



*Answered  
Mar 14/95.*

Office of the Mayor  
PHILADELPHIA

March 9. 1895.

Hon. Wm. R. Strong,

Mayor of New York,

Dear Sir:-

Mayor Edwin S. Stuart directs me to request that you kindly furnish him with the number of <sup>*miles*</sup> paved streets in your City, which were required to be cleaned in 1894, the amount paid for this work, as well as for the collection of ashes, garbage, and the amount paid as salaries to the officials of the Bureau of Street Cleaning.

I am respectfully,

*J. P. Calhoun*

Acting Secretary.

Mrs. McCarthy.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

(C o p y)

*New York, March 14th, 1895. 189*

James R. Calhoun, Esq.,

Acting Secretary, Mayor's Office,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th inst., forwarded to this office by his Honor, Mayor Strong, and in reply thereto to say that in 1894, this Department cleaned 385 miles of streets daily at a cost for sweeping of \$843,599.90.

The amount paid for the collection of ashes, garbage and street sweepings was \$683,910.00 and for the item of administration \$193,978.14.

Respectfully,

(Signed) O. S. CARRE,

Private Secretary.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, March 14th, 1895. 189*

Job. E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office, City.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed letter from Mr. James R. Calhoun, Acting Secretary, Mayor's Office, Philadelphia, and to send for your information copy of reply to the same.

Yours truly,

*O. S. Carr*

(2 enclosures)

Private Secretary.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.*

*New York,* March 15, 1895. *189*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner to return to you the enclosed complaint signed by Messrs. W. B. Perry & Son, 872 Washington street, and others, concerning the condition of that street, and to inform you that the District Superintendent to whom the matter was referred for investigation and attention, reports that the street was thoroughly cleaned and all dirt removed on the 8th and 9th insts.; that he called upon the complainants, who expressed themselves satisfied with the present condition of the street.

Yours respectfully,

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*O. J. Carré*

Private Secretary.

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Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 16th, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:

Supplementary to my letter of the 6th inst., I have to ask, as required by Section 704a, Chapter 368, Laws of 1894, your written approval and consent to hire and employ temporarily, Five hundred (500) men and Two hundred (200) carts and horses, for the removal of snow. No man, cart or horse to be employed under such approval and consent for a longer period than three days, viz.:  
March 16th, 17th and 18th, 1895.

Very respectfully,

*Chas. B. Moore*

Deputy Commissioner.

CENTRAL \* LABOR \* UNION,

CLARENDON HALL,

114-118 East Thirteenth Street,

Ans'd  
March 19 1895



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New York,

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir

I have been instructed by the Central Labor Union to appeal to your Honor to have a recent order of Col. Waring modified this is the order forbidding employees entering saloons the employees claim that in answer to a call of nature there being no lavatories they are compelled to enter these places hoping you will give this appeal your consideration

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Most Respectfully Yours

John W. Henry

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C. L. U.

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# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 18th, 1895.

John S. Henry, Esq.,  
Secretary Central Labor Union,  
114-118 Rast 13th St., City.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor forwards to me your letter of March 12th, stating that you have been instructed by the Central Labor Union to appeal to his Honor to have a recent order of mine modified; this is the order forbidding employees entering saloons.

You say that the employees claim that in answer to a call of nature, there being no lavatories, they are compelled to enter these places.

The Mayor asks me to give this communication my consideration. I have to say that I am in entire sympathy with it and that I am ready to do anything in my power to relieve the situation. Where a claim is made and is properly substantiated that a visit to a saloon was made only for the purpose referred to, no action will be taken.

The condition of New York is in this respect a most barbarous one. I consider the duty of providing proper conveniences to be hardly less imperative than that of providing for the wants of the poor. Since my attention was first called to the bearing of this state of affairs, with regard to my order, I have been contemplating an appeal to the Good Government Clubs and to all others who are in a position to exert influence, to do all in their power to secure at least temporary relief, trusting that New York will in time become sufficiently civilized to demand that proper provision be made by its government.

Respectfully yours,

Commissioner.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(New Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.



William S. Andrews, Commissioner.

New York, March 18th, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 15th, enclosing communication from the Central Labor Union, which I return herewith, I am instructed to forward copy of the Commissioner's answer.

Truly yours,

*O. S. Carr*

Private Secretary.

(2 Enclosures)



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, March 20, 1895. 189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office,

Dear Sir:

I am directed by Colonel Waring to return herewith the communication from "A House Owner"; and to say that the District Superintendent, to whom the matter was referred for investigation, reports, that he has carefully inspected West 61st street and fails to find even one pile of dirt; that the street is in very good condition.

Respectfully,

*O. J. Carr*

Acting Secretary.

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22  
Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building.)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 20th, 1895. 189

Job A. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letters of March 12th, 14th and 15th, containing complaints from various citizens, would say, that they have all had due attention, and we trust there will be no further cause for complaint.

Yours truly,

*Chas. K. Moore*

Deputy Commissioner.

Report in reference to seizing Incumbrances in 13th Street, east of First Avenue. Taking of truck by force from me. Resisting arrest. Reluctant assistance of Police Officer, together with final discharge of Prisoner, by Judge Thomas F. Grady of Essex Market Court March 19th, 1895.

In this case, I had ordered an Incumbrance truck, with a detail of two men, to meet me, Foreman Daily of Section #14, together with an Officer, corner of East 14th Street and Second Avenue at 10 A. M., March 19th, after which there being no vehicles in that vicinity to seize, I ordered truck and men to follow me around into East 13th Street, going East. This being out of the Police Officer's Precinct, we were obliged to proceed unguarded by an Officer, expecting to find another when needed, in the other Precinct (14th)

As we crossed First Avenue, I saw a push cart standing in front of #217 First Avenue, which we seized, and crossed over East, into 13th Street, and there in front of #402 stood two single wagons, which we seized and succeeded in securing them behind our Incumbrance Truck, and opposite East 404 and 406 stood two other vehicles. I ordered these to be seized also, which was done, but before we could get them turned around in order to fasten them behind the Incumbrance Truck, there came one George B. Marks, together with five or six stout blacksmiths, from 412 East 13th Street, and ordered them to take the large Truck, which stood off 406 East 13th Street into #412 East 13th Street. I told him not to touch it, and I, together with my men, attempted to hold the Truck and force Marks and his men away from it, at the same time telling him that I should arrest him for a misdemeanor, but he, with his men, overpowered me, with my light force, and they rolled said Truck into #412 East 13th Street. (In the mêlée, the single wagon that stood opposite #404 East 13th Street was spirited away.) Before seizing the above mentioned truck, I stepped into #406 East 13th Street and inquired who that Truck belonged to. They told me they did not know, but that it had stood there three or four days, and that they wished it would be taken away.

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In the meantime I had sent for an Officer. When he came, which was after we had the fracas with George B. Marks, and whom I pointed out to the Officer, and demanded his immediate arrest. Marks claiming and demanding to see a warrant for his arrest. He was then standing in doorway of #412 East 13th Street. I insisted upon the Officer arresting him, that I would go with him and make the complaint of interfering with me as a City Officer in the discharge of my duty. Still the Officer did nothing, and this man George B. Marks began to move in the building between said Truck and Office, when I seized him by the coat collar, and demanded the assistance of the Police Officer, who stood by my side. (His number was 37 from the 14th Precinct), but he did not put his hands on Marks, nor assist me in any way to prevent Marks from getting away from me, as he was attempting to do, but I clung to him, he abusing me all the time, with his foul epithets and threatening to strike me, in fact, I did receive a scratch under the right eye, and finally succeeded in getting in the rear of Marks, and ordered him to walk out of the building ahead of me, although the officer had demanded of me before that I let go of Marks, also, demanded that I go out of the building first and that then Marks would follow, but I told him "never", fearing that Marks might disappear from rear of building. Just then a gentleman came in, and handed me his card, saying that he saw how I was situated and interfered with in attempting to do my duty, and that if I needed any evidence to call on him. (It was John N. Bogert, 104 Elm St. scales of weights and measures) After this Marks concluded to go out peaceably, and to the Police Station with Officer, where I made complaint against him, and as it was yet time for Court, we proceeded to Essex Market Court, where we appeared before Judge Thomas F. Grady, who after reading the complaint demanded of me to know where I got my authority from. Whereupon I informed him that it was from the Law governing the Street Cleaning Department, and showed him a small pamphlet of the Law, which after reading, remarked "Oh! that is preposterous. Do you pretend to say that if there is a wagon standing along the Street anywhere that you have the right to come along and gobble it up? Absurd!! No cause of action. I discharge the Prisoner. You Street Cleaning

folks better clean the mud out of the Streets first before you begin to gather up the wagons." To which I replied, "Well, Judge, how do you decide, have I not the right to take that Truck?" "No, No" (he said) "You have no right to touch it."

Now I find, upon examination, that the Law is very plain, and positive on the matter of Incumbrances, to be found in Sect. 1,936 of Chapter 368, Laws of 1894, Page 785, also Chapter 697 Laws of 1894, which allows no vehicles to stand in the Streets anywhere in the City, from 8 A. M. until 4 P. M., except feeding hours, from 11.30 A. M. until 1 P. M. without a horse to it, or on Sundays and Legal Holidays, and from 4 P. M. until 8 A. M. only by a permit from the Street Cleaning Department, which makes it a misdemeanor for any one violating this Law, owner or pretended owner, with fine attached, so that this man committed really the double offence of allowing his vehicle to stand in street and resistance of an arrest by a City Officer. As this same Law gives to the Superintendent, District Superintendents, foremen and Dump Inspectors the power of arrest, and then not to be supported by either the Police Officers or Judge of the Courts places us in a very awkward position, humiliating and shorn of all power.

(George B. Marks is 40 years old, Wagon Manufacturer, at 412 East 13th Street, and resides 340 East 14th Street.)

Respectfully yours,

(signed) H. C. Corsa,

Supt. 4th Dist.,

D.S.C.

To

George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning,

New York City.

The above a true Copy.

*O. S. Carré*  
*Private Secretary*



Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 21st, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to enclose herein a copy of a report made by H. C. Corssa, Superintendent of the 4th District, Department of Street Cleaning, and I beg to call your attention to the conduct of Police Justice Thomas F. Grady and of Police Officer No. 37, 14th Precinct.

It is useless to attempt to execute the law if policemen and Police Justices fail to do their part of the duty.

Respectfully yours,

*George E. Waring, Jr.*  
Commissioner.

(Enclosure)



# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 21st, 1895. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 12th relating to a communication from Mr. A. W. Stewart, 33 Rose St., which is herewith returned.

I beg to say that this Department has no power to afford any relief in this matter. Such bridges are authorized by the Bureau of Permits. They are "constructed under the supervision and subject to the direction of the Department of Public Works", and it is made the duty of the person to whom the privilege is granted to clean the gutters thoroughly under such bridges on every Wednesday between sunrise and nine A.M. The Mayor may, for any violation of this ordinance, or on the complaint of any citizen, or for any cause that he may deem sufficient, revoke any such permit so granted, or the like privilege now enjoyed without permit.

I think that the ordinance concerning iron bridges over gutters, recently passed by the Board of Aldermen, is an important move in the direction of improvement, and I should be very glad to have my Department charged with the cleaning of the gutters under

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such bridges, as that ordinance contemplates,, but not the existing wooden ones, many of which can, with difficulty, be removed.

The ordinance, from which the above quotations are taken, is from the Revised Ordinances, revised by Shepard & Shafer, in force January 1st, 1881, page 262, Article XLIII.

Yours truly,



Commissioner.

(Enclosure)



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, March 22nd, 1895. 189*

Job. E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to your communications of March 19th, I herewith enclose a copy of letter in reply to that of W. H. Berrian.

In relation to the communication of Mr. G. A. Grow, will state that I am taking that into my personal consideration.

Very truly yours,

*Chas. K. Moore*

Deputy Commissioner.

(Enclosure)



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, March 22nd, 1895. 189*

W. H. Berrian, Esq.,

339 Edgecomb Ave., City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 16th, to the Moyer, was referred to this Department for action.

In reply will state that none of this Department carts have dumped any garbage or refuse at the point that is mentioned in your communication.

I would suggest that you communicate direct with the Department of Parks, as I see, by your letter, that it is their carts who are maintaining the nuisance.

Yours truly,

(signed) Chas. K. Moore.

Deputy Commissioner.

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*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building.)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, March 25th, 1895. 189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of March 22nd, containing complaint of Mrs. H. Glick, 330 East 69th Street, will say that the matter is being investigated at present.

Yours truly,

*Chas. B. Mooy*

Deputy Commissioner.

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building.)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 26th, 1895. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 25th, to the Commissioner, has been received, and the letter of the Enterprise Crockery Company, enclosed therein, is having attention.

Yours respectfully,

Chas. B. Mooy

Deputy Commissioner.

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Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 26th, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 23rd, relating to complaint of Messrs. Lehn & Fink, 128 William Street, also communication from Messrs. C. H. Finney & Sons, 925 Sixth Avenue, has been received.

As per request, I enclose herewith copy of the Commissioner's reply to Messrs. Lehn & Fink.

Yours truly,

*O. S. Carr*  
Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner

New York, March 26th, 1895. 189  
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Messrs. Lehn & Fink,

P.O. Box 3083, City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of March 20th to the Mayor has been forwarded to me for examination and report.

The material that you offered for disposal at the dump was probably the same that you have been getting rid of in that way for years. I have changed the rule and such matters cannot now be received. This is fully explained in a notice that I had published in this morning's papers.

I see that it was easy to get an unfavorable impression from Mr. Schepherd's relation to the matter. The fact is that he is an employee in this office and that his father is a contractor for the removal of ashes and refuse. He, it seems, solicited business for his father after his office hours were over, but his official position could have had nothing whatever to do with the affair. There was no impropriety in his conduct.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Geo. E. Waring, Jr.

Commissioner.

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building.)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 27th, 1895. 189

The Commissioner of Street Cleaning has received from Rev. John B. Devins, the President of the Federation of East Side Workers, the following letter dated March 25th:

"Col. George E. Waring,  
Commissioner of Street Cleaning,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I write to tell you that the district covered by the Federation is daily showing the influence of your energetic efforts to keep the East Side clean. The improvement since the beginning of the month has been very marked. We are keeping a lookout for defects and shall not hesitate to send them in, but in the meantime I want to tell you how pleased we are with the great improvement everywhere apparent. I have spoken to many of our church members about the necessity of destroying paper and rubbish, and shall speak of it in the public schools whenever I visit them. It will take some time to educate the people, and I am glad your standard is one towards which we can work up.

Do not relax your vigilance in regard to trucks. It is impossible to put in writing, much less to speak at your conference of the pernicious uses to which they are put. A man that can afford to own a truck can also afford to hire it housed.

You will be interested to know that we are going to make strenuous efforts to have two or three lavatories placed over here.

"Very truly,

"JOHN B. DEVINS."



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, March 28th, 1895.* 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I have received information from Albany that a bill has been introduced into the Senate authorizing truckmen who are rich enough to own their own houses, to stable their trucks in the streets.

Were this to become a law, it would be subversive of the whole spirit of the present requirement to keep the streets free.

Very respectfully yours,

*Geo E Waring Jr*  
Commissioner.

N.B. I enclose herein copy of a letter received from the Rev. John B. Devins, apropos of this subject, which I am sending to the papers.

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# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(New Criminal Court Building)  
Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



GEORGE W. WARING, Jr.  
William L. Andrews, Commissioner.

New York, March 28, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner to return herewith the enclosed communications, and to say that the various District Superintendents to whom the matters were referred for investigation report as follows:

In reference to the complaint of Frank A. Stumm, Esq., the greater portion of Broadway between 14th and 23rd Sts., is swept by private sweepers. That street sprinkling is controlled by the Department of Public Works, and is prohibited between November 25th and March 25th.

In reference to the complaint of William Murray, Esq., 311 Water St., the streets referred to have since been cleaned.

In reference to the complaint of S. M. Acker, Esq., 316 W. 104th St., the street in question is now in good condition.

In reference to the complaint of George G. Trask, Esq., 140 W. 46th St., there are several livery stables on the block and unharnessed carriages sometimes stood in front of them. The stable men were cautioned. A large building was also being erected in consequence of which there was building material in the street. The block in other respects is kept in as good condition as possible.

In reference to the complaint of Mrs. Piser, 762 Union Ave., the ashes complained of were kept in the cellar where the driver could not see them.

Respectfully,

*O. J. Carr*  
Private Secretary.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* March 29, 1895. *189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner to return herewith the communication from Messrs. Neidlinger Bros., 18 Warren St., and to inform you that a letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, was this day sent to them.

Yours truly,

*D. S. Carré*

Private Secretary.

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*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, March 29, 1895. 189*

Messrs. Neidlinger Brothers,

18 Warren St., City

Gentlemen:-

In response to your letter of the 26th inst., forwarded to this Department by the Mayor, the Commissioner directs me to inform you that the drivers of this Department have been forbidden to remove broken paper boxes, cardboard, straw, excelsior, wood chips, paper, and the like, the penalty of disobedience being dismissal.

However, as a contract has been concluded, which is to take effect on and after April 1st, everything will be removed after that date.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, I am

Yours truly,

(Signed O. S. Carre',

Private Secretary.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York,

March 30th, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of March 29th, I beg to enclose herein a copy of my reply to the communication of Messrs. Davis & Sanford, 246 Fifth Avenue, City.

Yours very truly,

(Enclosure)

*George E. Waring, Jr.*  
Commissioner.

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 30th, 1895. 189

Messrs. Davis & Sanford,  
246 Fifth Ave., City.

Gentlemen:

I have received from the Mayor, with instructions to reply directly to you, your letter to him of March 28th concerning the removal of the refuse of your establishment, and asking "why it is under a Reform Administration of the City Government and with a Street Commissioner who boasts of rendering better service to the citizens of this city than his predecessor, that we cannot get our refuse taken away by the wagons of the street cleaning department as they have always been done heretofore."

In the first place, I have never made a boast or intimated that I am rendering better service than my predecessor. In the next place, as this is a "Reform Administration", it seems worth while to obey the laws.

Under the law I am confined to the removal of ashes, garbage and street sweepings. The amiable habit which has grown up during years past, of taking all manner of rubbish, including the waste products of profitable industries, cannot be continued.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) Geo. E. Waring, Jr.

Commissioner.

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Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building.)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 1, 1895.

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Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of March 30th, I enclose herein, by direction of the Commissioner, a carbon copy of letter sent to John Gehrs, Esq., No. 42 Jay St., and Martin M. Lewis, Esq., No. 313 Church St., concerning non-removal of sweepings.

Yours truly,

*O. P. Corwin*

Private Secretary.

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# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner. (COPY)

New York, April 1, 1895. 189

Messrs. Chap. Lewis & Bros.,

517 Broadway, City.

Gentlemen:

I am directed by the Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., addressed to the Mayor, and to inform you that a contractor will from and after this day call at all the houses in order to remove at regular intervals all refuse which may accumulate and that the cart drivers of this Department cannot dump.

Hoping that this arrangement will prove satisfactory, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) O. S. Carre',

Private Secretary.

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CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

April 2nd, 1895.

Col. Geo. E. Waring, Jr.,

Com. Street Cleaning.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose a complaint which is rather peculiar, but it is not the first that I have received of this kind, but this one your Department will be able to locate exactly. I suppose it is only necessary for me to call your attention to this to have all that class of men that require pay discharged.

Respectfully yours,



Mayor.

*Rev. J. P. ...*  
D. S. C. - N. Y. C.

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# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 2nd, 1895. 189

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

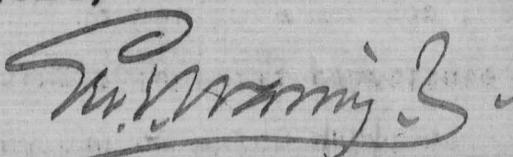
I beg to return herewith the letter of Warren E. Smith, Esq., which you submitted for my consideration.

This subject is a very large one, and one on which opinions vary very much. I do not propose to do anything which will constitute a nuisance, or be in any wise objectionable; I do not know whether the treatment of garbage will be by cremation or utilization; I propose to continue the investigation of the subject until I am sure that I am right.

In the meantime, if Mr. Smith has any knowledge on the subject which has not been available to us from the rather abundant various sources at our disposal, I shall be very glad to put him into communication with the Expert of the Department, and to learn all that he has to communicate.

I regret to say that my own time is so much occupied, that it is impossible for me to give personal attention to these preliminary investigations.

Very truly yours,

  
Commissioner.

(Enclosure)



# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 3rd, 1895. 189  
Copy

John C. Lester, Esq.,

1913 Second Ave., City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to Mayor Strong has been referred to me, and I will say that your proposition would not be of use to us, for the following reasons:

The system advised by us is to establish housed compartments at each of the dumping stations and store the garbage, which will be discharged into self-propelling boats for transportation.

Your system of lighters would require a boat constantly at each station; the above method would allow of one boat collecting from several stations.

The present intention is not to dump at sea but to furnish the garbage to crematories, or reduction works, to be disposed of in a sanitary manner.

Your wagon proposition is by no means new as it has been tried at several points, notably New Orleans, and was abandoned as expensive and unsatisfactory.

It is the present intention of this Department to separate the ashes and garbage, and this being done, the ashes are valuable

filling material and can readily be disposed of.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. H. Cushman



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, April 3rd, 1895. 189*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

As requested by you, the enclosed communication from John C. Lester, Esq., 1913 Second Avenue, was answered direct, copy of which reply is sent herewith. I also enclosed copy

Yours truly,

*O. J. Carr*

Private Secretary.

(Enclosures)

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 4th, 1895. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office, City.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter from Messrs. Kohnstamm & Co., 126 Chambers St., and am telling them that their rubbish will all be taken care of by Messrs. Walton & Co., who have an office for the receipt of complaints at room 807, 256 Broadway.

I shall be very glad if you will give this information directly to those who apply to you in such matters.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. E. Waring, Jr.".

Commissioner.

*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, April 5, 1895.* 189

**Job E. Hedges, Esq.,**

**Secretary, Mayor's Office.**

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the communication from L. Cash, Esq., 377 East 39th St., and to inform you that the District Superintendent, to whom the matter was referred for investigation, reports that there is no such number as 377 East 39th Street.

Respectfully,

*C. J. Carr*

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building.)*

*Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.*



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, April 6th, 1895.* 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of April 5th, I herewith enclose  
copy of letter written to C. Wharton Clifton.

Respectfully,

*Chas. W. Moore*

Deputy Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.

COPY



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 6th, 1895. 189

C. Wharton Clifton, Esq.,

Park Avenue Corner 62nd Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of April 4th, addressed to the Mayor, which was referred to this Department, I would say that we are endeavoring to rid every street of the City of all illegal incumbrances, as rapidly as possible. We are hampered by not having sufficient room in the incumbrance yards to store the vehicles taken from the streets.

The law is, that vehicles without horses attached, are not permitted upon any of the streets between the hours of 8 A. M. and 4 P.M. Those with horses attached, we are powerless to molest.

The District Superintendents have strict orders to seize every contraband wagon, carriage or truck upon the streets, and I think they are carrying out the instructions in a very able manner.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Chas. K. Moore.

Deputy Commissioner.

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 8, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to enclose herewith the within communication from C. D. Jaffray, Esq., 639 Lexington Avenue, in reference to the sanding of the tracks of the Lexington Ave. R. R. Co., for such action as you deem proper.

Very respectfully,

*O. S. Carr*

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)



# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 8th, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

I return herewith the letter of Martin M. Lewis, 313 Church St. This gentleman has given us already a great deal of trouble. In conversation over the telephone with the Deputy Commissioner, the Superintendent and my Private Secretary, he has shown himself to be a man of ungoverned manners and of unreasonable temper. When my Private Secretary, a lady, was trying to explain to him the reason why we could not remove such material as he was clamoring about, there being too much paper in it, he cut her off with the exclamation, "Damn your papers", etc., etc., and "Darn your Commissioner"; we are taxpayers, and if we can't have our place cleaned by him, we will go to the Mayor."

An assistant of this office called on him personally and most politely to explain the state of affairs, and was treated like a brute.

I do not wish any serious harm to Mr. Lewis, but I think it would only be fair retribution if you would permit me to print his letter without comment.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

(Enclosures)

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 8, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the communication from John Ulrich, Esq., 342 E. 49th St., and to inform you that a letter, a copy of which is enclosed, was this day sent to Mr. Ulrich.

Respectfully,

*O. S. Cassin*

Private Secretary.

{Enclosure}

*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner. (Copy)*

*New York, April 8, 1895. 189*

John Ulrich, Esq.,

342 E. 49th St., City.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of April 3rd, addressed to the Mayor, and forwarded to this Department for attention, the Commissioner directs me to inform you that he has already instructed his officers in the tenement districts to allow receptacles to be placed at the curb in order to abate the nuisance complained of.

Yours truly,

(Signed) O. S. Carré,

Private Secretary.

C.B.L.

*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, April 9th, 1895.* 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Commissioner I return herewith the letter of Thomas MacDermott, of 89 Avenue D, with a personal note of his written across it.

Also, I beg to inform you that the case of James Sullivan, about which you wrote in the same letter, is just now being investigated.

Yours very truly,

*O. S. Carr*

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building.)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, April 9, 1895. 189*

**Job E. Hedges, Esq.,**

**Secretary, Mayor's Office.**

**Dear Sir:-**

The Commissioner directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of even date, enclosing complaint from L. McGrath, Esq., 1809 Lexington Avenue, and to say that Mr. McGrath has this day been informed that Messrs. Walton & Co., 256 Broadway, have been instructed to take care of the refuse complained of.

**Respectfully,**

*O. J. Carr*

**Private Secretary.**

**(Enclosure)**



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building.)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, April 9, 1895. 189*

**Job E. Hedges, Esq.,**

**Secretary, Mayor's office.**

**Sir:-**

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the communication from Messrs. Weinstein & Co., 165 Sixth Ave., City, and to inform you that a letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, was this day sent to that firm.

Respectfully,

*O. J. Carr*

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)



# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner. (Copy)

New York, April 9, 1895. 189

Messrs. Weinstein & Co.,

165 Sixth Ave., City.

Gentlemen:-

The Commissioner directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of April 8th, addressed to the Mayor, and forwarded to this Department for attention, and to inform you that your rubbish will be taken care of by our contractors, Messrs. Walton & Co., 256 Broadway; they have been notified to call upon you and arrange for removals at regular intervals.

Yours truly,

(Signed) O. S. Carré,

Private Secretary.

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 9, 1895. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the communication from E. Black, Esq., 80 Nassau St., concerning the removal of paper, and to inform you that a letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, was this day sent to Mr. Black.

Respectfully,

*O. S. Coni*

Private Secretary.

(2 enclosures)



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner. (Copy)*

*New York, April 9, 1895. 189*

E. Black, Esq.,

80 Nassau St., City.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of April 8th, and to inform you that your rubbish will be taken care of by Messrs. Walton & Co., who have an office for the receipt of complaints at room 807, 256 Broadway, City.

Yours truly,

(Signed) O. S. Carre',

Private Secretary.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

Criminal Court Building,

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets,

New York,

April 10th, 1895.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

We are making good progress in the matter of trucks. The voluntary withdrawals have, so far as I can judge, amounted to one half of what were standing in the streets a month ago.

In order to be perfectly sure of our ground and to avoid with certainty going too far in any direction, I think it will be well to know the precise bearing of the law concerning the licensing of vehicles.

I therefore suggest for your consideration the propriety of your asking the Corporation Counsel for an opinion defining the classes of vehicles which the Mayor's Marshal is authorized to license.

If you will kindly do this and let me know the result, I shall be greatly obliged to you.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.





# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(New Criminal Court Building)  
Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.

New York, April 10th, 1895.

William L. Waring, Jr. Commissioner.  
GEORGE E. WARRING, Jr. Commissioner.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to return herewith the letter of the West Side Citizens' Club, with the following statement:

The fact that the City has no right to deprive the people of the privilege of stabling trucks in the streets and at the same time stabling its own vehicles in the streets, is fully recognized by this Department and is clearly set forth in applications made some time ago to the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners for authority to hire lots for the purpose of receiving the carts in connection with the stables in 12th street, in 52nd street and in 80th street. As soon as the Board authorizes the hiring of these lots, the nuisance and violation of law complained of will cease.

The letter contains the statement that "repeated communications to Commissioner Waring have met with no response." No communication of any sort has been received from the West Side Citizens' Club, from Louis H. Stroh, or from C. Schierloh. I beg also to say of the statement that from these vehicles there arises "a stench most unbearable,"-- There is no such stench possible, in view of the condition in which the carts are kept.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.*



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* April 15th, 1895. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Mayor's Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of April 13th, with enclosures as therein noted, to hand and the subject matter of those enclosures have been given immediate attention.

Respectfully yours,

*Chas. K. Moore*

Deputy Commissioner.

C.B.L.

*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, April 16th, 1895.*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter of the 16th inst., concerning a cart taken from Mrs. Friel, 435 East 13th Street.

I cannot have the cart restored free of charge; that is, I cannot give up the fee, but I can and do reduce it from \$5. to 25 cents, and will see that this poor woman has her cart as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. E. Waring, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, April 16th, 1895. 189*

**Job E. Hedges, Esq.,**

**Secretary, Mayor's Office.**

**Sir:-**

The Commissioner directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 15th, enclosing a communication from M. R. Rieders, Esq., No. 1098 Third Avenue, and to say that Mr. Rieders had been informed that his waste paper will be taken by Messrs. Walton & Co., of 256 Broadway, they having been notified to call upon him.

Very respectfully,

*O. J. Cowie*

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 17th, 1895. 189

*W. L. Shroyer*  
*Senior*

At seven o'clock this morning, Michael Neafsey, Acting Foreman of Section No. 8 of this Department, arrested Kopland Rosenfeld, of 88 Ludlow Street, for throwing a quantity of rubbish into the street in front of 84 Ludlow Street.

Police Justice Grady in Essex Market Court fined the prisoner \$3. for said violation of City ordinance.

*W. E. Waring, Jr.*

Commissioner.

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*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* April 17th, 1895. *189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Mayor's Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to send you the enclosed letter from Dr. Shortlidge, also copy of letter sent in reply from this Department.

Respectfully yours,

*D. S. Carr*

Private Secretary.

(2 Enclosures)



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building.)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, April 17th, 1895.* 189

Hon. Evan G. Shortlidge, M. D.,  
Mayor of Wilmington,  
Del.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 10th was referred to the Department of Street Cleaning, and as the Superintendent in charge of this work, I will say that I have the system used in your City under consideration, and am favorably impressed with it; before the adoption of any system we shall make thorough investigations and hope to include Wilmington in the list.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. H. Cushman.

*per. S. A. V.*

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building.)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 17, 1895. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of April 15th, enclosing letter from Holmes & Edwards Silver Co., 2 Maiden Lane, concerning non-removal of waste paper, etc., and to say that that firm has been informed that Messrs. Walton & Co., 256 Broadway, will call upon them and arrange for the removal of refuse at regular intervals.

Respectfully,

*O. S. Carré*

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

C.B.L.

*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.*



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* April 18th, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith a copy of my reply to letter of  
Messrs. Doran & Hughes, 303 West 40th St., as per your request.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. E. Waring, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

C. B. L.



# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

COPY *New York*, April 18th, 1895 *189*

Messrs. Doran & Hughes,

303 East 40th St., City.

Gentlemen:

The Mayor has sent me your communication of April 15th, saying that at three o'clock on Sunday one truck and two carts were "stole" from in front of your premises. You believe that these are "exempt from Colonel Waring's brigade that take those wagons. It is an utter impossibility to stow these carts and trucks, as there is no facility for the same in this district. Some immediate action should be taken against this outrage."

I hardly think that when one performs the disagreeable duty of executing a law which he has sworn to execute, and which involves the removal of trespassing property from the public thoroughfares, it is exactly fair to accuse him of theft.

I have heard a good deal about the impossibility of stowing away carts and trucks in certain districts. I do not believe it, and daily observation of hundreds of additional trucks being withdrawn from the streets, satisfies me that any man who is not permitted by negligent and unfaithful public officers to use the streets for a truck yard, or for a workshop, without paying fines

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amounting to more than the rent of suitable premises, will lose very little time in adopting the cheaper method.

I know perfectly well the inconvenience caused to you and to others from being suddenly deprived of a privilege of public encroachment which you have come to regard as a natural right. If this were all of it, I would make an effort to have the law modified, but this is by no means all of it. If you saw the hundreds of complaints that come from the people, and especially from women and from mothers, and from all who see what an insufferable nuisance this street storage of trucks is, you would do what many others in your condition are doing, and find some way to transact your private business on private ground.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) GEO. E. WARING, JR.,

Commissioner.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building.)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 19th, 1895. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of April 18th, enclosing complaint from Messrs. Juran & Co., 627 Madison avenue, and to say that that firm was this day informed that Messrs. Walton & Co., 256 Broadway, have been instructed to call upon them and arrange for the disposition of their refuse.

Yours respectfully,

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(Enclosure)

*O. S. Carr*

Private Secretary.