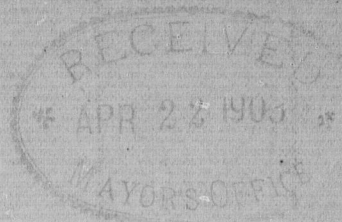


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New York, April 21st, 1903.

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W. J. C.

Hon. Seth Low,  
Mayor Greater New York,  
City Hall,  
New York.

My dear Sir:-

Being interested in the "Two Platoon System for the Firemen"

*me*

I take this opportunity of placing the matter before you.

As you are aware, the hotels of New York need greater protection, and with the system above referred to, feel it would enable them to give better service and therefore benefit all concerned.

We sincerely hope you will use your best efforts to make it become a law.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Coyne*

( C O P Y )

82 Wall Street.

Mr. Frederick H. Cowles,

99 John St.,

New York.

My dear Mr. Cowles :-

I am heartily in favor of the two platoon firemen's bill, No. 827. I do not understand how the city can secure the best service from men who are on duty continuously.

It would appear to me that it would be for the best interest of the fire department, as well as a humane act, that this bill be approved and become a law.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Henry M. Post.

April 21st.



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NEW YORK April 21, 1903,

Honorable Seth Low,  
Mayor of New York City,  
City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. F. H. Cowles, I am writing you with reference to bill No. 827 for two platoons in the Fire Department in the City of New York. The terms in this bill appear to me to be reasonable and meritorious and would prove to my mind to be of benefit not only to the property owners of New York but also to the Fire Department as well: the present system being unnecessarily severe.

I am,

Very truly yours,

*Walter Merrall*

WILLIAM A. LOCKWOOD.  
COUNSELOR AT LAW.  
MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING,  
26 LIBERTY STREET,

NEW YORK CITY,.....April 21st,.....190 3

Hon. SETH LOW,  
Mayor,  
City Hall,  
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to state that I have considered the Firemen's Platoon Bill introduced this session before the State Legislature, and believe the enactment of this bill as law would result in benefit not only to the firemen themselves but to the municipality. There seems no question but that men who are required to work so continuously as are firemen at present, cannot give the same degree of efficient service as under provisions of the amended bill, by which regular sleep would be accorded them.

Yours respectfully,

*William A. Lockwood*



( C O P Y )

R. A. Cowles,  
99 John Street,  
New York.

April 21, 1903.

Mr. F. H. Cowles,  
99 John Street, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to bill No. 827, introduced in the Legislature by Mr. Weber. I am of opinion that the change contemplated will be a decided improvement over the present system, which certainly works great injustice to the firemen of this city. I am thoroughly in favor of the Two Platoon system, which simply means a change to which these faithful servants of the municipality are entitled, and I hope it will go through.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R. A. Cowles.

( C O P Y )

Cleveland H. Dodge,  
New York.

99 John Street.

April 21, 1903.

My dear Mr. Cowles :-

I thank you for calling my attention to  
Assembly Bill #827, which I have read with great interest.

I have personally come in contact, more or less,  
with the members of the Fire Department, and have always  
been much interested in their welfare. It seems to me that  
the organization of the department into two bodies, or  
platoons, would be most advantageous to the men in the  
department, and that the result would be very beneficial  
to the city.

I have carefully studied the bill and heartily ap-  
prove of the proposed changes, which I sincerely trust may  
be approved by the city administration.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Cleveland H. Dodge.

F. H. Cowles, Esq.,

99 John St., City.



( C O P Y )

FLOWER & CO.

45 Broadway,

New York, April 21, 1903.

Mr. F. H. Cowles,

99 John Street,

New York City.

My dear Fred :-

In reference to your communication of the 21st inst., I am pleased to advise you that I have carefully examined Mr. Weber's bill No. 827, advocating the two platoon system for the New York Fire Department. The features of this bill appear to be meritorious, and I believe the changes suggested in the measure would be of advantage to the city, as well as the men themselves, thus in establishing regular hours of labor, regulating the hours of sleep and meals of the firemen, thus doing away with a condition of affairs which now exists and appears to be inhuman.

Hoping you are enjoying the best of health,

I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) N. M. Flower.

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*The Liberty National Bank*

*New York,* April 21, 1903.

Honorable Seth Low,  
Mayor, City of New York.

Sir:--

I am familiar with the features embodied in Bill No. 827, presented by Mr. Weber. The features of this Bill appear meritorious and I believe will operate to the advantage of the city, as well as the firemen themselves. The present system appears unnecessarily severe, and by over-taxing energies it weakens the efficiency of the Department, in my opinion.

Respectfully yours,





# The Flushing Association

Incorporated

Flushing, Queens Borough

Flushing, N. Y., April 21, 1903. 190

Hon. Seth Low  
N. Y. City

Dear Sir:--

At a regular meeting of this Association held to-night, the following motion was unanimously carried:

That, This, the Flushing Association, place itself on record, as favoring the passage of the pending or any other bill providing for the payment of assessments for local improvements, in five annual installments.

I would respectfully call this to your ~~CONSIDERATION~~ attention for your serious consideration,

Yours very truly,

C. M. Lowes

Corresponding Secretary.

Hon. Seth Low:

*Job*

The life of a fireman being a very perilous and dangerous one, and whereas the legislature and senate of our State have recently passed a bill which entitles them to regulation of hours of duty, and also will give them humane treatment, and an opportunity to become more acquainted with their family, and freinds, and there is no doubt in my mind, it will be of more advantage in protecting the life and property of the citizens of this City. I the undersigned citizen, do earnestly request your honor to attach your signature to this bill. 2 Platoon.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

*Henry Weiss*  
*my W/135-28*

*Cashier*  
*Ludwig Pannman* *VE*



Hon. Seth Low:

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*David Ehrlich*  
65 Lenox Ave.

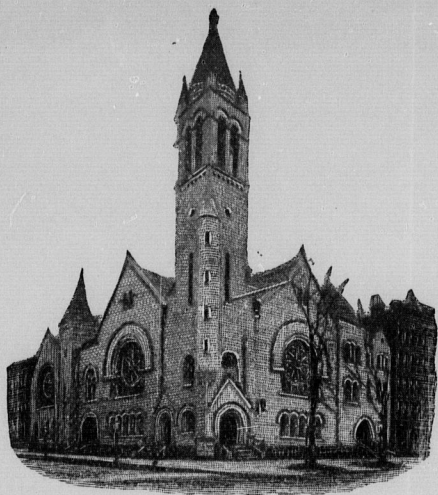
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Thanking you in advance, I remain,

*Charles S. Sweeney*  
27 West 118 St.  
N.Y. City.





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GEORGE MILTON FOWLES, ASSISTANT PASTOR.

NEW YORK CITY,

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April 22 1903

The Hon Seth Low:-

My dear Sir,

Permit me to express my sympathy with the firemen in their effort to obtain a change of hours of service. What is known as the "Two Platoons" Bill is before me as I write. It seems to me from my standpoint that the arrangement would work well. It certainly would give the firemen what they do not now have, an opportunity to spend some time with their families in waking hours every day. If it can be put in operation without injury to other interests I surely favor it.

Respectfully Willis P. Odell

GRINITY PARISH,  
St. Chrysostom's Chapel, Clergy Rooms,  
7TH AVENUE. COR. 39TH STREET.

NEW YORK,

April 22 1903.

My dear Mr Low -

My friends at the 47<sup>th</sup> N. Fire  
Engine House are very anxious that  
the "Two Platoon Bill" - for which you are  
to give a Public Hearing tomorrow - should  
have your signature - The merits of  
the Bill are very plain - giving the men  
time enough to get to their homes and  
back again - that they may see their  
families and get a decent meal and  
rest - I commend their wishes and  
anxieties to your kind favor and re-  
main -

Yours very sincerely -  
Thos. Henry Hill



ACKNOWLEDGED

APR 7 - 1903

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Hotel Wadsworth

Harlem, New York

April. 6. 1903.

Hon. Seth Low.

My dear Mr. Low.

Permit me.

As an Episcopal Clergyman,  
a member of this Diocese, in  
active work to ask you, your  
favourable consideration in  
granting the Two Platoon  
system of our five Departments  
hoping you may view the  
matter in this light.

Trusting you

Very faithfully

(Rev) J. M. A. Sharp. (Ph.D.)

*Jolo*

St. Thomas Aquinas Church,  
110 St. And. Harts  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

April 9 - 1903.

RECEIVED  
W. J. M.  
APR 7 1903

To His Honor, the Mayor of New York:

Dear Sir:

I desire to place myself on record as favoring the Two Platforms System for the Fire Department of New York City. It will protect city property better than the present system, in my judgment, and give the firemen more time to attend to their religious duties.

Very Respectfully Yours  
Samuel Donohoe C. S. D.



Job. B. Klyns. April 18<sup>th</sup> 1903.  
To the Hon. Seth Low.

Mayor -

New York City.

Sir  
Being a member of the  
New York City Fire Dept for  
a little more than five years,  
I beg to ask of the Honorable  
Seth Low, Mayor of New York  
City, as a man of justice  
for a humane cause, in regard  
to a change of system in the

(3)  
Also in regard to our duty, I must  
state that it is beyond nature of  
man, to be on duty 24 hrs a day  
in which I must perform fire  
duty, in which I receive one  
meal a day, ~~cost~~ consisting  
of three hrs in which time  
I see my family <sup>(of children)</sup> once in every  
ten days, when I come home  
to my meal I only see my wife  
one short half hour as I  
must get back to duty  
at the moment my time  
is up. My children are what  
I might say Fatherless, just

(2)  
New York City Fire Dept, in  
which about you are to decide  
upon, I beg of you to consider  
the case, in which I can  
state truly and honestly  
the following facts.

That the City is increasing  
the duty of a fireman is  
increasing, and nothing decreasing  
as we have now days, not small  
building to handle, in case of  
fire but larger and most danger-  
ous, of any city in the U. S.



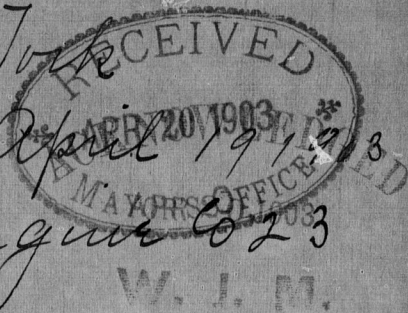
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think what it is for advance  
to see his children once in  
every ten days, I have prayed  
and asked the God above  
to kindly teach and asked  
themselves to reason to gether  
for a just and humane cause  
and I really do believe that  
if any person employed by  
the City should have justice  
shown is the members of the  
New York City Fire Dept.  
Hoping that you will give  
this your approval;

Yours Very Respectfully  
A New York Fireman

11th Bat.

New York  
• Feb  
Quarters of Engineer Co 23  
To Honorable Mayor



Sir I beg leave of you  
in behalf of humanity to  
sign the Divine Two  
Platoon Bill now before  
you for your consideration  
My reasons for asking for  
same are innumerable



No 3  
Seeing Them, Your Honor  
This morning at breakfast  
one of my little ones asked  
me a question which if  
Your Honor heard it would  
not blame me for ~~asking~~  
breaching you to sign  
our bill. This is the question  
Papa do you live here?

Ma does. Do you have  
to live in the Fire House  
all the time.

hoping this letter will meet with  
Your due consideration

No 2  
One of my reasons is  
I have no chance to attend  
to my religious duties which  
every Christian should be  
forthmost in more over I  
have been blessed with a  
family of 6 children I don't  
know whether it my good  
luck or misfortune. I have  
but 20<sup>to 30</sup> minutes to spend  
in my wife and family's  
company twice a day should  
they be at school or abroad  
I have a slim chance of

I remain

Your obedient  
servant

Cornelius J. Duggan

Acting Engineer

Engine Co 23

235 West 5th St

Borough of Manhattan





New York City  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1903

Mayor Seth Low

Honorable Sir

I respectfully request  
that you will <sup>give</sup> carefull consideration  
to the Fireman's 2 Platoon bill  
I am an engineer in the  
Fire Department. I have not  
been idle my prospects are  
bright. for I have invented a  
Perfect Rotary engine and

of the other also  
the danger of contagion  
from diseases, etc.  
you might agree  
why do I not do that  
better and give the position  
up. I answer I am going to  
as soon as possible

Also there are half  
the company off every day to meals  
or days off and it will be possible  
to do the charge as it is.  
about the discipline and  
ability of the freemen it  
will be better so placed.

I have a company  
and am building  
new engines

But I wish you  
to know the disadvantages  
of being continually in a stable  
under some contemptible officer  
who secured their position through  
Farrington Hall and who  
sought to force the freemen  
into him with their politics  
and who give their favorites  
all the time and pleasure  
of the position to the detriment



yourself in one  
position and  
see if you will  
not believe me  
as a Republican and  
an American I hope  
you will do justice  
to us and yourself

Yours truly  
Hugh C. Dunn  
230 East 87<sup>th</sup> St  
Cliff

\*

169 Myrtle Ave.  
City-

Helo  
Hon. Seth Low:  
Dear Sir:

As a citizen  
who realizes not only how much  
benefit I receive from the services  
of our "Firemen", but also the  
manifold dangers our "Firemen"  
are daily and nightly exposing  
themselves to, I ask you to take  
into kindly consideration the  
bill recently passed in their  
favor.

Yours sincerely,  
M. J. Magan



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New York

State congress Knights of Labor have endorsed firemens 2 Platoon  
bill, and ask you to sign it.

Timothy Healy;

President



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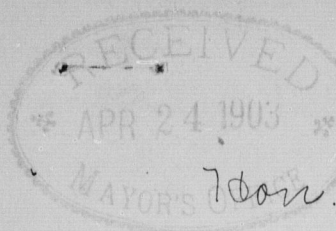
**CLARENCE H. MACKAY,**  
President.



168 So. Third St.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

April 23, 1903



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ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir:-

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It is with much regret that I read of the scene which occurred at the hearing of the Two Platoon bill for the Firemen of this city. As a veteran in this service for over thirty years, without a charge against me, I think I can speak with some knowledge of this department, and when I say you ought to veto that bill, I am sure I voice the sentiment of every honest man in and out of the service. All this sentimental talk, is not about the hardships, heart disease losing life etc., Life Insurance statistics show that firemen are a good risk, compared with Painters, Bridgemen, Railroad men and others employed at dangerous occupations. If any of these men, outside of the city employed, meet with an accident every one knows what the result is thrown out of employment and loss of salary etc.

What argument have the Firemen to use for the munificent salary which they receive when they

take away the long hours and the danger attached to their calling? There is not one out of every ten of them, who could go, in the labor market to-day. Then look at the way we are favored, compared, with the average man.

a life position if cared for no matter what party in power, for my experience has been all so called trouble in this service, has been brought on by the individual. I have worked under superiors of all shades of Politics and Religion, and was never abused, or acted, other than manly.

Then the man who has received actual injuries in the service, is cared for and to give you an idea, how often this happens, that a man is maimed for life, there is about ten men in the entire city, for the last twenty years. Then which when sick if not too long, no deduction in pay. The other good things connected with the department, which appears in print you know all about. But there are a number of favors granted, which the average citizen knows nothing about and no



honest truthful man in the service  
can deny it. It may seem strange  
that I write this way, but I always  
like the truth, and am seeking  
no favors, although the worst  
injured men in the service to-day.  
I am thankful that I was in the  
service of the city, when I received  
it and if Commissioner sees fit to  
dispense with my service, I would be  
ungrateful if I said I had not been  
treated with a just consideration.

Very respectfully

Joseph M. McCormick  
Foreman Detailed

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Fordham, N.Y. Apr 23 1903

Honorable Mayor City of New York  
Dear Sir

We trust that your Honor will favorably consider the Firmin's two Platoon Bice when you receive it for your kind consideration. They have long hours for duty under the present system, and should have more time to spend with their families. Trusting that the Bice will meet with your approbation.

We remain

Yours very truly  
Boyd & Mulcahy



Brooklyn April 23-03

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To The Hon. Seth Low;

Dear Sir:

My attention having been called to the "bill" in behalf of shorter hours for the firemen of our city, I deem it my duty to urge its sanction by your Honor.

No class of men are more surely to be found at post of duty or more responsive to the imperilled property and life of the city than these men.

I believe the higher interests of the city; of the men and their homes life will be conserved by your favorable consideration of the "bill" - now in your hands.

Respectfully

F. G. Howell

Caring Andrew M. E. Church

95 Richmond St.





TELEPHONE  
1937 18TH STREET



# Citizens Union of the City of New York.

*2 platoon.*

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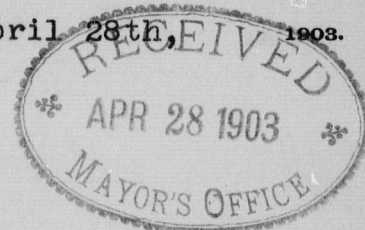
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THOS. A. FULTON, *Secretary*

HEADQUARTERS, 34 UNION SQUARE EAST, NEW YORK.

April 28th, 1903.



Hon. Seth Low,

Mayor of New York City.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Committee of the Citizens Union, the following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, The requirement that members of the uniformed force of the Fire Department shall be on duty twenty-one out of every twenty-four hours is detrimental to the moral, mental and physical welfare of the men, and deprives them of their right to enjoy the wholesome and humanizing influences of domestic life, and

"WHEREAS, In order that men may be able to properly meet the supreme exigencies, which are the almost daily experiences of a fireman's career in preserving life and property from destruction, every means should be employed to develop and strengthen their physical soundness and moral stamina; and

"WHEREAS, we believe an essential requirement of such a policy is reduction of the present hours of duty, which would in our judgment serve the interests of the City, no less than those of our fellow citizens of the Fire Department; be it

"RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the Citizens Union that the 'Two Platoon System' or some other better system, if it can be devised, should be established in the Fire Department of New York





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HEADQUARTERS, 34 UNION SQUARE EAST, NEW YORK,

1903.

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City, and it is further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to  
Mayor Low and Fire Commissioner Sturgis."

Yours respectfully,

*Thos A Fulton*

Secretary.



Ninety-eight Second Place,  
Brooklyn, New York.



Hon Seth Low  
Mayor:

Feb

Referring again to the Fireman's two Platoon bill, since I saw you this morning I have had a conversation with a gentleman who is particularly well informed in political matters, and that conversation suggests to me to ask you, does it not seem possible in view of the fact that Governor Odell procured the killing of the ~~three~~ Platoon bill in Committee, and permitted if he did not aid the passage of the Fireman's two platoon bill, and that it has been currently reported that the Governor favored this bill, and would if the Mayor approved it, give it his approval that there is more politics in it, than appears on its face.

Seth Low twice elected Mayor of the Democratic City of New York is the logical candidate of the party for governor at the next election and after that?

I am with high regard  
Yours very truly Robt Avery

~~nothing~~



Hon Seth Low Mayor.

City Hall. New York

Sir: Most respectfully I urge  
your approval and signature  
favoring the "Weber Platoon  
Bill" for the New York Fire Dept.  
With all deference to the  
Hon Fire Commissioners  
to much stress should  
not be laid upon his  
opposition in the face of  
the approval of conservative  
business men who have



from that of New York  
Chief Executive and to  
whom all eyes are  
now turned in the  
uniformed force.

My interests are in no  
way connected with the  
dept other than that  
which has naturally sprung  
from association with the  
men and their families.

The benefits which will  
result from your favorable  
consideration will be  
impartially given to the  
city and the men. I am

Respectfully Frederick H. Bozels

99 John St. N.Y. City

The firemen, Your Honor,  
have placed their confidence  
in your just  
disposition of their welfare,  
their wives & children, poor  
things, had quite given  
up hope until the recent  
action of this legislative  
body. Therefore, it will  
not I trust be presumption  
on my part in advancing  
an opinion which differs  
so materially from the  
Hon Fire Commissioner's  
but not, it is to be hoped,



give me their signatures  
in approval of the Platoon  
Bill. I refer hereto •  
Mr E. C. Converse of  
The American Steel Co. Mr  
Arthur Curtis James of  
Phelps Dodge & Co. N. M. Horn  
of Flower & Co. Bankers.  
Mr Merrill of Acker Merrill  
& Bondit. Mr Fort of  
The Western Electric Co. Mr  
A. A. Coccles. Pres of  
The Ausonia Brass & Copper  
and many others representing  
over one hundred million  
of dollars business interests