Street.*

*New York, ... 4th ... 26th ... 1895.*



Hon. Wm. Strong,

Mayor, New York.

Dear Sir : The undersigned having been deputed by Genl. H. W. Birge Command No. 7. Union Veterans Union, Dep't. N. Y. at its last regular meeting to call upon you in the interest of our worthy Commander, Col. Wm. H. Stitch (whose application for the position of Messenger in your office has been already placed on file) adopt this method of calling your attention to Comrade Stitches request in preference to swelling the ranks surrounding your person at this busy time of your official life as Mayor.

Hoping the consideration which actuates us towards yourself in thus performing our delegated mission will have the desired effect in your appointment of our Comrade to the place he seeks, and for the fulfillment of its required duties, we state, he is fully competent and worthy.

We have the honor of subscribing ourselves, *William H. Hook.*

*Very respectfully yours,*

*Official:*  
*Col. A. F. Test*

*Patrick J. Condon, Committee.*

879 10<sup>th</sup> Ave My City

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 95

Hon W. L. Strong.  
Mayor My City.

Sir. I hope you will not consider me a crank. as I am not. I am going to state honest facts. A year ago last November. a few days after your election. I lost my situation at which I was getting fifteen Dollars a week. because I was too much of a reformer. since then I have not been able to secure any permanent employment. in fact I have not worked more than six or seven months. I am now more than four weeks idle. I have a wife and six children to support. I have done every-



thing I could to get-employment  
but cannot-get any. so I  
thought I would take this  
means to see if your Honor  
would not-recommend me  
to one of the city Departments

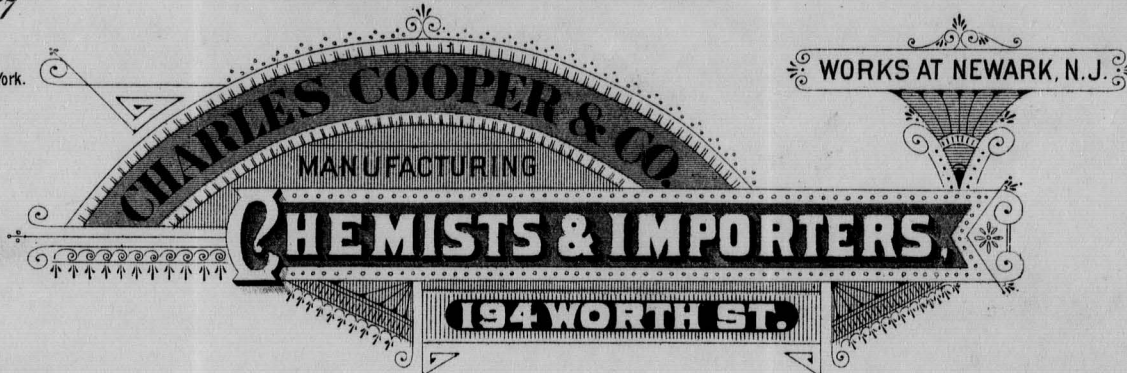
I wish to state to your  
Honor that I am not a  
politician or my situation  
was not-a political one but  
I am a citizen of the United  
States, and I vote for the  
man who I consider the  
best for the public welfare

Hoping your Honor will  
favour me with a ~~re~~  
reply I Am your  
Humble servant  
Thos A. Cooke

*Established 1857*

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Cable Address: COCTION, New York.



JACOB KLEINHANS.  
JOHN B. STOBÆUS.

*Replying to yours of*

*New York,* March 1st 1895,

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

We take great pleasure in indorsing and recommending the application of Mr. Drevet to a position in the Fire Department. Since it is your avowed purpose to appoint to office only men having the necessary practical knowledge in the service, Mr. Drevet's appointment would be a strong confirmation in that direction.

The fact that Mr. Drevet has succeeded in establishing his name among the Drug trade, after having served the city so many years, is conclusive as to his business ability.

Respectfully yours

*Charles Cooper & Co.*



New York Aug 15<sup>th</sup>  
1895

Hon Mayor.

Dear Sir.

I am a Married man  
Age 41. An American. Born  
At the Village of Sing Sing  
N.Y. State. Resident of  
N.Y. City the past Nine  
Years. I should most  
Respectfully ask you  
if you have a position  
where I could earn about  
Fifteen Dollars per week.  
When a boy I was Unfor-  
-tunate and lost the  
sight of one eye which  
has kept me from a good

many positions which I  
could have secured. I  
am no Politician and  
have no Political influence.  
I simply ask this on  
my own Merit and for  
the sake of my Family.  
I know you are very busy  
so I enclose a postal on  
which you can simply say  
Yes or No. Please excuse me  
for writing but I wished  
to trouble you in the least  
possible manner.

Yours Most Respectfully  
Robert M. Cornell

2219-8<sup>th</sup> Ave  
City



✓  
To the Hon. Wm E. Strong

34 Union Square

Mayor New York City

Dear Sir:

I am undoubtedly one of many who bore you with requests for positions, under your administration, but from a feeling of fraternity you may give my petition a thought.

I have been in the Dry Goods business for 16 yrs. in all its departments from salesman to financier, and am up in all the branches of mercantile life.

Am a gentleman born, 34 years of age, and married; and though a republican, am fully in accord with the non partisan reform movement.

I can refer to gentlemen whom you know, and if you are in need of an able man with much executive ability to back you up in your administration, I should be much obliged if you will call on me.

Very Truly

G. W. Corse

Formerly of Stewart & Corse

New York

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor

please kindly allow  
me to congratulate you on  
your present election as a  
stranger my object is if your  
excellency could let me know  
where to apply for the City Painting  
which I am Painter which I would  
like to have an opportunity for  
it if I could please pardoning  
me for taking the opportunity  
by writing to your Excellency

Your Most  
Respectfully

Alfred Corsi  
15 City Hall place  
City





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New York, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mr Strong

Your Excellency,

Some few weeks ago I wrote to your Excellency how I could obtain City public work of painting and find because I have no political pull and for no turn many man I have no show in fact I have always <sup>heard</sup> those such persons had to be forced there is one man particular called Mc Carthy now doing glazing and painting in the City Hall and with this man <sup>I had</sup> a quite a heated argument for him against the coming Republican victories which he abused them greatly and to day I find this man working in the City Hall as your and our enemy and I for haveing <sup>supported</sup> with joy the republican party by getting Italian votes and a —



republican ever since my birth to  
this day fifty years ~~which~~ which I thought  
after my glorious republicans get in office  
I would have a chance in fact I have no  
political friends but I am a skill workman  
if I should have a show, please excuse  
me for taking the liberty in writing to  
your excellency and my mistakes

Your Obedt. Servant

Alfred Bossi  
X 15 City Hall Place N.Y.  
City

New York Feby

1895

To The Honorable Mr E Strong  
Mayor

My Dear Sir

I have

been urged by many Friends Republicans  
& Democrats of this City, to call upon your  
honor, and make an application to you, to  
appoint me as one of the Commissioners  
of the Charities and Corrections,

In making the application. I feel confident,  
with my long. experience that I have had,  
in buying and selling Groceries provisions  
and products. of all kinds. in this City,  
will enable me, with good assistants,

We can make. a great change in the dep-  
artment of the Charities and Corrections,  
that will be very Satisfactory to you and  
the Taxpayers of this City, and furnish  
much better food for the same amount  
of money, than has been furnished by the  
present Commissioners.

I leave with you a list of my  
References many of them have known



me for fifty years

Yours Very Truly

Wm S. Corwin

No 157 West 119th Street

List of References from  
Wm S. Corwin

S. Democrat	Abram S. Hewitt	✓
" "	Errett P. Wheeler	✓
Rep <sup>n</sup>	Henry E. Howland	✓
"	Chas H. Parkhurst	✓
"	Thomas Nelson	✓
"	Thomas C. Acton	✓
"	Geo Musculloch Miller	
S. Democrat	Francis S. Stetson	✓
" "	Evan Thomas	✓
" "	Benj F. Dunning	
Rep <sup>n</sup>	Joseph Park	✓ of Park & Gilford
S. Dem <sup>t</sup>	Wm J. Merrill	✓ " Adler Merrill Condit
" "	Edward C. Hazard	" E C H & Co
" "	Edward Cooper	" Cooper Hewitt & Co
Rep <sup>n</sup>	John A. Stewart	" W. S. Trust Co
S. Dem <sup>t</sup>	Rob J. Dean	" R J Dean Co
" "	Howard Potter	of Brown Brothers & Co
Rep <sup>n</sup>	Richard Kelly	Pr <sup>t</sup> 5 Wall Bank
S. Dem <sup>t</sup>	Henry R. Beedman	
" "	Henry Hilton	
Rep <sup>n</sup>	David F. Porter	Pr <sup>t</sup> Hamilton Bank
" "	Edmund Stephenson	Pr <sup>t</sup> Home do
S. Democrat	John J. Agnew	



S. Dent. John N Hayward

" " Elbridge Gerry

Rep<sup>m</sup> W. A. Hoe

" Dorman B Eaton

" A. Stewart Black

225 East 123<sup>d</sup> St.,

New York, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:

Your Secretary writes me to-day saying that by your direction he acknowledges the receipt of my letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. inclosing recommendations from Mr. William H. Webb, of 415 Fifth Ave., this City, and others, looking towards my appointment as Secretary of the Civil Service Board, and that he is further directed to say that that position has already been filled.

I can very well understand how, in the multiplicity of your duties, a misapprehension of my application could occur, and therefore I beg to say that if you will kindly recall the papers you will see that my application was for an entirely different office, namely, that of Chief Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Civil Service Board,



and that in case you could not appoint me as desired, I would be pleased to accept a position not under Civil Service rules in some other Department to which you could appoint or recommend me.

I should highly appreciate your preference in this matter, and believe that my discharge of any public duty assigned to me would fully justify your confidence as well the good opinion expressed by Mr. Webb and others.

Yours respy,  
J. H. Corwin.



225 East 123<sup>d</sup> St.,

New York, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq., Sec'y,  
Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., which reached me late to-day by reason of having been misdirected, I beg to say that I am sorry to learn that the position of Chief Clerk in the office of the Civil Service Board has been abolished.

In regard to your inquiry as to what disposition I desire to have made of my papers, I think that, if agreeable to the Mayor, they might remain at his disposal until the question of my appointment to some position is definitely settled.

As to your second inquiry in what particular connection I want (them?) brought before the Mayor, I regret that, not having contemplated my application much in advance, I am not prepared to answer as fully and definitely as I would like. Believing that many, if not all, appointments

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in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts are under the direct control of the Mayor, I venture to suggest that perhaps his Honor could appoint me to a position in that office.

Should this suggestion be found impracticable, I would esteem it a favor to be so informed and permitted to name some other department in which a position might be found.

With thanks for your courtesy, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
J. H. Corwin.

New York April 30<sup>th</sup> 95

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Wm L Strong

Hon<sup>ble</sup> and Dear Sir

The writer is an American  
born in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward of this  
city have always been  
connected with and labored  
for the Republican Party and  
was old Foreman and  
was foreman of Empire Engine  
No 42 was employed as  
Court officer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Saddical Court under Judge  
Parker & Deane was displaced  
by the present Judge Moore  
because my place was wanted  
for a Democrat was appointed  
watchman in the Post Office  
and after a few months  
was <sup>again</sup> compelled to give way  
when Mr Van Cott was  
superceded by Dr. ~~officer~~



I have a family to support  
and find my age against  
me following any mercantile  
business and have presumed  
to trespass upon you if you  
will kindly lend your assistance  
in giving me a place in  
any department pledging  
myself to devote my best  
efforts to fulfill my duties  
to the satisfaction of my  
superior I take pleasure

to refer to the following  
Gentlemen with their consent  
Rev Jno Paty St Lukes church  
141 Convent ave

Genl Enmons Clarke Sec Board  
of Health.

Chas E Gildashere Pres  
Board of Trustees Exempt Fireman  
35 W 92nd St

Chas M Foster 100th St H Clinton  
123 Broad St

Geo W Kile Manager N Y Clipper  
Judge B F Morgan  
Morse Building Nassau St

James Y Witheris  
16 Catherine St

Cot. E M L Elhers Masonic Temple  
Grass St Housley 87 6th ave  
Frank St Hochler 100 Hancock  
159 B Way Jms Co

Wm R Spomer 119 Nassau St

Edmond Stephenson Pres.  
Home Bank 42nd St

Walter Logan  
584 to 586 Hudson

Jno R Platt  
address 149 Broadway  
Los Boston  
62 W 100th St.

New York. May 8<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong.

Dear Sir.

I take the liberty of writing to you these few lines in behalf of my Father and would like to say that I think you would be able to secure a place for him either in some business house or a political place, as he is deserving of some place I can assure you. He has always been a good Republican and gave up his bread and butter because he would not turn traitor to his party.

He was looking for a place with Mayor Plimley and he could have given him a place if he was a mind to but he followed him along until they put civil service on the Office and then sent him word to appear before the civil service board, knowing my Father was over the required age to pass civil service, which was poor judgement on his part. I think... Now my Father is no heeler but a good faithful worker for the party, the kind that gets nothing for their work because they are not rich. I wish also to say my Father gave his time to the City for 16 years as a Volunteer fireman for nothing and I think he is entitled to some place. Hoping you will do anything you can for him and not overlook this letter. I remain

Yours respectfully  
John M. Costa  
62 W. 100 St  
City

N. York Aug - 31 - 18/95

To the Honorable Mayor.

Dear Sir, Hon. E. Strong.

I, Michael Coughlin a Veteran of the late war having an honorable discharge after serving three (3) years + 10 months in the navy am an applicant for a position in the street cleaning Department as sweeper.

I have such Men as,  
Wm. Kilboy, 272 Water st.  
Hugh Hesbitt 552 Grand st  
John Simpson 37 Attorney st  
\* Wm. O'Connell 48 Rutgers st  
to recommond me & others vs.

Dennis Shea 72 Henry st  
City  
A Staunch Republican.  
(over)



I hope you will try & help me  
to the position I am looking for  
as I have a family to keep,  
and am doing nothing.

Hoping you will do this as I  
am really in need,

I Remain

Yours etc.

Michael Coughlin

113 Monroe st.

N. York City

N. Y.

A. Y. Oct 10. 1895

Honorable, Dear Sir

Being anxious to obtain a clerical position in offices of which you are well known and being advised that I should make an application to you for a reference to some business men in City and obtain a fair salary. I am ambitious and that if I could obtain a position through your interest and thus make a success through life. I can refer you to many persons of standing outside City who would testify to my honesty and integrity and I feel satisfied my last Employer would recommend me for faithfulness and capability, (age 22)

I am Your Obedient Servant

C. J. Courahan

#220 Spring St  
A. Y.

To

The Honorable

Mayor W. E. Strong

A. Y.  
City

163 West 48<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 95

The Honorable  
W. L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:

Will your Honor kindly  
grant me with an audience at  
your earliest convenience, as  
I would like to have a personal  
interview with you, concerning  
the letter of introduction I sent  
to you last Monday morning,  
from the Hon. John Van Voorhis  
Trusting to hear from you,  
I am, my dear Sir,

Very Respectfully,  
L. S. Courcoulas, M.D.



✓ 43 Carl-30<sup>th</sup> Street  
August-1. 1895

Hon. H. L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I venture to enclose  
two letters I received from  
Mr. John Chapin, which may  
call to your mind the  
question therein mentioned.  
As I have made visits  
for two years and a half  
to the several City  
Institutions, I feel that  
I have had a very good  
opportunity to become  
thoroughly well acquainted

With their conditions and  
requirements; if you deem  
it feasible and desirable  
to have a woman's service  
in helping to deal with  
the various problems in  
connection with the  
Department of Charities,  
and if you are willing  
to see me on the subject,  
as a possible candidate  
for the appointment, I  
shall be grateful to  
you if you will give  
me an appointment to  
call upon you.

Hoping to hear from you  
at your convenience.  
Yours very respectfully  
C. L. Couper.

Please address  
Mrs. C. L. Couper  
43 East-30<sup>th</sup> Street  
City.

THE CENTURY  
7 WEST FORTY-THIRD ST.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor

Dear Sir,

As a suggestion  
of an outsider will you allow  
me to suggest as a Park Commissioner  
Mr. Gifford Pinchot of 2  
Gramercy Park.

I haven't the slightest idea  
whether he would take it but he  
is an expert in Forestry - almost  
the only one in America - and in  
talking over the difficulties of  
getting good men for such places



with Mr. C. W. Watson his name  
came up and Mr. Watson said  
it would be an acceptable ~~and~~  
~~suggestion~~ to you to receive such  
suggestions -

Yours respectfully

Antony Caray

ALFRED C. COWAN,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
108 FULTON STREET,  
ROOM 1311. NEW YORK CITY.

April 17th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

Please consider me an applicant for the position as one  
of the Tax Commissioners under your jurisdiction and control.

I remain, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Alfred C. Cowan*

ALFRED C. COWAN,  
President.  
JAMES W. MARS,  
Vice-President.  
FRANK P. THOMPSON,  
Treasurer.  
J. NEWTON BENEDICT,  
Secretary.

Incorporated September 5, 1894.

# COLORED REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION

## OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

James R. Braxton,  
John A. Seaton,  
Adam Hudson,  
John Little,  
W. R. Lawton,  
E. V. C. Eato,  
F. H. Carmand,  
B. F. Palmer,  
Edward Barfield.

*New York,* April 18th 1895

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir:-

We the undersigned members of the above association have been authorized at a regular meeting thereof, to inform you that it unanimously endorses and recommends and approves the application and appointment of Mr. Alfred C. Cowan for the position as one of the Tax Commissionres, for which he has made application to your Honor. Knowing as we do, that he is in every way qualified to fulfill and discharge the duties of the same; we also assure you, that should you feel so kindly disposed towards the colored voters of the City of New York by appointing him to the same, we will highly appreciate and treasure in our memory the kindness you will have manifested towards this association, and towards the colored voters of this city.

Permit us to suscribe as your most obedient servants.

Committee

*J. R. Braxton*  
*46 Cedar St -*  
*W. B. Smith*  
*48 Wall St*

*J. M. Mans*  
Vice President

*J. Newton Benedict*  
*205 West 61<sup>st</sup> St*  
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*N.Y. City*



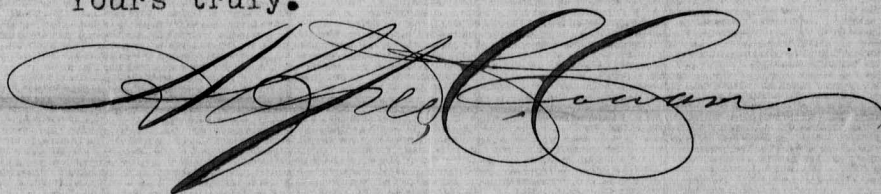
ALFRED C. COWAN,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
108 FULTON STREET.  
ROOM 1311.

New York, September 7th 189<sup>5</sup>

My Dear Mr Strong.

I have been very buisy or I would have called and gave you a little linking of the Meetings of the Association, I had a hard fight of it as you no doubt saw by the press but I carried my point and did the work as I had planed to do There was five Counties represented and 80 deligates assembled to do the work I could have had the city administration endorsed but inasmuchas there were so many other cities represented I thought it wise not to do so, I think that the German element are not treating you fairly. you have done a great deal for them more than you will be thanked, I am geting very short of funds I hope that you will be able to find some place for me I think that I could be appointed as an appraser in the opening of streets by the board if you would assist me.

Yours truly.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alfred C. Cowan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours truly.".



January 24/94  
Honorable Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir:

Pardon my  
impertinence in daring to  
write you, and take up any of  
your very valuable time, but  
as I have tried in vain to secure  
a position and find it utterly  
impossible to obtain one, I  
thought I like to write to your  
Honor to see if you couldn't

find some vacancy in which  
you might be able to place  
me — I am a young lady  
willing to accept any position  
if your Honor will only  
grant me the opportunity  
I have been employed in a  
Dry Goods House as Saleslady  
and relieving Cashier but  
owing to the very bad times  
we have undergone the firm  
failed, that accounts for my  
being out of employment —  
I sincerely hope and trust



you will look favorably  
on this very earnest request  
and oblige

Very Respectfully  
Mamie Cronin

510 E 84 St

Cety

New York

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>/95

Mayor Strong, Esq.

Dear Sir, I appeal to you as a member of the 22<sup>nd</sup> assembly of the 9<sup>th</sup> Electoral District, this being my first time out of work and having a wife and two children to support of course you can understand my position

If you would procure me a situation as far as holding some office under the Government you would do me a favor that my appreciation could only be shown by the satisfactory way in which my duty was performed

I have passed a civil service examination for the Criminal Court Bldg. but have not as

yet been appointed, This  
as I before Stated being my first  
time with out Employment of  
some kind

I Would beg of you to  
assist me in some way and  
favor me with an answer  
to the affirmative or negative  
As Your Humble servant

I Remain

Very Respt<sup>l</sup> Yours

James W. Crosby

228 East 41<sup>st</sup> St

N.Y.C.



April 18th, 1895

Mayor Strong, V

Dear Sir.

I trust you will pardon  
the presumption I take  
in writing to you, but  
as I called upon Mr  
Brookfield (Com. of S.P.W.)  
and was unable to have  
an interview with him I  
thought it best to write.

You remember I  
am the lady who call-  
ed upon you Tuesday the

16th inst. in reference to having a letter or note  
an appointment as matron to him.  
of a public bath; you told  
me to call upon Mr Brook. want to ask a favor of  
field and use your name you. Would you kindly

Well Mr Strong I write me a few lines to  
called upon the said him? and by so doing you  
Gentleman and was will bestow a great favor  
unable to have an upon me which will  
interview with him, as never be forgotten and  
one of his clerks told highly appreciated by  
me it would be impossi your obedient servant  
ble for me to interview  
him with out first

Miss Kate Crowley  
227 East 30th Street  
City

To the

Hon. William L. Strong:-  
Mayor of the City of New York:-

Mr. Jauckey, an intimate  
friend of mine, will call  
on you on Monday morning.  
He is a candidate for  
school trustee in the 12<sup>th</sup>  
ward. Anything you will  
do to further his interest  
I will consider a personal  
favor to me. I can endorse  
him as a first-class man.



I had hoped to have seen  
you before this, but the  
doctor has not yet given  
permission to go down town.

Yours very truly,

James Culgin  
port S. C. C.

38 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> St.

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>/95.



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STATE OF NEW YORK FOR THE SECURITY OF  
POLICY HOLDERS.

New York, 2/13 1895  
537. East 140<sup>th</sup> St

Mayor Strong.

Honorable Sir.

I am an American Citizen  
went to school in 17<sup>th</sup> St. Lane under Mr. Mary.  
I have had years of experience in business  
was employed by Mr Abram Mead 407<sup>th</sup> St.  
Gave in full charge of about 40 hands in  
Plumbing & Gas fixture line, also in Real Estate  
for 7 years. I have had a hard struggle  
for 17 or 18 years. My wife is not well also  
my daughter has eye trouble, my son is at  
Mr Wm's Real Estate office 53. W. 125<sup>th</sup> St.  
only getting \$4. weekly and 19 years <sup>old</sup> and he  
has excellent talent for Drawing. If you could  
place me in some position of trust so that  
I can lighten my burdens a little, I would feel  
more than thankful. I append a list of  
such persons that will testify as to my honesty &c.

Mr Abram Mead Old Guard  
Mayor Skellen " "  
L. K. Kries 44 Broadway Real Estate  
Judge R. B. Cowing. cor 78<sup>th</sup> St. Lex Ave  
Mr James Wells Real Estate.  
Dr A. L. Ranney Madison Ave 32<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Dr G. W. Richardson 138 E. 72<sup>nd</sup>  
Dr A. J. Richardson 39 E. 83<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Dr A. L. Root. W. 81<sup>st</sup> St.  
Dr J. R. Mc Gregor. Madison Ave 84<sup>th</sup> St.  
Dr Packard Park Ave 57<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bannan Bros. Furniture  
Henry Weiss 86<sup>th</sup> St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S. W. cor.  
Many Others.

Yours Sincerely  
J. J. Bulling  
537 E. 84<sup>th</sup> St. 140<sup>th</sup> St.





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6-11/95

Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor N.Y. City

Dear Sir

In Oct 1893 I  
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attend my mothers funeral.  
In order to be able to do this  
I had to give up my position  
and was out of work nine  
months. I then obtained a  
position which paid me only  
thirteen dollars per week was  
then out of that position  
by the moving of the tenants  
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Feb" and am sorry to say  
that I am in debt to Mr  
Heath of No 64 Jane St. to  
the extent of Thirty eight  
Dollars for room rent.

I applied for a position  
as section foreman the  
nineteenth of last Feb" and  
called if you remember on  
you last Friday and you  
told me that I should call  
on Col. Waring which I did  
to-day but was unable to  
see him.

Respectfully

Frank A. Cushing  
64 Jane Street  
City