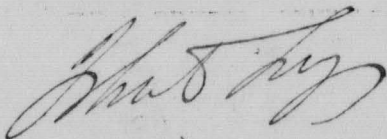


Navy Department,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington. March 11th, 1897.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of the
10th inst., recommending Mr. A. Noel
Blakeman for appointment as Assistant
Secretary of the Navy. Your letter has
been filed with the other papers in Mr.
Blakeman's behalf, and will be presented to
the President for his consideration when he
takes up the question of an appointment to
this position.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy at the time.

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor, New York City.

MAGISTRATE HEDGES TO RESIGN.

Report that He Will at Once Return to Private Practice.

Police Magistrate Job E. Hedges, who before his appointment on the bench was Mayor Strong's private secretary, called on the Mayor at city-hall to-day. It was announced that the Magistrate told the Mayor that he would resign his place on the bench at the meeting of the Police Magistrates this afternoon.

When Magistrate Hedges accepted the position he did so to please the Mayor, and he now wishes to return to private practice. He also wishes to retire now so that Mayor Strong can fill the vacancy before he leaves the mayoralty chair.

M. A. Lesser
Counselor at Law,

"NASSAU CHAMBERS"

114 Nassau Street,

Rooms 601 & 602.

New York, December 27, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong — Esteemed Sir:

The appended clipping from to-
night's Post is the incentive for penning these lines.

Now that your Administration
draws to a close, permit me to recall to the fact that
in May 1895 I ranked on your list of some forty
"dignitaries" for City Magistrates — my professional
standing having been approved by Messrs. Root &
Hornblower, and my availability urged (among
others) by Mr. Roosevelt and Gen. O'Brien,
because of my residence below Fourteenth Street
and my familiarity with the "Yiddish" dialect
of the teeming East-side.

The same argumentation
applies to-day: I still reside at 39½ West
Washington Square, and the same sponsors
would espouse my cause, were there time to
communicate with them. During the recent
campaign I stood — with the German-American
Reform Union, of whose Executive Committee
I am a member and of whose 5th Assembly District
Organization I am the president — for the
Citizens' candidate!

I cherish the post of City Magistrate mainly because of the prestige of judicial dignity which even its brief tenure would confer. My candidacy in '95 was thus for a four years' term only. Permit me most respectfully, at this juncture, to submit for consideration the feasibility of promoting to a full term one of your original short-term appointees, and of designating for the vacancy thus created

Yours very truly

M. A. Lesser.

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November 24, 1897.

Mayor Wm. L. Strong of N. Y. City.
Honorable Sir:-

Sometime ago I have respectfully written to you in reference to a position; and you very kindly advised me to apply to the City Civil Service Commissioners. In compliance with your advice I have done so, and also passed the examination with 86.55% and some merit marks.

Now as I understand only those with political influence, or who have friends interested in politics to a large extent secure positions. As I do

not happen to have such friends, I would most respectfully beg, the ^{friends} of the people to assist me and through your kind influence to give me a position as clerk for which I passed the examination. I also understand stenography and typewriting.

I am now unemployed and am very much in want as I have to assist my parents, and it is so very unpleasant to be home unemployed where it is so necessary to work.

I would again most urgently and respectfully beg you to extend your kind offices in my direction and assist me in this dilemma.

I trust that I am

not trespassing on your
valuable time and hoping
that you will be generous
in my behalf. I remain
with great respect,

Bertha R. Levene.

19 years of age.

#5 Allen St.,
City.

372 Madison St
City
Feby. 9. 1897.

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

My dear Sir:

Being desirous
of obtaining employment, I
have taken the extreme liberty
of appealing to your Honor, for
your noble efforts in my
behalf.

I am 24 years of age, married,
and have two children.

Can furnish gilt edged
reference from last employers

with whom I've been connected
for eight years, in the cap-
acity of Bookkeeper.

At the end of last Summer, I
went in business for myself,
but met later with reverses,
my firm in the meantime
filling the vacancy I caused.
And I have since then lost
every dollar I possessed,

For the past two months, I
have been seeking employ-
ment, but in vain. ^{and} unless
I get something to do this
week, I hardly know what
will become of us.

Can you not place me at
something, no matter at what

it is. As stated heretofore,
I am a bookkeeper, but
would go at anything.

I hope Your Honor will give
this your personal atten-
tion ^{and} put me at something
soon.

Thanking you in advance
^{and} assuring you of my ap-
preciations,

I am,

At your command,
Very Truly
Wm Livingston

372 Madison St.

I await your early reply.

372 Madison St.
N.Y. Feb. 17. 1897.

Hon. Wm L. Strong

Mayor N.Y. City

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 10th:

In my first letter to you, I asked for temporary employment ^{and} not for a position under the City Government. I certainly expect to go up for examination in April, but, as I am so bad in need for something to do presently, that I have again taken the liberty of appealing to you for something to do, if it's only for a short time.

Kindly advise me, at the same time whether it is necessary to pass a Civil Service Exam. for entering & copying documents in the Register's Office also in the Tax Office, if so, where can I obtain application blanks?

Awaiting your early reply, ^{and} assistance
I am Very Truly

Wm Livingston

146 East 36th St.

Dec. 11th 1897.

Hon. Wm L. Strong:

Dear Sir:

As you are
probably aware about
eighteen months ago I
was obliged to give up
my position at the
bank on account of
illness. My health
seems to be entirely

restored now and I am
very anxious to get
back to work once
more.

If you should hear
of any one requiring
the services of a
stenographer and type-
writer would you be
kind enough to use
your influence in my
behalf.

I should certainly be

very grateful as I
really need a position
very much.

Very respectfully,

Lena Lockwood

146 E. 36th St.,

N. Y.

120 E. 30th St.

March 26/97

To His Honor
The Mayor

Dear Sir:

There seems
to be some doubt
as to the reappoint-
ment of Hon. W. R. Stewart
as Commissioner of the
State Board of Charities,

owing perhaps to his
carrying out the inten-
tion of the Constitution
and preventing the in-
crease ^{in the number} of pauper children
in this City.

Can you not explain
the facts to the Governor,
and save the State from
the folly and ingrati-
tude of depriving her-
self of the services
of a man, who has

intelligently and unselfishly
worked for her for
the past ten or fifteen
years, with no desire for
any reward, except the
continued power
to serve the public?

Respectfully yours
Josephine Shaw Lowell.

PRESIDENT:
ROBERT J. LOWRY, President Lowry Banking Company, Atlanta, Ga.
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:
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SECRETARY:
JAMES R. BRANCH, 2 Wall St., New York.

THE American Bankers Association

2 WALL ST. AND 90-94 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK

Atlanta, Ga., 8th July, 1897.

PERSONAL.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

New York, N. Y.

My Dear Colonel:

I am not a seeker after office, never have been, but have held a good many of one kind and another. A number of my friends have suggested my name as one suitable for a member of the Monetary Commission that is expected to be appointed by President Mc Kinley.

I attended the Monetary Convention not long ago at Indianapolis, and did my humble part in formulating declarations that I think have had good effect, as we unanimously adopted at that Convention that gold only should be the basis value.

I write you this letter on the subject, and if you think well of it and feel inclined to add your influence with Mr. Mc Kinley for my appointment on this Commission and it does not embarrass you in any way, I would be very glad to be appointed one of the Commission, as he no doubt will appoint them from all over the country, and, if he favors this section with an appointment, as before stated, I would be very glad for the appointment.

I see a very marked improvement in the condition of the country; the crops are very fine; confidence is certainly being restored on a sound basis, and this section of the country especially is in very much better condition than a year ago. Wise legislation I think

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OFFICE OF PRESIDENT,
ATLANTA, GA.

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ATLANTA, GA.

W. L. S. (2)

will very soon bring everything around alright in every way.

Let me hear from you at your leisure. I have written to
no one else on the subject, and leave the matter with you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Robert J. Lowry

To the Hon: W^m L. Strong
Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir,

D^r Eugene Lucotte, 44 years of age, Veterinary Surgeon, resident at 149 West 25 St, New York, begs to lay before your Honor the following facts.

That he holds a Diploma issued in 1875 by the Veterinary School of Alfort (France).

That in consequence he has had 21 years experience as a Veterinary Surgeon; five of which were in the French Army.

That he has resided in the United States for the past 8 years and has been a Naturalized American over a year.

That he is married and has a family to support.

He therefore takes the liberty to solicit a position even as assistant in any Departement in the city or elsewhere.

Trusting this application will be taken
into consideration, by your Honor,

He begs to remain
Very respectfully yours,

Dr. E. Lucotte.

New York, January 15. 1897.

Headquarters of

Patrick J. Lyons Club,

17 North Moore Street.

New York, Sept 5th 1897.

Mayor William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

I take great pleasure in recommending to your Honorable Consideration Michael J. O'Brien for the position of Policeman on the New York & Brooklyn Bridge force. He was the most active member of my association in your support when you so successfully made the race for Mayor. He was always a republican and it would be considered a great favor by the 235 members of my association, who supported you in your candidacy for Mayor, if you would have him appointed to the above position. He is an honest, sober industrious young man and a graduate of New York City College. Hoping that you shall

Grant this request,
Remain
Very Respy,
Patrick J. Lyons

P.S.
His address is,
Michael J. O'Brien
75 North Moore St
N.Y.C.

Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N.Y.
Sept. 3d, 1897.

To Honorable William L. Strong,
Mayor,

Sir:-

Dr. Stephen Smith of your city recently consulted me in regard to the propriety of his accepting an appointment as a Commissioner of Public Charities should a vacancy occur and the position be offered him. While I should regret Dr. Smith's retirement from the State Board of Charities, of which he is an invaluable member, I am so impressed with his ability to effect reforms in the management of public charities that I did not hesitate to advise, and even urge, him to accept such appointment. I was a member of the State Board of Charities twenty-three years and its President ten years, but it was not until Dr. Smith became a member that I came to appreciate the great value of the services of a medical commissioner thoroughly qualified by temperament, high standing in his profession, and large experience in the management of hospitals and other charities. In a manner so quiet and unobtrusive as to gain the confidence and esteem of the medical officers of institutions, and with a knowledge of

all the details of construction and management of the various charities which Boards of Managers so much desire, Dr. Smith's official visits of inspection have always been followed by reforms ~~which~~ which secured both greater efficiency and greater economy. Many of the most important reforms in ~~the~~ management of the State Hospitals for the Insane were effected through Dr. Smith's advice and co-operation.

I only need add that I have known Dr. Smith intimately for many years, socially and professionally, and that I regard him as eminently qualified in every respect for the duties of the office of Commissioner of Public Charities. I believe his appointment would reflect great credit upon your able administration, and that, through his efforts, very desirable reforms would be effected in the department of Public Charities.

I am, Sir, with great respect,

Very truly yours,

Wm Bayor Letchworth

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
WASHINGTON.

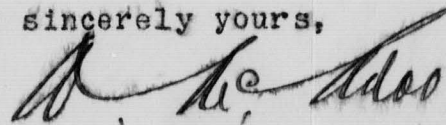
March 12, 1897.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter recommending that Lieut. Commander Wells S. Field have his time on the Schoolship ST. MARY'S extended for one year. I have talked to the Secretary about this matter, but he feels that he must adhere to the rulings hitherto made by Mr. Secretary Tracey and Mr. Secretary Herbert. Mr. Secretary Tracey did at one time extend the ~~time~~ ^{time} but in the letter doing so expressly stated that it would not be done hereafter.

Regretting that it is not therefore possible to comply with your request, I am, with kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,



Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall, New York.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY,

Washington Square, East.

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE.

New York, October 6th, 1897.

Mayor Wm. L. Strong,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor,-

One of our University Officers called my attention this morning to the report in the newspapers of the death of one of the Park Commissioners of the City, and suggested that a capital nomination for the two or three months remaining to the present Board, would be Mr. David Banks of 20 Murray Street. He has been a most laborious, public-spirited and sensible Chairman of our University Heights Committee, and has been a pleasant man to work with. He never misses a meeting of the University Corporation or of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ I am not aware that he is a member of any political organization, but I do not know much about politics. I shall send a copy of this letter to one or two of our Committee who have associated with Mr. Banks for half a dozen years past, asking them to write you also.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Markbraken

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Hon Wm L. Strong
Dear Sir

Miss Emma M.
Regua and I nominate Mrs
Hugh M. Porter of 472 Matt
Ave. for School Inspector in the
32nd District in place of
Dr. E. M. Raynor whose term expires
July 1st. Mrs Porter is a gradu-
ate of Normal College and was a
teacher for seven years; is a woman
of leisure, but an active worker and
greatly interested in the Schools of the
City

Yours with respect
Abbie Hamilton Mac Ivor

Inspector 32nd Dist.

716 E. 138th St.
June 18th 1897

Personal

EAGLE OFFICE, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

May 3 1897

Hon W L Strong

Mayor of New York

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure
in warmly commending to your
consideration for appointment as
one of the civil magistrates Mr
H. S. Kelly, who lives in 44 West
84th Street, New York. By learning,
character, experience, wisdom and
standing he is fitted for the office
and would meet your highest re-
quirements for its incumbent

It would give much pleasure
to many of your "future
subjects" in the Borough
of Brooklyn to learn of
Mr Keily's appointment

With regard

Very Truly

St Clair McKelway



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Hon William L. Strong

My Dear Mayor.

I trust you will not forget the Calumet Club when you are ready to fill the vacancies for U. S. Dist Marshals. I was talking to you on Friday in reference to same & you promised to give me answer by next Friday. The young man whom I am desirous of having appointed has been one of the most active workers in the Organization & did splendid work.

during the late campaign in
behalf of Seth Low. He spoke
with the writer at from one to
3 meetings each night in the
4th Kings. He was firm in the
distⁿ & bears an excellent character.

The Calumet Club have upheld
your administration at all times
as we have not received any
favors at your hand & sincerely
trust that you will Mr Mayor
at least give us the ~~affair~~ same
appointment.

Believe me dear
Mayor your most sincerely

JMS J McFerran
Chairman Calumet Club
4th Dist.

CALUMET CLUB,
— OF THE —
4th. Assembly District
New York.

Young's Hotel,

Boston, Dec 16th 1893

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My dear Mr. Mayor:

I wanted to see you this week to ask a favor, but, finding that I may be detained here a day or two longer, write.

What I wish is to ask your interposition with the Corporation Counsel on my behalf. Next week he will submit to the Supreme Court applications for appointment of Commissioners in a large number of school site condemnations.

proceedings and street
opening cases. Unless there
is some reason, of which
I am not aware, why you
cannot, I would be greatly
obliged if you would ask
him to submit my name
for some of these Commissions
or as Special Counsel in
some of the condemnation
proceedings.

Mrs. Whean is with me and
made a great patriotic address
in the Old South Meeting
House today. She would
wish to be remembered, I am
sure, if she knew I were
writing.

Yours very sincerely
Donald Whean.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Mayor

248 E 10th St.

Feb 22nd - 97

To the
Mayor
of City of N.Y.

Sir. I see by
the newspapers, that
the City Government
intend expending a large
sum of money for City
improvements - with
the

object of finding employment for the very large number of the present unemployed -

I, Sir, am a Veteran of the late War. I have an honorable discharge - I have a family to support. I want work very much. I address you this Communication

in the hopes your
reference will obtain
me an interview and
ultimately employment.

If this is successful
I will express my
best thanks in the
faithful performance
of what ever duties
my Employer requires
I am Very Respectfully.

G. B. McLeod

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NILES, OHIO

March 20 1897

Hon H. L. Strong.

Dear Sir I see that
you have purchased the Mail and Express
of the true and you with a successful
New Paper Man from a Business point
of view to take charge of the Business end.
I would like a chance. I can give
you References from your Friend President
McKinley Senator Brice. Patrick Farrelly—
Call W. L. Brown of the News and many
others and I think if I had a chance I
could convince that I would prove a
Money Maker for you or at least a
Money Saver. Now Can't you give an
Ohio young Man a chance. I am a success
I had a years experience in Boston and
I have first class Connection in
New York. My home is 264 Arlington St
New York Ohio and any Bank in Niles or
Youngstown will recommend me or Mr. Thos
H. Wilson Cashier of the 1st Nat Bank of Cleveland.
If you can give me a Show I can and will
make Money for you. I am Sincerely yours
James J. McNally

TELEPHONE
4466 CORTLANDT.

CABLE ADDRESS
REDNAUGHT.

MCNAUGHT & REDDING,
SYNDICATE BUILDING,
35 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK.

February 9th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor, New York City.

My dear Sir:-

I desire to have my secretary appointed a Notary Public for this County, and it is desirable to have the Mayor indorse the application. You will confer a great favor upon me, therefore, if you will kindly subscribe your name to the recommendation attached to enclosed form.

You will recall me as the attorney for the N.Y. & N.J. Bridge companies, and as a fellow member of the Colonial Club.

Trusting that you will overlook this intrusion upon your valuable time, and thanking you in advance for the courtesy, I remain, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

(Dictated.)

James McNaught

New York, Feb. 6, 1888.

Mayor Strong:-

Kind Sir;

I appealed to you, over seven months ago, to assist me by your kindness, in obtaining a position, after I had exhausted all my efforts. You very kindly responded, and suggested that I should take the "Civil Service Examination", as you could not do anything for me otherwise. I took the examination the twenty-first of Dec. last, and

passed very successfully, receiving
a rating of 78990, and am
on the eligible list for promotion,
but have been told that I
may have to wait some time.

I have an invalid mother
dependent on me, and I have been
unable to assist her properly,
since I lost my position as
teacher, which I held successfully
for ten years. If you in your
charity, will secure a position
either as motion in some of
the City Departments, I will feel
extremely grateful to you, and
will wish you health, strength,
success and happiness. Hoping
you will give this letter your

immediate personal atten-
tion, I remain

Very respectfully yours
(Miss) Sophia T. McTamney

Sophia T. McTamney
22 S C. 22nd St.
City

*Max Nathan, Pres.
William Scothe, V. Pres.*

(Dictated by J.W.M.)

*J.W. Mack, Sec. & Treas.
Alfred Nathan, Asst. Secy.*

Nathan Manufacturing Co.
92 & 94 Liberty Street.
New York.

December 15th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,

My Dear Mr. Mayor,

Last year you were kind enough to appoint, at my suggestion, Mr. Rudolph A. Loewenthal, one of the Inspectors of the 20th School District. I now understand that, owing to pressure of business, Mr. Loewenthal has been compelled to resign the office, and I take the liberty of recommending the appointment, as his successor, of Mr. Chas. Dittman, #108 East 60th St., Mr. Dittman is well and favorably known, and will make a most excellent School Inspector.

Yours, very respectfully,

Jacob W. Mack

Commissioner of Common Schools.

New York Feb. 4th 1894

Margaret Magee
37 Carmine St.

to his Honor Mayor Strong Jan.

Dear Sir I received your letter 30th
the personal favor I asked of you
that is the appointment of one of
the Cottages in the Park either in
4 or 14th St. you replied me to the
Park Commissioners I wrote to the
Head one it seems to me there
are no head one until you
appoint me I would much
rather you would do something
for me as I am an orphan
cannot beg or steal & I have
no money my Brother who
boarded me is not working
please do something for me

I think you will as the head
do something for me if you do
God will reward you if you
only knew how I have been cheated
& treated: what I have gone
through for the last 6 years:
I have gone through everything
only death or dissonor the
breath of scandal never
reached me that is why I have
to make this sad appeal money
has been left to me I have got now
of it because of frauds & thieves unjust
yours Respectfully
M. Magee

New York
June 22 1897

To the Hon. W. L. Strong

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of
addressing these few lines to
you hoping you will kindly
favor me with a few words
to Mr. Waring. I have been very
unfortunate; being out of em-
ployment for nearly 10 months.
I have a family to support and
my two children are sick in
bed. My rent is over due and
it is indeed a very unfortunate
position I am in; my application
is in the street cleaning Department
since last February; I am
positive a few words from

from Your Honor can turn a
miserable house-hold to a happy
one; You will receive the thanks
and praise of my self Wife
and my two sick children

I hopeing this meets
your kindest approval

I Remain your

Obedient Servant

B. Jameson

118 & 120th

P.S. I am a butcher by trade 32
years of age and can furnish the
best of reference

ITALIAN REPUBLICAN COLUMBIAN CLUB

27 Spring Street.

New York, January 15, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall, City.

Honored Sir:-

Permit me to call your attention to the fact that I passed the examination for watchman in any of the City Departments, May 19th, 1895, and have up to the present time never heard a word in respect thereto.

I am very desirous of obtaining employment. I have done very effective work for the Republican party and am the President of the Italian Republican Columbian Club, which performed very great services in the campaign of 1894, when you were elected Mayor.

The Republican Captains can bear testimony to the good work done by said Club.

Should you be able to further my interests in regard to the position of watchman, or if you could assist me to obtain any other position, I would be very thankful to you.

Yours very respectfully,

Antonio Marino
115 Elizabeth St.

Branchport.

Oct 20th/1897.

Hon. W^m L. Strong
Dear Sir,

I hereby make application for the appointment of my son W^m L. Martin to the position of captain on the new fire boat.

I recommend him as being thoroughly honest, sober and capable in every respect of attending to his duties and I guarantee he will prove satisfactory for the position.

Trusting you will give this your early consideration I remain
Yours Very truly
W^m L. Martin

Rec'd H'd Qrs. Fire Dept.

OCT 23 1897

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New York. April 21st 1897

Hon. Mayor

Dear Sir

I most respectfully
ask you to kindly give me
employment in some city de-
partment as I am very need
of work. having been out of
employment for long time.
I am tired walking the streets
looking for work I have walked
from morning untill night
without a bit of food. I
have a aged wife to support
and I am pennyles no money
to pay house rent.
Hoping you will give this

New York City
June 23rd/97

To Hon. Mayor Strong

Dear Sir. I beg of you to help me get a place in any of the Depus of the City as a Laborer or anything else as I have been out of work ten (10) weeks now I find myself and family very much in need. I have an application in the Labor Bureau as Laborer since Apr. 28th. I have spoken to the Leader of the Assembly District but he has told me he can do nothing for me I have always been a worker for the interest of the Republican Party. Please try and do something for me that I may be able to earn money enough to take care of my family.

hoping you will do the best
you can for me as soon as
possible I remain

Yours Respectly
Ferd. G. Mauer
185. Ave. B.
N. Y. City.

His Honor,
Mayor Strong
City Hall.



No 401 W 45th
City

130 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mr. Mayor,

The bearer of this
Mr. Henry Gatterden,
seeks employment;
he has been unfortunate
in his business & is willing
to accept any work he
can get. He is a thoroughly
up right and honest man
and I shall be happy
to know that he has
been successful in his
personal application.

Very sincerely yours

Wm. H. Halladay
May 96

445. 8th Ave
Jan 8th 1897

Mayor Strong
Dear Sir

I do not know at
all - will do any good and
certainly not - do any
harm, but - as I am placed
in desperate and destitute
circumstances do not know
what to do. so I take the
liberty to write you
asking you to aid me
in breaking a position

My wife and I came to
the city about two years
ago and went to work
for a firm from Rochester
they failed in business
and I have been out of work
for the last six months
and it seems utterly
impossible for me to get
work and am on the
verge of starvation but
am so proud to beg and
to honest to steal
and thought if you would
take the little trouble
you could aid me in
getting work.

I am not particular
what it is as long as
I can earn an honest
living.

Would be very glad to get
in the First Department
if possible.

I can give good reference
hoping you will
give me some assistance
I remain Yours Truly
An honest Republican.

J. M. Merritt
445. 8th Ave

Monday - Dec 13/97

Dear Mayor Strong

Forgive me
for troubling You again - after
You have been so good - but
I want to know - if
there can be anything done
toward hurrying up the re-
turns of the "Civil Service"
Examination Percentage? The
Ex - took place fore part
of Oct. On the blanks - it

or can I do anything & hurry this matter up
I shall be so grateful - My boy Percy is
still employed - through Mr Crumrine - It may
not be permanent - but "sufficient unto the
day - is the evil thereof" - and how I please
You - Every day of my life - for what you
have done for me - I believe me - I would
not trouble you again - but it just breaks
my heart to see a man - discouraged & sick

said - "Do not write to
Custom House - if returns do
not come for some time" -
but it seems as if I could
not wait one day longer -
for I am sure - Mr Miles
will be alive - if he has
to work in the miserable
hole in the back of the
D. S. Co. of Sav. (much longer)
If You - whom I can trust -
will only tell me - shall
I write to Custom House

feeling that the whole world
is against him - & if I can
do the least thing to help
matters along - there is no rest
in me day or night - If I
could only get him the position
without his knowing it - & help
him out of this awful drudge
- exp - in the foul air - if I
could even get his percentage
& know what chances he stood!
Tell You help me - just
once more - Mayor Strong - &
You can? I know - how Much

it is to ask - from one who
 has his hands & heart so
 full - but You can never
 know how it hurts me to
 ask (who never accept a favor
 for myself) - But what a
 happy Kansas it would be -
 if anything could be done -
 & I believe from my heart
 Mayor Strong - God will make
 it up to You -

Tratexfully Yrs -

Helen V. F. Miles

6/11/88-138-

New York April 11. 1897

Mr. Strong.

Dear Sir

You will, I trust, forgive the abrupt and plainly spoken letter, the fact is I am compelled to write for aid. I am a young man 23 years of age and reside with my parents. I have been in the employe of several occupation but not a permanent one, and I have a slight affliction of the limb it seem to be an impediment in procuring employment, which really does not interfere with me as I am willing to render myself generally useful, I have quite a knowledge of bookkeeping & accounts, and also wish to say I am not particular about wages or what I am put at to do, so understanding that you are connected with the woolen business and on intimate terms with several woolen houses I venture to solicit your kind interest in behalf of myself, as I have expressed the desire to enter a woolen house, but have not met with success, so under the above circumstances I write you, in the hope that, should you have it in your power to oblige me, you will kindly intercede in my favor you will confer a lasting obligation both my parents and myself.

In reference to my character, could furnish testimonials, or ability, which you may require. should a personal interview be desired please address.

515 East 146 St.

Hoping this my letter is not of annoyance to you and
waiting an anxious reply I have the honor to remain

Yours. Very Obedient.

Mr. Howard J. Miller.

Law Offices of
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Union Trust Co. Building,
80 Broadway, New York.
(Cable Address "Lawful")

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JAMES GORE KING.

New York, May 11, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, &c.,

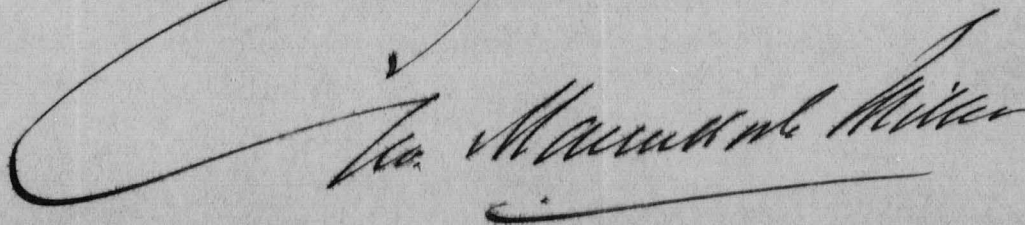
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request of Mr. Frederick F. Culver that I would write you respecting his qualifications for the office of School Commissioner, I take pleasure in saying that I have known Mr. Culver since he was a student at law and always with great respect for his character and ability.

He is, he tells me, a graduate of Princeton and much interested in scholastic questions as well as in municipal affairs, and I think his choice as a School Commissioner would undoubtedly result to your own satisfaction and that of the community at large.

Yours, with sincere respect,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Geo. Macculloch Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline.

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MOUNT VERNON OFFICE :
38 WEST FIRST STREET.
Telephone 122.

New York, Nov. 18th. 1897.

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

Dear Mayor:-

I beg leave to introduce to you Mr. Charles F. Bates, a lawyer who has offices in connection with mine at Temple Court in this City. He is to be an applicant for appointment as Assistant United States District Attorney in this district. I would like if possible to secure your recommendation and assure you that he is in every way competent and worthy.

Very respectfully yours,

Isaac N. Mills

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New York November 9, 1897.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I want you to consider Mr. J. J. R. Croes C.E. before you appoint a successor to General Duane as an Aqueduct Commissioner.

For expert knowledge of the water system supplying New York I believe there is no one superior to Mr. Croes. He served under Mr. Alfred W. Craven, the head of the old Croton Aqueduct Department, and had charge of constructing the dam at Boyd's Corner, Storms Reservoir and of remodeling the High Bridge to carry another main. He was turned out of office by the Tweed ring -

He has been engaged also on the water supply for Brooklyn, for Washington D.C., for St. Louis Mo., for Syracuse N.Y. and I believe for

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other very important places.

His position has been, generally, that of Chief Assistant to the Engineer in charge - although in late years he has been the consulting Engineer.

The British Institute of Engineers elected him, without solicitation, as a member of the Institute, in recognition of his monograph entitled "History of a Masonry Dam".

His public record, his private character, his ability, his experience and his attainments render him conspicuously fitted for appointment to this particular office.

Strongly commending him

I remain, with great respect,

To His Honor

Wm L. Strong Mayor.

Your obedient servant,

Edw. Mitchell

Ny Oct-20th/1897

Mayor. Strong

Dear Sir:

It is about a year ago I wrote
you about my son needing
employment. and you saw, and
also learned from him. that he was
my only support. He made application
for carpenter's position in the Park
Department. - went before the Board
of Trade was examined and found
eligible. and told to wait till sent
for. and is still waiting. he is a
first class workman. a finisher
he has been idle the past two

Months without a prospect of any thing to do. as Buildings are not ready and so many stands waiting for work. Suppose if my son was a Veteran you might consider him worthy of consideration. His Father served the City faithfully in the fourth company of the 7th Regiment Capt Rome presiding for twenty years. (while living) I am very destitute and not able to help myself. my Rent is due and without my son gets employment will be disposed.

I have parted with all most everything I have of any value and have no friends to borrow from.

I am 78 years old. very feeble and not able to bear many more of the trials and troubles of this

life. it is not expected the Rich can appreciate the sufferings of the poor. otherwise the state of things might be different. Now Mr Strong if you knew what worthy people we are. I think you would try and help me financially. also by using your influence in getting employment for my son.

By so doing you will indeed prolong my life. In my younger days have been very comfortably off. never realized I would be obliged to ask for assistance in my old days.

Can substantiate what I have written if necessary.

My Son. (Clarence) has been working on the Public

Schools. but at present there
will be none ready till ~~some~~
months. Can you not give
him employment of some
kind. He is not aware that
I have again written you. but
he is so utterly discouraged
thought I would make one
more effort to reach your kind
heart.

Hoping this will be
kindly received and result
in placing a shaft of Sunshine
in my heart.

Yours very Respectfully.

Mrs Mary de la Montaigne

128 West-109 St-

N. Y.

South Flat-East,

city.

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NEW YORK, June 29-1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong

City Hall, New York, City.

Dear Sir.,

The Bearer of this ,

Mr Thos. J Outerbridge, is a very old friend of mine, and I wish to do him a favor, he being in every way worthy. He desires to be favorably recommended to President McKinley, for the position of Consul to Bermuda. Mr Outerbridge ought to have been born in Ohio, as he is a good enough fellow for that, but by the force of circumstances, being born in Bermuda, is not his fault, If you can aid him with the President, it will be a favor to,

Yours Truly, 1

Cary W. Moore

647 Amsterdam Ave

Hon W. L. Strong

Dear Sir.

I called on you with a letter of introduction from Mr James Boyle hoping to accomplish a far different object from that which has followed, but it seems that I unwittingly fired a mine that lay smouldering.

I asked for the promotion of Mr J J Gifford a man eminently fitted for a better position than that which had been assigned him in the City Department. Immediately upon such solicitation and your promise of a favorable nature, the direct opposite

has unsettled. Had I asked for the promotion of an
ordinary plodding laborer one need not feel
such surprise but when on the contrary I called
to your mind the capabilities & importance of
such a man as Mr Gifford whose well known
qualifications would under him an acquisition
to a City Government. the failure to follow
out the course that you apparently acquiesced
in renders it unreasonable to hope that it was
mere coincidence only.

The fact too that I
strengthened my appeal by bringing to your
mind the delicate health of Mr Gifford whose
life may pay the penalty of this long

Strain, makes the situation doubly painful
and pathetic. I leave to your imagination
my conclusion of mind. Had you assured
me at once that there was no reason to hope
it would here not only spread her wings
but added very materially to
the respect & honor which I as a citizen
have every reason to feel for you.

The whole thing now has resolved its self
into a fiasco with a highly colored back.
Ground for supposition. The animosity evoked
could not have been directed to me a stranger

and it does not require a sege & follow
out the trail. Mr. Lifford's hospitality is not without
friends. I wish men force other men to know & respect
them and the future will determine who is in
the right. There is an unchallenged justice that
permeates the bias of all men & Mr. Lifford need
not fear the future. I beg to ask you for the
return of my letter of introduction. A woman's
natural delicacy prompts me to withdraw my
name from so painful & disastrous an
incident. I have the honor to sign myself

Yours Very Respectfully
Laura Morgan

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May 6, 97

The Hon Mayor Strong

New York City

Respected Sir;-

You will remember soon after we elected you, I wrote you a letter, giving many considerations why you could wisely & justly appoint me to some government position, within the line of your patronage.

You very kindly responded to it, intimating that you would give attention to the matter. Since then I have heard nothing about the matter.

I am not a politician, to know the ropes how to work these matters, though I have been all my life like yourself one who has contributed money & time, to the promotion of good government, without thought of ever asking a position under any public administration. But having lost my fortune by a Western flood, and fire, and the late panics, I now need your help. I have always voted the Republican ticket, Lincoln second candidacy, receiving my first vote. I volunteered as a soldier youth to go to the war in the Continental guards, afterwards called the 48th Regt, of which my old pastor, Col Perry was Colonel, but was not accepted on account of not coming up to the required size. But I helped our righteous cause all through the war, with my money, time, influence, and my pen, contributing for the press. I am secretary of both the Bradhurst Republican Club, of Washington Heights, & of the the 28 E.D. of the 23 A.S. district. For the latter, I have personally canvassed every one of nearly 600 households in my district, so that I will be instrumental of raising our representation from 5 to 10, or perhaps 11 to the coming conventions. I can get political backing for any place you may find open for me. References as to capability & character, by the way, Alderman Woodward knows me. He is my

landlord, & would gladly back me up, if he thought there was any
But like myself, he has been an administration anti-Platt man
chance or opening. I did much to help along the Republican Cause last Fall

Worked every night, helping along the success of meetings & getting
our people out at the primaries and ~~the~~ to register & to cast their vote
in Nov last. I have to keep employed to get the wherewith^e to keep my
household, hence have no time like most fellows in the political rings,
seem to have, to hang around idly to get a position. I know it does not
seem the part of a true Christian for me to feel a little jealous when I
have seen since the inauguration of your administration, many fellows who
had not the qualifications, or who had not even rendered one tenth part of
the services to the G.O.P that I have, get into good positions. And some
of the ~~ma~~ foreigners, while I am of Knickerbocker stock, born in N.Y. In my
very ^huse on the flat above me, is an half civilized & rpartly ignorant


foreigner, who holds a lucrative position under the city, who will take
no interest in his adopted government, not even voting, & has admitted ^{to} me
that his only idea of being naturalized was to get ^{and keep} a government position

And the class who spend ~~there~~ evenings in the political club rooms
or bar-rooms instead of at their homes with their families, smoking, and
drinking & even gambling with cards, are the ones who are worked in before
others who may be more desrving, by the political bosses, simply because
the decent men, have not the time to fool their days & money away to be
in with the political manipulators of political patronage. Excuse me for
making these hasty observations, & do not think I mean them as a reflec-
ti on upon your administration, which has met my endorsement, & support.

These inequalities will happen & exist, notwithstanding your carefulness[^]
to make wise appointments, for you no doubt have to satisfy many of the
demands of leaders, sometimes against your best judgement. But it seems
hard to see this thing occur, nevertheless, but I will not complain, for
if the Lord does not want me to get a position under the city government,
I will be content. But I would like you to give my case really some consi-
deration, & let me have a personal interview with you on the subject. I ~~on~~
own the Sunday School Lesson Magazine, of which my wife Abbie C. Merrow is
the editor, which I published many years, & now have done for me, as with
its 20,000 cication, it does not afford us a living. My wife edits it in
love for her Master. I send you a copy. May I see you at your office?

*I await your early response Respectfully
Thomas J. Merrow
471 West 145 St New York*

Woodlawn Hgts. N.Y. City, Aug 26, 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong Esq. 
Mayor of New York City, N.Y.,

Dear Sir:

If not too unconventional and finding any investigation which you choose to make as to my fitness for the position, I respectfully ask that you be pleased to consider my name in the capacity of School Inspector.

I have resided in New York City 5 years and was born in this state. Am a graduate of public schools, studied civil engineering, and have been employed for 8 years as Surveyor and Draughtsman and inspector of river and harbor improvements by the United States, with office in the Army Building, N.Y. City.

Am greatly interested in educational matters and having the time to devote, feel certain I can discharge the duties of the office to the interest and welfare of all concerned.

Am ignorant as to whether an application of this sort needs endorsement politically or not, but should think not. My only political affiliation is as a voter.

Yours most respectfully,

R. P. Marden

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To Hon. W. L. Strong

Mayor, New York City

New York, 10/5/79

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TELEPHONE - HARLEM 79.

Dear Sir;

With the consent of my colleagues, I desire to nominate for School Inspector of the 30th District, Dr. Francis A. Chicherio, residence 156 east 114th Street, to fill vacancy caused by removal from the City of Inspector Vause.

Doctor Chicherio graduated from 13th Street school, and has been connected with the N. Y. College of Dentistry for the past nine years as Professor, Superintendent etc. At present he is Examiner.

Yours truly

Edward Murray
School Inspector 30th Dist.

Hon William L. Strong
Dear Sir

I kindly ask you for an
appointment in some of your
departments as at present
I am a janitor living in a
basement and it is not
very healthy for my Wife
and three Children I am
^{not} lazy and I am willing to
work at any thing as I am
a painter by trade and can
not get work. I have a good
reference from G H Hoyer
of Hoyer & Graham of 96th Duane
of Eight Years Service St

Please see if you can do anything
for me.

Please answer this short
letter

Frederick Yarrs.

G H Murray

1428 ~~#28~~ Lexington Ave.
Sanita

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JANITOR MURRAY'S BRAVERY.

He Captures and Holds a Mad Dog While a Policeman Shoots the Animal.

In attempting to capture a dog that is supposed to have been mad, George H. Murray, janitor of an apartment house at Ninety-third street and Lexington avenue, was severely bitten at noon yesterday. Policeman Blake of the East Eighty-eighth street station afterward shot the animal. Walter Tinkham, a messenger boy in the real estate office of William B. Davis, at 1,414 Lexington avenue, was sitting in the office when the dog ran in and snapped at his leg.

The boy rushed into the street and the animal took up a position in the show window, snarling and snapping his teeth at the people who began to congregate on the sidewalk. When Mr. Davis returned he immediately locked the office door and sent to the grammar school at Ninety-sixth street and Lexington avenue for Policeman Blake, who was stationed there. When the officer arrived he found a hundred school children and scores of grown-up persons watching the dog, which was a half-grown Gordon setter, and wore a collar without an inscription. Janitor Murray saw the crowd and volunteered to get the dog out of the window, so that he could be shot.

Murray procured a pair of heavy buckskin gloves to protect his hands from the dog's teeth, and entered the office. He tried ineffectually at first to get his fingers under the animal's collar, and when his hand slipped away, the animal caught the middle finger of his left hand and bit through the glove to the bone. The policeman then went to Murray's assistance. The janitor got a good grip of the animal and held him fast, while the officer struck him three times over the head with his club.

Then Murray dragged the dog into the street, where Blake put a couple of bullets into his head, killing him. Murray had his wound cauterized by Dr. Morris of 1,903 Madison avenue.

A retriever dog that was lying on the stoop

HELD A MAD DOG'S LEGS.

Janitor Murray Captured It Alone with Two Big Policemen Looking On—A Hard Fight in a Harlem Office.

A scrawny, dirt-colored cocker spaniel, frothing at the mouth, reeled into Lexington avenue, from Ninety-second street, yesterday afternoon, just as the big primary school near by was sending its hundreds of little children away for the day. He ran among them, snapping and yelping. Some boy raised the cry of "Mad dog!" and the crowd of little ones fled, screaming with fright, into doorways and side streets. The little spaniel zigzagged about the avenue for a few minutes like a drunken thing, then darted into the open door of William Davis's real estate office, at No. 1414.

Walter Tinkham, Mr. Davis's office boy, jumped behind the desk, thence to the top of the safe and into the street, closing the door after him, then he stood at the window to watch the dog's antics. The waste basket was upset, as were the baskets of sample coal in the windows and the letter files. Walter then called Janitor George Murray, who in turn called Policeman Blake. The latter summoned his side partner and a consultation was held. Meanwhile the dog was making a wreck of things in the real estate office.

Nothing could induce the officers to enter the office after they had seen the dog through the window. Finally Murray volunteered. He put on a pair of thick buckskin gloves and went inside and a moment later came out holding up the dog by the hind legs. He had been bitten severely in the second finger of the right hand.

While Murray held the dog Policeman Blake struck it on the head with his club and stunned it. Then both policemen fired several shots into the animal's head and it rolled over a corpse.

Murray was attended by Dr. Norwin, of Ninety-second street, near Lexington avenue. The doctor also examined the dog and declared that it was a pronounced case of rabies.

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FRANK B. MURTHA, Manager.

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New York,

Nov 2 1897

Dear Mr. Hedges:-

The bearer James
D. Grace is an old Grand
Army man & the scars on his
face were received in battle.
He is a good solid Rep. & is
desirous of getting anything he
can to do in the Dept of Pub.
Works.

Anything you can do for
him will be considered a
favor by Young
F. Murtha

New York Feb. 15/97.

Hon^{ble} Wm L Strong
Mayor City of New York;

Dear Sir

I see by the daily press, and by personal observation that the east side, is flooded with "lob real" I take the liberty of writing you that I am a butcher by trade and have had experience in all matters concerning the quality of cattle. I have passed the civil service examination for meat inspector and would consider it a great favor, if you will kindly push the appointment. I am a veteran, and a life long republican. Hoping you will do all in your

power, and pardon this imposition

I beg to remain

Yours Very Respectfully

Horace W. Myers

N^o 64 Ave. D.

Penzer & Nathan,

CONVERTERS OF

COTTON GOODS

94 GREENE STREET.

New York, Nov 18th 1897
Hon. Wm L. Strong
Dear Sir;

A year ago
I was recommended to
your consideration for
a school inspector, by
petition of business
men who felt that
I deserved some
consideration at your hands.
I requested them to yield
on account of business
responsibilities at the

Denzer & Nathan,

CONVERTERS OF

COTTON GOODS

94 GREENE STREET

New York, Nov 18th 1897

time. I am now
in a position to accept
if granted by your Honor
a school Commissionership.

I feel that as a
Commissioner I will
execute my duties
with pride to myself &
honor to your administration.

I remain as ever
A. L. Nathan

1107 East 24 St.
City

Hon' Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

No doubt - but
what you will be surprised
to receive this note from
me; you will remember
me having been buyer
for J & C Johnston for
Twenty five years, on
Broadway & 22 St; but
for the last 7 years
I have been a complete
cripple from gout,
and unable to transact
business of any kind

and having a family
of 11 children, my wife
has been obliged to go ^{wife} ~~their~~ offices to take care of
out and work; she has
been employed by J. M.
Collins for the last three
years in 14 St. but they
having failed, has thrown
her out of employment
with no prospect of any
thing for the summer:-

I write to ask you
as a personal favor if there
is any position in your
Pastorage that you think
you could give me. My
health is good, but as you
know the gout will not
allow me to walk very
much, but if you had a
position where I could sit
down I could fulfil it.

If not that perhaps
you might know of some
lawyers who might give ~~the~~
their offices to take care of,
or any thing that will
allow us to keep our family
together. I have spent all
my savings in going to
the hot springs in Arkansas
and the white sulphur spring
in W Virginia, also Karlsbad
and then went to Europe
and stayed two years,
but found relief, but
not permanently.

Hoping that you will
be able to do something
for me I remain

Yours very
Respectfully
Thomas Nixon

ROBERT P. NOAH,
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
NEW YORK CITY.

Central Bank Building

Rooms 717--718

320 Broadway.

New York Nov 9th 1897

Hon William L. Strong

Mayor.

My dear Mr Mayor:-

Pray accept this only as a reminder of your promise to Gen McCook and myself to intercede with the Corporation Counsel in my behalf. I would like to be appointed as Attorney to one of the Small Park Commissions if possible.

Nobody knows better than Judge Scott how hard I worked for him at the last election, and this morning I received a letter from him thanking me for what I had done in his behalf, so that I think that a word from yourself will be sufficient for him to act in the premises.

With high regard, I am, my dear Mr Mayor,

Yours very truly,

Robert P. Noah

New York Nov 14th 95

Friend Burrows

I take those means of
communicating with you
as I am working and can
not call on you in person
for at least 2 weeks to come
Mr. Burrows I hope you
will try and have my man
made a (Roundsmen) as
you promised me you
would as far as you could.

They are going to reduce
about 15 more and re-
place them with our own
people.

this man is 11 years on the
Police with a good re-
cord and is one of our

People I Was and is With
us in our Battles.

The expectations are that
the Board Will make
the new men this coming
Week. and I hope you Will
try and have him made
One of them.

His Name is
Joseph H. Reiger.

30th Precinct.

West 125th St. Station

I remain your Humble

Servant.

Patrick J. Keefe
6 Mott Street

Please to Answer.

P. S. Remember What
I told you When I
met you in mott st.
one day.

Any Chinaman you
Want to see or any
thing you Want to
know about Chinatown
command me at any
time.

Because I know any
thing or any man
Worth knowing in that
Neighborhood. as I have
Business With them all

And I am admitted to
Chinese circles where
people high in authority
have been refused

Hope Chapel,
339 EAST 4TH STREET,

New York, Jan 21 1897

My Dear Sir:

Acting upon your very kind offer yesterday, I told the Juvenile Asylum Directors that I had your permission to refer to you as to my fitness for the position of Superintendent.

Mr. J. Seely Ward, 1 Broadway, the Chairman of the Committee on Superintendent, asks me by telegraph if I can secure a word in writing from Mayor Strong. I hesitate to impose upon your good nature to this extent, but if your observation of the practical questions which I have brought to your attention, leads you to consider that I could keep the child

ren of the Poor Committed to the
Asylum, and display common
sense in managing the affairs
of the institution, it would be a
good thing for me, and add to the
many favors which you have
shown the writer.

But if it does not seem wise
to do so, I shall esteem your
frankness a favor also. More
than personal advancement, I care
for the friendless or wayward child
ren sent to this excellent institution.

Mrs. Devins will wait for your an-
swer.

very gratefully
John B. Devins.

The Hon. W. L. Steep.
Mayor of New York.

*District Attorney's Office,
City and County of New York.*

September 9th, 1897. 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor, City of New York.
New York.

My Dear Mr. Mayor:--

The bearer of this letter is one of my friends and neighbors, Dr. S. Wesley Smith, of the Hotel San Remo, 75th Street and Central Park West.

He believes that the expected appointment of Mr Croft by the National Administration will shortly occur, and that thus a vacancy will be on the Board of Charities. In that case, he is anxious to fill such vacancy.

Dr. Smith desires to confer with you beforehand about the matter, and if you can conveniently so do, I should be indebted to you if you could find an early opportunity to see him.

Very faithfully and respectfully yours,

Wm. L. Strong

SOL. & BENJ. OPPENHEIMER,
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW,
38 PARK ROW,
POTTER BUILDING.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

New York, April 5th 1897.
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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Some time ago Genl. Mc Cook spoke to you and also suggested that I call upon you and request your assistance to secure my appointment as a Commissioner in Condemnation Proceedings to appraise the value of property to be taken for a new east side park.

You will remember that I called upon ^{you} regarding the same. I was however not

appointed as the Corporation Counsel had already decided upon the appointment of others.

I take the liberty of asking you to kindly suggest my name for appointment as one of the commissioners to appraise the value of the property to be condemned for the new Hall of Records.

I have already spoken to Mr. John Proctor Clarke about this matter.

I have had some experience in similar proceedings and discharged my duties in a manner which proved

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satisfactory to the
Corporation's Counsel's
office.

Trusting that you
can see your way
clear to do this for
me,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
Benj. Oppenheimer.

ISIDORE OSORIO,
COUNSELOR AT LAW,
319 BROADWAY.

New York, March 9th 1899.

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayor.

Sir: I beg leave to
apply for the position of Superin-
tendent of the outdoor poor,
made vacant by the death of
Mr. Blake.

My name is not
unknown to you, having been
appointed by you as school
inspector of the 27th District,
which position I still hold.

I am quite familiar
with the foreign languages
spoken in this city. This fact
ought to be of valuable service
in the office which I seek.

Respectfully,
Yours,
Isidore Osorio

Pulvers Col Co N.Y.

March 10 1897

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

I have thought
for some time I would
like to have a position as
policeman I heard the
city advertised for 3000
policeman I think I could
qualify as one I measure
5-foot-11 inches in height and
^{weigh} 175-lbs 29 years old and
healthy I did not know
who to write concerning this

I thought - I would write
you and see what - you said
about - the matter I can
give good refferance as to
my integrity you can refer
to First-National Bank of
Hudson N.Y. please answer
by return mail and Oblidge

Yours Respt
Everett Chandler

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK,

49 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK.

DUNCAN D. FARMLY, Prest.

ALFRED M. BULL, Cashier.

PIERSON G. DODD, Ass't Cashier.

Hon Wm L Strong
Mayor of New York

Dear Colonel

Permit me to introduce Capt James Parker who has been a depositor in this bank since 1866 and who wishes to talk with you relative to the affairs of "Sailors Lung Harbor". Capt Parker has long been connected with the Marine Underwriting interests of this

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city. He is a gentleman
descended from the oldest
and most honourable
families of New Jersey and
New York. Add to this
the fact that he was
born in Ohio and I
dare say you will give
him all proper consideration
in your power and you
will do me a personal
favour
Capt Parker's social

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and personal standing
have always been of the
best. He was an officer
of the Regular U.S. Navy
and served with credit
and distinction on the Union
side in the Civil War.

In my opinion he
is admirably fitted to be
Governor of the Harbor
Commending him
to your kind offices believe
me

Yours sincerely
Duncan D. Parmly

As an Officer of the
Atlantic Mutual Ins Co while
Capt James Parker was connected
with that Company and knowing
him intimately since 1866 I fully
concur in all Mr Parinby has said.

Yours very respectfully
Wm H H Moore

I concur in above
John W Humphreys of
E D Morgan & Co

99 E. 4th St

New-York Jan 12/97

Hon. Mayor W^m L. Strong;

Dear Sir,

Being out of employ-
ment for the last two months and
not being able to secure a situa-
tion, I beg leave to ask you as
a favor, if it is possible for
you to give me employment
in one of your offices, and I
promise you that I will try
with the best of my ability to
fulfill all duties required.

My age is nineteen years
and I reside with my father
at # 99 E. 4th St. I can furnish
references and recommendations
should you desire them.

Should my application

meet your views and shall
you desire my personal interview
I will be pleased to call at any
time mentioned.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
I remain,

Your obedient servant,
J. Pascal

99 E. 4th St.

New York Jan 16/96

Hon. Wm L. Strong

Dear Sir

Yours reply of the 13th
inst. stating that it is necessary
for me to pass the Civil Service
Examination so as to obtain a
position, I would kindly ask
you if you can let me know
of what subjects the said
examination comprises; so that
I may be able to prepare for
the same.

By so doing you will greatly
oblige,

Yours respectfully
J. Pascal

146 Fourth St.

2. 7. July 16/97

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of
the Board of School Inspectors of the
5th Dist., held on Wed. afternoon,
June 30, it was voted respectfully to
recommend to you the re-appointment
of Dr. Jane E. Robbins, 95 Rivington St.,
as a School Inspector in this district,
her present term of office having expired
on the 1st inst.; & also the appointment
of James B. Reynolds, 26 Delancey
St. to the vacancy in the Board
caused by the resignation of Mrs. Nellie
Feschner.

Respectfully yours.

J. H. Paulding
Sec'y Bd of School Inspectors - 5th Dist.



FRANK D. PAVEY.
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

State of New York,
Senate Chamber.
Albany, Sep. 22 1897

Hon. William Berr:

Dear Sir: Joseph H. Schwab Jr.
is an applicant for a place on
the bridge. I have recommended
him to Mayor Strong and I would
appreciate if you could aid him
sincerely

Frank D. Pavey

Hon Wm L. Strong

MR. CLARENCE GORDON.

Frederick Schwabe returns to
you to say a few words in his
own case - Wm. etc -

KANE LODGE, No. 454, R. & A. M.

New York April 29th 1897.

John C. Hedges Esq.
Dear Sir ^{and} Brother:

I understand that there are some
positions to be given out tomorrow in the
District Attorney's Office.

Will you please interest yourself in the Secretary
of State to secure one of them for me.

I put in an application Civil Service
some time ago but up to date have heard nothing
from it; these positions I understand do not require
Civil service examinations.

Am good at Book Keeping, and all
Office work, am at present filling position that
does not pay, holding it, waiting for something
better to turn up.

Was told this evening that you had some
thing to do with selections.

Please select a good one for me, notwithstanding
the fact that I had to recall your Certificate for dating.

Fraternally

A. W. Penoyar

244 Eighth Avenue

New York, May 3rd 1891
Hon Wm L. Strong Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir

Pardon me for taking the liberty to
apply to you for a special favor. I
am an American young man the age
of 24 years possessing fair Educa-
tion and business ability. I am at
present out of Employment. and I ask
you to favor my request. I have
known you before you became the
Superior officer of this City and
I worked faithfully as a republican
during your campaign and supported
you at that time I was well off
and needed no assistance. I assisted
others but times has changed since
then and has made me poor —
over —

Conditions of business, had heavy
losses I ask you now to favor
me with a position of some kind
as I am incapable enough to fulfill any
position that your Honor will assign
me to I can furnish you with
references as to my honesty and
also from Mr John Fenwick you
may ask about me. Trusting that
you will do some thing for me
as a true american should
do. I can furnish you with
Letters from Honest Republican Workers
in this County to corroborate what
I say. Trusting to hear from your
Honor at your Earliest Convenience to
this Letter of Application I remain Yours Very Truly
Lewis Petchaft Jr #236 Madison Street
New York.

Brooklyn Jan 5th 1897
To Major Strong of New York.

Dear Sir

I have been out of
Employment for the last 3 months
And find it very hard to get ^{P.}way
at my Trade. I am a Practical
Car-Builder and Repairer and I am
very much in need at the Present
time as there is a large Family of 5
Small Children and a Wife depending
on me for support. Dear Sir I
have been trying for the last 4
weeks to get in to the Manhattan
Elevated Car Shops but of no use.
With out a letter of Enfluncence and
being a stranger in the city and
having no friends to speake for me

I thought if you would be so
kind as to write me a few lines
to Mr. Mc Nally Master Mechanic
of the Manhattan Elevated Shops
as i think it will help me a
Great deal in getting Employment
Thier i know thier are a few openings
yet and you will be doing a very
Charitable Act

Very Respectfully

Mr. William Punnington
152 28th St
Brooklyn.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building
ROOM 127.

New York, Jan'y 12 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor.

City of New York.

My dear Mr. Mayor.

I called at your office on two separate occasions to give you verbal answer relative to a jury server, but found you very busy. On Friday last, after an interview with you, I returned to my office and filled the only vacancy I had. If you so desire it will afford me pleasure to give you the first vacancy. Again I now have a vacancy in the clerical force of this office which must be filled from the civil service list. I will gladly submit the three names to you for choice, if you so indicate.

Very Respectfully Yours
W. Plimley

P.S. There are people suffering every day as deserving as ^{the Cuban Women}
New York Sep 23^d Thurs. 1897

Mr Strong

Honorable Sir:-

I am a stranger here almost and although I have good reference I can not get employment I came from Ohio and I also see so many poor people who look as if they were dying from hunger and privation.

Won't you please take an interest in a plan to help the most unfortunate one especially the nation americans who suffer more and in silence than any one

I would like to start a Laundry to give them employment only a few at first & as it grows more can be taken in. and as they become experienced & strong again they can get work some place else and new ones take their place. The cost to begin would be small, as hand work is better than machine and they would be glad to work for a place to sleep & meals, plain & cheap. The charitable institutions are a failure as the money donated is all used up paying the salaries of the keep
Hoping to hear from you I am
Yours Very Respectfully A H Por III West

Law Offices

JOSEPH POOL,
HARWOOD R. POOL,
62 Cedar Street.

NEW YORK, May 3rd. 1897.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I notice that the newspapers use my name in connection with one of the places for City Magistrate. I trust that you will pardon me for mentioning it, and believe me when I say that I have studiously avoided saying anything on the subject except to those few who have mentioned my name to you in connection with the place.

I know that it is as distasteful to you as it certainly is to me.

With respect,

I am yours truly,

Joseph Pool

Office of P. Miceucci

Architect

150. 5th Ave. N.Y. July 1st 1897

To the Hon. W. L. Strong Mayor of N.Y.

Sir; I beg to apply for the
appointment of architect
to the New Hospital
Hospital.

Respectfully

P. Miceucci

CHARLES PUTZEL,
COUNSELOR AT LAW,
253 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK, June 26th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor, &c.

Dear Sir:

The President of the Sickels & Nutting Co., Mr. Robert Sickels, whom you so kindly informed me you will appoint as our fifth Inspector of the 24th School Inspection District, of which district I have the honor of being chairman, is at present indisposed. I hardly expect him at his office before June 30th, when I understand the appointment should be made.

Mr. Sickels resides, as I informed you, Southeast corner of 85th Street and Fifth Avenue, and his business place is 40 Park Place.

Thanking you again for making this excellent appointment, which is acceptable to all of our Board, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Charles Putzel

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK
No 1 MADISON AVENUE,
NEW YORK.

October 4th 1897.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

The writer of the enclosed letter is a good man, and if you will appoint him the delegation will contain a man who will be active, intelligent and public spirited.

Faithfully yours,

Leunel E. Quigg.

Honorable William M. Strong, Mayor,
New York City.

Pitt St

N. Y. C. May 24, 1897

Hon. W. Strong.

I have been in this country for nearly fifteen years, and have been always able to support my family. Now as it almost two years, since I have not been able to support my family. I gave in an application on June 12, 1896 as in the Street Cleaning Dept. as Sweeper, and now it is almost one year & I have

not been called for. I did not want to apply to any politicians, so I wrote to Col.

Warring receiving an answer that I would be notified within one month, and that was in January. Now it is almost 5 months & I have not been notified; if I write to him now they do not answer.

I apply to you to gratify me and write a letter into the Dept. that they should see into matters and call me for work. I repeat again that you should grant me the above favor, as I am a

family consisting of my wife 4 children and I and I will therefore not forget you.

Yours Respectful citizen
Herman Rabnowitz

New York July 10/97

Mr Strong Mayor of
New York City

Dear Sir,

Pardon me for taking the
liberty to address your Honor.
but I am a man out of Employment
for months and have a large
Family to support willing to
work strong & healthy & also man
by trade but willing to work at
anything to make an honest
living will you kindly assist
me for to get work. I have been
and are now a great admirer of your
administration hoping to hear from
you I remain Respectfully
Your Servant H. J. Raduns.
C/o Mrs Jagilli 109. E. 89th St
City

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Oct 14, 1897.

To his Honor

Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir.

I have two discharges certifying to honorable service in the Army during the late War, but have never held office under the national, state, or city government. Having served four years in the Federal Army during minority, I was deprived of many advantages of both an educational

and mechanical character,
yet have made a fair use of
my opportunities. I have been
a book compositor for many years,
but find younger men given
the preference. I have a wife and
daughter who are dependent on
my support. If there is any of-
fice under the city government
for which I can qualify, or sub-
mit my qualifications to the test
of a civil service examination,
I shall esteem it a great favor if
your honor will kindly cause
a list of them, with salaries & such
advice as your kindness of heart
may dictate - to be sent me.

I am fifty-two years of age,
and have served in Co. H, 5th Md.
Vols., and Horse Battery B, 1st U.S.
Artillery.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servant

Edward Rankle
306 W 4th St.

New York City.

NEW YORK

DAILY DRY GOODS RECORD,

40 West Broadway.

LOCK BOX 20.

(Nearly opposite Thomas Street.)

New York, May 11 1894

Cal W. L. Strong
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Now that you have appointed your Secretary.
Mr. Job Hedges to one of the Judgeships, you would
confer a favor that might aid me later on, if
you would offer to me the position to be made
vacant by your Secretary Hedges. I do not want it.
nor would I accept it but should graciously
decline it, and the publication of such letters
would not be of any injury, but might aid

Yours Very Respectfully

Thomas Reece Jr

Managing Editor

N.Y. Daily Dry Goods Record

136 W Broadway

ASSOCIATE ALUMNÆ
NORMAL COLLEGE,
NEW YORK CITY.

65 West 52, St.,

New York June 14 / 97.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir, Accompanying is the
Associate Alumnae list of can-
didates for the position of School
Inspector.

I trust you will reappoint
the members of our association
whom you honored with an
appointment last year.

Will you kindly let me
know whether you intend
to appoint Women School

ASSOCIATE ALUMNÆ
NORMAL COLLEGE,
NEW YORK CITY.

Commissioners.

I would like to know
about the women commissioners
not for publication, but
solely in the interest
of the schools and the
Alumni Association.

Very truly yours,
Emma M. Regua

June 14. 1897.

Associate Alumnae List
of
Candidates for School Inspectors.

District	Name	Residence
9	Mrs A. W. Halsey.	28 Charlton Street.
9	Mrs James Hunter	42 King "
11	Miss Alice Rutter	152 West 13 Street.
12	Dr Ethel D. Brown	128 Lexington Ave.,
13	Mrs M. Stanietta Titus-Werner	Chelsea W. 23 St.
14	Mrs C. E. Goodhue	157 East 34 St.
14	Miss Bessie Mead	13 East 32 St.
16	Mrs Hasson C. Gibson	41 1/2 West 45 St.
16	Mrs. Wm. C. Campbell	42 West 49 St.
18	Miss Anna McDonough	5 River View Terrace.
19	Dr. Elizabeth Garrett	159 West 48 St.
19	Miss Lelia Theiman	125 West 43 St.
20	Miss Josephine R. Silberhom	749 Lexington Ave.
22	Mrs. Henry Content	62 East 79 St.
22	Miss Carrie W. Pitkin	127 East 72 St.
23	Mrs Arthur S. Levy	180 West 80 St.
23	Mrs Joseph S. Wallach	7 West 82 St.

LIBRARY
OF THE
ASSOCIATE ALUMNÆ,
NORMAL COLLEGE,
N. Y. CITY.

District	Name	Residence
24	Mrs John S. Murphy	124 E. 81 St.
25	Dr Kupper-Kohn	132 Manhattan Ave.,
25	Mrs Ernest Bunzl	147 West 97 St.
27	Miss Henrietta Brandes	142 West 122 St.
27	Mrs Alan D. Kenyon	351 West 114 St.
29	Mrs W. Glauber	211 West 134 St.
32	Mrs Hugh R. Porter	472 Mott Ave.
33	Mrs Edwin Robertson Will	546 E. 163 St.
34	Mrs John C. Fume	1998 Valentine Ave, bet. 178-179 St.
34	Mrs Arthur H. Dundon	Fordham
34	Mrs S. S. Kuskay	2076 Washington Ave.,

Yours respectfully,
Emma M. Regua.
Chairman—

Committee on Women Commissioners & School Inspectors.

New-York Tribune.

New York, May 29 1897

Hon. Wm L. Strong
Mayor.

My dear Sir:

The terms of H. A.
Armstrong, as School Inspector,
will expire in a couple of months,
and I desire that you may be
assisted in your judgment of
appointees so far as it can be honestly
given. Having been associated
with Mr. Armstrong as School
Trustee on the Board of Education
of Mount Vernon I feel that I
can commend him unqualifiedly.
He is well versed in school laws,
is conscientious in his word, his
integrity is beyond question, and
his manner and habits are such
as to bring credit to the schools. He
is also a comrade of the Y. A. R.
Hoping that you will reappoint him
I am, courteously yours
Henry E. Rhoades

✓
59 & 61 Liberty Street,
New York, June 24th, 1897.

C
Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor of New York,

My dear Sir:-

I called this A.M. at your office to have a word with you as to School District No. 29, and was gratified to find that you had advanced safely from Grammar School 89, last evening to the Normal College this morning; a visit which I have no doubt forms as interesting, valuable and encouraging a part of your official duties, as the visit of yesterday seemed to be.

But the word I wish to say is this: The term of Dr. Emily C. Charles, one of the Inspectors of School District 29, will expire July 1, 1897. Dr. Charles is a graduate of the Normal College, has been a teacher and is now a Doctor of Medicine. During the current year she has performed her duties of School Inspector faithfully, ~~and~~ lovingly, ~~with~~ rare discretion and ability; and her associate Inspectors would each and all be very much gratified to have her appointed as her own successor in office.

Hoping that this request may receive your favorable consideration, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

Edwin T. Rice

Inspector of School Dist. No. 29.

574 Court Street

OFFICE OF
Garner & Co.

NOS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 WORTH STREET,

Corner of Hudson.

New York, June 25th 1897

Car. William L. Stray.

My dear Sir.

While the matter is now fresh in your memory I desire to say a few words, and trust there may be no displeasure in my addressing you.

My son Albert G. Rich was of the graduating class of the College of the City of New York last evening and stood on the platform directly in front of you - He is of a light complexion, and being so near to you, you may perhaps have noticed him as one of the class of the Bachelor of Sciences -

He is ready for business and the world now, and as a Dry Goods Man and a Man of the World, I would ask your cooperation and kind influence for him, and to note his name down as one whom you now know, and can recommend should a favorable opportunity offer itself in the near future -

Mr. John P. Faure has known me for many years and I am also well acquainted with Mr. Chas. S. Young Cashier of the Central National Bank of this city and upon their guarantee I know you will have no hesitancy in doing all that is possible for my son for my sake, should occasion present itself.

Respectfully

Jas. A. Rich

School Address, R. P. 77. 85th St. 1st Ave.

Residence, 7 WEST 82ND STREET.

Sept. 25, 1877.

Hon. Wm. L. Stead,

My dear Sir,

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Do you recollect receiving a letter from me some months since in which I asked you to re-appoint Mr. Thurlbut as a Commissioner of education?

Now that his term of office is drawing to a close, I wish, once more, as the spokesman

of many, many teachers, to
ask his re-appointment ~~of~~ the
ground of the true service
that he has rendered to so
many helpless and friendless
girls and women in our
schools.

Personally I rank high enough
to command the service of
almost any member of the
Board, so Mr. Hurlbut's with-
drawal would mean less to
me than to many others; but
the "rank and file" appeal

to him and if worthy, obtain
his influence, his time, and
his personal interest. He
is the most human link
in the whole educational chain,
and a failure to re-appoint
him will cause deep pain
to hundreds.

I have suggested to him to speak
with you on the matter, and
he refuses, saying, "If my work
in the last three years has
been unsatisfactory to the Mayor,
why should I be retained?"

through personal influence?"
He does not know of my in-
terference and I beg you will
never let him know. I do
not ask for his sake, but for
the sake of the friendless
teachers who look to him for
advice and aid.

If you wish, I can call upon
you and give you many, many
instances of his generosity and
his sympathy in helping those
who need help. but I am loath
to take your time.

With assurances of my deepest respect
and an earnest wish that you will grant
my request, I am most respectfully yours,
Abraham Richman.

New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Co.
Office of General Eastern Passenger Agent.
413 Broadway.

GEORGE H. DANIELS, GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT,
NEW YORK.

E. J. RICHARDS, ASST. GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT,
NEW YORK.

MILTON C. ROACH,
GENERAL EASTERN PASSENGER AGENT

W. B. JEROME, GENL. WESTERN PASSR. AGENT,
134 MONROE STREET, CHICAGO.

EDSON J. WEEKS, GENERAL AGENT,
308 MAIN ST. BUFFALO, N.Y.

FRANK J. WOLFE, GENERAL AGENT,
ROOM 10 ALBANY STATION, ALBANY, N.Y.

H. D. CARTER, GENERAL AGENT,
MALONE N.Y.

New York
May 12, 97

Mr. Job Hedges,
Care Mayors Office,

My Dear Judge:-

I note that the Mayor will appoint Committees to take care of the South American Merchants. If a Committee on Railway transportation is to be appointed, I will be very much pleased if you will kindly mention my name for appointment on said Committee. My reason for desiring this I will explain afterwards.

Very truly,

M. C. Roach

C

N. Y. Dec. 22nd 1897.

To Hon. Mayor. Strong

Dear sir; -

I wish to state
that I am an orphan 18
years of age; and have a
poor old mother; dependent
on my support.

I have been employed
by the well known linen
importing house of Mess
Broend Price & Co of #85
Franklin Str for 1 year;

but owing to my misfortune
of being ill; I was com-
pelled to give up the pos-
ition on Nov. 26. I have
been ordered by the physic-
ian; not to ^{do} any more
heavy lifting of linen goods
; but I am fit to hold
such positions; as entry-
clerk, office positions, or
wholesale office positions.

As I hear that you ~~a~~
are, a charitable man;
of an upright disposition
and excellent character.
and that you have

accomplished a great
many noteworthy favors; in
regard to the conditions
of the poor; therefore I
sincerely hope that you
will take special interest
in the case of an orphan
and poor widowed mother
and trust that relief
shall come through your
hands in a short time,
as regards a position
for me; as I have tried
enough; and have been
unsuccessful.

Hoping to hear from

you soon, I remain

Your humble servant

M. Sol. Rosenthal

266 Henry Str.

city.

P. S. I am a graduate
from the public schools

June
~~May~~ 7th 1897

Hon William L. Strong
Mayor of New York Etc Etc
Hon & Dear Sir

I have no one to
introduce me to you. So by your permission
I will introduce myself very briefly and
as follows - During the Campaign
of 1892 when Gen. Harrison was our
Candidate for the second time I was
in the habit of attending all the Meetings
of the Dry Goods Merchants Club and
helping in any way I could the good cause
at the Closing meeting of the Club
just before Election. Mr Fuller at
the close said Gentlemen I would like
the Military men present if any to remain
as I wish Officers for our Grand Parade
I am a Military man and remained
with a large number of others - I do

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not just Exactly know how it came
about but Mr Fuller appointed me
to the Chief Command as Colonel
Commanding. It was rather a hurried
affair. I called a meeting of the Military
men and I selected my Captains
Etc - the parade to the Cooper Union
was a Grand Success. Next did I see so
large a body of Lapman more so promptly
it was splendid. My reason
for introducing myself to you is simply
this - I am a scotchman. I am
out of Employment - and have been
for a long time. I thought I would
write you and ask you to give me
something to do. I know you can do it
if you will - I am a Christian man and
honest, upright, truthful, a reliable
in all things - and am willing to do anything
no matter how small for the maintenance
of my family - will you be kind enough to

give the matter a thought. I will be very
grateful for anything - will you kindly
write me in answer am greatly
obliged.

I am

Yours & Dear friend

Truly & Sincerely yours

James J. Heatson

408. 3d. Ave

My reference will be

Gen A. C. Barnes

President Astor Place Bank

527 E 72nd St.

New York Oct. 5/97

Hon. Wm L. Strong, Esq.
Mayor.

Dear Sir: -

I take the Liberty of addressing
you, because necessity Compels
me to & I trust you will not
leave this appeal go in vain.

When you reviewed the 8th Regiment
last week of whom I have the
Honor to be a member, it occurred
to me, that perhaps you might do
something for me & when I

spoke to the Mayor about it, he
advised me to write you.

I have been out of work for

nearly a year & my family
Consisting of my wife & 5 children
are in a condition, pitiable to
say the least. Tomorrow I
must vacate my rooms & I
have neither the means to secure
other rooms, nor even to pay for
a wagon to remove our few things.
With all this, I do not ask
pecuniary aid. I would like
to get work at any thing so as to
earn a living. I hope,
your House will take this into
consideration & do something
for me. I assure you you will
not lose my gratitude.

Truly yours
Joseph H. Robinson
527 E 72

New York April 29th 91.

Dear Sir.

I take the liberty of writing a few lines to you asking a favor, if you would kindly write a letter for me for the Third Avenue Rail Road Co. in the repair shop. I am a machinist, and would like a steady position as I have been out of employment a long time being the only support of my old mother. I would like to help my mother in her old days and therefore would like a steady position. I am twenty-five years old, sober and steady worker. Please grant me the favor by doing something for me, so I can keep the

house going.

Respectfully

Emanuel Pipher
464-11th Avenue
N. Y. C.

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New York, November 15th, 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor New York City

Sir:

Being aware that the vacancy for Battalion Chief in the N. Y. Fire Department will shortly be filled, we feel it a pleasing duty to call your attention to the name of Captain John Binns for this position, and to respectfully request that you take under consideration the magnificent record he has made for himself during his seventeen years service in the Fire Department of New York.

We have been intimately acquainted with Captain Binns during the twelve years of his captaincy of Hook and Ladder Company No. 10 and aside from being a holder of the Bennett medal for bravery, we have known of his competency and meritorious work on many other occasions which his record must certainly show.

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New York, 189

In recommending Captain ~~Elms~~ to your judgment we are voicing the sentiments of a great many other property holders of this locality, who, while they would deplore the loss of so valuable an officer to Hook and Ladder No. 10, feel that his promotion would be a decided acquisition to the Fire Department of New York City and would enable him to use his efficiency to better serve the interests of a greater number of people.

Thanking you in advance for whatever consideration you may feel inclined to give to these few remarks, we remain

yours respectfully,

H. P. Sampers

New York City, Feb. 8th., 1897. 189

Mayor of New York City.

The undersigned a citizen of the United States, and of the State of New York, over the age of twenty-one years, residing in the City and County of New York, at corner of Southern Boulevard & Westchester Ave. in said city, by profession a Real Estate and Insurance Agent and Broker, respectfully solicits his appointment to the office of Commissioner of Deeds for the States of Louisiana and Georgia.

Your obedient servant.

Geo. E. Murray
D. H. Laing
Gustavo L. Jewell

OFFICE OF
WILLIS LEE SAWYER,
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE,
39 CORTLANDT STREET.

New York City, March 5th., 1897. 189

Hon. Job E. Hedges, Secretary,
Office of the Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your esteemed favor of the 4th inst., I beg to advise you that I wrote to the governor of one of the states and was advised that I would have to apply to the Governor of my own State; that upon receiving notice from him they would forward me a commission and instructions.

I then applied to the Secretary of State, and enclose you herewith his reply. As you may notice all he requires is a recommendation by the Mayor of this City, then my application will be acted upon by the State Officer.

I trust his Honor can see his way clear to grant my request.

Thanking you in advance for the favor asked, I remain,

Yours respectfully,,

W. L. Sawyer

STATE OF NEW YORK,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
ALBANY.

January 25th 1897

Willis ^{Lee} Sawyer, Esq.,
39 Cortland Street,
New York City.

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WILLIS LEE SAWYER

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of January 23rd to the Secretary of State, I would reply that it is our usual custom in this office to have a recommendation from the Mayor of the City in which the applicant resides, and to this end I would ask you to send us a recommendation from Mayor Strong.

I would further state that we do not grant a recommendation in bulk to all states and territories, but if you will designate which states you are most anxious of becoming a commissioner of deeds in, we will be pleased to forward the said recommendation to you at the earliest convenience of this office.

Very truly yours,

George Curtis Bradwell
COLONEL AND MILITARY SECRETARY.

M.S.....H.
~~Newberry~~
~~Allen~~
~~Washington~~
~~Louisiana~~

Finance Department,

Office of the Receiver of Taxes,

No. 57 Chambers Street,

New York, March 8th 1897

Hon William L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York

Dear Sir,

My son-in-law Mr Willis
Lee Sawyer has made application to
you for an approval of request to
Governor to appoint him or aid in
his appointment as a Commissioner
for the State.

If you can consistently do
so, I would greatly appreciate the
compliment.

Very sincerely
David E. Atwater.

241 EAST SEVENTEENTH STREET
STUYVESANT SQUARE

Dec 16/97

To Mayor Stuy

Dear Sir:

I called on you on Tuesday last with reference to the Vacant School Inspectorship in the 12th Dist, caused by the resignation of Mr Sherman.

I recommended the appointment of Mr John E. Cowdin, which appeared to meet with your approval. On leaving, you mentioned something about having Mr Cowdin call at your office. It occurs to me now that perhaps you wished

me to ask Mr. Cowdin to
wait on you as this view is
strengthened by the fact that
Mr. Cowdin has not heard
from you - Will you kindly
let me know if I am to
take any further steps in
the matter -

Regretting to cause you
any trouble at this very
busy season in yr office, I am

Yours Very Truly

Rudolph E. Schirmer

School Inspector 12th Dist

Mr. John E. Cowdin's
address is 13 Gramercy Park

A. H. Schoff & Co.

54 Worth Street,

New York, April 16th, 1897.

A. H. Schoff.
A. H. Schoff.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong:-

Mayor of the City of New-York.

Dear Sir.

By the advice of some of the leading men in the Dry Goods trade, I have gone to work, through the Alderman of my District, and drawn up a regular form of application, for the Police Commissioner-ship, to become vacant, by the resignation of the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt; and secured the signatures of all the County Committee; and also those of a number of leading citizens who know me, and are willing to vouch for my character and capacity.

This application I left at your house, on Wednesday evening. Among the signatures, are those of Messrs. W. E. Webb; of Dunham, Buckley & Co:-Lowell Lincoln, of Catlin & Co:-Col. C. B. Mitchell, of Wilmerding, Morris & Mitchell:-Edward Dewey, of Browning, King & Co:-Henry B. Fischer, the Piano Manufacturer:-Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Robinson, Real Estate owners, of West 135th St:-Mr. W. A. Hoe, the Builder:-and others. Messrs. A. D. Juillard, George Whitman, Arthur Sullivan, Seth Milliken, and Woodbury Langdon, also said that they would see you personally, in regard to me, as they had promised not to sign any applications to you. It seems to me that a good business man, would fill the bill, for that place, as well as, or perhaps better, than another lawyer. Trusting my application will receive your *consider-*

ation, I am,

Very Respectfully, Yours.

A. H. Chaff.

56 North St.

Room 59.

April 18th, 1897.

Mayor of the City of New-York.

Dear Sir,

By the advice of some of the leading men in the Dry Goods trade, I have gone to work, through the Alderman of my District and drawn up a regular form of application, for the Police Commissioner-ship, to become vacant, by the resignation of the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt; and secured the signatures of all the County Commissioners; and also those of a number of leading citizens who know me, and are willing to vouch for my character and capacity. Among this application I left at your house, on Wednesday evening. Among the signatures, are those of Messrs. W. E. Webb; of Durham, Buckley & Co.; Lowell Lincoln, of Catlin & Co.; G. B. Mitchell, of Wilmerding, Morris & Mitchell; Edward Dewey, of Browning, King & Co.; Henry B. Fischer, the Piano Manufacturer; Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Robinson. Real Estate owners, of West 188th St.; Mr. W. A. Hoe, the Publisher; and others. Messrs. A. D. Julliard, George Whitman, Arthur Sullivan, Seth Miliken, and Woodbury Langdon, also said that they would see you personally, in regard to me, as they had promised not to sign any applications to you. It seems to me that a good business man, would fill the bill, for that place, as well as, or perhaps better, than another lawyer. Trusting my application will receive your

1431 Tioga Street.

Philadelphia, Sept 12th 1897.

Hon W. L. Strong, Mayor

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of
addressing you as an old Dry Goods Merchant
with whom I did considerable business some
years ago at Troy, N.Y. and perhaps you
may remember me as a friend and frequent
visitor of the Wilsons at Norwalk.

I have met with reverses since that time
and now find myself with a large family
and very limited means. I am anxious to
find some Employment to relieve my necessities
and would, most respectfully, ask for some position
in your City that would give me the much needed
relief. Hoping this appeal may meet with
a favorable response I remain

Very Respectfully Yours

J. Van Schoonhoven

SCHEFER, SCHRAMM & VOGEL,

476 & 478 BROOME ST.

P. O. BOX 798.

CABLE ADDRESS,

SCHEFERCO, NEW YORK.

NEW YORK,

September 23rd 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong

Dear Sir

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Ans 24/97

I take the liberty to request you to suggest my name to be placed on the Grand Jury list. I have been a petty juror for many years and this duty often seriously interferes with my business.

My firm is probably known to you and if any personal reference is desirable, Mr. William Iselin of W. Iselin & Co, Mr. Cooley of Cooley Turrebull & Co or Mr. George Victor of Frost Victor & Achelis know all about me. I also happen to belong to the Merchants Club of which you have been a member for so many years.

I would have presented this request in person, did I not know that your time is very much taken up and not desiring to importune you I put my request in writing.

Yours very truly
W. Schramm

New York 12/23/94

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Your Honor

Dear Sir

Having read in Yesterdays World that you are interested in the defense of securing employment of the unemployed I would or will give an example of my troubles in this line I have been out of work for the last three months trying every way and thing trying advertisements and everything without success and

have almost to say
given my dollar to
an employment agen-
cy in an endeavor
to get employment
but without success.
But the most part-
icular Your Honor
I would like you
to look into is this
case of thievery and
robbery of employment
agencies and have
their licenses revoked
as they promise to get
a position for a person
but instead keep on
bluffing along until
a person gets sick and
tired of them same
as I am. I have paid
a dollar to an agency
calling itself the Greater
New York Employment
Agency at 238 E 14 St
And I think it rank-
est kind of swindle
their terms are \$1⁰⁰/₁₀₀
per Register and 10
Cent of one Months
And at all you would
only at the highest get
a Months work which
I as well as any other
man think who is will-
ing to work is better
than nothing and can
in the mean time look

for some other position and have not heard from them yet with any success. I always thought these agencies do or have got to do but legitimate business but I see otherwise. Your Honor as I see you are a promoter in N. Y. A. for the conditions of the Poor and unemployed otherwise and have also the power of revoking licenses in such cases as the one mentioned above as you know as well as I do that I am not the only one out of some probably

50.th 000 people been swindled by these agencies. I think this would be a great obstacle out of the way for the poor unfortunate who seeking for work without asking the aid of one or charity and think as I have and they get swindled out of their money and many would bring action against these agencies if they had the money and were not in such necessary need of maintaining their few pennies. I think when this great evil is done away with and have free employ-

ment offices from the government the people will at least not get cheated out of their few pennies which they need otherwise but the eagerness to get work of work and other is to great and more so for married men with families Hoping you will look into this as I have met several parties who have also been duped but from the many One certain thing is uncinous and every if you do not interfere are not only from with them the Mayor Republicans also or Officials of 1898 from all people who will surely not inter- are in sympathy with

here and as you are the only Mayor who has so nobly come to the front to help the poor unfortunates, people who are out wise you will always be respected more than ever any other Mayor was for will be not only from us poor devils but from the many if you do not interfere are not only from with them the Mayor Republicans also from all people who are in sympathy with

the labor question
and will get more
praise than Tammany
Hall is trying to beat
into the hearts of the
people by trying to give
coal and money. To close
their mouths.

I remain Yours Truly,

~~James Schuyler~~
I only want work.

P.S. I can do something
that all of them
in the line of getting a young
Industrious Bright man a
position as porter or driver
or as Messenger or something
in that line in a give a gover-
ment position or a position as
clerk in hospital or house my
former business. Am the only
supporter of an old mother who is sick

New York, Feb'y 6/97
Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Mayor City New York
Dear Sir: —

This letter is
addressed to you for
the purpose of making
known my desire to
become a patrolman
of the New York and
Bklyn Bridge and
asking your aid in
getting an appointment.
I am a man
of about five foot ten

inches tall, well
proportioned, speak
German and English
perfectly and believe
I can qualify and
meet the requirements.

At present
I am employed
on the bridge in
the capacity of
gateman and can
refer you to my
superiors.

Being aware
of no political in-
fluence I take it
upon myself to
make application
to you with many

apologies for so doing
and respectfully trust-
ing you will give
this your valuable
attention I am very
respectfully

Fried^x Schwarze
109 East 89th
City