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CABLE ADDRESS:  
"GERRY, NEW YORK"

*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

Nº 297 FOURTH AVENUE. (CORNER EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET.)

*New York*, April 2, 1897. 18

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to your letter relative to Miss May Harney (who is well known to this Society, this not being the first application she has made), we have a certified copy of the entry of her birth from the General Register Office, Somerset House, London, shewing that she was born October 15, 1881, and consequently will not be sixteen until the ensuing October of this year.

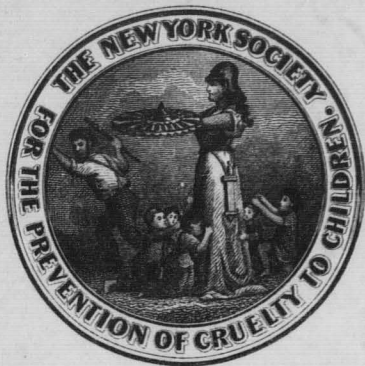
Under these circumstances, I do not see how either you or I could give a Consent to her appearance at the present time, under the restrictions of § 292 of the Penal Code.

Believe me always,

Yours very sincerely,

*Elbridge Gerry*

President etc.



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*New York, April 12, 1897. 18*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

On April 8, 1897, the Department of Public Charities enclosed to this Society a letter from Julius Seidemann, in regard to the alleged ill treatment of his son in the New York Juvenile Asylum, which letter was referred to that Department by yourself, and by it transferred to us, because the Institution in question was not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Charities. Upon receipt of the above, I immediately communicated with the President of the Institution and am now advised that both Mr. Bombard, the head of the shoe shop, and his assistant, Mr. Yerkes, have been discharged from the employment of the Asylum, and that another man now has charge of the shoe shop. I do not think there will be a recurrence of the trouble complained of.

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*Wm. J. Stearns*

President etc.



# APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO EXHIBIT CHILD.

To the Mayor of the City of New York:

The undersigned, respectfully asks your consent, pursuant to Penal Code, Section 292, (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309), to the exhibition of the following named children in a Theatrical Exhibition as hereinafter stated:

	NAME OF CHILD.	STAGE NAME.	AGE. (Date of Birth.)	PLACE OF BIRTH.	PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.	THEIR RESIDENCE.
1	Thomas Flood		(12) Mch 17/85	New York	Thomas Flood	157 Chrystie St
2	William Flood		(14) Apr 9/83	" "	" "	" "
3	Dasy Stein		(15) Feb 3/82	" "	Fanny Stein	184 Chrystie St
4	James De Milto		(14) May 10/82	" "	Frank De Milto	2203 - 2nd Ave
5	John Bauer		(12) Feb 7/85	" "	John Bauer	128 Chrystie St
6	Dora Bauer		(9) Jan 4/88	" "	" "	" "
7	Annie Marcus		(10) June 7/86	" "	Abraham Marcus	23 Rivington St
8	William Heehan		(15) July 6/81	" "	John Heehan	221 Mott St
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Place of Exhibition, Peoples Theatre Bowery and Houston

Nature of Performance, Auxiliary parts only (no singing or dancing)

Name of Play, "Hogan's Alley"

Number of Performances, (8) evenings and 2 matinees

Time and Duration, 2 to 4.30 and 8 to 10.30 P.M. Children on stage  
at various times about 20 minutes each performance

Dates of Performance, April 12 to April 17 1897 inclusive

Dated, New York, April 9

1897

Signed, J De Milto



PENAL CODE, § 292.

As amended by Laws of 1892, Chap. 309,

§ 292. A person who employs or causes to be employed, or who exhibits, uses, or has in custody, or trains for the purpose of the exhibition, use or employment of, any child actually or apparantly under the age of sixteen years, or who, having the care, custody or control of such a child as parent, relative, guardian, employer, or otherwise, sells, lets out, gives away, so trains, or in any way procures or consents to the employment, or to such training, or use, or exhibition of such child; or who neglects or refuses to restrain such child from such training, or from engaging or acting, either

1. As a rope or wire walker, gymnast, wrestler, contortionist, rider or acrobat; or upon any bicycle or similar mechanical vehicle or contrivance; or,

2. In begging or receiving or soliciting alms in any manner or under any pretense, or in any mendicant occupation; or in gathering or picking rags, or collecting cigar stumps, bones or refuse from markets; or in peddling; or

3. In singing; or dancing; or playing upon a musical instrument; or in a theatrical exhibition; or in any wandering occupation; or,

4. In any illegal, indecent or immoral exhibition or practice; or in the exhibition of any such child when insane, idiotic, or when presenting the appearance of any deformity or unnatural physical formation or development; or

5. In any practice or exhibition or place dangerous or injurious to the life, limb, health or morals of the child, is guilty of a misdemeanor. But this section does not apply to the employment of any child as a singer or musician in a church, school or academy; or in teaching or learning the science or practice of music; or as a musician in any concert or in a theatrical exhibition, with the written consent of the mayor of the city, or the president of the board of trustees of the village where such concert or exhibition takes place. Such consent shall not be given unless forty-eight hours' previous notice of the application shall have been served in writing upon the society mentioned in section two-hundred and ninety-three of the Penal Code, if there be one within the county, and a hearing had thereon if requested, and shall be revocable at the will of the authority giving it. It shall specify the name of the child, its age, the names and residence of its parents or guardians, the nature, time, duration and number of performances permitted, together with the place and character of the exhibition. But no such consent shall be deemed to authorize any violation of the first, second, fourth or fifth sub-divisions of this section.

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APPLICATION

For Consent to Exhibit Child

IN A

Theatrical Exhibition.

*Legum Alley*

*Apr 13, 1897*

*People*

To

*The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children:*

*An application for consent, of which the within is a copy, will be made to the Mayor of the City of New York, at the City Hall in said City, on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> 1897 at 12 o'clock M.*

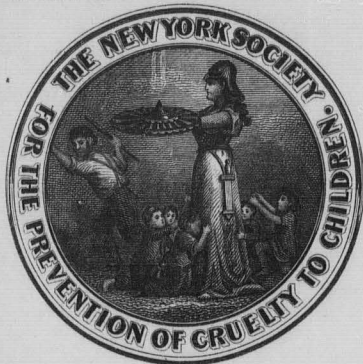
*Dated, New York,*

*April 9<sup>th</sup> 1897*

*J. De Minto*



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297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~NO 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4TH AVE.)~~

*New York April 13<sup>th</sup> 1897.*

DEAR SIR:

During the past month of *March* 1897, this Society has, at the request of the City Magistrates of this City, investigated *134* cases, involving applications for the commitment of *254* children to Institutions.

Upon its reports of such investigations only *105* were so committed, the remaining *149* being shown to be improper subjects for commitment.

Under the existing per capita law, had these *149* children been committed, it would have entailed an illegal expense on the city at the rate of \$ *14,900* during each year of their continuance in the institution receiving them, which expense has thus been prevented by the action above alluded to.

I remain, with great respect,

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,

*President.*

*Copy Complaint of the Society*

*The New York Society for the  
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Nº 297 FOURTH AVENUE. (CORNER EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET.)

*New York, April 22, 1897. 18*

CABLE ADDRESS:  
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Commissioners  
of the Department of Public Charities.  
Gentlemen:

At the hearing yesterday before His Honor, the Mayor, on the subject of Senator Ahearn's bill (Senate Bill No. 1278), the views of your Department were very fully and ably expressed, in his usual and terse manner, by Commissioner Faure. This Society, by direction of its Board of Directors, had already handed in to the Mayor a certified copy of its action in regard thereto. I was present at the hearing, and, to my great surprise, towards its close, one of the employees of your Department, Mrs. K. T. Hall, arose and stated that she was an inspector appointed by you. She then proceeded to read five, foolscap, typewritten pages in opposition to the measure and containing a variety of charges against the officers of this Society of misrepresenting facts to the City Magistrates, relative to the commitment of children, and many other assertions of a like character relative to the conduct of their work, without specifying any names, details or particulars.

Apart from the propriety of an employee of your Department being permitted to present a protest against a public measure, where your action had already been definitely stated by one of your own Body, I must respectfully PROTEST against such wholesale charges being made without some data being furnished for the assertions in question. If the officers of the Society make misrepresentations in reference to the facts upon investigations ordered by the City Magistrates, the sooner its notice is called to the matter, the better; but to permit a public hearing to be conducted by one of the inferior officers of your Department, as its representative, and to make such wholesale charges, is something which I think you will agree with me should not be permitted.

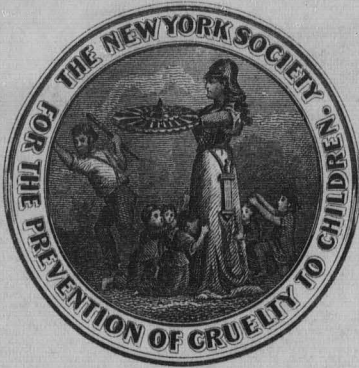
My object in writing this letter is to request, that you will direct the Inspector in question to furnish you with a list of the cases referred to, the names of the officers and the facts which she claims were misrepresented; and, having ascertained the same, that you will forward me a copy thereof. You may rest assured, that if the assertions are true, not only will they be acknowledged but the matter will be corrected. If untrue, I think you will agree with me, that the party making such assertions should be subjected to discipline.

I have the honor to remain,  
With great respect,

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,  
President etc.



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*New York* April 26, 1897 18

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

Dear Sir:

Assembly Bill No. 2489 having passed both houses of the Legislature, will shortly be received by you for your action as Mayor of New York. The bill, a copy of which is hereto annexed, is entitled "An Act to define the jurisdiction of the commissioner of corrections in Greater New York."

By reference to Sec. 695 of the Charter for Greater New York as passed, and which refers to the commissioner of corrections, you will observe that the language is very ambiguous, and the question may arise as to whether our Societies for the prevention of cruelty to children both in the City of New York and also in Brooklyn are not placed under the control of the commissioner and under his management, in view of the fact that children are therein detained as witnesses and also when charged with crime. Another very important omission which appeared in the draft of the Charter was the striking out of the exception of the Brooklyn disciplinary training school for boys, which the bill referred to restores.

While this bill does not in specific terms amend Sec. 695, yet the legal effect of it is to straighten out that portion of the section which refers to the jurisdiction of the commissioners over institutions in the city. I am quite sure that the amendment consequently will receive the approval of yourself and your colleagues of the respective cities to whom the bill will be submitted. Nothing creates greater confusion than ambiguity of expression in a city charter in regard to the powers of the officers created thereby; and it is for the purpose of preventing any such friction or misunderstanding and at the same time to confirm in the commissioner the powers requisite for the discharge of his functions that the bill in question is introduced. It is very obvious that the institution and the societies in question do not properly come within the jurisdiction of the said officer, as their powers and functions are defined explicitly by the statutes creating them.

Trusting that you will kindly return this bill to the Governor, with your approval,

I remain, with great respect,

*Wm. L. Gerry*

President &c.

# State of New York.

No. 2489.

Int. 1707.

## IN ASSEMBLY,

April 6, 1897.

Introduced by Mr. PERKINS — read once and referred to the committee on affairs of cities.

### AN ACT

To define the jurisdiction of the commissioner of corrections in Greater New York.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 Section 1. The commissioner of correction in the city of New  
2 York, as it will exist on the first day of January, eighteen hundred  
3 and ninety-eight, shall take charge of, manage and have jurisdiction  
4 over all institutions for the custody of criminals and misdemean-  
5 ants which belong to the city of New York, except the house of  
6 refuge, the house of detention of witnesses, the Brooklyn disciplin-  
7 ary training school for boys incorporated societies for the pre-  
8 vention of cruelty to children and all jails or places for the de-  
9 tention of persons charged with crime which are under the charge  
10 of the sheriff or the police department. He shall also have charge  
11 of such other institutions belonging to said city as have been placed

EXPLANATION.—Matter underscored ————— is new; matter in brackets [] is  
old law to be omitted.



1 under his jurisdiction by the act of eighteen hundred and ninety-  
2 seven known as the charter New York, and the act supplemental  
3 thereto, and such as may hereafter be placed under his jurisdiction  
4 by the municipal assembly of said city.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect January first, eighteen hundred  
6 and ninety-eight.

CHARTER FOR THE GREATER NEW YORK, AS PASSED, SEC. 695.

Sec. 695. The commissioner shall have jurisdiction over and it shall be his duty to take charge of and manage all institutions for the care and custody of criminals and misdemeanants which belong to or are hereafter acquired by or established in the city of New York as constituted by this act, except the house of refuge for juvenile delinquents and the house of detention of witnesses, and except all jails or places for the detention of prisoners or persons charged with crime which are under the charge of the sheriff or the police department. The commissioner shall also have charge of such other institutions as may be hereafter placed under his jurisdiction by the municipal assembly. Whenever the state authorities shall have caused the inmates of the lunatic asylum on Hart's island to be removed elsewhere and shall have vacated the buildings now on said island occupied by said asylum, the said buildings, with the grounds thereto appertaining, shall become and be under the charge and control of the department of correction; provided, however, that the burial of deceased paupers shall be continued on said island under regulations established by the joint action of the departments of public charities and of correction, or in case of disagreement between said departments, under such regulations as may be established by the mayor of the city.



(COPY)

New York, April 30, 1897

Hon. Elbridge T. Gerry, Pres't,  
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,  
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Your communication of the 22d inst. would have had immediate acknowledgment but for the delay in obtaining the information you desired, and you will therefore kindly accept this statement as an apology.

Our Visitor to the Out Door Poor, to whom illusion is made in your communication, in her enthusiastic opposition to the bill passed the seeming criticism upon the investigation made by your agents. We are extremely sorry that the language used was capable of such construction. She is a very competent Visitor and takes unusual interest in her work which we have had occasion to comment upon on frequent occasions.

I hope that the report and statement herewith enclosed will further explain the matter to your satisfaction.

Regretting the incident, I am

Very truly yours,

S. C. CROFT,  
Pres't.



*Mrs Hall's Report*

(COPY)

New York, April 29, 1897

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners,

Department of Public Charities,

Gentlemen:

Will you please excuse delay in furnishing the information called for in the communication addressed to your Honorable Board by the Hon. Elbridge T. Gerry under date of April 23rd, as my duties have been very exacting for the past week. Permit me to say that at the hearing of the Mothers Bill I did not represent myself as an Inspector appointed by you, and the protest I read covered two and one-half sheets. I cannot feel that an honorable gentleman like Mr. Gerry would assume to take my privileges from me as a citizen. This Bill being a public hearing before the Mayor, I desired, as a citizen, to protest against such provisions as the Bill contained. I was therefore compelled to impress upon his Honor, the Mayor, the reasons why such provisions should be opposed. It was therefore necessary for me to state the facts which I quoted.

Of the 11,384 children visited by our Examiners, 3,276 were discharged as improper charges. I consequently felt that this argument would be sufficient, as showing 25% of commitments which have been investigated by this Society's agents which had to be dismissed.

As requested, I will give a few cases which have been under my personal investigation, which would seem to justify me in making the statements which I did, namely:-

FIRST CASE. Freda Silverman. This woman arrived by S. S. Palatia September 12, 1895, and was recorded as a widow with four small children. The minutes of the Court of Special Inquiry conducted by the Commissioners of Immigration, will describe this case in full. On February 1, 1896, this woman was dispossessed while residing at 185 Division St., not for rent in arrears so much as for her immoral habits, as testified to before William Blake by the owner of that house. The Society's agents committed this woman's four children to the Hebrew Institute, and I took this case on February 2, 1896 for investigation, and Mr. Blake and myself offered money and work to this woman, who refused such offers as she had immediately taken up quarters with a male friend who was then residing in Broome St. On February 12th, 13th and 14th Mr. Blake had me follow this woman around, and I traced her living at 49 Willet St. He had called the attention of the Society to this case, but for reasons not explained to me at that time the matter was dropped. In August, 1896, two days before he sailed for Europe Mr. Blake again requested me to watch this woman. I traced her to 80 Willet St., and on December 23, 1896, my history of the case shows that Mr. Blake requested me again to find this woman, this time to deport her and her family back to Bohemia. I was unsuccessful in finding her and so reported. This case on February 1, 1896, should have been turned over to the Superintendent of Out Door Poor, thereby relieving this City and County of great expense.

SECOND CASE. Sarah Reichman and husband, without family, arrived in New York in 1890, going to Davenport, Iowa, and staying there over three years, then coming to this City. They first resided at 55 Columbia St. seven months; at 102 Pitt St. seven and



one-half months; and at 272 Delancey St. over one year, showing over two and one-half years in this City. The husband disappeared. The mother is a poor weak consumptive who was sent in July in a delicate condition by charitable societies to Brownsville, L. I., where twins were born to her. After three months stay there she returned to this City to a friend residing at 136 Monroe St. who was unable to care for her in her illness. Upon investigating this case Mr. Blake had arrangements made that as soon as provision could be made through the Court for the children the mother would be received at the Montefiore Home. The Society refused to allow this family such aid, they claiming them non-residents. Agents and owners of the above named places where this woman resided testified by their rent rolls that this family had resided as stated. The owner of 272 Delancey St. wrote this Department in 1894 and 1895 for coal for this family. Mr. Blake made strenuous efforts without avail in behalf of this case, which was a proper charge.

THIRD CASE. Rebecca Gleickman, 107 Ludlow St., a widow residing many years in this city, with six children, five of whom were committed by the Society to the Hebrew Institute. The latter part of 1896 our Examiner, Mrs. Pfeiffer, reported this case as an improper charge, and Superintendent Blake compelled the mother to take them home, as she had a good dressmaking establishment, paying \$18.00 per month rent and hiring help. On or about the middle of December, 1896, this case was again approved by the Society after dismissal by the Out Door Poor Department. She had again moved into a basement, thereby presenting a wretched home. There were all kinds of appeals to the Superintendent, and so far as members of the Assembly, as her husband had been quite prominent when alive. My report when I visited this case on December 21, 1896, was made to Mr. Blake and disapproved by him. Mr. Blake made a personal investigation upon appeal from the United Hebrew Charities for this woman, and informed the managers of the Institute where the children were committed not to accept this case again. This case was twice approved by the Society.

FOURTH CASE. Sciavano Sciortino, 233 East 8d St., arrived in this city September 1, 1896, with wife and three children, all of whom were born in Kansas City. After three months here the husband was taken to Bellevue Hospital suffering with typhoid fever. The children were taken by the Society and committed. This made the mother, then in a delicate condition, delirious, when she, too, was removed to Bellevue Hospital, and later transferred to Charity Hospital by premature birth brought on by the illness caused by separation from her children, not knowing where they had been taken to as she was a stranger in this city and could not speak the language. On February 9, 1897, the father having been discharged after three months in Bellevue Hospital, tried to find his family but the Society refused him all information. He was then advised to seek Superintendent Blake. I found this man was a non-resident, and also that he had letters showing that he was able to take his family back to Kansas City, where they had relatives and friends willing to care for them. This case should have been reported to this Department at once as there was great expense incurred by not doing so.

FIFTH CASE. Rebecca Koschinsky, 174 Delancey St. This woman has two children; one is at the Five Points Mission, and the other was discharged by this Department from Randall's Island. The father, who is in London, sends a monthly allowance to his wife. She is young and well able to care for her family, and has two accounts at the Citizens Bank. The father is desirous that his children be sent to him. This is not a proper charge.



SIXTH CASE. Mrs. Morrison, 437 West 30th St. Having occasion to visit this house on a sick call to a family residing there this mother appealed to me to compel the Society to give her back her two children, who had been for some years in the care of the Five Points Mission. She claimed that they were taken from her by force while she was ill in bed. Mr. Blake investigated this case and found she was in circumstances well able to properly care for her children for a long time. This was expense entirely uncalled for upon the City.

SEVENTH CASE. Michael Angelino Sylvestere, 528 East 14th St., arrived in this City December 18, 1896, from New Orleans, La., where his three children were born. He called at this office for help but did not return. This man deserted his children on the street. The Society picked them up and cared for them, and when the father, conscience-stricken, returned, was given the custody of them again. For the second time he deserted them on the street, and the report of the Society was, "The father's whereabouts unknown." Therefore we would be compelled to accept these children. It was the duty of this Society to hand this man over to justice, and also to this Department to be transferred to New Orleans where they belong, but their failing to do this was a cause of expense to the City.

The case which I desire to mention now I read of in the papers and was very much impressed by same. A short time ago the Supreme Court rendered a verdict against the Society in favor of the father of three children whom this Society's agents tried and had committed to their care. This case was before the public for many days and the Society was severely criticised for such unwarrantable action. The father proved to the entire satisfaction of the Supreme Court, presided over by the Hon. Judge Prior, that this Society had gained, by misrepresentation to him, the custody of his children. I believe the name of this man was John Marron. This case was in the early part of this year.

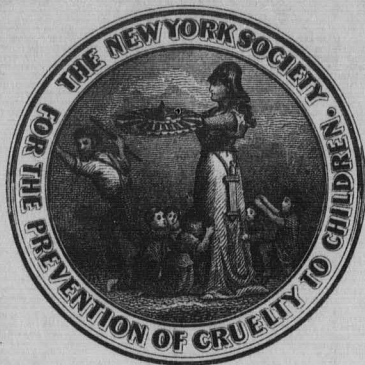
These are a few cases which I feel your Honorable Board can readily understand justify my statements. In so doing I did not intend to assert any facts with a view to criticise this Society. It was as stated above, only in line of my protest in regard to the regulations of the Bill. Mr. Gerry's letter suggests that I should be subject to discipline. This I leave in your hands to act upon as you deem wise and just. I feel, however, that my services heretofore having been appreciated by the Department, that you will regard the position I have taken in this matter a proper one.

Very respectfully,

(MRS.) KATE F. HALL



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*New York,* May 5, 1897. 18

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from your Secretary, enclosing a communication from Mrs. Rose Valenti of 214 Chrystie Street, and beg to say the matter had already been brought to the Society's attention previous to the receipt of this letter. The children in question were not committed at the request or recommendation of the Society, but appear to have been sent to St. Agatha's Home, 209 West 15th Street, by Police Justice Hogan, on August 21, 1893. The Society has suggested to the Institution that the children should be discharged therefrom, if the parent is able to care for them; and this was done before the receipt of your letter.

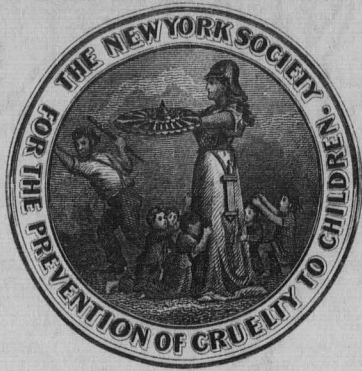
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*New York* May 7, 1897 18

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:

You have always taken so warm an interest in this Society and its work that I cannot but think you must have felt surprised at the very extraordinary denunciation of the same, made on the occasion of the recent hearing before you on the Ahearn bill, by Mrs. Kate F. Hall, one of the salaried inspectors of the Department of Charities. I deem it but just to the Society in view of the publicity of her statements, which were read from carefully prepared type-written memoranda, to invite your attention to the enclosed embodying the same, recently received by me from the Department upon my complaint of her conduct, and also my reply thereto and the records of the Society affecting each case.

I know that you are overtaxed with a press of official business, and yet possibly during your leisure moments if you have any, you may find it somewhat interesting, as shewing how sometimes zeal in the discharge of official duty is apt to involve mendacity. But for the public character of the attack I should not have troubled you with this communication or the enclosed. It certainly does seem to me that the Department should follow my suggestion relative to the suppression of such semi-official statements without their sanction; and that in addition, they should take some notice of the singular assertions of their employee, on account of their extreme untruthfulness.

Believe me always, Mr. Mayor,  
Your sincere attached friend,

*Wm. L. Gerry*

President &c.



*The Society's Reply to Mrs Hall's Report*

*Copy*

May 7, 1897

Silas C. Croft, Esq.,

President, Department of Public Charities, N.Y. City,

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks in behalf of this Society, the receipt of your communication of April 30, 1897, and the enclosure of the report of Mrs. Kate F. Hall, your inspector. The statements made by her were not made as a citizen but in her official capacity as one of your officers, which alone entitles them to any attention, as no citizen other than an officer of your Department could have obtained knowledge of the alleged facts which she asserted. While the interest which she may take in her work may be commendable, I again venture to suggest to your Department that some rule should be adopted precluding its employees from publicly criticising institutions or other bodies connected with the administration of the law in this City, in the absence of special instructions from your Honorable Board to that effect. According to her own statement, a portion of her assertions were based upon newspaper articles, and however great may be her credulity in assuming the truth of such reports, she had no right to make them the ground of a public attack of the character in question without at least ascertaining the truth or falsity of the statement. The case to which she refers was particularly obnoxious in view of the fact that the newspaper which published the report to which she alluded and which has been excluded from almost every reputable club and institution in this City, itself hired a well-known criminal lawyer to endeavor to upset the commitment upon the purely technical ground of the omission of a word in its recital, and in which I regret to say he was successful. The object of the paper was to create material for a sensational article at the expense of the Society; but that any official of the City government should use such an article for a public attack on the Society is something which should not be sanctioned for one moment.

This Society is glad at all times to receive from your Department any complaints or suggestions relative to the proper



prosecution of its work, and your late lamented Superintendent, Mr. Blake, was freely consulted at all times and freely advised with, even in reference to the very cases about which Mrs. Hall complains. And I trust that you will never hesitate to frankly present any complaint which your Board or any of your colleagues may desire to prefer, in reference to the work of this Society or the method of its conduct by its officers.

But I deem it my duty to shew you now very plainly that the special cases cited by your inspector Mrs. Hall are untrue in point of fact. The very assertion with which she starts, that of 11,884 children visited, 8,276 were discharged as improper charges, showing that 85% of the commitments investigated by the Society's agents had to be dismissed, is absolutely misleading. This Society recommends hundreds of discharges every month of children who were absolutely proper subjects of commitment at the time the latter was made, and any one familiar with the destitution of New York City knows that a family who may be in want one week, by the adults' obtaining labor in the next are both able and anxious to reclaim possession of their children and relieve the City of the burden, thereby restoring the former home relations. If your Honorable Board do not consider Mrs. Hall deserving of censure, the labors of this Society have practically been in vain. I think it only right that you should know how much reliance is to be placed upon her reports and statements, in order that possibly in the future their reception may arouse some caution. I enclose copies of the records of this Society in each case cited by her, and invite your careful attention to the same. As these criticisms were made in public by Mrs. Hall, I have sent to his Honor, the Mayor, a copy of the same and also of my explanation and contradiction herewith enclosed.

I remain as always,

With profound respect,

Wm. J. Gerry

President &c.



I. The statement of Mrs. Hall, that of the 11,384 cases visited by the examiners of the Department of Public Charities 8,276 were discharged as improper charges, "showing that 25% of the commitments in cases that had been investigated by the Society's agents had to be dismissed" is untrue and misleading. While the number of cases mentioned may have been examined, and the number discharged as "improper cases" may be correct, yet very many of the cases referred to were not all made at one time but extended over a period of FIVE and SIX YEARS; and at the time of commitment and examination by the Society's officers they WERE proper subjects for commitment as our records fully shew and prove. Subsequent changes in the circumstances of the parties do not affect the previous facts.

II. The "FIRST CASE" (95,573) cited by Mrs. Hall, of Freda Silverman, was first called to the attention of the Society on January 6, 1896, when the family, consisting of the mother, Frieda, and TWO children, Rachel 2 and Sarah 3 years, were found upon the street, dispossessed. The children were brought to the Society's rooms and cared for. The woman stated her husband had died in Poland. On inquiry, it was found that she was a non-resident and that two other children, Samuel 11 and Lillie (or Lottie) 6 years, had been received in the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society WITHOUT commitment and NOT at the Society's request. Your late Supt. Blake was consulted in reference to the case, and on January 9, 1896, Supt. Barnard of the Five Points House of Industry offered to receive the children, Rachel and Sarah, without commitment and on the 11th of January they were delivered to him. On February 26, 1896, Supt. Barnard notified the Society that he had delivered the children to a relative at 310 Broome Street. The Society fails to see where there was any "great expense" to this City or County in this case; and the statement of Mrs. Hall "that the Society had the four children committed to the Hebrew Institute" (which is an institution of learning and NOT for the reception of children) is absolutely untrue. Your late Supt. Blake was consulted by the Society in this case in all the different steps of the proceedings.

On May 8, 1896, the above family was again called to the Society's notice, through a complaint that a woman at 88 Ridge Street was immoral and neglecting her children, leaving them without a morsel of food at times, and they being nearly starved. The officer at the address given found the family to be that of the same Frieda Silverman and her two children, Sarah and Rachel, aged 3 and 2 years. The children were in a very filthy condition and were removed by the officer to the Third District City Magistrate's Court, where the Magistrate held them for examination. On May 9, 1896, they were again taken to Court and by the Magistrate discharged to the mother with a warning.

On May 11, 1896, they were again brought before the Magistrate by the mother, and he, after duly considering the case, committed the children (TWO) to the Five Points House of Industry, thereby removing them from their immoral surroundings and preventing their further neglect.

III. In the "SECOND CASE" (103,243), that of Sarah Reichman, the Society was requested by the Magistrate in the Third District City Magistrate's Court, on November 5, 1896, to make an investigation. The family was found residing at 136 Monroe St., c/o Solomon. It consisted of parents, Nathan and Sarah, and children, Minnie 5 years, Iddore 3 years, Rosie 2 years and Jennie 4 weeks. They were found in three clean and comfortable rooms. They had lived there one week. Woman claimed they arrived from Russia 6 years previously, and that husband had deserted on their arrival, that they had gone to Davenport, Ia., residing there five years,



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and had then come to New York City, living at 372 Delancey Street for one and one-half years, and later at Brownsville, L.I. The officer made an investigation but failed to find sufficient evidence to warrant the Society in recommending commitment. He reported all the facts to the Magistrate, who refused commitment at the time but requested a further investigation. Your late Supt. Blake was then consulted in the case; and, after further examination, at his request, on November 24, 1896, the Magistrate in the Third District City Magistrate's Court, committed the children, on the mother's affidavit, to the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society. It is NOT true, as Mrs. Hall states, "that Mr. Blake's efforts were without avail in behalf of this case." The Society had no knowledge of the woman's seeking admission to the Montefiore Home, and it has information that she NEVER was an inmate there.

IV. In the "THIRD CASE" (104,239) of Rebecca Gleickman, the Society on December 14, 1896, received an order to investigate issued by City Magistrate Mott. The family, consisting of mother Rebecca and children Harry 10 years, Julia 7 1/8 years, Louis 6 years, Nellie 12, Rosa 11 and Samuel 4 years, were found at 107 Ludlow Street. At that time the husband's death was shown by a certificate from the Board of Health. Woman claimed to be sickly and her appearance indicated that fact. She claimed she earned her living by sewing but was unable to secure work. The owner of the premises, a Mrs. Alter, said they had lived there six months and that they then owed two months' rent. At 107 Rivington Street where they had formerly lived for two years, it was learned they had moved therefrom because of inability to pay rent. All of these facts were reported to the Magistrate in the Third District City Magistrate's Court, and he decided to commit two of the children, Harry and Louis, to the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society. This was the only occasion upon which the Society had this case in charge and AT NO TIME, as stated, did it "recommend the commitment of five children": and further, it has information that the two children, above committed, were NEVER RECEIVED in the Institution, on account of their physical condition.

V. The "FOURTH CASE" (104,923), Sciavano Sciortino, was called to the Society's attention on January 16, 1897, by a representative of your Department at Bellevue Hospital, who requested an investigation, stating that the father, Saverio, was an inmate of Ward 18, and that the mother Angelina was about to be confined and was absolutely destitute. That the mother desired the children, Caspar 6, Victor 4 and Antonio 2 years, cared for until she was again able to provide for them. The officer found the family at 229 E. 3d Street in apparently very destitute circumstances. The mother stated she was going to a hospital on the following afternoon; that her husband had been in the hospital for the past two months. The family were non-residents having only been in New York seven months from Kansas City. On January 17, at the mother's request, the officer removed the children to the Society's Reception Rooms, and on the following day, after a consultation with your late Superintendent Mr. Blake, they were delivered to your Department to be sent to Randall's Island. On January 19, 1897, a letter was sent to the Rev. H. D. St. George Young, giving the disposition of the case, that he might notify the father. On February 17, 1897, the father called at this office and received a "recommendation to discharge", addressed to Supt. Blake, suggesting the release of the children to him. On March 19, 1897, he again called at this office and stated that he had lost the "recommendation" given him the previous month, and he was then given a letter to your Acting Supt. Bauer, stating that the Society had no objections to present to the release of his children to him.



On April 14, 1897, a telephone message was received in relation to the discharge of the child Gaspar Sciortino. To this, reply was sent that the Society had no objections to offer, and in fact had so stated in letter some time previous. These facts fully contradict the statements of Mrs. Hall.

The mother was informed, fully, as to the disposition of the children. The fact of her not speaking English was immaterial, as an Italian officer - one of her own countrymen - had charge of the case.

The statement that "the father was refused information by the Society" as to the disposition of the children is clearly disproven by the facts and the records, which show that upon his first call at this office he was given a "recommendation for their discharge", addressed to the Superintendent of your Department having their care.

As to the statement that "the case should have been reported to the Department (of Public Charities) at once", - this was the fact. The children were delivered to the Department, AND THE WHOLE FAMILY WAS IN ITS CHARGE. It was within the power of your Department to make whatever disposition it chose of any or all of the family; and thereby to avoid any and all expense.

VI. In the "FIFTH CASE" (98901), Rebecca Koschinsky, as Mrs. Hall states, it was called to the attention of the Society by the Magistrate in the Third District City Magistrate's Court on May 30, 1896. It was then claimed that the father Samuel had deserted the family. Children, Lena 5 and Moses 3 years. Family was then stopping at 7 Hester Street with a Mrs. Plum. Woman worked on children's shoes and earned but very little and at that time had no work. These facts were reported to the Magistrate and he decided to commit one child, Lena, to the Five Points House of Industry. As to a child being sent to the Department of Charities, or Randall's Island, the Society knows nothing of this; and further, had no knowledge of the woman except at the time mentioned. If, as stated, the father is desirous of having the children sent to him, your Department can certainly take the proper action to have his request complied with if it thinks proper to do so.

VII. As to the "SIXTH CASE" (69579), Mrs. Morrison of 437 West 30th Street, the Society's first knowledge of this case was a complaint made to it on December 23, 1893, that the Morrison children at 530 West 29th Street were neglected, the parents being drunkards. Investigation found the rooms in a filthy condition. Mrs. Morrison claimed to be sick and paralyzed in both feet and unable to walk. In one of the bedrooms was found a child, Tillie, aged 6 years, in a perfectly nude state, covered with vermin, and in a filthy condition generally. The other child, Alfred, 2 years old, was also in a very filthy condition. Both the man and woman looked very dissipated and they could give no explanation as to why the children were in such a neglected state. The children and the father were taken before the Magistrate in the Second District Police Court, where the children were committed to the Five Points House of Industry and the father severely reprimanded. Tillie was in such a condition that she was subsequently, by order of Supt. Blake, sent to Randall's Island for treatment, to be returned to the Society when cured. On February 7, 1894, Tillie was returned to the Society by your Department and by it delivered at the Five Points House of Industry. THE PARENTS HAD NEVER VISITED THE SOCIETY TO ENQUIRE IN RELATION TO THE CHILDREN, NOR TO ASK FOR THEIR RELEASE. On May 21, 1894, Mr. Barnard, Superintendent of the Five Points House of Industry, asked that some final disposition be made of the children. On the same day, a letter was sent him by the Society, suggesting that the children



be returned to their parents if the home was a proper one; and if not, that they be found homes elsewhere. Nothing further was heard from the case until November 18, 1896, when your late Supt. Blake communicated with the Society in relation to the matter, suggesting that if the home was a proper one the children should be returned to it. Investigation was made, and on November 27, 1896, Mrs. Morrison called and received the Society's "Recommendation to Discharge" for the children.

VIII. The "SEVENTH CASE" (106,349), Michael Angelina Sylvestere, was called to the Society's attention on March 22, 1897, when two children, Guiseppe and Maria, aged 9 and 7 years, were brought to the Society's Reception Rooms by an officer of the Police Department, who stated that the parents were Michael and Rosa, and that there was another child, the youngest, named Gracia; that they had lived for five months at 528 East 14th Street, having previously come from New Orleans. The officer stated that the children had been found at 20th Street and 7th Avenue with no one to care for them. On March 23, the father of the children called and was directed to Court. He claimed that his wife had died in New Orleans; that he had been stopping with a cousin, Rosalie Sylvestre, at 528 East 14th Street, and that the children had strayed away. They were taken before the Court and by the Magistrate discharged into the custody of their father.

On April 6, 1897, at 11.30 P.M., a telephone message was received by the Society from the Bureau of Information at Police Headquarters, that the Sylvestre children were again with them and desiring to know to whom they had been discharged in March. On April 7, 1897, they were informed "to the father" and his address was given. The children were taken to the Second District City Magistrate's Court, by a Central Office officer, who made statement that the children had been found at the corner of 20th Street and Third Avenue, at 9.45 P.M., on April 6, and taken to the 18th Precinct Station House, and later transferred to Police Headquarters. They were by the Magistrate committed to the Society for examination, and were brought to its Reception Rooms. On April 8, an officer of the Society located the father at 430 East 11th Street, and he was brought to Court, and the facts presented to the Magistrate, and the suggestion made that the man was evidently trying to get rid of his children; but the Magistrate discharged him with a warning and he was also directed to your Department.

The Society knows nothing of "reporting the whereabouts of man unknown." On the contrary, its records shew that he was found and brought before the Court for its action, and further that he was directed to your Department. This Society has no power, as erroneously stated by Mrs. Hall, to "HAND THE MAN OVER" to the Department, to be transferred to New Orleans. The Society is also at a loss to understand to what "expense" the City has been placed by its action.

IX. As to the last case mentioned by Mrs. Hall, which the Society presumes to be that of the Marion family (105,613) of 359 Madison Street, this case was called to the attention of the Society by a clergyman, who stated that Mrs. Marion at 359 Madison Street was separated from her husband, leading an immoral life, and exposing her three children to immoral influences; that both she and her husband were intemperate, and that the man had that day (February 18, 1897) had his wife arrested, in the hope of getting the children out of her custody. An officer visited the locality and found the accusations made confirmed by the neighbors. He then found the father and arranged with him to meet him at the premises at 7.30 A.M. on the following day. The man worked for Samuel D. Lockwood, flour merchant, at 184 South Street, earning



\$8. per week. He and his son occupied a furnished room at 8 Market Street. By arrangement, the Society officer met Mr. Marion the next morning and with a police officer visited 359 Madison Street. The door was opened, after some knocking, by Mrs. Marion; the three mentioned entered the premises, and Mrs. M. was accused by her husband of having a man in the premises. This she denied. Search was made, and in a bedroom the officer found a man, named Ray, standing up against the wall, behind a lot of old clothing, with nothing on except his undershirt and drawers, no shoes or stockings. The woman then called her husband every sort of a vile and filthy name and said the man Ray was there at her request, and that he had a right to be there. At the officer's request, she dressed the children, and they with the man (father) were taken to the Third District City Magistrate's Court, where the Magistrate committed them to the Society for examination on February 23, 1897, when the father was notified to be present. The children, Fannie and Mary, told the father that they with their mother and the man Ray occupied one bed. On February 23, the children - after a full statement of the facts - were committed by the Magistrate, on the mother's claim that they were Protestant, to the Five Points House of Industry, but subsequently, the father having produced baptismal certificates shewing them to be Catholic, they were committed to the New York Catholic Protectory, the Magistrate destroying the commitments previously signed. Subsequently, these children were taken before the Supreme Court and, upon a technical error in the commitment, discharged to the father.

The officer in making his investigation ascertained at 315 Washington Street, from Hall & Ruckel, pharmacists, that Eugene Marion had worked there from June 20, 1892, to November 20, 1894, but finally they had to discharge him for drunkenness.

The Charity Organization Society reported that they had aided the family from March, 1894, to August, 1896.

Mrs. Marion claimed that she had been married 14 years; that her husband had always been a useless good-for-nothing, and had never supported his family. She was very anxious that the children should remain in the Institution and made such a statement in Court.

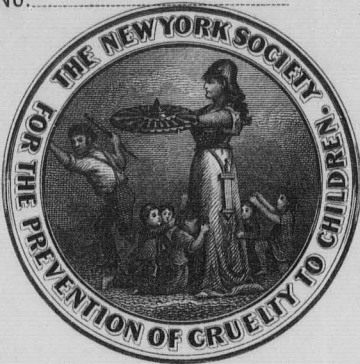
Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. Gerry  
President

May 7. 1897



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CABLE ADDRESS:

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*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~NO 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York May 10<sup>th</sup> 1897*

DEAR SIR:

During the past month of *April* 1897, this Society has, at the request of the City Magistrates of this City, investigated *128* cases, involving applications for the commitment of *223* children to Institutions.

Upon its reports of such investigations only *75* were so committed, the remaining *148* being shown to be improper subjects for commitment.

Under the existing per capita law, had these *148* children been committed, it would have entailed an illegal expense on the city at the rate of \$ *14,800* during each year of their continuance in the institution receiving them, which expense has thus been prevented by the action above alluded to.

I remain, with great respect,

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,

*President.*



New York City  
9/Amsterdam St

May 12. 1897

Mrs Margaret E. Sangster

Dear Madam:-  
I

read your writings every  
week. and after you read  
this perhaps you will excuse  
me the liberty I take by  
addressing you.

I am seeking influence  
to get my daughter from the  
St-Agnes House at Surwood  
Station S. N.Y. C. & P.

My daughter was a good  
girl to work. and loved to



was owing Rosa for work we could not collect.  
and so Rosa did the house work, and I went out  
by the day— She would not keep away from the  
dancing places— I took her to the Glee Societies  
evenings at night; The next morning I went to the  
57<sup>th</sup> Court near 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, and was out there by  
the Agent & Rosa; I had learned from Mr Adams  
who was told by the Sergeant at the Desk <sup>6851</sup> that  
we could not get the girl till she was of age if  
we placed her, at the House of Mercy. So I told  
the agent at the table, I should put her at the  
Female Asylum, he said I "could not put her  
there, or at least you will require a little for a min-  
ister"; I said oh! I can get that, and was going to bring  
her home; and the papers were torn up— when  
the Agent who had the Child in Charge came on  
and when he heard that the papers <sup>that</sup> were made  
out, were destroyed, he was very anxious to per-  
suade me to send her to the House of Mercy. and told  
me that it was only a matter of form; the Cause  
"of age" and that as I had complained & committed  
her myself. and could give her a good home she  
would probably be returned to me in about a year.

When I went before the Judge I objected to the "of  
age" and was assured the Agent was right— that it  
was for Girls whose parents were bad, themselves  
When the year was expired I asked for Rosa's release  
(Page 5)



keep herself & the family at-  
traction, attended Sabbath  
School regular as you can  
learn by addressing her teacher  
Miss Augusta C. Smith at  
"Lego, Charlottesville, Virginia."

Also Church Sunday Morning  
at Rev D. E. Lowry's church  
at 66 St near Boulevard-

But she would attend the  
picnic & the Balls, where the  
music was so alluring, & she  
was so fond of dancing.

My husband's salary was small  
he had been ill for a year at  
one time we were striving to get  
out of debt, \$25 that my Grand-  
mother had sent, did not reach  
us. \$25 more or less, That a woman



of the Sisters in charge of St. Agnes House, I told this sister that the Gurny Agent claimed that Rosa admitted to him that she was immoral. The Sister assured me if that were true she would have been placed in the House of Mercy - as she was committed there, but as it was found that she was not immoral she was placed in St. Agnes House this was not Sister Mildred, but a Sister older & short in stature who is at the Mercy House, but took charge of Sister Mildred's work.

Now the Gurny Agent says I must pay \$25. to get my case opened by a Judge.



Say. They can do nothing. I went out day-  
or rather last Monday with a note from my  
Pastor Rev D. E. Lorange saying "some of us will  
make a public complaint - & take it to the Mayor  
of the City. I have known Mrs Adams for nine  
years and can vouch for her in every way"

Mrs Wammahs gave me this card saying  
this Gentleman has power to release her, and  
for me to see him at 223rd N.Y. City office on  
Thursday but I thought we would see the Mayor  
so I did not note if it were May 13, or May 20. but  
I am going down tomorrow.

Have you time to help me? or do you know  
of any one who can or will write to Mr. Fanning  
in my behalf. It is an outrage for those agents  
to tell such a Mother as I, that we can get ~~the~~  
child when we like - when we know that it is  
false - I understand it was verbal - but the case  
should be looked into; and some one ought to  
have charge of these affairs who will not decide, such  
as I. Will you let me come to see you? This is  
my Son. I do not know your address, but will  
trust, to him who cares for the Lillies - and us  
all - I do not wish this in the Papers - (my care)  
Sincerely Agnes Adams.  
I have not any money to give this case -



I cannot understand why I  
a born American & she a daughter  
of an old American family  
should be swindled out of  
the help & society of my child

She had committed no crime  
that she should be sent to prison  
the best years of her life; at hard  
labor, as she was, till I have  
made such a complaint that  
she is put back in School for a  
half day now - after Mr B.L.  
Garrison an 168 W 64 St wrote  
to Mr Kent the officer of the  
House of Mercy.

Mr Madison C. Peters J.D. wrote  
to the Gury Society & he advised  
me to go down & request a release  
from them. I did so - but they



Rosa was employed by Mrs  
Barrie Armstrong - just - a few  
months before she worked for the  
woman who was owning her - &  
She has given me a letter to Mrs  
Fanning - stating she is willing to



employ her again-

A.A.

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Mrs. Susan J. Hannaks,  
Inspector, State Board of Charities.  
Office Eastern Inspection District.

287 Fourth Avenue,  
New York.



Mr. James O. Fanning

State Board of Charities  
Office at Capitol

Albany N. Y.

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27 EIGHTEENTH ST.

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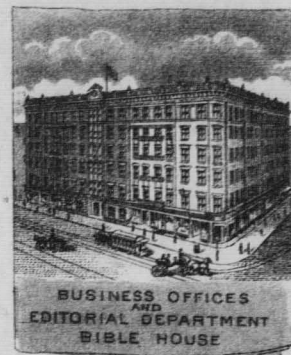
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May 15, 1897.

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

My Dear Sir:

Permit us to submit to you the enclosed letter originally addressed to Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, and by her referred to us.

We are entirely helpless in the matter, and at an utter loss as to how to proceed. We feel confident, now that the matter has been brought to your attention, that it will be duly investigated and properly looked after.

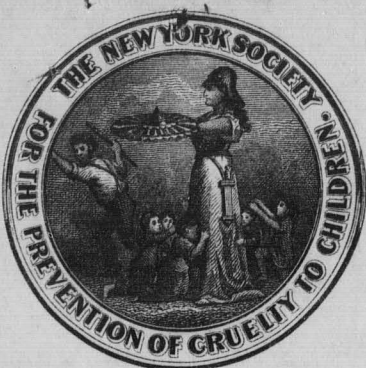
Very truly yours,

*L. Klopsch*

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# *The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children*

NO 297 FOURTH AVENUE. (CORNER EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET.)

*New York*, May 21, 1897. 18

Hon. Job E. Hedges,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 17th inst., enclosing a letter from Mrs. Agnes Adams to Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, and also a letter from Mr. Louis Klopsch, both of which referred to a daughter of Mrs. Adams now confined in the Protestant Episcopal House of Mercy, the facts are as follows:

On March 29, 1895, Officer Baldwin of the 24th Precinct, Police Department, brought to the Society's office Rose Adams, 14 years, of 211 West 67th Street, arrested that evening on complaint of her mother who charged girl with staying out late at night and associating with girls of bad reputation. The girl admitted having been unchaste for the past year. She was received in the Society's Reception Rooms at 11-50 P.M. On March 30th, she was taken to the Fourth District Police Court, where she informed the Society's officer that she had been assaulted in a hallway on Tenth Avenue but would give no particulars though she again admitted having been unchaste for over a year. The mother did not wish to make a charge against any man but wanted the girl committed. The latter seemed very tough and entirely beyond the control of her mother. Police Justice Ryan on the mother's affidavit committed the girl to the Protestant Episcopal House of Mercy.

On September 25, 1896, an application was made by the mother, Mrs. Agnes Adams, to the Society for the discharge of her daughter. She was informed, that the Society had no power to discharge; but that a letter would be written to the Sister in Charge, asking her views in the matter. This was done, and, on September 28, 1896, the Institution replied, that the girl "is in good health, has improved in conduct, but is in no moral condition to be discharged". This information was sent to Mrs. Adams.

On April 30, 1897, a letter was written the Institution, at the mother's request, asking if the girl was in a proper condition to be released. A reply was received May 1st, that the girl "had improved but not enough to warrant her discharge". This information was also sent to Mrs. Adams.

The statements attributed to the Agents of the Society by Mrs. Adams are untrue. The Society has no power to discharge any child.



from an Institution. It can only recommend. In cases of this class of children, who are committed for reformation to reformatory Institutions, it never takes any action without first ascertaining from the Institution the present condition of the child. This was done on each occasion when Mrs. Adams applied to the Society. Any further application should be made, as she has been told, to Mr. Charles N. Kent, 10 Spruce Street, Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal House of Mercy. Its Board of Managers have the power to release her when they think proper so to do.

Returning enclosed the papers referred to in your letter of May 17th,

I have the honor to remain,  
With great respect,

*Wm. T. Gern*

President etc.



Gerry Smith

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436 West 36 St., City.

May 13, 1897.

Mayor Strong.

Honorable Sir; My son, Eben Hayes, five years last December, was taken by Shultz one of Gerry's men. He went to look at Macie's Christmas window. It was 9 o'clock in the evening. This man said to me "Now we have got him and we will keep him."

Judge Hogan signed the papers and I cried for this. For this, Shultz followed me to the door and struck me a hard blow in the neck, and then took me around to the prison

and called me file names,  
and locked me in for a short  
time. Another of these men  
came and mocked me while in  
the prison. Every time I  
have tried to get my son, they  
tell me I can not have him.

Judge Hogan sent me to get the  
commitment papers. They could  
not be found. One of Gerris' men  
said, "Judge Hogan has nothing  
to do with them."

Can nothing be done? Is this  
law? Must my child be a  
prisoner any longer? I can  
prove that I always took care  
of my two boys, and never was  
inside of a Court House until  
taken there through these men.  
Very often they have tried to  
get my neighbors to say some-  
thing against me, but could



not. Will you please do  
something for me and my child  
who is now fourteen years of  
age.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Olivia Hayes.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORD OF THE N.Y.S.P.C.C.

CASE NO. 57449. On June 18, 1891, in response to a telephone communication from the Central Office, the Society's Officer called at the 19th Precinct Station House and later at the Second District Police Court and there learned that three boys had been arrested the previous night for sleeping in a cellar at the corner of Broadway and 30th Street; two of whom were Joseph and Eben Hayes, children of Mrs. Olivia Hayes of 347 West 37th Street. At above address, officer called but found that woman was out washing. Card was left for her to be in Court on the following day. At Court, facts were stated to Justice McMahon, who returned both boys to the mother.

CASE NO. 60329. On October 20, 1891, complaint was received from the Manager of the Broadway Theatre, that certain boys, under the pretense of selling newspapers, annoy his patrons by begging in front of the theatre. On October 23, the Society's officer arrested four boys begging in front of the said theatre, two of whom gave their names as Joseph and Eben Hayes, 12 and 8 years old, living with mother Olivia at 347 West 37th Street, their father John being dead. On October 24, 1891, at the Second District Police Court, Justice Hogan discharged all the boys to their parents.

CASE NO. 60746. Complaint was received from Robert W. Hebbard, Secretary, Charity Organization Society, that boys, pretending to sell newspapers, were in the habit of begging in front of the Fourteenth Street Theatre. Vicinity was watched for several days but no begging was witness, though complaint was said to probably refer to Eben Hayes, a one-legged boy, who sold newspapers.

CASE NO. 61227. On December 3, 1891, the Society's officer while patrolling Broadway found a crippled boy playing crap. He was arrested and found to be Eben Hayes and was later committed to the Five Points House of Industry. Boy had been known for some time as a "professional Beggar".

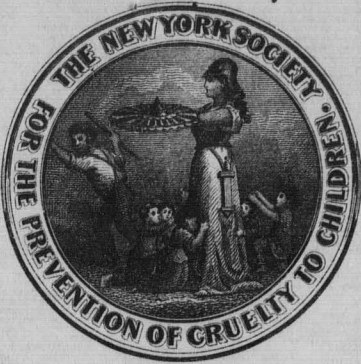
CASE NO. 68189. On October 6, 1892, an Agent of the Charity Organization Society notified this Society, that a boy named John Hayes, 14 years old, claiming to be a newsboy and lodging at the Newsboys' Lodging House in Duane Street, called at the office of the C. O. S. on October 3, and stated that his father John died many years ago, and that his mother, Olivia, died 18 months before, while residing at 347 West 37th Street. On enquiry at that address, it was ascertained that Olivia Hayes had been dispossessed the preceding spring for non-payment of rent. The boy was known as "James", is a professional beggar and apparently supported his mother in that way. His mother was traced to 154 West 28th Street. There the boy was reported to have recently stolen thirty dollars from his employer and to have a very bad record.

CASE NO. 68798. On November 10, 1892, a telephone dispatch was received at 9-30 P.M. from the Sixth Precinct, Municipal Police, that they will have a case in Court in the morning. On November 11, at Court, officer found John Hayes, 15 years, claiming to be stopping at the Newsboys' Lodging House, 9 Duane Street, arrested for stealing three pairs of suspenders. He was held in \$300. bail for trial at the Court of Special Sessions. He said his mother was dead. Officer called at 154 West 28th Street and saw the mother, who said her son "Joseph" had run away from home three weeks before, and that another child, Eben, was in the Five Points House of Industry. The housekeeper refused to give any information regarding the family, saying she "wished to have nothing to do with them". On November 15, 1892, the boy pleaded guilty in the Court of Special Sessions and was committed to the New York Juvenile Asylum. On November 16, 1892, Mrs. Hayes called and desired to have her son transferred to the Burnham Industrial Farm. Was told as far as the Society knew, this could not be done; but, at any rate, her application must be made to the Institution having charge of her boy.

NO APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE SOCIETY BY MRS. HAYES FOR THE RELEASE OF EITHER CHILD IN THREE YEARS.



No 68,778 etal-



CABLE ADDRESS:  
"GERRY, NEW YORK"

*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

NO 297 FOURTH AVENUE. (CORNER EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET.)

*New York*, May 21, 1897. 18

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the request of the Mayor, contained in your letter of May 19, 1897, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the report, concerning her son Eben Hayes, which has been duly sent Mrs. Olivia Hayes of 436 West 36th Street.

The statements contained in Mrs. Hayes' letter, relative to the conduct of the officers of this Society to her, are simply untrue. For three years past, as stated in the report, the woman has not presented herself at the Society.

Re-enclosing the communication from Mrs. Hayes,

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*Wm. J. Gerry*

President etc.



May 17, 1897.

Hon. Mayor Wm. L. Strong:

Dear Sir: I, the undersigned declare that I am the stepmother of Yosca Rocco 16 years old now and of ~~Yosca Rocco~~ Vito now 18 years old on the time of committment, out of several reasons the children were declared several years younger. These two boys are since 4 years Boarders to the city.

My brother in Law who natural bears me no good feelings took soon after my husbands Guiseppe Yosca's death the above boys from me, with Bank-book, he took care of the money how much I could not tell, the boys quite grown up were committed and are still detained in the Roman Catholic Protectory, Van Nast Westchester, I accompanied the children to the Tombs with the daughter of brother in law, I could not speak English and what they said, to put the children away, I do not know. For four years I was not able to see the children; did not give me the ticket to see them. I apply to your Honor for help to see my step children at least once, and give me the boys, release them, as surely they are now kept long enough and many others without a home and school. My brother in Law can keep the Bankbook with money. The children loved me dearly; the sons of my brother in law hardly 14 and 16 years old work for a living but these boys he took away to burden the city

Your Honor I as stepmother appoint you as Guardian for these orphans, you will decide to free the boys, to give them to me or bind them out to some respectable trade.

I am your honorable servant

her  
Catharina + Yosca  
mark



Please return marriage certificate  
 pray help orphans & mother to their rights



**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**  
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
I have this day joined in  
**MARRIAGE**

*Giuseppe Losca* of *New York City* State of *New York*  
*Caterina Sandora* of *New York City* State of *New York*  
according to the laws of the State of *New York* and that there were

present as witnesses *Giuseppe Cantore* of *New York*

*Michael Goffra* of *New York*

at the *City Hall N.Y.C.* *Wm. R. Rinehart*  
Dated *August 7 1890* *Allderman 17<sup>th</sup> Dist*

*Henry J. Wells*  
*City of New York*



to His Honor Mayor Strong.

Application for release is made by  
Catharina Yosca her step-children.

Vito + Rocco Yosca 17 old - 16 old  
uncle M. Yosca has the Bankbook  
5 years ago, and succeeded by lies to have  
the children committed to burden the  
New York City the Boys on the time of  
commitment were 12½ + 13 to 14 old  
they made them few years younger  
why are these white slaves not bond  
out to some honest tradesmen or  
given in go of step-mother Catharina  
Yosca 172 Mulberry Street near House  
2<sup>d</sup> Tier. - To your Honor application  
was made and Catharina Yosca enclosed  
into her petition her marriage certi-  
ficate, would your Honor command  
the release of the children and return  
by mail the certificate of marriage

to his humble servant  
her

Catharina X Yosca

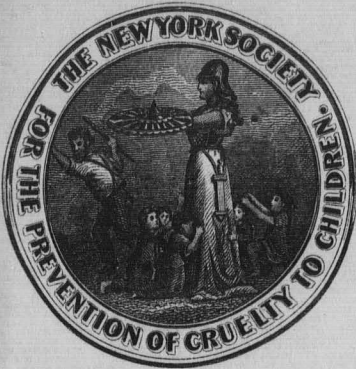
172 Mulberry Street

mark

N. Y. 28 May 1897.

children are 4 to 5 years  
in the room with  
Protectory





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*The New York Society for the  
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Nº 297 FOURTH AVENUE. (CORNER EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET.)

*New York*, June 7, 1897. 18

Hon. Bion L. Burrows,  
Secretary to the Mayor etc.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of June 1st to President Gerry, covering a communication signed by one Catharine Yosca, relating to some children cared for in an Institution in this city, the Society has made some investigation and finds that two children, named Vito and Rocco Josca, were committed on December 2, 1893, to the New York Catholic Protectory by the Court, where they still remain. Application has been made by the woman mentioned above, who is their step-mother, for their discharge; but it has been refused, as the Society is informed by the Institution, on the ground that "it is not deemed advisable to discharge the children to their step-mother on account of her reputed bad character."

The communication, returned herewith, is evidently in the handwriting of a woman, known as "Drago", who has been a source of very great annoyance to many of the Public Officials and others of this city. It is claimed that she writes communications for a consideration; and she is alleged to have been once or twice before the Courts for doubtful transactions with her countrymen.

The Society awaits any direction His Honor may have to make as to further action in this matter.

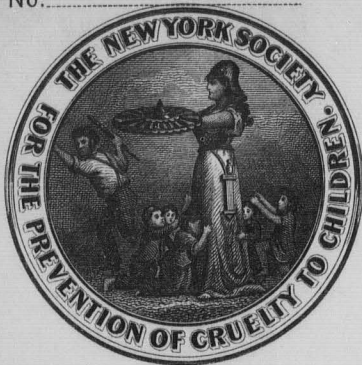
I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*Stellows Jenkins*  
Supt.



No. ....



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*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~Nº 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

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*New York June 9<sup>th</sup> 1897.*

DEAR SIR:

During the past month of *May* 18*97*, this Society has, at the request of the City Magistrates of this City, investigated *123* cases, involving applications for the commitment of *234* children to Institutions.

Upon its reports of such investigations only *55* were so committed, the remaining *179* being shown to be improper subjects for commitment.

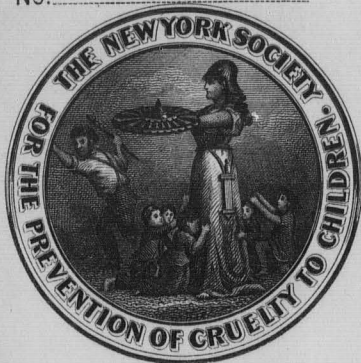
Under the existing per capita law, had these children been committed, it would have entailed an illegal expense on the city at the rate of \$ *17,900* during each year of their continuance in the institution receiving them, which expense has thus been prevented by the action above alluded to.

I remain, with great respect,

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,

*President.*

No. ....



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*The New York Society for the  
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297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~NO. 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York July 9<sup>th</sup> 1897.*

DEAR SIR:

During the past month of *June* 1897, this Society has, at the request of the City Magistrates of this City, investigated *147* cases, involving applications for the commitment of *254* children to Institutions.

Upon its reports of such investigations only *78* were so committed, the remaining *176* being shown to be improper subjects for commitment.

Under the existing per capita law, had these *176* children been committed, it would have entailed an illegal expense on the city at the rate of \$ *17,600* during each year of their continuance in the institution receiving them, which expense has thus been prevented by the action above alluded to.

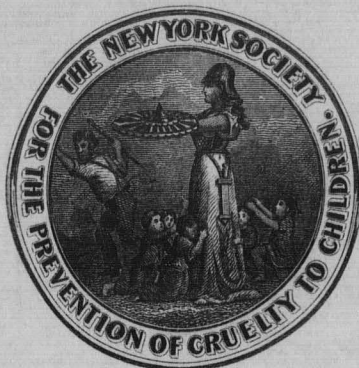
I remain, with great respect,

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,

*President.*



Nº 61227.



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Nº 297 FOURTH AVENUE. (CORNER EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET.)

*New York, July 12, 1897. 18*

Hon. John Jeroloman,

Acting Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 9th, enclosing a letter to Adrian Iselin, Jr., Esq., Acting President of this Society, has been received; and in reply, beg to say that, pursuant to your request, a recommendation has been given Mrs. Hayes for the discharge of her son from the Five Points House of Industry. Hoping this action will be satisfactory to you,

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*O. Hellors Supt.*  
Supt.

New-York Daily 19. 1897

RECEIVED

Hon. Mayor of the City  
of New-York

JUL 19 1897  
By Superintendent.

(Urgent)

Gentleman! Aug 2

I dare write to you in the  
name of suffering humanity,  
I am a very poor and depen-  
dent widow. I have three boys  
and cannot give a bit of bread  
I worked very hard to get a  
penny; some charitable persons  
have helped me. I applied to  
Charity Organization to put in  
an asylum my children, the  
judge of the 1<sup>st</sup> district Court  
has agreed too, but the agent of  
Gerry Society opposed, asking me  
the certificate of the Commissioner  
of the Immigration, some friends

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~



were interested in purpose and  
the certificate cannot get, because  
all books were destroyed by  
the fire. What I must do  
in this wretched case? without  
any means?!... I appeal to you  
as the father of the poor to  
order at once to put in some  
asylum here my three babies be-  
fore some serious mischance happens.

I hope for God's sake you  
investigate my case, giving me  
relief to put in safe my chil-  
dren and God bless you.

Yours respectfully  
Filomena Barriano

329 W. Broadway  
N.Y. City

Nº 107478 & 108149.



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"GERRY, NEW YORK"

*The New York Society for the  
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Nº 297 FOURTH AVENUE. (CORNER EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET.)

*New York, July 20, 1897. 18*

Hon. Bion L. Burrows,  
Secretary etc.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 19th to Acting President Haven, covering a letter from Filomena Caivano, I am directed to request you to say to the Acting Mayor, that this case has been before the City Magistrates' Court on two occasions, and as near as the Society's officers could ascertain the woman and her children had only recently arrived in this country. She was instructed to procure a certificate to the contrary before action could be taken. Her excuse that no certificate is obtainable, the Society doubts. However, on both occasions mentioned above the City Magistrate refused to commit the children to an Institution as a charge upon the County. The Society at the present time does not see that it can take any further action in the case but will be glad to act upon any suggestions that His Honor may deem wise to make. The letter of the woman referred to is herewith returned.

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,  
*G. Hellas Jenkins*  
Supt.



# APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO EXHIBIT CHILD.

To the Mayor of the City of New York:

The undersigned, respectfully asks your consent, pursuant to Penal Code, Section 292, (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309), to the exhibition of the following named child in a Theatrical Exhibition as hereinafter stated:

	NAME OF CHILD.	STAGE NAME.	AGE. (Date of Birth.)	PLACE OF BIRTH.	PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.	THEIR RESIDENCE.
1	Angelina Giucci		(13) Dec 1/83	Italy	Petro and Mary	9 Mulberry St.
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Place of Exhibition, Tony Pastor's Theatre

Time and Duration, 2 to 4.30 and 8 to 10.30 P.M. Child on

Nature of Performance, Playing on mandolin (no singing or dancing) stage 10 minutes each performance

Name of Play,

Number of Performances, (10) 5 evenings and 5 matinees

Dates of Performance, July 27 to July 31/97 inclusive

Dated, New York,

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1897

Signed,

Colin Acciano



PENAL CODE, § 292.

As amended by Laws of 1892, Chap. 309,

§ 292. A person who employs or causes to be employed, or who exhibits, uses, or has in custody, or trains for the purpose of the exhibition, use or employment of, any child actually or apparently under the age of sixteen years, or who, having the care, custody or control of such a child as parent, relative, guardian, employer, or otherwise, sells, lets out, gives away, so trains, or in any way procures or consents to the employment, or to such training, or use, or exhibition of such child; or who neglects or refuses to restrain such child from such training, or from engaging or acting, either

1. As a rope or wire walker, gymnast, wrestler, contortionist, rider or acrobat; or upon any bicycle or similar mechanical vehicle or contrivance; or,

2. In begging or receiving or soliciting alms in any manner or under any pretense, or in any mendicant occupation; or in gathering or picking rags, or collecting cigar stumps, bones or refuse from markets; or in peddling; or

3. In singing; or dancing; or playing upon a musical instrument; or in a theatrical exhibition; or in any wandering occupation; or,

4. In any illegal, indecent or immoral exhibition or practice; or in the exhibition of any such child when insane, idiotic, or when presenting the appearance of any deformity or unnatural physical formation or development; or

5. In any practice or exhibition or place dangerous or injurious to the life, limb, health or morals of the child, is guilty of a misdemeanor. But this section does not apply to the employment of any child as a singer or musician in a church, school or academy; or in teaching or learning the science or practice of music; or as a musician in any concert or in a theatrical exhibition, with the written consent of the mayor of the city, or the president of the board of trustees of the village where such concert or exhibition takes place. Such consent shall not be given unless forty-eight hours' previous notice of the application shall have been served in writing upon the society mentioned in section two-hundred and ninety-three of the Penal Code, if there be one within the county, and a hearing had thereon if requested, and shall be revocable at the will of the authority giving it. It shall specify the name of the child, its age, the names and residence of its parents or guardians, the nature, time, duration and number of performances permitted, together with the place and character of the exhibition. But no such consent shall be deemed to authorize any violation of the first, second, fourth or fifth sub-divisions of this section.

APPLICATION

For Consent to Exhibit Child

IN A

Theatrical Exhibition.

To

The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children:

An application for consent, of which the within is a copy, will be made to the Mayor of the City of New York, at the City Hall in said City, on Tuesday July 27 189 7 at 12 o'clock — M.

Dated, New York,

July 24 189 7

*Colvin Accising*





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"GERRY, NEW YORK."

*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23<sup>d</sup> STREET.)

~~N<sup>o</sup> 100 EAST 23<sup>d</sup> STREET (CORNER 4<sup>th</sup> AVE.)~~

*New York July 27<sup>th</sup> 1897.*

To

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

SIR:

This Society has received notice under Section 292 of the Penal Code (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309) of the State of New York, that application will be made to you for your consent to allow the exhibition of *Angeline Ciucci*

*a child said to be aged 13 years, at the Tony Pastor's Theatre, East 14<sup>th</sup> St. near 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave*  
on *July 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 1897 incl. 5 evenings + 5 matinees.*  
in *Playing on Mandolin — No singing or dancing*

The Society respectfully **objects** to your granting such consent, on the ground that ~~that~~ such exhibitions of a child of the age mentioned during this hot weather and indeed during the hot summer months are physically exhausting and injurious to its health. (Penal Code Sec. 289.)

Should the facts stated in the objection be denied, the Society respectfully requests that a hearing may be had on the application, pursuant to the statute.

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*G. A. Lamm*  
Acting President, &c.

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IN THE MATTER  
OF THE  
APPLICATION TO THE MAYOR  
FOR

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*Angelina Ciucci -*

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OBJECTION.



APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO EXHIBIT CHILD.

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	NAME OF CHILD.	STAGE NAME.	AGE. (Date of Birth.)	PLACE OF BIRTH.	PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.	THEIR RESIDENCE.
1	Louise Truax Hibbard	Louise Truax	(14) July 6 / 83	Trenton Mich	Daniel and Irene	305 W. 134 St
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Place of Exhibition, Keiths Union Square Theatre

Time and Duration, 2 to 5.30 and 8 to 10.30 P.M. Child

Nature of Performance, Whistling part only (no singing or dancing) } on stage stage about 8 minutes each performance

Name of Play, \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Performances, (12) 6 evenings and 6 matinees

Dates of Performance, Aug 2nd to Aug 7" / 97 inclusive

Dated, New York, July 26" 1897

Signed, Irene Truax Hibbard



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To

*The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children:*

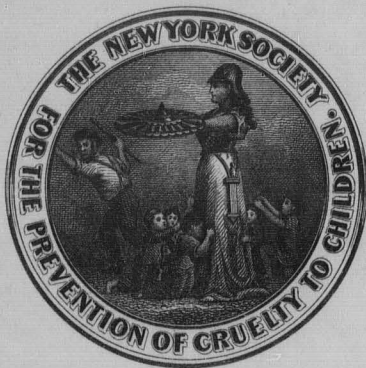
*An application for consent, of which the within is a copy, will be made to the Mayor of the City of New York, at the City Hall in said City, on Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1897 at 12 o'clock — M.*

*Dated, New York,*

*July 26 1897*

*Heure Triax Hibbard*





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*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~Nº 188 EAST 23d STREET (CORNER 4th AVE)~~

*New York July 27<sup>th</sup> 1897*

To

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

SIR:

This Society has received notice under Section 292 of the Penal Code (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309) of the State of New York, that application will be made to you for your consent to allow the exhibition of

*Louise May* a child said to be aged *14* years, at the *Keith's Union Square Theatre, East 14th St + Union Square*  
on *August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 1897 incl. 6 evenings + 6 matinees*  
in *Whistling part only — No singing or dancing*

The Society respectfully **objects** to your granting such consent, on the ground

~~that~~ *that such exhibitions of*  
a child of the age mentioned during this hot weather and indeed during the hot summer months are physically exhausting and injurious to its health. (Penal Code Sec. 289.)

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With great respect,

*Wm. F. Gerry*

*President, &c.*

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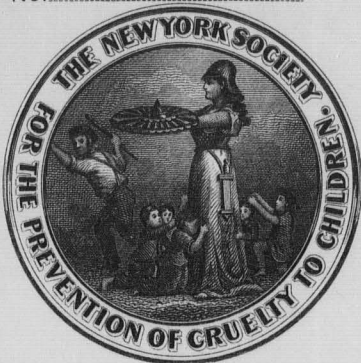
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297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~Nº 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York August 11<sup>th</sup> 1897.*

DEAR SIR:

During the past month of *July* 18*97*, this Society has, at the request of the City Magistrates of this City, investigated *134* cases, involving applications for the commitment of *257* children to Institutions.

Upon its reports of such investigations only *98* were so committed, the remaining *159* being shown to be improper subjects for commitment.

Under the existing per capita law, had these *159* children been committed, it would have entailed an illegal expense on the city at the rate of \$ *15,900* during each year of their continuance in the institution receiving them, which expense has thus been prevented by the action above alluded to.

I remain, with great respect,

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,

*President.*

668-18<sup>th</sup> St  
Lyceum Theatre  
J. E. Kennedy

CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

September 1st, 1897.

Manager &c.,

Lyceum Theatre,

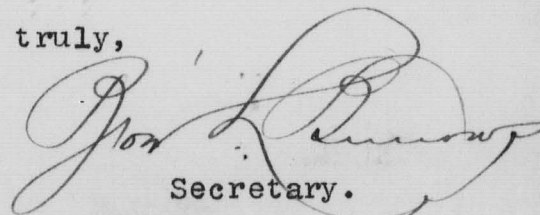
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith permit for four children to appear in "Change Alley," during the week ending September 13th. Owing to the probable recurrence of the hot weather, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has reported to the Mayor against giving permit for a longer period than one week. Thus it will be necessary for you to renew your application within a few days for another permit.

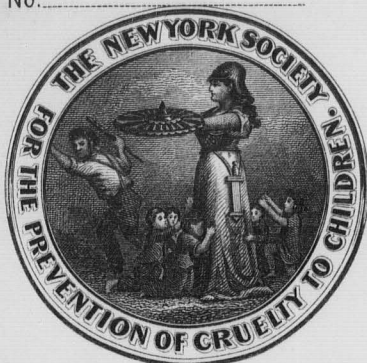
I remain

Yours very truly,

  
Secretary.



No. \_\_\_\_\_



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297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~NO 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1897.*

DEAR SIR:

During the past month of *August* 18*97*, this Society has, at the request of the City Magistrates of this City, investigated *154* cases, involving applications for the commitment of *292* children to Institutions.

Upon its reports of such investigations only *86* were so committed, the remaining *206* being shown to be improper subjects for commitment.

Under the existing per capita law, had these *206* children been committed, it would have entailed an illegal expense on the city at the rate of \$ *20,600* during each year of their continuance in the institution receiving them, which expense has thus been prevented by the action above alluded to.

I remain, with great respect,

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,

*President.*

No. ....



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297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~Nº 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York October 11<sup>th</sup> 1897.*

DEAR SIR:

During the past month of *September* 1897, this Society has, at the request of the City Magistrates of this City, investigated *98* cases, involving applications for the commitment of *187* children to Institutions.

Upon its reports of such investigations only *60* were so committed, the remaining *127* being shown to be improper subjects for commitment.

Under the existing per capita law, had these *127* children been committed, it would have entailed an illegal expense on the city at the rate of \$ *12,700* during each year of their continuance in the institution receiving them, which expense has thus been prevented by the action above alluded to.

I remain, with great respect,

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,

*President.*





*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children,*

297 FOURTH AVENUE (CORNER EAST 23d STREET).

*New York Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1897.*

Dear Sir:

During the past month of *October* 1897, this Society has, at the request of the City Magistrates of this City, investigated *62* cases, involving applications for the commitment of *116* children to Institutions.

Upon its reports of such investigations only *46* were so committed, the remaining *70* being shown to be improper subjects for commitment.

Under the existing per capita law, had these *70* children been committed, it would have entailed an illegal expense on the city at the rate of \$ *7000.* during each year of their continuance in the institution receiving them, which expense has thus been prevented by the action above alluded to.

I remain, with great respect,

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*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children,*

297 FOURTH AVENUE (CORNER EAST 23d STREET).

*New York December 10<sup>th</sup> 1897.*

Dear Sir:

During the past month of *November* 1897, this Society has, at the request of the City Magistrates of this City, investigated *76* cases, involving applications for the commitment of *128* children to Institutions.

Upon its reports of such investigations only *41* were so committed, the remaining *87* being shown to be improper subjects for commitment.

Under the existing per capita law, had these *87* children been committed, it would have entailed an illegal expense on the city at the rate of \$ *8,700* during each year of their continuance in the institution receiving them, which expense has thus been prevented by the action above alluded to.

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Reports of the Society  
(monthly)

## APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO EXHIBIT CHILD.

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	NAME OF CHILD.	STAGE NAME.	AGE. (Date of Birth.)	PLACE OF BIRTH.	PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.	THEIR RESIDENCE.
1	Eleanor Stargreaves		(12) Mch 5/85	Bklyn	J. Stargreaves	216 W. 34 <sup>th</sup> St
2	Isabel Foote		(7) Apr 6/90	New York	Lo. B. Foote	70 W 46 <sup>th</sup> St
3	Marcissa Allen		1892	"	W. Allen	57 W 84 <sup>th</sup> St
4	Lillian Hurand		(10) Dec 12/87	"	W. W. Hurand	341 W. 23 St
5	May Leoustant		(10) Aug 20/87	"	S. V. Leoustant	420 W. 23 St
6	Mildred Morris		(11) May 19/86	London Eng	Fr. Morris	129 E 23 St
7	Elsie May Worth		(11) Sept 1/86	Bklyn	Jno Worth	156 Stull St
8	Gladys Wiles		(9) Mch 22/88	New York	Irving Wiles	106 W. 55 St
9	Leonelia St. Stephan		(13) July 1/84	Phila Pa	J. Lo. Stephan	57 W. 84 St
10	Margaret Noakes		(11) Sept 1/86	New York	Geo Noakes	113 St <sup>and</sup> Riverside

Place of Exhibition, Carnegie Lyceum 57<sup>th</sup> St <sup>and</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Ave      Time and Duration, 2 to 5.30 P. M. 10 children on stage about  
Nature of Performance, auxiliary parts only (no singing or dancing)      } 15 minutes each performance  
Name of Play, "Pied Piper of Hamelin" in aid of Messiah Stone for children  
Number of Performances, Two matinees      Dates of Performance, Afternoons of Wednesday <sup>and</sup> Thursday

December 29 <sup>and</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1897

Dated, New York, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1897

Signed, Mrs J. Wells Champersy



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1. As a rope or wire-walker, gymnast, wrestler, contortionist, rider or acrobat; or upon any bicycle or similar mechanical vehicle or contrivance; or

2. In begging or receiving or soliciting alms in any manner or under any pretense, or in any mendicant occupation; or in gathering or picking rags, or collecting cigar stumps, bones or refuse from markets; or in peddling; or

3. In singing; or dancing; or playing upon a musical instrument; or in a theatrical exhibition; or in any wandering occupation; or

4. In any illegal, indecent or immoral exhibition or practice; or in the exhibition of any such child when insane, idiotic, or when presenting the appearance of any deformity or unnatural physical formation or development; or

5. In any practice or exhibition or place dangerous or injurious to the life, limb, health or morals of the child, is guilty of a misdemeanor. But this section does not apply to the employment of any child as a singer or musician in a church, school or academy; or in teaching or learning the science or practice of music; or as a musician in any concert or in a theatrical exhibition, with the written consent of the mayor of the city, or the president of the board of trustees of the village where such concert or exhibition takes place. Such consent shall not be given unless forty-eight hours' previous notice of the application shall have been served in writing upon the society mentioned in section two hundred and ninety-three of the Penal Code, if there be one within the county, and a hearing had thereon if requested, and shall be revocable at the will of the authority giving it. It shall specify the name of the child, its age, the names and residence of its parents or guardians, the nature, time, duration and number of performances permitted, together with the place and character of the exhibition. But no such consent shall be deemed to authorize any violation of the first, second, fourth or fifth sub-divisions of this section.

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*Dated, New York.*

December 24 1897

*M. J. Mills Champensy*



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2	Ethel Nichols		(11) Oct/86	"	—	—
3	Madge Bottomley		(8) Feb/89	"	John Bottomley	254 W. 132 St
4	Anna Bottomley		(6) Dec/91	"	"	"
5	Bentah Stephurn		(7) Aug/90	Leanton N.Y.	A. B. Stephurn	205 W. 57 St
6	Evelyn Witherbee		(8) 1889	New York	J. S. Witherbee	4 - 5" Ave
7	Winbourne Canton		(11) Jan 9/86	Phila Pa	Wm M. Canton	107 W. 133 St
8	Stewy Lelay Swain Jr		(7) 1890	New York	St. L. Swain	Sherman Sq. Hotel
9	Edward W. Barton Jr		(9) Feb 5/88	"	E. W. Barton	22 W. 37" St
10	G. M. Larnochan Jr.		(5) June 28/92	"	G. M. Larnochan	Riverdale - on - Hudson

Place of Exhibition, Carnegie Lyceum 57" St and 7" Ave

Time and Duration, 2 to 5.30 P.M. children on stage about

Nature of Performance, Auxiliary parts only (no singing or dancing)

15 minutes each performance

Name of Play, "Pied Piper of Hamelin" in aid of Messiah Home for children

Number of Performances, Two matinees

Dates of Performance, Afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday

December 29 and 30 1897

Dated, New York, December 22" 1897

Signed,

Mrs J. Mills Champney



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December 24<sup>th</sup> *1897*

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1	J. L. Carmochan		(7) Aug 18/90	New York	J. M. Carmochan	Riverdale - on Hudson
2	Geo. H. Kunhardt		(7) Mch 1/90	"	St. Kunhardt	124 W. 74 <sup>th</sup> St
3	Henry R. Richards		(7) 1890	"	St. Richards	8 W. 39 <sup>th</sup> St
4	W. Phillips.		(10) Oct 10/87	"	J. R. Phillips	49 E. 67 <sup>th</sup> St
5	Donald Bayne		(5) Mch 1/92	"	Mrs and Mrs Bayne	108 St and Riverside
6	Hudley Tucker		(10) Apr 7/87	"	G. St. Tucker	126 W. 85 St
7	Paul Nevin		(9) Dec 5/88	Lynn Mass	E. W. Nevin	221 W. 57 <sup>th</sup>
8	Gilbert Jones		—	—	—	222 Madison Ave
9	Fred Kirkland		(10) Aug 30/87	New York	B. B. Kirkland	2 East 15 <sup>th</sup> St
10	Henry Knox Hardon		(7) May 19/90	"	Henry Stardon	313 W. 71 <sup>st</sup>

Place of Exhibition, Carnegie Lyceum 57 St and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave

Time and Duration, 2 to 5.30 P.M. Children on stage about

Nature of Performance, Auxiliary parts only (no singing or dancing) } 15 minutes each performance

Name of Play, "Pied Piper of Hamelin" in aid of Messiah Home for children.

Number of Performances, Two matinees

Dates of Performance, Afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday

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Signed, Mrs J. Wells Chapman



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2	Alice R. Baird		(12) May 27/85	Bklyn	J. S. Baird	137 " 85 "
3	Marjorie S. Baird		(11) Mch 9/86	New York	"	" "
4	Anne Stardon		(6) Nov 12/91	"	St. Stardon	313 W. 91" St
5	Emily M. Hooper		(12) Mch 21/85	"	B. F. Hooper	130 " 74" "
6	Estel Nichols		(10) Jan 28/87	"	St. H. Nichols	781 Park Ave
7	Gertrude R. Hamilton		(10) Oct 13/87	Newport R.I.	S. V. L. Hamilton	130 W. 59" St
8	Violet S. Hamilton		(7) Mch 27/90	New York	" "	"
9	Katrina P. Brown		(8) Dec 30/89	"	Mrs Page Brown	3 W. 69" St
10	Fanny E. Hecker		(6) Oct 13/91	"	Mrs S. L. Hecker	562 Park Ave.

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2	R. S. Witherbee		(11) June 1/86	"	F. S. Witherbee	4 - 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave
3	Roger Benjamin		(5) Sept 4/92	"	W. E. Benjamin	133 W 57 St
4	Jack Bottomley		(13) Oct 1/84	"	J. Bottomley	254 W 132 St
5	Julian Dick		(12) Jan 1/85	Phila Pa	F. M. Dick	640 Madison Ave
6	Josephine Blinedinst		(6) Oct 11/91	New York	B. W. Blinedinst	88 Washington Pl.
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Place of Exhibition, Carnegie Lyceum 57<sup>th</sup> St 40<sup>th</sup> Ave

Time and Duration, 2 to 5.30 P. M. 10 children on stage about

Nature of Performance, Auxiliary parts only (no singing or dancing)

15 minutes each performance

Name of Play, "Pied Piper of Hamelin" in aid of Messiahs Home for 10 children

Number of Performances, Two matinees

Dates of Performance, Afternoons of December 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 1897

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2	Rucille I. Jerolloman		(12) Sept 23/85	"	J. Jerolloman	258 W. 34 <sup>th</sup> St
3	Margaret M. Stillery		(11) Dec 11/86	"	J. Stillery	252 W. 34 <sup>th</sup> St
4	Jessie D. Stillery		(13) Mch 20/84	"	"	"
5	Fay Wheeler		(12) Feb 15/85	Cincinnati O.	W. W. Wheeler	216 W. 34 <sup>th</sup> St
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7	Loarrie Hecker		(8) May 1/89	"	St. E. Hecker	171 E 64 <sup>th</sup> St
8	Ethel Intropide		(11) July 4/86	"	J. Intropide	216 W. 34 <sup>th</sup> St
9	Beatrice Intropide		(12) Feb 7/85	"	H. Intropide	311 W. 29 <sup>th</sup> St
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1. As a rope or wire-walker, gymnast, wrestler, contortionist, rider or acrobat; or upon any bicycle or similar mechanical vehicle or contrivance; or

2. In begging or receiving or soliciting alms in any manner or under any pretense, or in any mendicant occupation; or in gathering or picking rags, or collecting cigar stumps, bones or refuse from markets; or in peddling; or

3. In singing; or dancing; or playing upon a musical instrument; or in a theatrical exhibition; or in any wandering occupation; or

4. In any illegal, indecent or immoral exhibition or practice; or in the exhibition of any such child when insane, idiotic, or when presenting the appearance of any deformity or unnatural physical formation or development; or

5. In any practice or exhibition or place dangerous or injurious to the life, limb, health or morals of the child, is guilty of a misdemeanor. But this section does not apply to the employment of any child as a singer or musician in a church, school or academy; or in teaching or learning the science or practice of music; or as a musician in any concert or in a theatrical exhibition, with the written consent of the mayor of the city, or the president of the board of trustees of the village where such concert or exhibition takes place. Such consent shall not be given unless forty-eight hours' previous notice of the application shall have been served in writing upon the society mentioned in section two hundred and ninety-three of the Penal Code, if there be one within the county, and a hearing had thereon if requested, and shall be revocable at the will of the authority giving it. It shall specify the name of the child, its age, the names and residence of its parents or guardians, the nature, time, duration and number of performances permitted, together with the place and character of the exhibition. But no such consent shall be deemed to authorize any violation of the first, second, fourth or fifth sub-divisions of this section.

APPLICATION

For Consent to Exhibit Child

IN A

Theatrical Exhibition.

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To

*The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to*

*Children:*

*An application for consent, of which the within is a copy, will be made to the Mayor of the City of New York, at the City Hall in said City, on* Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> *189* 7  
*at* 12 *o'clock* M.

*Dated, New York.*

December 22<sup>nd</sup> *189* 7

*Mrs J. Wells Champney.*





CABLE ADDRESS:  
"GERRY, NEW YORK"

# *The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

Nº 297 FOURTH AVENUE. (CORNER EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET.)

*New York,* December 23, 1897/8

To

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Dear Sir:

This Society has received notice under Section 292 of the Penal Code (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309) of the State of New York, that application will be made to you for your consent to allow the exhibition of the children whose names are hereto annexed and said to be aged as stated, at the Carnegie Lyceum, 57th Street & Seventh Avenue, on the afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday, December 29th and 30th, 1897, in the "Pied Piper of Hamelin", in auxiliary parts only (no Singing or Dancing).

NAMES:	AGED:	NAMES:	AGED:
Mary C. Lanton	10 yrs.	Alice R. Baird	12 yrs.
Anne Hardon	6 "	Marjorie S. Baird	11 "
Emily M. Hooper	12 "	Ethel Nichols	10 "
Gertrude R. Hamilton	10 "	Violet S. Hamilton	7 "
Katrina P. Brown	8 "	Fanny E. Decker	6 "
Laurence Decker	7 "	Lucille I. Jerolloman	12 "
Margaret M. Hillery	11 "	Jessie D. Hillery	13 "
Fay Wheeler	12 "	Marie L. Peckham	10 "
Carrie Decker	8 "	Ethel Intropide	11 "
Beatrice Intropide	12 "	Lillian Ball	11 "
Eleanor Hargreaves	12 "	Isabel Foote	7 "
Marcissa Allen	5 "	Lillian Durand	10 "
May Constant	10 "	Mildred Morris	11 "
Elsie May Worth	11 "	Gladys Wiles	9 "
Cornelia H. Stephan	13 "	Margaret Noakes	11 "
Bessie Noakes	7 "	Ethel Nichols	11 "
Madge Bottomley	8 "	Anna Bottomley	6 "
Beulah Hepburn	7 "	Evelyn Witherbee	8 "
Winbourne Lanton	11 "	Henry Clay Swain Jr.	7 "
Edward W. Barton Jr.	9 "	G. M. Carnochan Jr.	5 "
F. G. Carnochan	7 "	Geo. F. Kunhardt	7 "
Henry L. Richards	7 "	A. Phillips	10 "
Donald Bayne	5 "	Dudley Tucker	10 "
Paul Nevin	9 "	Gilbert Jones	-- "
Fred Kirkland	10 "	Henry Knox Hardon	7 "
Karl Lamb	7 "	L. S. Witherbee	11 "
Roger Benjamin	5 "	Jack Bottomley	13 "
Julian Dick	12 "	Josephine Clinedinst	6 "



The Society presents NO OBJECTION to your granting such consent to the exhibition of the aforementioned children in the place and performance as heretofore stated.

I have the honor to remain,  
With great respect,

*Wm. J. Henry*

President etc.



APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO EXHIBIT CHILD.

To the Mayor of the City of New York:

The undersigned, respectfully asks your consent, pursuant to Penal Code, Section 292, (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309), to the exhibition of the following named children in a Theatrical Exhibition as hereinafter stated:

	NAME OF CHILD.	STAGE NAME.	AGE. (Date of Birth.)	PLACE OF BIRTH.	PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.	THEIR RESIDENCE.
1	Eneline Buffey		(14) Feb 9/83		James and Ellen	258 Prospect Ave Bklyn
2	Emily Griffiths		(15) Apr 14/82		John and Pringle	111-43rd St Bklyn
3	Genevieve Buffey		(15) Oct 10/85		James and Ellen	258 Prospect Ave Bklyn
4	Ida Grelich		(14) Dec 10/83		Charles Grelich	141 Marion St "
5	Lillie Dinni		(15) Oct 10/82		Flore Dinni	717 Macou St "
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Place of Exhibition, Central Opera House 67th St and 3rd Ave Time and Duration, 8 to 10.30 P. M. Children on stage about

Nature of Performance, Dancing { 30 minutes each performance

Name of Play, Performance given by the Swedish Amateur Dramatic Club

Number of Performances, One evening only Dates of Performance, January 1st 1898

Dated, New York, December 30th 1897

Signed, J. H. Daffin  
for K. Bernhardt



PENAL CODE, § 292.

As amended by Laws of 1892, Chap. 309,

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1. As a rope or wire-walker, gymnast, wrestler, contortionist, rider or acrobat; or upon any bicycle or similar mechanical vehicle or contrivance; or

2. In begging or receiving or soliciting alms in any manner or under any pretense, or in any mendicant occupation; or in gathering or picking rags, or collecting cigar stumps, bones or refuse from markets; or in peddling; or

3. In singing; or dancing; or playing upon a musical instrument; or in a theatrical exhibition; or in any wandering occupation; or

4. In any illegal, indecent or immoral exhibition or practice; or in the exhibition of any such child when insane, idiotic, or when presenting the appearance of any deformity or unnatural physical formation or development; or

5. In any practice or exhibition or place dangerous or injurious to the life, limb, health or morals of the child, is guilty of a misdemeanor. But this section does not apply to the employment of any child as a singer or musician in a church, school or academy; or in teaching or learning the science or practice of music; or as a musician in any concert or in a theatrical exhibition, with the written consent of the mayor of the city, or the president of the board of trustees of the village where such concert or exhibition takes place. Such consent shall not be given unless forty-eight hours' previous notice of the application shall have been served in writing upon the society mentioned in section two hundred and ninety-three of the Penal Code, if there be one within the county, and a hearing had thereon if requested, and shall be revocable at the will of the authority giving it. It shall specify the name of the child, its age, the names and residence of its parents or guardians, the nature, time, duration and number of performances permitted, together with the place and character of the exhibition. But no such consent shall be deemed to authorize any violation of the first, second, fourth or fifth sub-divisions of this section.

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APPLICATION

For Consent to Exhibit Child

IN A

Theatrical Exhibition.

Central  
Opera  
House

Jan 1/98  
Obt.

To

The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

Children:

An application for consent, of which the within is a copy, will be made to the Mayor of the City of New York, at the City Hall in said City, on Friday December 31<sup>st</sup> 1897 at 12 o'clock —M.

Dated, New York.

December 30<sup>th</sup> 1897

W. H. Daffy  
for K. Bernhardt





CABLE ADDRESS:  
"GERRY, NEW YORK."

*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~Nº 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York Dec. 31st 1897*

To

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

SIR:

This Society has received notice under Section 292 of the Penal Code (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309) of the State of New York, that application will be made to you for your consent to allow the exhibition of *Ida Frelich*

a child said to be aged *14* years, at the *Central Opera*

*House, 67th near 3d Ave*

on *January 1st 1898, one evening only*

in *Dancing in performance given by the Swedish Amateur Dramatic Club.*

The Society respectfully **objects** to your granting such consent, on the ground that

*The Court of Appeals decided (People v Ewer, 111 N. Y. R. 129) that the exhibition of children under sixteen years of age in dancing is NOT an act of official consent, but is absolutely forbidden by the Penal Code.*

Should the facts stated in the objection be denied, the Society respectfully requests that a hearing may be had on the application, pursuant to the statute.

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*Wm. J. Gerry*

President, &c.



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IN THE MATTER  
OF THE  
APPLICATION TO THE MAYOR  
FOR

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*Ida Frelich*

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OBJECTION.



CABLE ADDRESS:  
"GERRY, NEW YORK."

*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~Nº 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1897.*

To

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

SIR:

This Society has received notice under Section 292 of the Penal Code (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309) of the State of New York, that application will be made to you for your consent to allow the exhibition of

*Eveline Duffy*  
a child said to be aged *14* years, at the *Central Opera*  
*House, 67 St near 3rd Ave*  
on *January 1<sup>st</sup> 1898, One evening only.*  
in *Dancing in performance given by the Swedish Amateur Dramatic Club.*

The Society respectfully **objects** to your granting such consent, on the ground that

*The Court of Appeals decided*  
*(People v Ewer, 141 N. Y. R. 129) that*  
*the exhibition of children under six-*  
*teen in* *Dancing* *is NOT the subject of official con-*  
*sent, but is absolutely forbidden by*  
*the Penal Code.*

Should the facts stated in the objection be denied, the Society respectfully requests that a hearing may be had on the application, pursuant to the statute.

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*Wm. J. Gerry*

*President, &c.*



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IN THE MATTER  
OF THE  
APPLICATION TO THE MAYOR  
FOR

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*Caroline Duffy.*

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OBJECTION.



CABLE ADDRESS:  
"GERRY, NEW YORK."

*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~Nº 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York Dec. 31st 1897.*

To

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

SIR:

This Society has received notice under Section 292 of the Penal Code (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309) of the State of New York, that application will be made to you for your consent to allow the exhibition of

a child said to be aged *15* years, at the *Central Opera*

*House, 67th St near 3rd Avenue*

on *January 1st 1898, one evening only.*

in *Dancing in performance given by the Swedish Amateur Dramatic Club.*

The Society respectfully **objects** to your granting such consent, on the ground that

*Dancing*

Should the facts stated in the objection be denied, the Society respectfully requests that a hearing may be had on the application, pursuant to the statute.

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*Wm. J. Terry*

President, &c.



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IN THE MATTER  
OF THE  
APPLICATION TO THE MAYOR  
FOR

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*Emily Griffiths*

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OBJECTION.



CABLE ADDRESS:  
"GERRY, NEW YORK."

*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)

~~Nº 100 EAST 23d STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York Dec. 31st 1897.*

To

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

SIR:

This Society has received notice under Section 292 of the Penal Code (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309) of the State of New York, that application will be made to you for your consent to allow the exhibition of *Genevieve Duffly*

a child said to be aged *12* years, at the *Central Opera*

*7 boxes 67th near 3rd Ave —*  
on *January 1st 1898, One evening only*  
in *Dancing in performance given by the Swedish Amateur Dramatic Club*

The Society respectfully **objects** to your granting such consent, on the ground that

*The Court of Appeals decided (People v. Ewer, 141 N. Y. 2, 129) that the exhibition of children under sixteen in Dancing is NOT the exhibition of children under sixteen, but is absolutely forbidden by the Penal Code.*

Should the facts stated in the objection be denied, the Society respectfully requests that a hearing may be had on the application, pursuant to the statute.

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*Miss T. G. G.*

President, &c.



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IN THE MATTER  
OF THE  
APPLICATION TO THE MAYOR  
FOR

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*Genevieve Duffy.*

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OBJECTION.



CABLE ADDRESS:  
"GERRY, NEW YORK."

*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*  
297 FOURTH AVENUE, (CORNER EAST 23d STREET.)  
~~Nº 100 EAST 23rd STREET, (CORNER 4th AVE.)~~

*New York Dec. 31st 1897.*

To

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

SIR:

This Society has received notice under Section 292 of the Penal Code (as amended by Laws of 1892, Chapter 309) of the State of New York, that application will be made to you for your consent to allow the exhibition of *Lillie Danni*

*Age* a child said to be aged *15* years, at the *Central Opera House, 67th near 3rd Ave.*

on *January 1st 1898, one evening only*

in *Dancing in performance given by the Swedish Amateur Dramatic Club.*

The Society respectfully **objects** to your granting such consent, on the ground that

*The Court of Appeals decided (People v. Egan, 141 N. Y. R. 129) that the exhibition of children under sixteen in Dancing is NOT absolutely forbidden by the Penal Code.*

Should the facts stated in the objection be denied, the Society respectfully requests that a hearing may be had on the application, pursuant to the statute.

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

*Wm. T. S. S.*

President, &c.



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IN THE MATTER  
OF THE  
APPLICATION TO THE MAYOR  
FOR

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*Lillie Dinni*

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OBJECTION.