

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS AGAIN RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, March 22, 1897. *Hon. JOHN JEROLOMAN, President, Board of Aldermen:*

DEAR SIR - The experience of the past year in constructing sewers in certain sections of Fifth avenue, in advance of the laying of two lines of large water-mains and the repaving of the carriageway with asphalt, has shown the necessity, in the interest of public safety and convenience, of fencing off the sewer trenches and the excavated material from part of the carriageway. I therefore caused the form of a contract and specifications to be drawn, providing for 4,000 lineal feet of proper fence, and had the contract advertised for public letting, which was held on the 18th instant. At this letting two bids were received—one at 40 cents per lineal foot, aggregating \$1,600, and the other at 55 cents, aggregating \$2,200—but it was ascertained that through some inadvertence in the office of the CITY RECORD the advertisement for the contract was omitted one day of the ten required by law. Everything is in readiness for the rapid construction of the sewers, to be immediately followed by the placing of the water-mains and the laying of the pavement. It has been my constant endeavor to minimize the time and extent of obstructing the great thoroughfare on account of these works to the lowest possible limit, and I earnestly ask the co-operation of your Board in that effort. This co-operation can be given if the Board will, at its next meeting, adopt a resolution authorizing me to make a contract for the fence at a price not to exceed the lowest bid received at the letting of the 18th instant, without readvertisement and reletting, as prescribed by section 64 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, thus obviating a delay or interruption of several weeks in the prosecution of the entire work on the avenue.

I inclose a draft of a resolution conferring the requisite authority, and respectfully urge its prompt adoption.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to make, without advertising and public letting, as prescribed by section 64 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, a contract for four thousand lineal feet of fence, to be used in the construction of sewer on Fifth avenue for the purpose of fencing off the sewer trench and material from the open part of the carriageway for the safety and convenience of public travel; the price to be paid for said fence not to exceed the price named for the same in the lowest bid or proposal received at a public letting on March 18, 1897, to wit, forty cents per lineal foot.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

(G. O. 1400.)

Passed by Res. Feb 30 -

*Department of Public Works**Commissioner's Office**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York*, April 7, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

By letter of 22nd ultimo to the President of the Board of Aldermen, a copy of which, as published in the CITY RECORD of 25th ultimo, I herewith enclose, I requested the Board to pass a resolution to authorize me to make a contract, without public letting, for 4,000 lineal feet of fence, to be used in the construction of sewers on 5th Avenue in fencing off the sewer trenches and excavated material from the open part of the carriage-way, at a price not exceeding the price named in the lowest bid for said fence (40 cents per lineal foot) received at public letting on the 18th ultimo, which bid, however, was defective in form. The object of obtaining this authority, as set forth in the letter to the Board of Aldermen, is to obviate the delays of readvertising, reletting, etc., and to remove that obstacle to the immediate and continuous progress of the work on 5th Avenue.

The resolution was adopted by the Board, and is now awaiting your action. I, therefore, respectfully and urgently ask your prompt approval of it.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Keells

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 7th 1897. *189*

My dear Mr. Mayor;

I enclose you a copy of the permit issued to the Metropolitan Street Railway Company for the change of motive power on Eighth Avenue. I would like you to put it in your pocket and read it at your leisure this evening. You will find that I have protected the City's interest in every conceivable way.

Yours very truly,

Charles D. T. Collins

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City.

*Department of Public Works**Commissioner's Office**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* April 9, 1897.Copy.

Messrs Hastings and Gleason,
265 Broadway.

Dear Sirs:

In answer to your letter of February 2nd, received through the Mayor's office, requesting that this Department fully comply with the order of the Supreme Court, requiring the removal of all obstructions from the sidewalk in front of the premises known as the Astor House, I beg to say that the Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that he was not aware that the goods were again being displayed on the sidewalks of the Astor House property, and, upon receipt of your letter, he ordered the removal of everything found at the place designated.

The majority of the obstructions were found at Doyle's, N. W. corner of Vesey Street and Broadway, consisting of one large show-case and contents, eleven leather bags and one trunk. From No 3 Astor House three trunks were removed, and from Nos 4 and 6 Astor House a show-case and contents and a sign were removed.

Doyle has persistently defied this Department by replacing his goods every time a seizure was made at his place. He has openly repudiated the order of the Court to compel this Department to remove and keep removed continuously all goods, wares and merchandise placed there.

He has falsely accused the inspectors of the Bureau of Incumbrances of resorting to harsh means in the discharge of their duty, and, as a last resort, I have asked the Police Department to station an officer at Doyle's place of business, with instructions to arrest him or any of his employees who may be detected in the act of placing goods outside said premises contrary to law and in violation of the writ of mandamus which is still in force.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to
the Mayor for his information as
requested.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 9th 1897. 189

My dear Mr. Mayor;

The J.L. Mott Iron Works have presented to the City, through this Department, a bronze drinking fountain, raised to a height to suit bicycle riders, to be placed upon the Boulevard, which I have accepted; and would respectfully suggest that the acknowledgment of the same be made through you to them.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Charles A. T. Collins

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,*

Copy.

New York, April 13, 1897.

D. M. Durell, Esq.,

234 Washington Street.

Dear Sir:

I have received through the Mayor's office your letter to him of 5th inst., complaining that fruit and produce dealers store their goods on the sidewalks in Reed and Washington Streets the same as in days of old when the wardman was paid for this privilege.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that, upon investigation, it was found that the goods complained of were placed on the sidewalk in transit, and consequently it is not within the province of this Department to remove them. No evidence could be procured that the goods were kept on the sidewalks permanently or even for an unreasonable time.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to
the Mayor for his information as
requested.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,*

New York, April 19, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

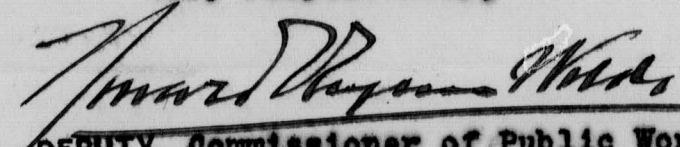
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

Replying to the letter of 13th inst. from your office, informing me of a hearing to-day on Assembly Bill No 1,453, "to provide for laying additional water-mains and erecting additional pumping machines in the City of New York," I have the honor to state that the authority and the appropriation thereby conferred are very urgently needed to supercede the present old pumping machinery at the high service stations at West 98th Street and at High Bridge with more effective and more economical machinery, and to lay additional large water-mains in the 23rd and 24th Wards, to meet the demands for the supply to a rapidly increasing population.

I therefore respectfully ask your approval of the Bill.

Very respectfully,


DEPUTY Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 29, 1897

Copy.

Joseph Wetterer, Esq.,
70 West 100th Street.

Dear Sir:

I have received through the Mayor's office your letter of 17th inst., complaining of the condition of 100th Street west of the Central Park, and, in reply, I would say that your block is now under contract for asphalt repaving, and that the new pavement will be laid as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to the
Mayor for his information as requested.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

Copy .

New York, April 29, 1897

Thomas J. Brown, Esq.,
9 West 100th Street.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 11th inst. to the Mayor, complaining of the condition of 100th Street, west of Central Park, was referred to this Department, and, in reply, I beg to inform you that your block is now under contract for asphalt repaving and that the new pavement will be laid as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to the
Mayor for his information as requested.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 29, 1897. 189

My dear Sir;

Referring to Act. No. 1028, entitled "An Act relating to Ninth Avenue in the City of New York", which provides for the repaving of said Avenue with granite blocks from 14th to 16th Streets, I have no objection to interpose; on the contrary, I think this Avenue needs an absolutely new pavement.

Whether Section 2 sufficiently provides for the issue of bonds to defray the expense thereof, is not very clear, but of course that is a matter upon which the Counsel to the Corporation will advise you.

If the Bill becomes a law I shall consider it my duty to require the Railroad Company now using the street to lay the improved grooved girder rail adopted by this Department, in place of the present strap rail which so seriously interferes with public traffic.

Yours truly,

Charles A. D. Collins

Commissioner.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City.

Department of Public Works
Commissioner's Office

Copy.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 30, 1897

O. Ferguson, Esq.,

243 Lenox Avenue.

Dear Sir:

I have received through the Mayor's office your letter of 24th inst., complaining of the dirty condition of Lenox Avenue.

The Acting Superintendent of Streets reports that on the 22nd inst. all the available force of his Bureau was at work on the roads in the vicinity of Riverside Drive, to get them in good condition for the Grant Monument Inaugural Parade.

The labor involved in removing the dirt from Lenox Avenue is very great, but rapid progress is being made in the work.

The strip of asphalt between the rail-tracks is under the care of the Department of Street Cleaning.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to the
Mayor for his information, as requested.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 30, 1897

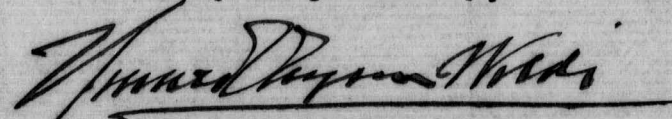
HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22nd inst., with a communication from the New York Stencil Company, 100 Nassau Street, complaining of hanging show-cases attached to the adjoining building.

In reply, I desire to inform you that a representative of the New York Stencil Company has called on the Superintendent of Incumbrances and stated that the letter addressed to you was not sent by him nor any one connected with that concern, but is a forgery. The Superintendent of Incumbrances has, therefore, taken no action on the complaint.

Very respectfully,


Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

May 4th 1897.

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Dear Sir;

If the Act now before you authorizing the repaving of Ninth Avenue, fails to provide that the expense thereof shall be met by a new issue of bonds, I desire to inform you that there is no fund at the disposal of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment from which it can be taken, without endangering other work of the same character requiring prior consideration.

It is not probable that there will be any attempt during the present year to change the motive power of the surface railway on this Avenue south of Seventieth Street, but if changed north of Seventieth Street, there will be a sufficient fund on hand to resurface that portion of the Avenue north of 70th Street which is chargeable to the City, and the portion south of Seventieth Street can be repaved at any future time without special legislation.

I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Charles H. T. Collins
Commr.

Hen. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, May 5, 1897

Copy.

A. Hendricks, Esq.,

24 West 75th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for reply your letter of April 28th to him, requesting that the order issued some time ago not to sprinkle asphalt pavement after 8 o'clock A. M. be modified or rescinded.

In reply, I beg to inform you that, in the interest of the public at large and for the convenience of public travel, it was found necessary and proper to issue the order in question, and it cannot now be modified or rescinded.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to the
Mayor for his information.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

No. 150 Nassau Street,

Copy.

New York, May 5, 1897

John Ihlefeld, Esq.,

952 8th Avenue.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to this Department for attention your letter of 20th ultimo, complaining of the stoppage of sprinkling on the 8th Avenue asphalt pavement after 8 o'clock A. M.

In reply, I have to state that Gen. Collis, Commissioner of Public Works, found it necessary and proper, in the interest of the public at large, and for the convenience of public travel, to issue an order on March 31st, 1897, prohibiting sprinkling on all asphalt pavements after 8 o'clock A. M.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to the
Mayor for his information.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, May 5, 1897

Copy.

Messrs H. H. Gordon and Co.,
55 Chambers Street.

Dear Sirs:

I have received through the Mayor's office for attention your letter of April 26th, complaining of the stoppage of sprinkling on the asphalt pavement on 8th Avenue after 8 o'clock A. M.

In reply, I beg to say that, in the interest of the public at large and for the convenience of public travel, this Department issued an order on March 31st, 1897, prohibiting sprinkling on all asphalt pavements after 8 o'clock A. M.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to
the Mayor for his information.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

May 8,

1897

Copy.

Albert Baer, Esq.,
Metropolitan Market,
119 Fifth Avenue.

Dear Sir:

I have received through the Mayor's office your complaint of May 1st, in reference to the obstruction of the front of your house at 19th Street and 5th Avenue with large granite blocks and sewer pipes.

The Engineer in charge of the improvements in progress on 5th Avenue reports that the material obstructing the street in front of your house has been removed.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to
the Mayor for his information.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

No. 150 Nassau Street,

Copy.

New York, May 11, *1897*

George H. Medeman, Esq.,
502 3rd Avenue.

Dear Sir:

I have received through the Mayor's office your request of April 16th for the removal of show-cases and goods from the sidewalk in front of your premises, No 502 3rd Avenue.

In reply, I would state that the Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the owner of the show-cases and goods complained of has removed them in compliance with a notice served on him through the Bureau of Incumbrances.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

**Respectfully transmitted to
the Mayor for his information.**

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioners Office.*

150 Nassau Street,

Copy.

New York,

May 17,

1897

Alfred Stevens, Esq.,
412 Madison Avenue.

Dear Sir:

I have received through the Mayor's office for attention your complaint regarding car-rails in front of your residence, and beg to inform you that the Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the rails have been removed by the owners--the Metropolitan Street Railway Co.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to the Mayor for his information as requested.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 22nd 1897. 189

My dear Mr. Mayor;

I understand that a Bill will come to you from Albany for your action relative to the location of a public bath.

I trust the selection of localities for these baths will be left to the discretion of this Department. If the precedent is established of regulating this by statute it will lead to unnecessary expense and favoritism.

Yours very truly,

Charles A. T. Collins

Commissioner.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 23rd 1897. 189

My dear Mr. Mayor;

I will assemble the working
force of this Department on Fifth Avenue from 65th
Street extending north, on Monday morning next, the
26th inst., at half past eight o'clock.

I particularly request that you will make
it convenient to come and look at them. I don't
think I shall detain you more than half an hour.

Will you kindly answer by bearer? I
would come over and talk to you about it, but am
exceedingly busy.

Yours very truly,

Charles H. T. Collins

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor's Office.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 26, 1897. 189

My dear Mr. Mayor;

I do not know how to sufficiently thank you for your great courtesy to me in the way of tickets. It has enabled me to pay off some obligations to people whose active cooperation in raising the monument fund I shall never forget.

I have just sent two tickets to Ex-Congressman Quinn, but for whose efforts the sacred remains might have been carried to Washington. He like a good many others seems to have been forgotten. It is not your fault however. Others familiar with the subject ought to have advised you, and if I had thought they would not do so, I should have taken occasion to have furnished you a list myself. However everybody says you have done splendidly, especially the old veterans.

Sincerely your friend,

Charles A. T. Collins

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

150 Nassau Street,

New York, April 30th 1897. 189

My dear Mr. Mayer;

I have given Mr. Graham directions to proceed at once with the work on the old police station house in 59th Street, though some other repairs have to suffer.

In order that the matter may be expedited, I will draw an ordinance to be passed by the Board of Aldermen, authorizing me to do the work for a sum not exceeding \$3,500 without advertising it. This will save about three weeks time.

Yours very truly,

Charles D. T. Collins

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

No. 450 Nassau Street,

New York, May 20th 1897. 189

PERSONAL.

My dear Mr. Mayor;

When you are going up town to-day or to-morrow, I wish you would take the following route, so that you may have an opportunity of seeing some of the work this Department has done and is now doing. I want you to see it while it is in a condition of change and before it is completed. Particularly, I want to call your attention to the fact that First Avenue when I came into office was the worst paved street in New York. It was impassable for any vehicle moving at a greater speed than a walk. I suggested to you that this entire Avenue should be asphalted, so as to give the east side good transportation facilities, and you promptly approved the suggestion. When you ride over First Avenue you will have an opportunity of seeing both the old and the new pavement, and unless you do it within the next few days you will miss the opportunity of seeing both at the same time.

Start at Houston Street & Second Avenue, and drive up Second Avenue to 22nd Street, then down 22nd Street to First Avenue, and along First Avenue to 91st Street; thence west on 91st Street to Fifth Ave., where you can get out of your carriage and take a look at the work on Fifth Avenue from 90th Street south. From that point you can drive through the Park home.

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I think this will be an object lesson which will give you
immense satisfaction.

Yours very sincerely,

Charles A. T. Collis

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City.

Broad Mouth
English Hawthorn
Bottle Sausage

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*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

Copy.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, May 20, 1897

John H. Davis, Esq.,
10 Wall Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has handed me your letter of May 18th, protesting against the rule prohibiting the sprinkling of asphalt pavements after 8 o'clock A. M. daily.

A large number of protests from people who drive horses and who own business wagons against constant sprinkling of the streets with water, required me to make a thorough investigation of the subject, and I found that the best interests of the City required that these asphalt pavements should be thoroughly flushed at night. This will be done by Col. Waring, and I think you will find that you will be freer from dust than you ever have been, because this flushing of water with great force will remove every particle of dust and manure from the streets which will not accumulate again to any great extent until the washing is resumed on the following or a subsequent night. The sprinkler lays the dust but does not remove it.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) CHARLES H. T. COLLIS,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to the
Mayor for his information, as requested.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioners Office.*

150 Nassau Street,

New York May 22, 1897

Mrs James C. O'Brien,
4 East 54th Street.

Dear Madam:

I have received through the Mayor's office and the Department of Street Cleaning your letters of May 11th and 17th relative to debris left in front of your residence, No 4 East 54th Street.

The Water Purveyor reports to me that the debris has been removed.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to
the Mayor for his information.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, May 27, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor, and
Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 716, Laws of 1896, and the resolution adopted by your Board on the 20th inst., I submit herewith, for approval by the Board, an additional plan for the construction of the north approach to the bridge over the Harlem River at Third Avenue, the work to be done in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications of the contract of Isaac A. Hopper for the construction of said bridge, dated October 6th, 1893.

The change in plan is fully provided for in the existing contract.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York, June 1st 1897. 189*

My dear Sir;

I transmit herewith, for your consideration, a plan and scheme for the laying out of a Grand Plaza in the centre of the City. Should it commend itself to your approval I respectfully suggest that it may be referred by you to the Department of Public Parks, with the assurance that its adoption or any modification of it, will receive the earnest cooperation of the Department of Public Works.

At the outset it may be well to state that it does not involve the taking of private property, every foot of land included in the scheme being already owned by the City.

On the first day of January next this City will be the second city of the world; yet it is the only one of considerable size which has no extensive area devoted to the public for military and civic display and such other ceremonies as require an open and unobstructed level, appropriately ornamented and suitably paved and lighted.

The Place de la Concorde in Paris, in addition to being an expansive concourse, is a central point from which radiate superb avenues of entrance to the public parks and pleasure grounds of the people. Trafalgar Square in London, in addition to its historic tribute, is a place of assemblage with immense capacity, easily policed.

These spots contribute largely to the attractiveness of these great cities, which draw to them annually millions of strangers whose

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lavish expenditures are distributed among the working classes.

The most imperative duty devolving upon a Municipal Government is to make its City comfortable for its inhabitants, and attractive to its visitors. Money spent for these purposes comes back a hundred fold. Terminal charges and cheap local transportation for persons and goods, have more than once been spoken and written of by you during your incumbency of the Mayoralty, because, as you say, they attract commerce. Permit me to express the opinion that the beautifying of the City will help to keep commerce here when it arrives.

My scheme is to lay out this Plaza at the southern end of Central Park, including all that area between 59th and 63rd Streets, and 5th and Eighth Avenues.

Apart from the attractiveness of the location, you will thus provide five avenues of approach from the south to the Park; one of them (5th Avenue) being devoted exclusively to private vehicles; another (6th Avenue) being the terminus of one branch of the Elevated Railway system; and the other three (7th & 8th Avenues & Broadway) accommodating surface railways with quick motive power. All of these avenues in the near future will be laid with the most approved modern pavements. On the West, where 8th Avenue and Broadway converge, and on the East, where 5th Avenue intersects 59th Street, there are already two large reservations owned by the City, which most appropriately contribute to the general scheme.

Along the centre of this open space, I would construct a raised stone platform for the use of pedestrians, open only at the intersections of the bisecting avenues. These platforms from time to time will become the sites of monuments, fountains and memorials erected by

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public and private enterprise. The sidewalks should be of similar material; the roadway of the best smooth and noiseless pavement known; and the whole area illuminated by electricity.

These details, however, can be postponed until some action is taken upon the general plan, a bird's eye view of which, prepared under my direction by Mr. Oswald Jackson, of this Department, is herewith submitted.

I also enclose you a careful estimate prepared by Mr. Webster, the Engineer in charge of Street Openings, from which you will learn that in his opinion the aggregate expenditure would not exceed \$1,250,000.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Charles H. T. Collis

Commissioner.

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

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.
No. 150 Nassau Street, N.Y.*

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor's Office,

City.

Grand

Place

line 1

Estimated cost of the Plaza at the southerly part of the Central Park, extending from 5th to 8th Avenues, and northward from 59th Street for a distance of about 750 feet.

ESTIMATE OF COST.

Regulating and grading,		
Earth and rock removed,	35,600 cu.yds.	
Filling to be furnished,	<u>793,100</u>	
	757,500 cu.yds.	
	at 40 cts.	\$300,000
Drainage, sewers, drains, traps, basins etc.		
50 basins, at \$30 -----	\$1,500	
10,000 lineal feet drains,		
at \$4.00 -----	<u>40,000</u>	41,500
Rebuilding roads, bridle paths, foot paths etc.		
1250 feet at \$15.00 , -----		18,750
Blue stone curbing, 17,500 ft. at \$2.00 ---		35,000
Sidewalks, artificial stone,		
20 feet wide, -- 50,275 sq.yds. at \$2.-		100,550
Paving Asphalt, 162,070 sq.yds. at \$3. --		486,210
Lighting, electric, 150 posts,		
at \$100, -----	\$15,000.	
Underground wires, etc.	<u>6,000</u>	21,000
Water pipes and laying, -----		10,000
200 trees, planting etc. at \$25. -----		5,000
Bridges, alteration etc. etc. -----		10,000
Grass, shrubs, plants -----		20,000
Retaining wall at lake, 600 feet long,		
2000 cu. yds. at \$7,---	\$14,000	
Coping etc. 600 ft. at		
\$10 ---	<u>6,000</u>	20,000.
Incidentals, Engineering etc.-----		125,000

TOTAL --		\$1,193,000.

Jos. O. B. Weber
Asst. Eng. D. P. W.

June 1. 1897

HUDSON RIVER
12TH AVE.
11TH AVE.
10TH AVE.
9TH AVE.
8TH AVE.
GRAND CIRCLE
BROADWAY
SEVENTH AVE.
CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL
CENTRAL PARK APARTMENTS

SIXTH AVE.
N. Y. ATHLETIC CLUB

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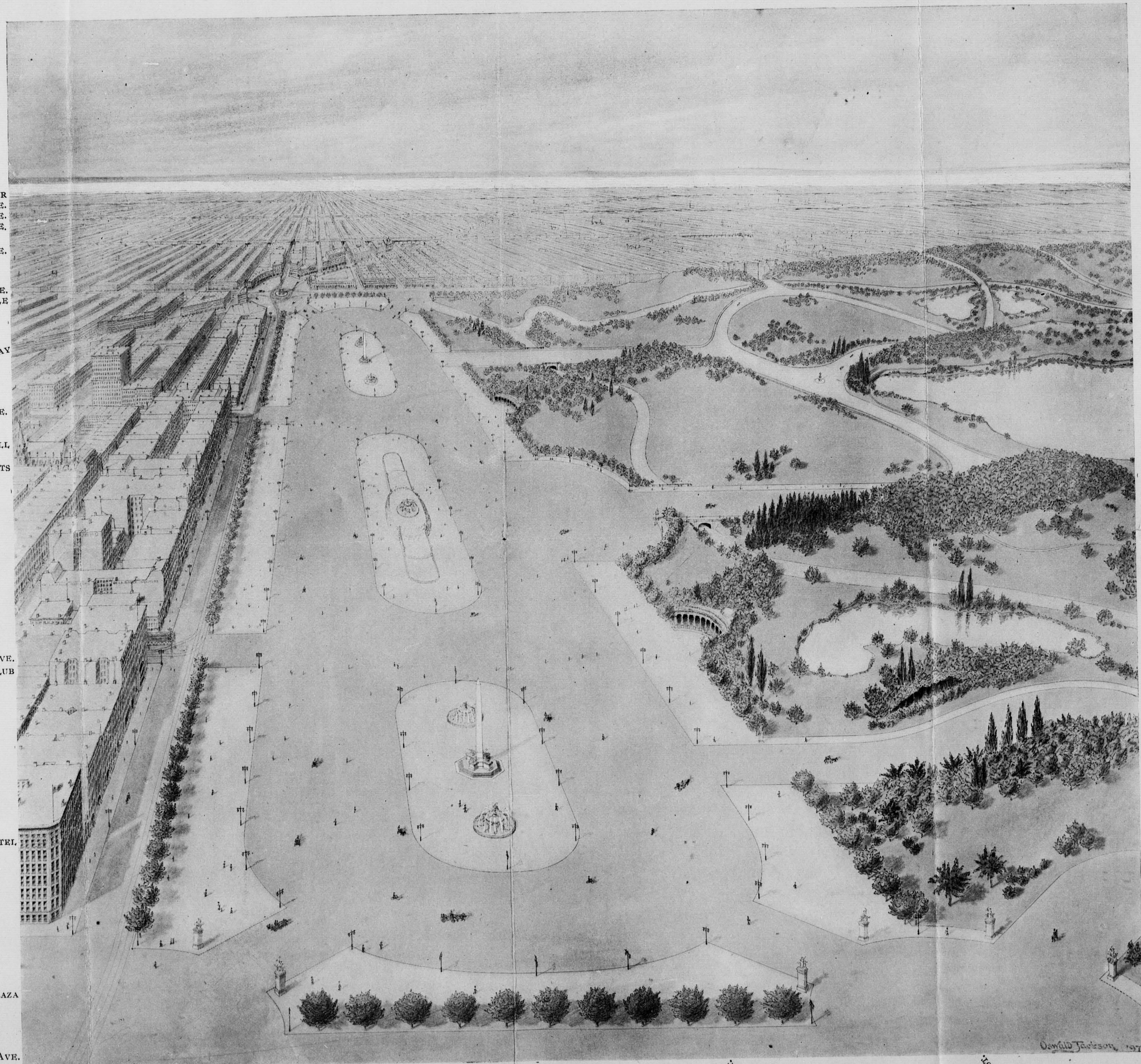
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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, June 4, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1st inst., urging the prompt removal of our material from the East 24th Street Pier, to enable the Dock Department to build a recreation pier there.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have sent to the President of that Department to-day, asking him to order his man to remove the material to the 28th Street pier, and giving the reason why the removal cannot be made by this Department.

The material consists of over 3,000 tons of pipes and castings, and the first intimation we received that we were required to vacate the pier of which the Department has had exclusive use since 1870, was by letter of 14th ultimo from the Dock Department.

Very respectfully,

Charles D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, June 7, 1897

Copy.

Henry S. Dickinson, Esq.,
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of May 26th, addressed to his Honor, Mayor Strong, has been referred to me.

In reply, I beg to say that, in this City we have used Trinidad asphalt, both the Lake and the Overflow, also the California (Alcatraz) and Bermudez from Venezuela. Nearly 100 miles have been laid in asphalts of this description. We have also laid some asphalt block and there are some streets laid with rock asphalt, most of which is a combination of the German and Sicilian.

These pavements are laid generally under a 15 years' guarantee and have proved satisfactory, excepting some of those laid from the overflow of the Trinidad Pitch Lake.

There is a little more trouble from the rock asphalt on account of its being undoubtedly more slippery than those compounded from bitumens where the sand, to some extent, gives a foot-hold.

Respectfully,

(Signed) CHARLES H. T. COLLIS,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Transmitted to the Mayor
for his information.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, June 10, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor, and
Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 539, Laws of 1893, I would ask the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the issue of revenue bonds to the amount of \$8,000 for work and material necessary to make connections and readjustment of the water pipes connecting with the reservoir at 42nd Street and 5th Avenue, viz:

Pipe and special castings, 95 tons at \$40,	\$3,800
Labor, lead, yarn, etc.,	<u>4,200</u>
Total,	\$8,000

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York June 10, 1897

Copy.

Mrs Louisa Townsend,
104 East 19th Street.

Dear Madam:

I have received through the Mayor's office your letter of June 4th, also your similar letter of same date to me direct, complaining that the water was shut off on the afternoon of the 3rd inst. and on the morning of the 4th inst. without notice.

The Chief Engineer reports that the water was shut off in the vicinity of 104 East 19th Street by a contractor to enable him to make connection with the water-main, and that the water was then turned on again.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to
the Mayor for his information, as
requested.

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L A W D E P A R T M E N T.

OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

New York, June 4th,

Hon Charles H.T. Collis,

Commissioner of Public Works.

S i r:-

I have received your letter dated June 2nd, 1897, to the effect that you are called upon to fit up, furnish and have ready for occupancy by July 1st, a new City Magistrate's Court and offices in the new Court House, recently completed, for the Seventh District Police Court and prison, and a District Court for the Eleventh Judicial District.

You state that as the expense was not provided for in the current appropriation for "supplies for and cleaning public offices," you have asked the commissioners of the Sinking Fund to authorize you to provide the necessary fittings and furnishings, and charge the same to the unexpended balance of the fund created for the erection of the Court House.

You ask my opinion as to whether the expense in question can lawfully be charged to and paid from that fund.

The erection of this building was authorized by Chapter 43 of the Laws of 1892.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund were authorized to select the location for the building and required to file a map of the lands selected.

Upon the performance of these acts, the duties of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund seem to have ended. Provision was then made for the acquisition of the land by the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisal and the confirmation of their report.

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it would be necessary to let the same at a public letting to the lowest bidder.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Francis M. Scott,

Counsel to the Corporation.

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Comptroller of the Treasury

(Signed) Bruce M. Scott.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, June 11, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor, and
Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Dear Sir:

In my letter to you of 28th ultimo, as Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, I requested authority to proceed with the fitting up and furnishing of a new City Magistrate's Court in the new Court House in West 54th Street, and to charge the expense to the unexpended balance of the fund created by Chapter 43, Laws of 1892, for the erection of that building.

By letter of 7th inst. I transmitted to you a copy of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation that the expense is properly chargeable to that fund.

I now respectfully ask the authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to proceed with said work and charge the expense to the fund provided by Chapter 43 of the Laws of 1892.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

June 8,

1897

Copy.

J. W. Deaken, Esq.,
New Amsterdam Hotel,
4th Avenue and 21st Street.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry as to whether the contractor who is repaving 32nd Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues, is obliged to relay the flagstones on the sidewalk in as good condition as they were in prior to the tearing up of the sidewalk, I beg to say that the Water Purveyor reports that the contractors for asphalt on 32nd Street, from 5th to 10th Avenue, are the Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Co. It was necessary for them to set the curb on the correct grade at this location, and if any flagstones were disturbed in doing so, it is your duty to reset them so as to conform to the established and correct grade.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to
the Mayor as requested.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioners Office.*

150 Nassau Street,

New York,

June 12,

1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of my reply to a letter addressed to me directly by Mr J. W. Deaken, similar to the one received through your office for attention.

The letter was answered as early as possible, all the time between its receipt and the date of the answer having been required to investigate the matter and make a proper report thereon.

Very respectfully,

James D. Wilson

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

New York, June 9 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you
as chief Magistrate of this city
that the Dept of Public Works
Dept has advertised in the
City Record for bids for build-
ing a bridge over Spuyten Duyvel
Creek at Kingsbridge Road &
Contractors directed by notice that
they can secure specifications &
blank forms &c at the Dept of
Public Works. I have done a
great deal of Contracting in
the past 20 years both private
& for the City. I called for speci-
fications &c for this work during
the past week and was told
they had been all given out, and
that I could not get any. This
kind of work has been going on
in the Park & Public Works Dept
for the past 2 years, and ought
to be stopped and all

Citizens should have the
right to bid on this work
it is to be let next Monday
as per ads. but it should
be re-advertised for a later
date so that all that so
desire can bid on it. if this
is not done I shall appeal
to the Public Press to inquire
into the matter.
your truly Contractor

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*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* June 12, *1897*

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of June 11th, enclosing a letter from "a contractor" who claims that it was impossible for him to obtain a copy of the specifications for the Spuyten Duyvil Bridge, I desire to say that a much larger number of specifications for this work was printed than is customary, and that 150 copies were distributed. A number of requests were received from contractors outside of the City to have the same sent to them, and as a large number of local contractors also applied, our supply was exhausted. It was too late to have an additional supply printed, as bids will be opened for this work on June 14th.

Applicants for the specifications were so informed, and an office copy was kept, which can be examined by all who desire to do so.

It is customary to have about 40 specifications printed for work to be done by this Department, but the Spuyten Duyvil Bridge being special work, a larger number was ordered.

Very respectfully,

Charles S. D. Callis
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*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office.**No. 150 Nassau Street,*Copy.*New York,*

June 16, 1897

Messrs Furlong and White,
93 Nassau Street.

Dear Sirs:

I have received through the Mayor's office for attention your letter of May 27th, referring to my communication of May 19th, in reference to show-cases, signs and other obstructions on the sidewalk in front of the Astor House.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that daily inspections have been made since your letter was received on June 2nd, and on that date and on June 5th respectively a number of show-cases and signs were removed to the Corporation Yard. Subsequent to this removal no obstructions have been replaced by the store-keeper. It is therefore hoped and believed that the last seizure and removal have had the desired effect. However, reinspections will be made regularly, and if any obstructions are found again they will be promptly removed to the Corporation Yard.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to the
Mayor, as requested.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

Copy.

New York,

June 18, 1897

Benjamin Poth, Esq.,

N. E. corner of 104th Street and 1st Avenue.

Dear Sir:

I have received through the Mayor's office your letter of June 14th, complaining of the bad condition of 1st Avenue, between 100th and 105th Streets, on account of the relaying of the rail-tracks.

The Water Purveyor reports that the repaving of 1st Avenue being a large work, it necessarily causes some inconvenience to residents along the line thereof, but precautions are taken to cause as little inconvenience and annoyance as possible, no more intersections being opened than are necessary for the systematic prosecution of the work.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS ,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Transmitted to the Mayor for
his information as requested.

*Department of Public Works,
Water Purveyor's Office,
150 Nassau Street,*

New York,

June 19th

1892

B. L. Burrows, Esq.,

Secretary to the Mayor.

My dear Mr. Burrows:-

A personal friend of mine, Mr. Joseph Conron, of the firm of Conron Bros, who have an ordinance before the Mayor to be signed, which was passed by the Board of Aldermen, has spoken to me about it, and I take the greatest pleasure in writing to you to say to the Mayor,--as I am very busy, it is rather improbable that I could see him before Monday,--when he is about to sign or reject this ordinance, that Mr. Conron is a business man of this City, owning property here and a tax-payer, and that he has been doing business at 130th Street and 12th Avenue for the past six or seven years, that he has close and intimate relations with the people up there who are engaged in distributing beef in the upper section of the City, and that he has rented the new premises now about to be occupied by him for 21 years, and has put in an expensive plant and has practically made contracts with a large number of the beef people up there for cold storage purposes. There seems to me to be no reason for not allowing him to lay his water pipe in that section,

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Water Purveyors Office,
150 Nassau Street,
New York* _____ 189

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under the ordinance as passed. It insures competition, which is good for the life of business up there, and it would certainly be a very great hardship on him if the ordinance should be refused by the Mayor, after the expense he has gone to. I sincerely trust that the Mayor will see his way clear to sign this ordinance, and I am sure there can be no good, logical reasons advanced why any one person should be given the exclusive privilege for that business. The monopoly as I take it is in opposition to the aims of good government.

On the other hand, Mr. Conron is a voter for our administration, and has supported it cordially from the start. He has always been a republican, and from my personal acquaintance with him, I cannot speak too highly of his merits.

Yours very truly,

James W. Barry

c/ *Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* June 28, 1897

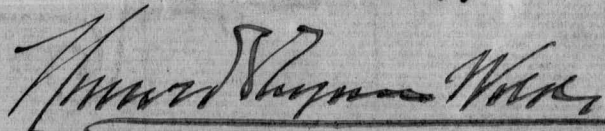
HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

For your information in the matter of the daily communications sent to you by Messrs Furlong and White, and referred to this Department for attention, regarding alleged incumbrances on the Broadway front of the Astor House, I transmit herewith a copy of my letter of 23rd inst. to these gentlemen, who send similar daily communications to me.

Very respectfully,


Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.Enclosure.

reau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested. Each estimate must also be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, or a guarantee company incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York, as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the estimate, they will on its being so awarded become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance in the amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars, and that if he or they shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be subsequently awarded. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with an intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties offered shall be approved by the Comptroller.

The price must be written in the bid or estimate, and also stated in figures. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to reject any or all the bids, or to select the bid or bids, the acceptance of which will, in his judgment, be deemed best for the interest of the City. No bid will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a certified check on one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, payable to the order of the Comptroller of said city, for Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), or money to that amount. On the acceptance of any bid, the checks or money of the unaccepted bidders will be returned to them, and upon the execution of the contract the check or money of the accepted bidder will be returned to him.

All bids must be made with reference to the form of the contract and the requirements thereof on file at the Department of Street Cleaning, or they will be rejected. The form of the agreement (with specifications) showing the manner of payment may be obtained at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, or from GEORGE E. WARING, Jr., Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated New York, June 15, 1897.

PERSONS HAVING BULKHEADS TO FILL, IN the vicinity of New York Bay, can procure material for that purpose—ashes, street sweepings, etc., such as is collected by the Department of Street Cleaning, free of charge, by applying to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, in the Criminal Court Building.

GEORGE E. WARING, Jr., Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO TUBULAR DISPATCH COMPANY.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, June 14, 1897.

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE Tubular Dispatch Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of New York to take up the pavements and to excavate portions of the streets, and to lay down, construct and maintain two pneumatic tubes or pipes of iron (not exceeding twelve inches and twelve-inch flange), four of mail and other matter in and through said tubes or pipes, under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 400 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 977 of the Laws of 1895; from the General Post-office to the Produce Exchange branch post-office, as follows:

Starting at the General Post-office, thence across Park Row to Beekman street, four feet six inches from the north curb-line of Beekman street; thence along Beekman street from Park Row to Nassau street, four feet six inches from the north curb-line of Beekman street; thence along Beekman street, seven feet from Nassau street to William street, thence along William street, from Beekman street to Ann street, 11 feet from the west curb-line of William street; thence along William street, from Ann street to Fulton street, 11 feet 6 inches from the west curb-line of William street; thence along William street, from Fulton street to John street, 12 feet 6 inches from the west curb-line of William street; thence along William street, from John street to Platt street, 12 feet from the west curb-line of William street; thence along William street, from Platt street to Maiden Lane, 12 feet from the west curb-line of William street; thence along William street, from Maiden Lane to Liberty street, 8 feet from the west curb-line of William street; thence along William street, from Liberty street to Wall street, 4 feet from the west curb-line of William street; thence along William street, from Wall street to South William street, 1 foot from the west curb-line of William street; thence along South William street 7 feet 6 inches from the west curb-line to the change of direction or bend in said street 4 feet from the west curb-line; thence in said street 4 feet from the west curb-line; thence to the intersection of South William street; thence across and along Broad street 7 feet 6 inches from the west curb-line of Broad street to Stone street; thence along Stone street 12 feet from the north curb-line to a point opposite the Produce Exchange, 11 feet from the north curb-line; thence into the branch post-office in the Produce Exchange Building.

This permit is granted and accepted subject to the construction and maintenance of said pneumatic tubes or pipes from the General Post-office to the Produce Exchange branch post-office in accordance with the plans thereof filed by said Tubular Dispatch Company upon their application for this permit with the Department of Public Works, and such modifications of said plans as have been or may be required by the Commissioner of Public Works, as indicated by the foregoing route for laying said tubes or pipes; and also subject to the following terms, conditions and provisions, besides such further provisions and restrictions as may be hereafter from time to time imposed by the Commissioner of Public Works in the public interest:

1. The construction and maintenance of said pneumatic tubes or pipes shall be subject to the terms, conditions and obligations imposed by the charter of said company and by the Laws of the State of New York and ordinances of the City of New York heretofore or hereafter enacted or adopted.

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3. Wherever water-mains or sewers, or connections therewith or other impediment are encountered, the work at such points shall be stopped until proper plans and specifications are prepared and submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Public Works for necessary changes, for protection of the same and to clear the impediment thereof in the plan for laying said pneumatic tubes or pipes before entering on the work.

4. The trench or excavation for said pneumatic tubes or pipes may be 4 feet wide and from 3 to 7 feet deep; and immediately after said tubes or pipes shall be laid, said trench or excavation shall be filled with clean earth, well and thoroughly rammed while being put in, and the pavement shall be immediately replaced in a good and workmanlike manner, and to the entire satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and in all respects in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof of the Department of Public Works, and shall be so maintained by said company for two years after such pavement shall have been relaid; and the necessary materials and the labor for all said work shall be furnished by and at the expense of said Company.

5. In case said company shall fail or neglect to so replace the pavement, or to so maintain the same for two years, then the Commissioner of Public Works, or his successor in authority in reference thereto, after a lapse of forty-eight hours' notice served on any of the agents or employees of said company, shall make such repairs as he finds necessary, and the said company shall pay, on demand, to the Department of Public Works or its successor in authority in reference thereto, all cost incurred for labor and material in making such repairs.

6. The said company shall place sufficient and proper guards for the prevention of accidents, and shall put up and keep at night suitable and sufficient lights, and they shall indemnify and save harmless the City of New York, its officers, agents and servants, against and from all damages, costs and expenses which they may suffer or to which they may be put by reason of any injury to the person or property of another, resulting from carelessness or negligence on the part of said company.

7. The said company shall immediately remove from the line of work all surplus materials, earth, sand, rubbish and stones as rapidly as the work progresses.

8. The work shall be carried on only in such places and for such distances in each street as the Commissioner of Public Works or his representative shall from time to time designate; but the said company shall prosecute the work with all necessary force of labor at such times and places as said Commissioner may from time to time require.

9. All the frames and heads for manholes or other places for access to said tubes or pipes placed on the line of the work shall have noiseless covers and plates.

10. All the work, from the time the excavation shall be commenced to the time the pavement shall be relaid, shall be under the supervision of Inspectors, who shall be appointed by, and receive their instructions from, the Commissioner of Public Works, and whose salaries shall be paid by said company.

11. If any contractor, foreman, mechanic, or laborer shall be insolent, or negligent, in carrying out any instructions given by any properly authorized representative of the Department of Public Works, he shall be forthwith discharged, and not re-employed on the work without the consent of the Commissioner of Public Works. A notice or order given to any contractor or foreman in charge of any of the work shall be considered a notice or order to the said company.

12. Whenever, in consequence of the weather, or any process of law or other unexpected obstacle, the work of laying said pneumatic tubes or pipes shall be stopped for so long a time that the public travel shall be obstructed, the street shall be immediately refilled and repaired by said company, upon notice or order from the Commissioner of Public Works, as if the work contemplated in this permit was actually completed.

13. The said company shall give forty-eight hours' notice to the Water Purveyor of their desire to commence work at any point,

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, June 30, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information copy of permit issued by the Department of Public Works to the Tubular Dispatch Company, and certificate of acceptance thereof and agreement thereto by said Company, as published in the City Record of the 29th inst.; and I beg to call your particular attention to the provision therein, under paragraph 16, for the rendering of an account of gross receipts of said Company, under oath, annually, to the Comptroller of the City of New York, and for the payment of percentage thereof into the Treasury to the credit and for the benefit of the Sinking Fund, and for the execution, when required by the Comptroller, of such further assurance of their obligation for payment of such percentage as the Counsel to the Corporation may devise and advise in the interest of the City of New York.

Very respectfully,

James B. Wilson

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

No. 150 Nassau Street,

Copy.

New York, July 1, 1897

P. Rosenberg, Esq.,
586 9th Avenue.

Dear Sir:

I have received through the Mayor's office your letter of June 23rd, complaining of goods displayed on the sidewalk by a grocer at No 588 9th Avenue.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that your complaint is the result of a quarrel between neighbors, and that the party against whom your complaint is directed also complains of signs and other obstructions in front of your premises. He adds that he has served both of you with notices to remove the obstructions complained of.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted
to His Honor the Mayor for his
information, as requested.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, July 2, 1897

Copy.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,
" Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller,
" George W. Birdsall, Chief Engineer, Croton Aqueduct.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to recommend your approval, in pursuance of Section 352 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, of the pattern and price of the following water meters which have been tested by apparatus in the Pipe Yard of this Department, and proved reliable, accurate and durable:

The Hersey Water Meter,
The Standard Water Meter,
The Empire Water Meter,

at these prices:

Size Inch	Prices
5/8	\$10
3/4	15
1	20
1 1/2	40
2	60
3	100
4	225
6	400

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles H. T. Collis,

Commissioner of Public Works.

H. H. Marsh

23 Vandewater st

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office

No. 150 Nassau Street,

Copy.

New York, July 9, 1897

Mrs W. H. Inman,

11 West 56th Street.

Dear Madam:

I have received through the Mayor's office for attention your letter of 3rd inst., objecting to the erection of an electric lamp-post in front of your house, No 11 West 56th Street.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that the lamp-post to which you object has already been set and the flagging around it relaid carefully and well, making a very good job. The post has been placed under the contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. for lighting 56th Street. The Company state that they have incurred considerable expense in setting the lamp-post referred to, and would be put to additional expense in removing it. In lighting streets lamp-posts must be placed in front of certain persons' houses uniform distances apart, and as the proper place for the post is in front of your house it would not be right to place it in front of somebody else's house who would have just cause to object. The lamp-post is neat and will be furnished with an unobjectionable, low-tension lamp similar to those in 5th Avenue.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to
the Acting Mayor, as requested.

C.B. 4075.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

Copy.

New York,

July 14,

1897

Dr Horace T. Hanks,

766 Madison Avenue.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to this Department for attention your letter of June 28th, stating that the temperature of the water furnished in your house is 100°.

The Chief Engineer reports that the water at No 766 Madison Avenue was heated by an escape of steam from the New York Steam Company's pipes between 65th and 66th Streets. The Company was at once requested to repair the leak, and wrote this Department on the 10th inst. that they expected to complete the repairs that night.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to the Acting Mayor, for his information as requested.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, July 14, 1897

Hon. John Jeroloman,
Acting Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I referred to the Superintendent of Incumbrances for immediate action your letter of 9th inst., regarding a summer garden established by Saloonkeeper Parks on the north-east corner of 8th Avenue and 34th Street.

I agree with your view of the objectionable character of such gardens on the sidewalks, and this Department has reported adversely on several resolutions of the Board of Aldermen to permit saloonkeepers to use the sidewalks for such purposes.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances served a peremptory order on Saloonkeeper Parks to removed the obstructions forming the garden forthwith, and one of our inspectors reported that the notice was complied with on the night of the 12th inst., all tables, chairs, plants and awnings having been removed.

A reinspection was made yesterday morning when the sidewalk was still found free of all obstructions.

Very respectfully,

Frederick Thompson

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, July 15, 1897

Hon. John Jeroloman,
Acting Mayor.

Dear Sir:

For more than a year the sidewalk surrounding the site of the proposed Herald Square Hotel on 36th Street, 6th Avenue and Broadway, has been in very bad condition and is in need of immediate improvement.

An ordinance has been passed by the Board of Aldermen to authorize this Department to improve the sidewalk, and I respectfully ask you to approve the ordinance in order that we may proceed with the necessary work without materially delaying the asphaltting of 36th Street, which is under contract.

Very respectfully,

Frederick Thynne Morris

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

J. H. [illegible]
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Department of Public Works
Commissioner's Office

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, July 15, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
 Mayor, and
 Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Dear Sir:

To enable this Department to make necessary repairs in the Criminal Court Building, for which no provision was made in the appropriations for 1897, and, acting in this matter in accordance with the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, and the suggestions of the Comptroller, I have the honor to ask for the following transfers of unexpended balances of appropriations for 1896, viz:

From "Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning" for 1896,	\$1,000
From "Repairs and Renewals of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.," for 1896,	1,000
From "Public Drinking Hydrants" for 1896,	2,000
From "Aqueduct--Repairs, Maintenance and Strengthening" for 1896,	1,000
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To "Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs" for 1897,	\$3,000
To "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices" for 1897,	2,000

Very respectfully,

Charles D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* July 20, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r, and
Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the adoption, by your Board, of the enclosed resolution, authorizing me to employ the necessary engineers and inspectors during this year, beginning July 15th, on the repaving work to be done in pursuance of Chapter 87 of the Laws of 1897.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of Chapter 87 of the Laws of 1897, the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to employ during the year 1897, beginning July 15th, in the work of making surveys and measurements, giving lines and grades, and supervising the work of repaving streets and avenues designated and to be designated by this Board for repaving under the provisions of said Act:

One Transitman at \$1,500 per annum

One Rodman at \$1,200 per annum

Said salaries to be paid from the proceeds of stock or bonds to be issued under the provisions of said Act, together with the amount required for necessary inspectors and expenses of transportation.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioners Office.*

150 Nassau Street,

New York,

July 20,

1897

Hon. John Jeroloman,
Acting Mayor.

Dear Sir:

For your information, I enclose a copy of
a letter I have this day addressed to the Mayor,
as Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportion-
ment; also copy of a resolution for introduction at
the next meeting of the Board.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York,

July 20, 1897

Copy.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor, and
Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) CHARLES H. T. COLLIS,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office.**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* July 23, 1897

Hon. John Jeroloman,
Acting Mayor.

Dear Sir:

Mr Washington Jacques of the Murray Hill Hotel, who presented your introductory letter of 21st inst., wishes to have an electric lamp placed on the south side of the street, and not on his sidewalk on the north side.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports to me that the lamp is already placed and connected with the electric subway, and that the two nearest electric lamps, east and west, are on the south side of the street.

I think Mr Jacques will admit that it would be an extraordinary and irrational proceeding to put three successive electric lamps on one side of a street, and none on the other side. The people on the south side might reasonably and justly object.

Considering the present distribution of the lamps, and the fact that the one in question is already in place, I am constrained to decline to make any change in the position of the lamp.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.*

No. 150 Nassau Street,

Copy.

New York, July 27, 1897

William T. Standen, Esq.,
U. S. Life Insurance Co.

Dear Sir:

(SIGNED) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS

The Mayor has referred to this Department for attention your letter of 16th inst., relative to loose car-rails at Park Place and Church Street.

These rails or tracks are owned by the Broadway and 7th Avenue Railway Co., and are used only when Vesey Street is blocked.

The Railway Company has been requested to repair the tracks to prevent the mud and dirt from splashing around, as complained of in your letter.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) HOWARD PAYSON WILDS,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Respectfully transmitted to
the Acting Mayor for his information as requested.

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Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office.

150 Nassau Street,

New York, July 28, 1897

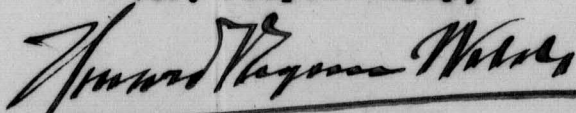
HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter, addressed to you by Mr Henry B. Barnes of 156 Fifth Avenue, and referred to this office, complains of nuisance and annoyance from the stabling of relay horses of a Railroad Company on vacant lots near the Boulevard.

The matter is entirely outside of the jurisdiction of this Department.

Very respectfully,



Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works**Commissioner's Office,
No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* July 29, 1897.

Bion L. Burrows, Esq.,
Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

On receipt of your letter of 26th inst., desiring the appointment of J. H. Meyers as laborer, I made inquiry as to his standing on the eligible list, and find that he registered for the position of "cleaner" on February 19th last, and is No. 132nd on that list. I also find that he is neither a veteran nor a former volunteer fireman, to whom the law gives preference for appointments. At least 100 appointments would have to be made before his name could be reached under existing law and regulations, even if he should have his name transferred from the list of "cleaners" to that of "laborers". I am also informed that he is 60 years old, and would probably not pass the physical examination for laborer.

You will no doubt recognize that, under these circumstances, it is impossible for me to give Mr. Meyers an appointment.

Very respectfully,

Charles W. D. Callis

Commissioner of Public Works.