

City of NY  
St. Josephs Home  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 1955

Your Hon Mayor Strong  
Col William L

The Petitioner the undersigned is a Citizens Daughter  
Her My Father name was  
Hancock My Mothers name  
was Strong, I am a member  
of a religious Society St Vincen<sup>ts</sup>  
De Paul since 1937. Since  
Her money has laboured hard  
and faithful to establish the  
Society, they are conspiring  
how to keep and and defame  
me because I am one of its oldest  
members, without a trial, they  
put my case into the hands of  
their Lawyer who is obstructing  
a trial to make the funds they hold  
as a trust for support and in firm

- it's a monopoly and treats  
me as a Charity, or a beggar and  
they haveing Millions as a trust  
to provide for me I have no mo-  
-ney to give to provide for legal  
services to protect my rights from  
said Lawyer it is all invested in  
said funds, will your Hon<sup>d</sup> be  
pleased to give me a Lawyer  
or, give me a trial yourself  
or send me one of the New Mag-  
-istrates you appointed re-  
-cently to give me a trial and  
fair play I cannot go into the  
Society again without a trial  
I was abducted out of it 3 times  
on the false name of a Dr. and when  
out was superseded by a nother  
now the two is disputing one right  
I am the owner of the Right, said  
Lawyer wants to make good will  
for himself to monopolize the

the property in the name of the  
Catholic Church, the Autho-  
-rities of said Church tells me to  
get a Lawyer to protect my  
rights and part in my claim  
the Church has no more right  
to said Property than it has to  
your Hon<sup>d</sup>s property, their  
is a mistake about a little money  
as an investment, I invested  
money, but he would give me  
no opportunity to explain my  
reference, I have no protection  
from my Opponents those who  
would protect me are dead  
will you Hon<sup>d</sup> be so kind  
and charitable as to protect  
me from my Persecutors, they  
are prejudiced to my race  
was sent here to get a trial  
but I am abducted out  
of it as yet, I have medical



proof to show for my san-  
ctity, my letters here are  
doubtful I don't get all  
of them will your Hon  
be so good as to send some  
one to see me here to in-  
quire for Miss Hancock  
to protect my rights I will  
pray for you, I am persecu-  
ted for wanting my rights  
as a member of the Society  
after 28 years service,

Very Respectfully

Miss Margaret Hancock  
or, Sister Mary Agnes -

No 209 West 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Cor 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

P.S., if you write to me  
put into a private envelope  
and direct it to Miss Hancock  
No 209 West 15<sup>th</sup> St

May. 8, 1895

Very much in need  
of a friend

Mayor Strong,

Your Honor.

Dear Sir. Would you be so  
kind as to appoint me to  
a place so i can support my  
family of 9. i am an american  
Born, in N.Y. City. an old Vet.  
and do not drink. andrew green  
formaly Comptroler of N.Y. gave  
me a Job in the West Washington  
Market. he told me he wished  
he had more men like me i  
refferre him to you for my worth  
i am in order for a Clerk Ship  
in some Market ore some where  
Else at your kind disposell  
your humble Servant

Charles Haniquet 228 W. 144 st  
N.Y.



5-20, 3<sup>d</sup>, Ave N. Y.  
Hon Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

I have been to the  
heads of all the department  
with your letter of introduction  
but I fail to get a position  
of any kind, but the place  
that I feel a position is  
due me is on the Police  
force as it was for that I  
underwent much  
suffering & expense and  
I think it is your duty  
to help me, in as much as  
you promised to do

something for me, if I  
worked for you at election,  
and I am sure I did  
work hard for you &  
the party, but I have  
never received an hour  
work from one of the  
party yet, and I was  
assured by several of the  
head men of the party that  
I should have a good  
position, I have passed  
examination and am  
on the eligible list in both  
the street & Dock depart-  
ment but do not hear from  
either, I wrote you about  
two months ago, asking  
you to intercede for me

To Mr Bell of the civil service  
board but have never heard  
from you, Now I will ask you  
if you can not or, will not-  
give me an appointment-  
yourself, as a special police  
or any thing in that line  
to make a living at and  
make your promise good  
I wish you would kindly  
answer this and say if you  
will do anything for me  
or not, I would like a decided  
answer. I will anxiously  
await a reply, If you  
wish reference I can furnish  
first-class yours Truly  
Res. M. J. Harlow  
1905 ~~24~~ 520. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Ave.



✓  
208 East 95<sup>th</sup> St. Apr 14<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Strong Dear Sir.

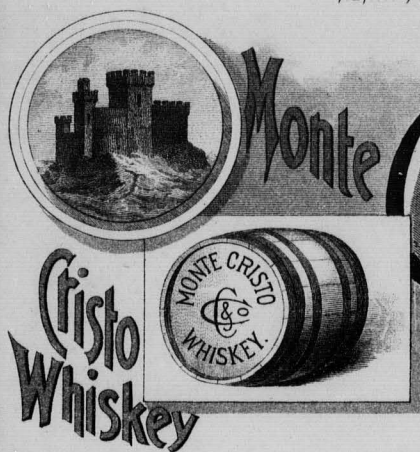
I wrote you some time ago in regard to a situation you will probably remember me. I came to you before election with a club I had formed, and you said you would do something for me if elected,

When I wrote you in regard to it you wrote me to go to the head of the department where I wanted a situation, I did so I went to the Police department - made an application and had an examination by the Police Drs and the only

objection they found was  
a varicose vein on my  
leg, and they advised me  
to have an operation and  
I did so, and they said  
when I got well to come  
back for a reexamination.  
I went to the N. Y. Hospital  
had the operation performed  
and was discharged cured  
on Mar 3<sup>d</sup>. have a certificate  
from Dr. Peck. This was all  
done through the advice of  
those Drs as my leg had never  
troubled me and I should not  
have had it done if they had  
not told me to. (Mr Francis Crow  
was clerk of Police Headquarters  
was present and heard the  
conversation) when I went  
to get a reexamination,

Mr Tracey in Commissioner  
Andrews' office advised me  
to make out a new application  
which I did, but can not  
get a reexamination for at-  
least I have not yet. I have  
also passed examination  
for the street-department  
as foreman, now I feel  
that a situation is due  
me from the party, and  
I am going to ask you  
as a favor to give me a  
letter to Com-<sup>Waring</sup> Andrews  
of Com-O.'Brien of the Dock  
Department for a position  
with salary enough to support  
my family, if you will kindly  
do so you will confer a great  
favor on yours very truly  
can give best) Michael O'Hanlon  
reference) 208 East 95<sup>th</sup> St -





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NEW YORK,

April 27<sup>th</sup>

1895

Wm. L. Strong Esq.

Mayor City of New York.

Honorable Sir—

I herewith beg to offer myself as an applicant for a clerical or any other position in either one of the departments under your control.

I am 27 years of age, married and for a period of over five years was employed as book keeper and general office clerk in the above house, but owing to the depression in their business they were forced to dispense with my services and from which firm I now hold an excellent recommendation.

Having never become a member of any political organization whatsoever, always voting entirely to my own judgment, I am compelled to seek employment without the aid of any influential persons.

Hoping that you will consider this application and that I may receive a favorable reply, I am sir

Your Obedient Servant  
Chas. L. Hannas

# 1500 Avenue A. City

L  
New York Mch 29. 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong  
City Hall N.Y.

Dear Sir

I write to ask if you could possibly get me any kind of work to do. I am not acquainted with any politicians and consequently have no political influence. For that reason I am compelled to write to you direct.

Of course I am a citizen having been born in this city. I have a wife and three young children to take care of. I would gladly accept manual labor if I could get nothing else. I did not wish to call in person as I believe



that you have been considerably bored by applicants for positions. I certainly would not expect a high salaried position, but I thought it possible that you might be able to secure me a position of some kind at which I could make a living for my family. I can furnish good references.

Trusting that you will pardon the liberty I have taken and that you will grant me the favor of a reply I am

Very resp<sup>y</sup> yours  
David T. Hannon

1093 First Ave.

City

N.Y. Dec. 17, 1895

Hon. W. R. Strong:

Mayor City of New York:

Dear Sir,

The enclosed letter is a copy of one which I took to you last December. You read it and told me that when you would appoint your new commissioners for me to apply to them for a position and also that I could refer them to you in the matter.

Now I applied last February to Mr. Brookfield and he wrote to me saying that I should have my name

placed on the civil service list.

I then wrote him that I was already on said list and enclosed my certificate of eligibility but have not heard from him since nor from Mr. Constable or the Dock Commissioners to whom I also wrote at that time.

Hoping that you will be able to place me in some situation I am,

Respectfully yours,  
Joseph P. Harrahan  
#10 West 144 St.



Copy

Oceanic N. J.  
Dec. 26, 1894.

Hon. William L. Strong:

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty  
to address you respecting the  
career of Joseph Harrahan. I have  
known him from early childhood,  
his father having been in my employ  
nearly twenty years. Joseph's record at  
school in all the positions he has fill-  
ed has been perfectly satisfactory.  
He gives me great pleasure from a  
thorough knowledge of his antecedents to be  
able to recommend him in fullest confidence  
for any position within his ability to fill.

Very respectfully,  
Ehrick Parmuly.

I can endorse Dr. Parmuly's statements

and would be pleased if you can find a  
place as messenger for Joseph

William A. Street.  
Harrahan

New York, Dec. 27, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong:

Mayor - New York City.

Dear Sir;

Yours of 18th inst.

through your secretary, duly received,  
in which you state that it will be  
necessary for me to apply to some of  
the various departments for the em-  
ployment which I seek, in order  
to be in line for appointment I will  
have to be examined by Civil Service Board.

Now I was examined,  
by said Board, for position of  
Messenger, last December and  
stand sixth (6th.) on their list.

I also applied to the heads of various city departments last February, but without any success and as there has been a dozen or more Messengers appointed since that time I can't understand why my name has been passed over.

Hoping this will explain my last letter more fully & that you will be able to do something for me I am,

Yours truly,

Joseph P. Hanrahan  
10 West 44 St.



Amis Accts No. 280 Broadway - Room 188.  
N.Y. City May 9<sup>th</sup> 1895

Col Wm L. Gray Mayor re

My Dr. Sir Some time ago, you mentioned to me, that if I knew of one or two good accountants whom I could conscientiously recommend, you would like their names.

I send you annexed the Circular of Mr Gells. I know Mr Gells intimately when I was Examining the afs re of the Colorado Midland RR at Colorado Springs. He was its Auditor & Secy. I consider him a very able accountant & auditor.

If any of the Departments in N.Y. require an overhauling I very cheerfully say to you, that Mr Gells, in every respect is fully capable of making a thorough examination in the interest of the City.

Yours Most Resp

William H. Harding  
Professional Acct<sup>y</sup>

C. W. HASKINS,  
E. W. SELLS,  
NO. 2 NASSAU STREET.

NEW YORK, March 4, 1895.

Having concluded our special engagement with the United States Government as Experts for the Joint Commission of the Fifty-third Congress, authorized by law to examine the Executive Departments,

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CORPORATIONS, TRUSTEES, ASSIGNEES, RECEIVERS, COMMITTEES,  
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E. W. SELLS.

HON. REDFIELD PROCTOR, of Vermont, said in the United States Senate, on July 15, 1894 :

"In regard to the experts who were employed by the Commission, I have seen much of them, and spent a good deal of time with them in going over the details of their recommendations. I have the very highest opinion of their ability. I think the Commission was peculiarly fortunate in their selection. I confess-my only surprise was that they were so very fortunate. These experts are men thoroughly competent, experienced, and skilful, and have been extremely careful and conservative in their methods. . . ."

OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION OF CONGRESS TO INQUIRE INTO THE STATUS OF LAWS  
ORGANIZING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2, 1895.

MESSRS. C. W. HASKINS and E. W. SELLS, Experts under the Joint Commission, etc.

GENTLEMEN :—In concluding the work of this Commission, it affords me especial pleasure to express to you appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered.

To your rare business capacity, and peculiar adaptation to analyzing old and formulating plans for new methods, in great measure is due the credit for the reorganization of the accounting system of the United States Government. It was in many respects the most extensive and important undertaking of the kind in the history of the country, and its success in expediting and simplifying the public business without removing any of the necessary safeguards has been fully demonstrated and attested by all of the officials affected thereby.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

ALEX. M. DOCKERY,  
Chairman, Joint Commission.



New Feb 18. 1875

Dear Sir Mr. W. Strong I take pleasure  
Of writing you a few lines

If you can find a Place for me  
in my Department as a  
Laborer I shall be much Oblige to  
you Dear Sir, I would not ask if  
I was not compelled to do so  
I have a mother and father to take care  
of, and I have work in Merchant  
Club 8 Years, and you know ~~some~~<sup>one</sup>  
Werry Well. you can call on Mr.  
Hollbrock in the Park Bank or my  
References

Dear Sir at Present I am working in the  
Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co. Broadway  
and Duane St  
I Remain

Very Respectfully,  
J. Remair  
and Old Wither's Firm  
Apny Harder, 30 Leonard St From Merchant Club



V

New York City March 19th 1895

To the Hon Wm. L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of  
New York

Dear Sir

I have since my maturity, been a life long Republican, have taken active part in all elections. I was in the Custom House under Collector Kilbreth, I being a Captain of the 3rd Assembly District in the 3rd Election District, and held said Captainship until and during said and last Election, upon the promise of Commissioner Murray I acted as Captain and through such I lost my position in the Custom House under the Democratic Administration, Being a man of family it became necessary for me to find some vocation to keep and sustain my family. I understand

there is a position in this District  
Wights and Measures, open, being fully  
Capable of filling the same, I am  
come thoroughly recommended, if  
necessary could give a petition  
signed by a majority of the voters  
of this District, Should this pro-  
position be in such condition that  
the same could not reach my  
asking, I do ask your Honor  
to place me in such position  
that I can support and maintain  
my family I remain,

Very Respectfully  
Louis Harris  
# 183 Eldridge St

328 Seventy-sixth Street, West.

To Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor of New York  
Dear Sir

Should I present  
a sufficient number  
of influential names  
indorsing me for the  
position would you  
be induced to appoint  
me as school commissioner

May I ask you  
to appoint an hour  
when I may call upon



you? The matter  
I have to present  
will be briefly given.  
My husband is  
Albert W. Harris  
Manuf. Lubricating Oils 111-Grand  
My father was Judge  
George Reed of the Supreme  
Court - of Wisconsin.  
Awaiting a reply - I am  
Sincerely  
M. Reed Harris

328 N. 76<sup>th</sup>  
June 27<sup>th</sup>

New York, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1895

Col. William L. Strong, City.

Respected Sir:

During the last political campaign, when even the great mass of citizens on the east side seemed to have been created for some purpose, (to cast their ballots for somebody's favorite candidate) you kindly condescended to deliver a few words of encouragement in our midst; the substance of which was, a most solemn promise, that if successful, you will not discriminate between your constituents, and you will ardently consider the supplications of the most humble of them. Now, my claims for some recognition are only based upon the facts that I have always been a zealous "Republican," and good citizen, for this I have the indorsement of our district leader, and legions of

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fellow-citizens, but my petition is also only for a most insignificant position under one of your subordinates. My abilities consist chiefly in the knowledge of several languages which may be useful in some department. Verbally, I would be able to convince you that I have had more than my share in the vicissitudes of life, and that in my prosperous days I contributed more for charitable purposes than it would require to keep me even if I should complete my ordinary span of life, but I have experienced enough in this world, to attempt a personal interview; that even this communication should receive the slightest attention will be nothing short of a miracle, but I was taught in my childhood that there is a "Supreme Being"



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above us who occasionally moves the hearts of men in favor of those who were born in the same image, even if not consistent with the natural course of events.

Begging your indulgence for intruding upon your valuable time, I remain with utmost respect your obedient servant

Victor Harris  
186 Clinton Str.

TELEPHONE, 191-38TH ST.

THE  
National Ice Company of New York.

WHOLESALE AND RETAILERS,

GENERAL OFFICE:

117 EAST 47TH ST.

NEW YORK, August 12<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Mr L Strong

Dear Sir

As you will see by  
this letter heading I am in the  
employ of the above Company,  
(Let me here set your mind at  
rest I am not wanting an office.)

I act as collector & in that  
Capacity - Come into immediate con-  
tact with a great many Saloons,  
I am also a Deacon & Trustee  
in a Presbyterian Church at 172<sup>nd</sup>  
West of Amsterdam Av & I know  
exactly the mind of our people  
on the Sunday liquor question.

I wrote you right after you

nomination from the standpoint  
of one who takes an interest in  
everything that pertains to the well  
fare of our City, telling you that  
the better element of the people  
was with you & not to be afraid  
to take your stand on the side of  
truth & righteousness, I am proud  
to say that in you we have not  
been disappointed,

Now as a plain business  
man - & not as a temperance fanatic -  
I can assure you that the same  
better element of the people is  
with you now in the stand you  
have taken on the Sunday Closing  
question. And right here I can  
assure you - & I know whereof  
I write - that all the votes our  
party (I speak as a Republican)



TELEPHONE, 191-38TH ST.

THE  
National Ice Company of New York.

WHOLESALEERS AND RETAILERS,

GENERAL OFFICE:

117 EAST 47TH ST.

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will lose as a result of the closing  
of the Saloons on Sunday, will be  
far more than met by the vote  
that will be cast for law & order  
by those who heretofore have taken  
little interest in elections, thinking  
as they have often said "there is  
no use in voting, the liquor  
men control this City;" That  
day is gone & I am persuaded  
soon for a long time to come,

You Mayor "the people" are  
with you in this fight & will  
stand by you to the end, you  
are entitled to this word of  
encouragement & it gives me



much pleasure to testify by  
personal knowledge & experience  
to its truth & honesty, we sing  
in my old "Psalm Singing" Church  
But judgment unto righteousness,  
Shall yet return again.

And we shall follow after it.

There are right-hearted men.

& it looks as if its fulfillment  
was very near in this City.

Wishing you every blessing &  
comfort that this life can afford  
& at last the satisfaction of  
having done your duty.

I am very truly yours

James Hark

In testimony of good faith I have  
written on business paper

"2171. Third Av"

Stark

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AND GENERAL FORWARDERS.

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TELEPHONE CALL, 1970 CORTLANDT.

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

USE WATKINS CODE  
AND APPENDIX.

60 WALL STREET.

New York, *Apr. 2* 189*5*

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

My dear Sir  
Having had occasion to  
be in your neighborhood I stopped in  
and as you were busily engaged I  
could not wait so left my card  
with Mr. Hedges with the request to  
call your attention to same.

My object in calling was to  
refer you to my letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> of  
Feb'y last, and I feel morally certain  
that if you will kindly look into  
my references, which I think are  
of the highest order & really second to  
none, you will find that I am  
justly entitled to your kind consideration.

I may add that I have always  
been identified with the Republican  
Party & although <sup>having</sup> been a Candidate  
in the 3<sup>rd</sup> under Murray & 7<sup>th</sup> under  
Judge Patterson, my actions at times  
both times running ahead of ticket.



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BANKING DEPARTMENT.

in the County Committee proved that  
I was not always in accord with  
them, & I was the first member of the  
Committee from the lower districts up  
to the 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly to vote for Reorganization  
and Investigation as well as for the  
plan of Committee of Thirty which  
the records of the County Committee  
will show. I remained in the 7<sup>th</sup> until  
the day after the last election putting  
my shoulder to the wheel as heretofore  
& am now residing at 217 W. 135<sup>th</sup> St.  
in the 28<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Am  
now a member of the Lenox Rep. Club of  
that district.

Trusting that you will consider my  
application for a Commissionship for either  
Tax, Fire, Health or School & awaiting your  
invitation for an interview I have the honor  
to be  
Yours very truly  
Alfred Sanger



New York  
February 13<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. Mr. Mayor Strong :- . Esq.

Dear Sir :- .

I am asking a kind  
favor of you and hope you will not refuse  
it to me.

I would like if you would  
give me a letter for the Bway Cable R. R.  
as conductor if you will do this favor for  
me I will be thankful to you for it and  
will remember you when the time comes  
again. I am pass 21 years of age and  
belong to the James Moore Jr. Repre-  
sent. at 177 Hudson St.

Yours Respt.

Mr. Robert Hartley.  
178 = 176 Hudson St.  
New York.

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ERNEST HARVIER,  
Gilsey Building. 1193 Broadway,  
Between Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth Streets.

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MAKE ALL CHECKS  
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New York, May 23, 1895.

Hon. Job E. Hedges,

My dear Sir:-

I have been requested  
by some gentlemen whose prominence in newspaper  
matters in this city I know to be great, to  
submit to the consideration of Mayor Strong the  
name of a candidate for Police Magistrate who  
has the most substantial backing and who I can  
personally endorse. Will you do me the  
personal favor to ask the Mayor if it would be  
agreeable to him to receive the endorsements on  
Saturday morning?

Yours very truly,

Ernest Harvier

STATE OF NEW YORK.  
SENATE CHAMBER.



ALBANY,

City of New York 27/1895

Lieut. Governor's Room.

How would you like  
My Dear Mayor  
I have a friend  
a very competent man  
who wishes to secure a  
position as teacher in a  
New York school. He is or  
soon will be a graduate  
of Union College. Can  
you advise as to where  
application should be made?

Yours truly  
C. F. Hart



New York, Sep-5

Your Honor:

Mr. William Strong, Mayor  
Dear Sir:

I would be very much  
pleased to hear from you  
regard to some City Situation  
I am 26 years of age speak  
german, Engl. Being Head  
of the Opt at Present in  
one of the Leading Dry Goods  
Stores in the City for the  
last 4 years, but would  
like to improve myself,  
thinking to do so by  
asking your Honor. I am  
willing to take a Place

which ever you may select,  
in the Tax Dpt or any  
other Dpt wherever there  
is a good opportunity  
Hoping to hear from you

I remain yours  
Chas. L. Hascher  
# 905 - 3 Ave.  
City

(Apr 17 - 5)

Jan 24/95-  
to the Mayor of the city of  
New York

Sir

My writing is to ask  
you if you will do me  
a favor by giving me  
a position at anything  
my own occupation is  
fire man as I have a  
wife and child to  
support and expect  
another in a few weeks



and I have no means to  
meet expenses I have  
been idle for the last  
three months and have  
tried every where but  
have proved unsucces  
full so I thought by  
writing to you if it is  
in your power to please  
grant me this request  
and by so doing you  
will greatly oblige  
an American

Henry Matternson  
214 West 27<sup>th</sup> Str  
New York  
city

✓  
198, Broadway N.Y. May 20<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear William

Pardon me, for again writing  
you, in behalf of my friend, A.S. Bright, asking  
an interview for him. I have known Mr. Bright,  
for many years, and believe that you will agree  
with me, that he is fully competent to fill any  
position, to which he may aspire, hoping  
you will grant him an audience. I am  
Very Respectfully Yours E.L. Hayes

Mr Bright Office, is 114 Nassau St,  
City

New York  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1895  
your Honor  
Mr. Mayor

I am desirous of  
obtaining a position  
in the Street-Cleaning  
Department as Inspector.  
I am an American born  
in the City of New York  
Temperate Habits and  
a Veteran of the War  
hoping this will meet  
with your approval

Yours Respectfully

Yours  
John C Hayes  
2494 - 2nd Ave N.Y. City



New York May 11/95

Hon Mayor Strong  
My Dear Sir

Supplementing a  
letter of introduction to you, given me  
by our mutual friend Mr W. A. Nash  
president of the Am Exchange Board I de-  
sire to apply for a position. I am 46  
years of age & was for 30 years in the employ  
of Messrs McKesson & Robbins. Three years  
ago I resigned my position with them  
to enter the drug brokerage business  
but am now looking for a salaried  
position for the reason that there is no  
larger sum of money in my present  
occupation. I have known  
Mr Nash since childhood & can fur-  
nish the very best of recommendations.  
I should like a position as an inspec-  
tor in some department or would accept  
almost anything not menial  
awaiting your reply I am

Yours truly

Gas Weylett  
114 Williams  
City

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359 GREENWICH STREET,

M. H. HEALEY.  
C. C. ELLIS.

New York,

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Hon. J. C. Hedges

My Dear Hedges.

Upto date my District has not received a City Marshalship at present I understand there is a vacancy. I have a candidate for the place in the person of one Thomas J. Connelly if you can aid me in this matter you will greatly oblige me. I will call in on Tuesday.

Yours Truly  
Martin H. Healey  
First Assembly Dist.  
City

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New York, Dec 3rd 1895

My Dear Mayor.

I understand there is a vacancy in City Marshalships there is a candidate for the vacancy in my Assembly District in the person of Thomas Connelly an energetic sober reliable man of standing amongst us. Up to date, our Assembly District has received no recognition and we would feel greatly encouraged if we could secure the appointment of Mr. Connelly. An objection may be raised that the present vacancy is in a Judicial District



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New York, 189

other than ours but a City  
Marshal unlike other officials  
take office from the Battery  
to Harlem and can act  
in any District as a matter  
of fact one of the present  
City Marshals in the First  
District Court comes from  
uptown and no one my  
candidate if appointed would  
locate in the First District  
Court. Hoping you will  
give this matter your  
careful consideration  
I am.

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

Martin H. Healey  
First Assembly Dist.

New York  
April 17. 95

Wm. Wm L. Strong  
Mayor of New York

Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse the  
Liberty I ~~take~~ in writing  
to you. I am a young man  
29. years of age and a carpenter  
to trade. and a citizen.  
but during the past winter  
have done very little work.  
I am not afraid of work I stand  
nearly 6 feet <sup>high</sup> but I find it  
almost impossible to get along  
much longer without work. and  
knowing you would do anything  
in your power to help and assist

Young man I hope you will  
be kind Enough to do something  
for me if it is in your  
Power to do so. as i am  
not aquaint with any  
Politicians it is very hard  
to get any work.

Hopping you will Excuse  
this letter

I. Remain Respectfully

John J. Hearn

104. East-41st-  
N.Y. City



N. Y. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> /15

My dear Mr. Strong Major  
of this City I wish that you  
could ~~help~~ help me in my  
plight.

I am a young woman  
with two small children  
one an infant and I have  
no home, I had to break  
it up because my husband  
is out of employment for  
the last three month and  
he cannot get no steady  
work of any kind and he  
is getting desperate for he does  
not know what to do with  
himself. I have tried to  
put my children in some  
home but they want reference  
or they will not take them.

Kind Sir if you could only  
get my husband work  
you will be doing a blessing  
to me and my little babies  
also. He cast his vote for  
you the last Election we had  
for he is a strong republican  
and an honest man and  
he is willing to work but  
there is no chance for a poor  
honest man now a days.  
I am stoping at present  
at a friends house and I  
have to go by the first of  
Feb. and then I will have  
to go on the street unless you  
help me in some where or the  
other. If I could get my  
children in some asylum  
then I could go to work  
myself for a woman can  
more way of working than a man.

Please Mr. Mayor try and  
help me for I have no friends  
that could help me for they are  
poor themselves and have a  
hard time to get along.

I will end my letter now  
hoping that you will aid  
me in my trouble for my  
babies say I remain

Your humble servant  
Mrs. Annie Hedemark  
202 Wooster St N.Y.C.



New York April 15/95

His Honor Mayor Strong.

Your Honor!

Begging you will kindly  
pardon my boldness in applying  
to you for information as to how  
I could obtain a situation in either  
the Aquarium at Castle Garden or  
the Botanical Garden about to  
be established at the Bronx River.

I have asked persons well ac-  
quainted with the head of the  
Aquarium who have told me that  
I must belong to some Political Or-  
ganization such as Tammany Hall,  
but as my father as well as myself  
have always refrained from joining  
such & as we have always voted  
independently picking out the men for  
our best knowledge & belief, I thought

by applying to Your Honor I could  
attain my object. I have never sought  
for any office, high or low & could no  
doubt have had one had I joined  
in politics. I am 24 years of age,  
speak, read & write German & English,  
have passed through the Public Schools  
of New York and am a naturalized  
citizen. I have learned drawing & have  
made a speciality of drawing & studying  
fishes & plants and if it is in your  
power without causing Your Honor  
trouble I would ask to advise as to how  
I could obtain a situation in either of  
the above mentioned places, where I  
could study these & at the same time  
make a living, as I am only looking  
for a position as clerk or Assistant, as  
I am out of work & have tried in every

other line or way without avail &  
do not care to be under any obligation  
to any party.

I hope I will not be confound-  
ed with the general class of office-  
seekers & therefore do not call on Your  
Honor. Hoping you will take some  
interest in your humble servants

I remain

Yours respectfully

Paul R. Hedrick.

214 Rivington St.  
City.

References: { Mr. C. von Schlichting  
as to { Mr. Magnus Gross #1694 East End Ave.  
my { 541. " 86 St.  
character. { Mr. Edward Valois 586 " 159 St.  
{ Mr. William Norman 450 Water St  
City.



Astoria L. I. May 12/95

To His Honor Mayor Strong!

Your Honor!

Please excuse my liberty in troubling you again, but if you will recollect my letter of about a month ago asking you as to how I might obtain a situation in the Aquarium or Botanical Garden and your kind suggestion to apply to the Park Commission I would like to express my sincere thanks to Your Honor for your kindness and at the same time to let you know the result. I called on the Hon. David H. King Jr. Pres. and at the same time wrote him about my case in case I would not see him

personally, when I came to the office in the Arsenal the doorkeeper said he did not think he could let me in but after some time allowed me to pass. I saw the President and was asked if whether I wanted employment on answering yes, I was asked was I send from the Civil Service Board on being told no, he said he could not appoint any person unless send by that Board, I then went there to pass Civil Service Examination as Clerk or Assistant of either of the afore said places & was told, no examination is needed nor is it on the books for same, I wrote the President to that effect asking at the same time to kindly let me know, I don't know up to date if there is a chance for me or not and do not think I ever will, but what puzzled me most

is this. If His Honor The Mayor, who as the papers state, is always bothered & is the busiest man in New York City, can answer, why cant the President of the Park Commissioners do the same?

I am sorry for taking up your time in reading long letters but have done so at the request of my father who joins me in thanking you & Honor for your kindness. My present address is 138 Elm Str. Astoria L. O. my last letter was written from 214 Rivington Str. N. Y. City

I remain yours sincerely

Paul R. Hedrick

#  
138 Elm Str. Astoria L. O.



My March 21/95  
Hon W. L. Stroger  
Dear Sir

I am an applicant  
for clerkship in any city department  
under the civil service rules and  
have a percentage of 88.90. I desire to  
protest and call your attention to  
the violation of these rules in the  
matter of appointments. Merit and  
ability are a secondary consideration  
to the influence of Captains of a  
district. I have been a Republican  
all my life but unfortunately was  
unable to be in my to register. I  
have always resided here and am well  
and favorably known. A man of education  
but unable to stoop to the level of  
petty politicians. I protest to you  
as a matter of right and justice - as  
a matter of equity that if the civil

Service Commission is to so ignore the  
men who are entitled to appointment  
its mission is indeed a useless one  
I ask pardon for the tone of this as  
I am in such need of a position  
that I feel that an injustice is being  
done. With the highest assurance  
of my personal esteem

I am yours to command  
Alfred J. Heine  
1777 Madison Ave  
City

Look up

N.Y. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1895

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

Dear Sir,

Having called on  
you several times and unable to see you,  
I take the liberty to address you.

The matter concerns a letter of recom-  
mendation from Mr. Solomon Stein  
in reference to a position as Inspector  
of Board of Excise.

Hoping you will give this  
your personal attention.

I remain  
Yours Respectfully  
Harry Heller  
1026 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave



GRINITY PARISH,  
St. Chrysostom's Chapel, Clergy Rooms,

7TH AVENUE, COR. 39TH STREET.

✓ New York,

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Dear Mr Mayor -

The bearer, Joseph Maltby,  
a most worthy man has been  
unemployed so long that he  
feels greatly discouraged. I  
know him and the members  
of his family well - and  
have known them for years.

He is a Carpenter by trade  
having a good Chest of tools.

If you could put him in  
the way of any work under  
the Department of Parks or

the like, he would be more  
than grateful. I Com-  
mend him to your kind  
favor. and remain, with  
thanks for your past willing-  
ness and kindness.

Yours sincerely -

Thos. Henry Lee.

New York March 8  
1895

Dear Sir. Mr  
William S. Strong

I take the pleasure  
of writing you a few  
lines, letting you  
know that I was  
working for your  
Party last campaign.  
in the 16<sup>th</sup> Election Dist.  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly Dist,  
among my fellow  
German American  
Citizen of that Dist.  
and I wish you would please  
be so kind and let me ~~kindly~~  
let know what you can  
do for me, as I am out of  
work a great while, I am a  
German American Citizen



of twenty-two years of  
age, and now I shall  
close my letter, hoping  
that I may hear from you.

From Yours  
Respectfully  
W<sup>m</sup> Hensel  
Address 230 East 43<sup>rd</sup> St  
City

422 West 19<sup>th</sup> St  
March 4<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor

Dear Sir

As a citizen who  
worked hard for your  
election & is not an  
applicant for a position  
& as one who believes  
in your determination  
to give New York a  
clean & wholesome  
business <sup>like</sup> administration  
notwithstanding any  
pressure from Governor  
legislature, or a self  
appointed mouthpiece  
& representative of

political hacks, I  
find myself at a loss  
& quite at sea, when I am  
called upon to defend  
your administration  
in the matter of cleaning  
our streets.

The press has recorded  
the fact that you rebuked  
Comm. Waring last week  
& I personally have  
that much faith in you,  
that I do not feel that any  
portion of the vast  
sum already appro-  
priated has been  
misspent; but candidly  
I cannot account  
for the excessive sums  
that have been spent on  
the "snow" account.  
While in former years  
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of about 1/3 I believe of this present  
winter, the condition of the  
Greeks have undoubtedly been  
disgraceful at the same time, any  
fair unbiased mind would say  
they could not have been worse  
than during the past fortnight.

I venture to suggest, that as due  
to those whose confidence is  
unhesitatingly placed in you that  
a statement as to how the money  
has been spent, should appear in

the columns of the  
daily paper: this  
would clear the atmosphere  
of unworthy suspicions  
& perhaps afford Col.  
Waring an opportunity  
of defending his course  
& the results as compared  
with those attained in  
former years.

Respectfully  
William Z. Kepper



New York July 18<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir,

after considering along while  
I have decided to write these  
few lines to you hoping to  
receive a favorable Reply  
Soon. I am a poor street  
sweeper and have a wife  
and six children to support  
I have done all I could for  
my family until 2 weeks  
ago when I was discharged  
from the street-cleaning  
Department for no Reason  
at all as I worked very hard  
and was never found fault

with. I have been  
in this City 27 years  
and am naturalised since the  
past 20 years I ask you kind  
Sir to aid me in getting my  
position as street sweeper  
back again as I have been  
appointed by the Hon. Mayor  
Gilroy through Charity  
and pity and I hope you  
will do the same for myself  
and familys sake

I humbly pray for a speedy  
reply your Truly and obedient  
Servant Samuel Hermelin  
No. 123 Colombia St.  
N.Y. City



City 3-3-95  
Hon Wm L Strong

Dear Sir

Be kind  
enough to consider this as an  
application for a clerical po-  
sition - anything. anywhere  
at once.

Yours Respectfully

Leonard F. Hess

96 6th Ave

City

**APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR.**

**NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRACY.**

This is to certify that the Executive Committee of the New York State Democracy,  
pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Plan of Organization, has appointed  
*Leonard F. Hess* to be Inspector of Election for the *34<sup>th</sup>* Election  
District of the *Eighth* Assembly District, at the Primary Election  
to be held on June 5th, 1894.

*Wm. Hull*  
Secretary.

CHARLES S. FAIRCHILD,  
Chairman.

June 17/95

Brooklyn

Of our Honorable

New York

Mr Strong, Mayor of

New York City

Dear Sir

I do here by make a strong plea  
to your Honor, seeking a position of some  
kind, where honesty, and good moral character,  
integrity, and discipline, as well as sobriety  
is of value, I have a / credentials. From  
several firms I was at one time consulted,  
I am a citizen of New York, though a stranger  
to you. I can but say, I should be thankful  
for any encouragement you may offer me.  
Am fully capable of taking charge of  
men, looking up records, or could be  
of services in many other details, as a  
stranger to your Honor, I find it hard to  
approach upon your valuable time, I am  
a man of family, and disengaged since  
May last. having been supt of a Mfg firm  
in New Haven, having tried faithfully  
in many firms and failed, as being no  
vacancies, should my application meet  
your views, its my earnest endeavor,



as to faithfully, and punctually to  
fulfill the duties Required of me.  
hoping I may receive a reply of hopes.  
I have the honor, to Remain yours  
Very Truly

Geo Hessing

General - del.  
temporary add.

Brooklyn  
N. Y.  
as I was thinking of going West.

Would be glad for a personal interview,

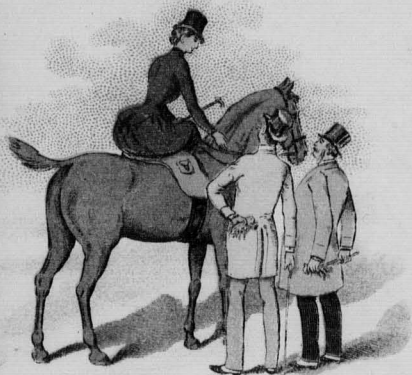


N. Y. 307 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
April 6. 1895

Dear Sir

I would like to ask  
you if you could get me an  
employment for the summer as  
bath-keeper, or work for some-time  
at anything I am a widow with a  
large family and the two oldest  
ones are not working just at  
present, so if you will try to  
do me this favor you will oblige  
me very much

Yours Truly  
Mrs Margaret D. Hewitt  
per G. W. H.



New York April 18<sup>th</sup> 95  
Wm William Strong Mayor  
of New York City

Dear Sir on  
hearing of a charge in which  
<sup>you</sup> have made or intend making  
as messengers to you allow me  
to ask of your consideration for  
the place I heard of the  
change through the man

Servant of Mrs Kennedy at  
No 6 West 57 Street if you  
will assigned me to the  
Position I will in Every way  
act accordingly to all Duties  
assigned to me and willingly  
leave them out the man  
that I have Refused to at No  
6 W. 57 St is a Friend of mine,  
and would not say a good word  
for me if I did not deserve  
it I am a Married Man  
with the care of a family  
without work I am respectfully  
your obedient Servant

Grace Hicks  
# 146 W. 53 Street

Crompton's Hotel, Briggate,  
Leeds, Eng:

March: 3. 1895.

Mayor Strong,  
New York City.

Sir, I wrote to Dr. Parkhurst from Nottingham  
some time ago.

I have hoped against hope. The  
Church of Eng. is now fully determined  
to give me over to my relations, & the  
Civil authorities, as a pauper.

Life is dear to all men - to me  
as well as to the Prince of Wales.

Sir, President Harrison has some  
knowledge of me, & all the New  
York Clergy, & police -

I have none but self. I am

No. 11. From some time the letter, the sum of £20 not on there  
who make an answer for my daily food. 1895.



both a villain & a lunatic, but  
 Sir, America has opened her fearful  
 heart to men as vile & as foolish  
 as I. She sheltered Napoleon III,  
 as France protected our own exiled  
 King James. God forgive me if in  
 my sorrow, & hopelessness, against  
apparently <sup>the British</sup> ~~the~~ throne, & nobility, & State  
 Religion, I ask if your great city cannot  
 find, even for me, some way in  
 wh. I may make an honest &  
 respectable livelihood, if only under  
another name, wh. will not be regarded  
 as a menace to my own government  
 & people. I am, Sir, since they sent me <sup>home</sup> ~~out of~~ <sup>out of</sup> ~~kindness~~ <sup>kindness</sup>  
 Wm. Thackeray.

Honorable Wm L Strong -  
Mayor of the City of New York  
Dear Sir -

I am an  
American born citizen  
thirty five years  
of age, and have  
been a staunch Repub-  
lican all my life.  
Having been imple-  
mented at my father's  
wholesale dry goods

Establishment And  
owing to the close  
confinement, my  
health is failing to  
such an extent, that  
my Physician has  
forwarned me. I  
must find some  
out-door employment.  
I therefore take  
this means of asking  
your honor. If you  
have any such

position vacant.  
Hoping to receive  
a favorable Reply.  
I remain Mr. J.

your constituents  
and a true Republican.

Wm. D. Hill

No 463 Manhattan  
New York

July  
June Fifth / Ninety Five.



New York Feb. 3 1895  
214 SEC. AVE.

Mr. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:

As you intend to give work to women, and though a thousand applications may be already on file, I ask you to take notice of mine.

You will pay special attention to the Insane Asylum of the city, so I beg to let me visit the female occupants. Mission women never go to them, as I have been told, I would certainly not bother them with religion, but try to do something, anything for them, what either the physicians or superintendent think necessary, or what I might find to do on my own suggestion. I would be able to give exact reports to the physicians. I have deep sympathy with insane people and now and then I have to do with such kind of people, I imagine I know how to gain their confidence.

I am of German descent, literary, well educated, conversant with several languages, trustworthy and faithful. I enclose my business circular and have only to add that in the last number of the Independent my story of the elephant "Tip" was published. Personal references are at your disposal, but most of my friends are working people like myself.


Trusting that you will grant my request

Most respectfully

Adolphine Slingsht.

*Postman*





Miss A. Hingst, 214 Sec. Ave.

Writer, Translator and Stenographer.

Writes on any subject.

Translates from Russian, German, French, Spanish and Italian,  
a good hand on researches, would like a position as assist  
ent to publishers or editors, or do any literary work.

References: Her own writings in standard Magazines.

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N. Y. June 14<sup>th</sup>/95  
Mr Mayor Strong  
Your Honor;

I  
herewith take the liberty  
of writing a few lines,  
hoping their contents may  
interest you. I am without  
employment and besides  
this I have no parents.  
I would be more than  
thankfull should there be  
any vacancy in any of  
your city departments if  
you would give me a  
chance or a personal  
interview, I am (28) years  
old have been an ardent  
republican all my life, can  
give excellent business (over)

recommendations as to my  
character, if you will give  
this your kind attention. I  
will be more than obliged  
to you

I remain  
Yours Respectfully  
Benj. A. Hirsch  
J. Johnson  
557 Broome St  
City

New York, <sup>my</sup> February 27 <sup>th</sup>, 1895

Hon. Wm L Strong Mayor

Dear Sir

Just one word in behalf of Mr  
A. J. Bright whom I have known for  
the past forty years.

If you see your way clear to appoint Mr  
Bright to a position of trust I think he would  
fill the position with credit to himself and  
satisfaction to you and to the public

Very truly Yours

W.G. Hitchcock



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Hoadly, Canterbach & Johnson,  
Attorneys at Law.

GEORGE HOADLY,  
EDWARD LAUTERBACH, EDGAR M. JOHNSON,  
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FERDINAND R. MINRATH,  
WILLIAM H. PAGE, JR.

Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. Building,

22 WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK CITY.

CABLE ADDRESS, RHYTHMUS, N.Y.

July 3, 1895

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

My dear Mr. Strong:

You will be surprised by the application I make.

It is on behalf of our common friend, Frank B. Pavey.

As you know, I do not take one particle of stock in his politics or yours. He belongs to an old fashioned, hard-shelled ~~and~~ republican family in Fayette County, Ohio, and I was born and live a democrat, except on the dark ~~key~~ question, and shall die a democrat

as my <sup>father</sup> ~~family~~ was before me. That does not, however, prevent me be <sup>ing</sup> coming a personal friend of yours--personal, but I did not vote for

you, and I do not admire your administration, as much as you do, al-

though, since Col. Waring declared war against the old bums who

pose under the name of Grand Army of the Republic, I have a warm <sup>feeling</sup>

~~spot~~ towards your government <sup>in one</sup>

Frank Pavey, whom I have had to fight in the job he fathered for the benefit of the Real Estate Exchange in the Legislature, and which was mis-called reform, is a good fellow, and is a young man who was in my office when I first came to New York.

He is as honest as the day is long. The best

kind of a specimen of a young Ohio Republican boy, who is sure to make a success in New York to the extent of his capacity and, unless I underrate his capacity--which I do not think I do--he will be a leader of your party before he gets through.

He wants ~~xxxxxxx~~ legal employment in the matter of the East River Bridge. I am a director of and counsel for the East River Bridge Company. I am a very bad adviser in the matter, for my interests are to get as much as I can for my company and myself. Nevertheless, Frank Pavey is entitled to have me say for him that he will fight me if I should be wrong in my dealings with the Commissioners of the Bridge with as much ability, and I hope with as little success as attended his championship of the Real Estate Exchange bill which he fathered in the Legislature.

With no end of personal kindness to you (and to Mrs. Strong, to whom kindly remember me) I am,

Your political antagonist, but your personal friend,

*Geo. Hoady.*



New York

March 19<sup>th</sup>

Mr Stron mar at the City  
at a Late oter I Right  
To ask you While you are  
downing it Pleas Rember me  
I will Take Eany Thing you  
Can Give me I Live in 28 arend  
Lilt and S.E.C Lilt and are the  
Ftuger for same But a Large  
family to Look out for

and nothen to do so I  
Bag your over Give me  
Sumthin I do not ask Be  
Cose I work so hard for you  
I ask Be Cose I need  
I are in Bedfort Park now  
and will Be for Sevel days  
you Can Send Leter here  
2965 Leebater are

Danrtoad. R. Hobbs

Please think of  
this it will not  
be forgotten  
I know you under  
stand that  
I shall look for a  
answer soon



April<sup>th</sup> 23

Mayor Strong your honor

I have to tell you my Truly  
I have 7 sons & 6 Brothers  
and I am out of work for  
the last 2 years I cannot  
get work any way I turn  
I past the Street Cleaning  
two times and got no job

My father was a Republican  
I of us goes the same way  
I should like to know how is

this I am long to Jacob Patterson  
Club the don't give me any  
thing I don't know what  
to do with my self my  
Father was killed under  
General Hooker at the Battle  
of Quaker Point I would  
like your Honor would

Give me some thing to  
do.

Your obedient Servant  
M B Hogan  
46 first Street  
City

New York 12/14-95

To Hon. W<sup>m</sup>. L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of N. Y.

Honored Sir:

Being idle for the  
past 5. Months out of my  
Trade which I aint able  
to work at according to my  
Doctors Advice. I take the  
Liberty to appeal to you  
Your Honor. for a position  
where I couldn't make a  
living and to support my  
Family and to keep away  
from distress while I am  
near to it "—" If I  
shouldn't detail my story  
in writing I hardly would  
find enough paper to

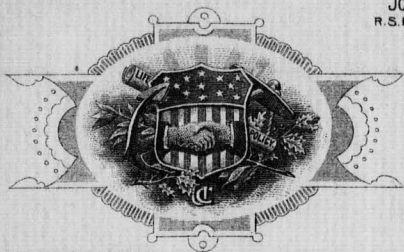


write on it. Therefore  
Honored Sir: I appeal once  
more for your Kindness  
and help me out of my  
bad circumstances and  
not to reach to that  
which I have mentioned  
to you before - -  
I have spent my little  
fortune which I possessed  
and now my Wife gave  
birth to me with twin  
Boys where I aint able  
to keep up as a Family Father  
ought to do as my duty  
generally was - -  
I will conclude and ap-  
peal to you Your Honore  
that you will carefully  
read these few lines  
and you will help my

out of my distress - -  
Thanking you in advance  
Yours Truly etc.

J. L. Hollander  
119 Lewis St  
New York

P. S. I am a young man  
and can do anything.



JOHN M. PATISON, President.  
R. S. RUST, V. Pres. E. P. MARSHALL, Secy.

J. R. CLARK, Treas. W. L. DAVIS, Cashier.  
W. B. DAVIS, M. D., Med. Director.

*Agency of*  
*The Union Central Life Insurance Co.*  
*of Cincinnati.*

D. N. HOLWAY, Manager.

Eastern New York and New England,

Metropolitan Bldg., Twenty-third St.  
and Madison Avenue,

*New York,* June 13, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

New York City,

Dear Sir:

Learning that Mr. John B. Powell of this City was formerly appointed by you as General Manager of an Electric Company of which you were President, I take the liberty to inquire of you as to his efficiency and reliability in that position, and whether you esteem him to be a man of integrity and good habits.

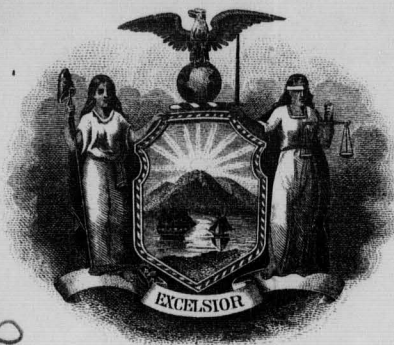
I am conferring with him in regard to entering the Insurance business for us which naturally makes pertinent these inquiries of you. An early reply will be thankfully received by,

Yours very truly,

*D. N. Holway,*

Manager.





*Albany* April 10. 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I desire to call your attention to the application of Mr. Charles W. Anderson whose course I have watched with interest for several years. As secretary to the State Treasurer, he has finally established the reputation of an accurate, scholarly business man. He is regarded here as one of the most able and level headed young men in the State, white or black. Lieutenant Governor Saxton told me some time ago that he considered Anderson one of the ablest men of his years he had ever seen. His faculty for finding the right amid a conflict of ideas and of weighing other men's opinions while retaining his own, is truly wonderful. About a week ago in the Kenmore Hotel some six or eight men were discussing your administration. There was some intemperate language on both sides of the question when Anderson spoke up, and in an easy courteous manner, soon had the party around to his way of thinking. Among other things he said, "I have known Mayor Strong personally for some years and have always been



STATE OF NEW YORK.  
*Assembly Chamber.*

*Albany*

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impressed with his extraordinary conscientiousness. He is an honest, cheerful, brave business man, who as Mayor may occasionally make mistakes, but who will march fearlessly on toward what he believes to be right, and for the best interests of the City of New York. If he succeeds in this he can afford to be mis-represented." After this all agreed with him.

I shall be highly gratified if you find it possible to nominate him to some position which will reflect credit upon him, and his race.

Yours very truly,

*W R D Folger*



HOPPIN & KOEN,  
ARCHITECTS,  
160 FIFTH AVENUE.

FRANCIS L. V. HOPPIN.  
TERENCE A. KOEN.

April 20<sup>th</sup>. 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong.

Dear Sir.

I take the liberty of  
addressing you - to ask if I would  
inconvenience you to allow me the  
honor of an interview of five minutes  
duration in which to say a few  
non partisan - and non-political words  
in behalf of Mr Thomas L. Hamilton  
to the Office of Free Commissioners?

I am aware that these  
are the requests that must cause  
you ceaseless annoyances. and I  
beg of you to frankly tell me if  
such a route on my part would  
trouble you or be of any value.

I write of my own volition and  
unknown to Mr Hamilton whom  
I have known for many years in every  
possible way with the exception of politics  
of which I know nothing beyond my  
own political faith which is yours.

HOPPIN & KOEN,  
ARCHITECTS,  
160 FIFTH AVENUE.

FRANCIS L. V. HOPPIN.  
TERENCE A. KOEN.

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You may doubtless recall  
me to your memory as having  
met you last Summer -  
several times on the Seabright  
boat while I was visiting.  
Mr James & Mary were with my wife  
& I had also the pleasure of keeping  
to redecorate Mr Shattuck's house.

- It is a task I am taking  
a great liberty & a course perhaps  
unprecedented - but for my  
first mission in anything of the  
sort - I crave your indulgence.

Yours for -

With great respects Sir

Believe me

Very truly yours

F. Hoppin

39 East 57 St  
April 8/95

My dear Ike,

Since the time that you called on the Mayor, when he intimated that he would probably appoint 3 women, I have been authoritatively informed that he is considering the claims of the female sex more in the light of service as inspectors and trustees of schools, and hence I call your attention to the matter, in view of the fact that I understood from you, that my name too was under his consideration for appointment as Commr. of Education - My record in the 19 Ward in my service as trustee has clearly proven that I have grappled many subjects with a view to reform therein, and have succeeded in removing some objectionable teachers, and looking after the general welfare of the scholars, and the condition of the schools, both from



sanitary and educational points  
of view, and having been in the  
system for the last 10 years I  
believe I thoroughly know the way  
to institute beneficial changes, and  
for proof I refer to any of the  
Commissioners still remaining in the  
Board of Edu.

Should you happen to see his  
Honor, and should the foregoing  
appeal to you as being any reason  
why I should be appointed, kindly  
add your word in my behalf,  
and oblige

Sincerely Yours  
S. M. Hornthal

To Mr. Isaac Wallach,

New York

April 10/95

Col Wm L. Strong

Mayor of the City of N.Y.

My dear Colonel:

Pardon me for submitting this  
letter from my friend Mr. H. M.  
Hornthal (received today) for your  
favorable consideration - if there  
will be any place for him. I vouch  
for Mr. Hornthal as an intelligent  
high minded gentleman - who has  
filled positions of trust - as School  
Trustee - director of the Pacific Bank  
and of Mount Sinai Hospital with  
unswerving integrity. I hope that you  
are well, & remain,

Your sincere friend  
Isaac Wallach

SINCLAIR HOUSE,  
BROADWAY, COR. EIGHTH STREET,  
NEW YORK.  
EUROPEAN PLAN.  
A. L. ASHMAN.

New York, April 17<sup>th</sup> 1895.

To His Honor

The Mayor of New York;

Mr. Mayor:—

I beg leave to  
enclose, herewith, letter of  
personal introduction to  
you from my old friend,  
Stewart L. Woodford, but  
as I have already enjoyed  
the honor and privilege  
of conversing with you,  
in relation to the  
application I made, some  
time ago, for appointment  
as one of the Police  
Magistrates of this City,  
I shall await your further  
invitation to call, as I

feel assured your valuable  
time is liberally occupied  
by Office Seekers and I am  
not disposed to add unnecess-  
arily to the burden.

I mail to you  
Genl. Woodford's letter for  
the benefit I trust I may  
derive from its contents.

I have the honor to be,  
Mr. Mayor,  
Your obedient servant,  
James Ray Hosmer.



New York Feby 19<sup>th</sup> 1895

To Mayor Strong

Your Honor please

accept this letter. do not let it interfere with your business. but at some leisure moment please glance it over. I see by the papers that you are besieged with office seekers. and rather than annoy you with my presence I thought I could drop you this letter. and if you should feel disposed to help me. I will present myself any time or place you may mention. I read in last Friday's Evening World. how kindly you treated a poor Colored man who came to see you. about getting a job that their would not be much lifting in it. now I am not a Colored man. but I am in quest of a job where there would not be much heavy lifting. I am not looking for big money. My Doctor. informed me last Sunday when I called on him that my present Employment is to heavy

and hard for my strength. I have been suffering from an affection of the lower limbs for about a year. now the Dr tells me I must be very careful and be properly treated medically. and will loose the use of my lower limbs. from the knees down. this of course necessitates me quitting my trade. which is Carriage Wood working. I am 36 years old and have worked 20 years at my trade. I have for the past 10 years. up to the present time Employed by Mr R G Green Carriage Builder of 148 - 150 East 129<sup>th</sup> Harlem. to whom I would refer you for Character etc. you will find Mr Green a highly esteemed Harlem Gentleman. and what he may say you may depend upon. my bodily health is good my trouble seems to be entirely in my limbs. My Physician is Dr Parlatius of 106 Waverly Place. In Politics I am a Republican and had the pleasure of voting for yourself and Mr Docton on last Election day.

I shall wait kindly and patiently for your reply - hoping it may be favorable

I am yours Truly

Edward A. Howe

150 East 129<sup>th</sup>



New York Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895

To The Mayor

of New York City

Your Honor

I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from your Secretary  
in answer to my letter to your Honor  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. directing me to seek  
employment at some of the various  
departments, now I am really at  
a loss to know how to act further  
in the matter. I believe it would  
be useless for me to attempt to get  
employment in any of the departments  
without influence from higher up  
would it be too much to ask your  
signature to a few lines to help me  
me into something. It is a matter of  
necessity with me as I have a wife as  
well as myself to support ~~me~~ over

If you will help me in this matter  
I will be a thousand times obliged  
to you

I remain yours Truly

Edward A. Howe

157 East 129<sup>th</sup>  
City



HENRY H. ANDERSON,  
HENRY E. HOWLAND,  
GEO. WELWOOD MURRAY,  
HENRY B. ANDERSON.

LAW OFFICES OF ANDERSON, HOWLAND & MURRAY,

35 WALL STREET (MILLS BUILDING),

NEW YORK,

May 4

1895

Mr. M. L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York  
Bailew

I learn that  
Ex. Alderman, Michael N. McCarthy  
has been named by you as a  
proper person to be appointed a  
Dock Commissioner. Mr. McCarthy  
was a member of the Board of  
Aldermen when I served in it  
in 1875 & 1876. When it was a  
pretty good Board in Mayor McKim's  
time; I always found him active  
energetic and straightforward

I have always had a good  
of opinion of him

Be to you

My E. M. Lane



FRANCIS D. HOYT.  
HORATIO S. RUBENS.

V  
LAW OFFICE OF  
HOYT & RUBENS.  
111 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK, March 12, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir :-

I beg to thank you personally for the appointment of Mr. C. C. Wehrum as school commissioner. Although my acquaintance with Mr. Wehrum is slight, I know that for years he devoted himself conscientiously, intelligently and almost exclusively to his duties as a school commissioner; and this same fidelity to duty would seem to have been the cause of his failure of reappointment last year under the Tammany Administration. His restoration by you to the Board is not only an act of justice, but one of great benefit to the common schools of this City.

With great respect, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Francis D. Hoyt*



*Chas. Bulkley Hubbell,*  
*Counselor at Law,*  
*United Bank Building,*  
*2 Wall Street, New York.*

March 13th, 1895.

Hon W. L. Strong,

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Your gracious treatment of the suggestion made by me, concerning Dr. Peaslee, induces me to suggest another gentleman for your consideration. I beg to submit the name of Henry W. Taft, as that of a man who would make, in my humble opinion, a model School Commissioner. He is a successful lawyer (office at 54 William Street) is Counsel for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, and is well and favorably known in his profession.

He is a son of the late Hon. Alonzo Taft, Attorney General of the United States, under President Grant; he is also a brother of Judge William H. Taft of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals (6th Circuit). He was educated in the public schools; taught in them<sup>himself</sup> and has been interested in them ever since. He is a graduate of Yale (when a man has a birth right certificate from Ohio and a diploma from Yale College the rest of us concede that he belongs to that class that "shall inherit the earth") -- and one of the best known and most popular of its alumni in the City. His appointment would, I think, add one more name to the admirable list that you have been pleased to

*Chas. Bulkley Hubbell,*  
*Counselor at Law,*  
*United Bank Building,*  
*2 Wall Street. New York.*

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make and his record would, I am sure, reflect credit upon your administration.

Very respectfully yours,

*Chas Bulkley Hubbell*

✓ N. Y. March 12/95

Hon. Mayor of New York:

Sometime previous to your inauguration into office, I took the liberty of addressing you upon the question of an appointment as Librarian of the "City Library"; I have as yet noticed no appointment to said position, although one may have been made by the head of some other department, as I am unfamiliar with what body the power lies.

I have sought this position because heretofore men have held the office whose interests were everywhere, but never centred wholly upon the documents, records and volumes whose value and worth were unknown to them, and they seemed to care little whether these documents were preserved



or went to ruin; thus causing a loss to the present and future generations, as the documents are of vast historical value if of no other.

My application was put forward in the hope that under the present administration something would be done to remedy this matter; and my qualifications for said position have been acquired by an experience of almost nine years among Books and Publishers of this City, among whom are —

Dodd, Mead & Company

George H. Richmond

Charles J. Dillingham & Company.

Thus having first learned the value of such documents and how best to care for them, their proper arrangement etc., I have dared to hope for an appointment.

I am now 24 years of

age, born in New York City and can furnish best of references as to my character.

Trusting you will excuse and pardon the liberty thus taken; should however there be a possibility of an appointment to said position or one in connection with the same I should be pleased to know, and if required will secure indorsements and recommendations from New Yorks best Book Makers and Sellers.

Believe me

Your humble servant

Francis A. Huck

#120 First Ave.

N.Y. City.

JOHN M. CRANE, President.

GEORGE L. PEASE, Vice-President.

W. D. VAN VLECK, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK  
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

New York, May 13<sup>th</sup> 1895

Wm L Strong Esq  
Mayor  
NYC

Dear Sir:

In the absence of political influence, but as an American citizen a native of this state, an ex Soldier and of life long business experience, I most respectfully ask for employment in some one of the city departments, whereby I may be able to support those dependent upon me with the necessaries and comforts of life. I want no sinecure. I am able, willing and competent to do good service wherever I may be placed.

My habits are good and my requirements not extravagant. I have been with this bank a little over a year, in the capacity of night watchman, having been placed here by the vice-president Mr Pease a life long friend, temporarily,

and but for the discovery of defalcations which occupied so much of his time, and of his subsequent sickness and death, I should ere this have been placed in a more congenial and lucrative position. I am fully aware of the many calls upon you for place and power and of the persistent annoyance of personal application for favors and have therefore chosen this method of reaching you to minimize annoyance.

Should you elect to give me audience it will be a pleasure for me to call at any time to suit your convenience.

Respectfully yours

Chas. T. Hudson



William H. Hume,  
Frederic T. Hume.

Offices of  
Wm. H. Hume & Son.  
Architects.

Lincoln Building, 1 and 3 Union Square.

New York, June 14<sup>th</sup> 1895

My dear sir

I respectfully submit for your consideration  
the name of my son and partner, Frederic T  
Hume, for appointment as one of the Commissioners  
of the new East River Bridge. My son is  
a native of this city, 36 years of age, a  
graduate of the School of Mines of Columbia  
College, an accomplished architect and Engineer,  
and a man of tireless energy. Apart from  
our relationship, I doubt know a man  
who would fill the position with more  
ability. I respectfully ask his appointment.

Very truly yours

W H Hume

Hon Wm L Strong  
Mayor City of New York

Department of Public Works,

Bureau of Streets and Roads,

Room 12, 31 Chambers Street,

New York, April 15, 1895

Col. Wm L. Strong  
Mayor of the  
City of New York.  
City

My dear Sir

Is there nothing you  
can locate me -

I have been 9 years in the U.S.  
Consular Service in Cuba.

Though am neither Cuban or of  
Spanish Extract I speak & write  
Spanish & a little French -

I am leader of the Cuban Voters  
of N. Y. & Bklyn. & Honorary  
President of an Italian Club.  
was Professor of English in  
the High Institutes of Cuba  
Have several Metals & Diplomas

Department of Public Works,

Bureau of Streets and Roads,

Room 12, 34 Chambers Street,

New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 189

and certificates from Institutes  
& Colleges in the U. S. and the  
Countries in the Western Hemis-  
phere for my Educational  
works -

my father, & myself are Amer-  
icans & so are my wife &  
children. You have all  
my endorsements - Surely you  
can do something for a  
man who is honored with  
honors, efficiency & party loyalty  
but in no financial position.

I await your reply

Very respectfully  
Lyndhurst P. Hendrix

254 West 23<sup>d</sup>



No 4 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York May 24-1895.

Hon Wm L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I did myself the honor to call at the Mayor's office today, and was informed that the Mayor would be engaged all day with delegations, and would not be at leisure for ordinary interviews before next Friday.

Your kindly words to me, a short time since, embolden me to enquire whether you have, as yet, been able to discover any position in which you can utilize my services.

with great respect,

Very truly Yours,

Joseph. A. Menez

100 W 96<sup>th</sup> St.  
N. Y. Nov 19-1895

Hon Wm Strong

Dear Sir

As it is the custom  
of those desirous of becoming  
Commissioners of deeds for other  
States than the one they  
reside, to get the recommend-  
ation of the Mayor of their  
city to the Governor of their  
State. I have been requested  
by Gov. Morton to ask you  
for your recommendation  
as I am desirous of be-  
coming Commissioner for  
all the States and with  
your approval and the  
Governor's recommendation  
I may be appointed. The  
Hon Wm McK. Blount has my  
application before the Board.

of Alderman at present.  
for N.Y. waiting a favorable  
reply. Remains,

Your Obedient Servant  
Wm. T. Hushion  
105 W 96<sup>th</sup> St  
City



New York

June 30<sup>th</sup> 96

Honorable Mayor Strong  
Sir

I have got a Little  
Baby 2 months old -  
Which has been very  
Sick & The Dr. Told  
me to take it a while  
every day

But what I want  
to say is This I generally  
go down to 22<sup>nd</sup> St - Rock  
(West) Last Cong. I was —  
Ordered off twice so  
one allowed since  
Tuesday only people  
that are going on Boat

It is not myself I am  
going to speak of but  
a great many poor women  
& children that cannot  
afford to go on a boat.

It is a shame these  
people that have sailed  
the deck are allowed  
to do such a thing.

Suppose they  
have made a little  
money & want to show  
they are somebody  
It is off the poor suppers  
that they are rich  
It is terrible the  
poor people are  
deprived of a little  
fresh air

Hundreds of people go to  
you for position & kill  
to anything you say until  
they get a good hold &  
then they drop off being

My husband  
asked for a position  
last election time if  
he would only save his  
vote he would have  
a position at once  
he has never got it yet  
now I don't suppose he  
will. If he had been  
some big fellow living  
on 5-Ad & plenty of  
money but he may have  
a chance yet.  
But what is the

poor people of New York  
going to do for a little  
fresh air, when they  
are put off a old  
clock, folks that  
have lots of money to  
go to the Country never  
think of them that  
have none.

Perhaps you  
will try & have some  
thing done in they  
poor people, I will not  
write to the Herald or  
world. If you give me or  
answer to this

Respectfully

Annie Hutchinson

521- W- 23



Loan Office of  
George W. Hyde,

(Successor to CLEGG & HYDE.)

305 Broome Street,

New York, July 16 1894

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I desire simply  
as a citizen, tax payer  
and Republican by birth,  
education and conviction,  
to heartily endorse your  
course in making official  
appointments. I believe  
I am one of a large  
element who believe  
that good government  
is good politics. But,  
good politics or bad, let  
us have good government!

Yours faithfully  
W. A. Hyde

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To. New York June 24/95  
Hon. William L. Strong Mayor.  
of the City of N.Y.  
Dear Sir

We have a man in  
Our District the old 24<sup>th</sup> —  
Assembly Dist who holds a —  
position as a Commissioner  
of Street Improvements and  
Appraiser of Land by the  
name of Conrad Haines and  
a red hot Tammany Hall  
shouter, being a member of  
the Algonquin Club of 24<sup>th</sup>  
Assembly Dist 217 E 84<sup>th</sup> St  
at a salary of 10 dollars a day  
we as a few good staunch  
Republican members of the



Same Dish the Old 24<sup>th</sup>  
Would Like to see some <sup>one</sup> of  
Our own Kind get that position  
as we think we have earned  
it, any good staunch Republican  
Voter will suit us. You having  
the Power of Removal in your  
hands. Should give it prompt  
Attention for the good of the  
District

Very Truly Yours  
A few good Members  
of the Shell Gate Republican  
Club

310. E. 86<sup>th</sup> St.  
City

New York, July 29th, 1895.

Mr. Jacob A. Hirschman has been a republican all his life time except during the past two or three years. Reverses in business compelled him to take a position as salesman with the firm of Engel Heller & co., Wholesale Liquor Dealers. After having been employed as salesman by the above firm, they almost insisted he should for their mutual interest and to facilitate business enter the Tammany Hall Organization. He did so and became a member of the General Committee of his organization district.

He has never been a leader, sub leader, or even district captain in the Democratic Organization; but on the contrary, was an active worker and election inspector whilst a member of the Republican Organization. He has never voted other than a republican ticket in State or National Politics during his life; in local issues he does as he pleases.

His saloon, No. 1 Park Row, is patronized only by newspaper men, railroaders and merchants in general. It has never even had the semblance of a politician's headquarters. Lastly, he is not himself a politician and takes no active part in politics at the present time. This statement will be verified by affidavit if required.

Hirschman  
Charakter

New York

chman has been a republican al  
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