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**Municipal Explosives
Commission**

1911



MUNICIPAL EXPLOSIVES COMMISSION

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

July 31, 1911.

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor,

Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :

After exhaustive investigation this Commission has become convinced that the practice of bringing into the City of New York large quantities of high explosives having nitro-glycerine as a base and loading the same upon steamers or railroad floats lying at city piers, for the purpose of transporting them to points outside the city, is fraught with great danger to the people and the property of this City, as well as to the public institutions located upon the various islands within the port of New York.

It is, of course, obvious that we must provide for the landing of such explosives as are required for use within this City; but to make New York a transfer point for handling high explosives intended for use in the New England States and other places outside this City is an unnecessary hazard, and should, in the opinion of this Commission, be stopped.

Before adopting the resolution attached hereto, the Commission obtained the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to the legality of its proposed act. This opinion was asked for, to determine whether the proposed regulation would conflict with the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Law.

We therefore respectfully request your Honor, in conformance with the provisions of section 763 of the Greater New York Charter, to approve the resolution herewith presented.

Respectfully,

MUNICIPAL EXPLOSIVES COMMISSION

Geo. J. Brown
Comm.

July 31/1911

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quantities of apples
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**MUNICIPAL EXPLOSIVES COMMISSION**

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

September 1, 1911.

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to apply for appointment as a member of the Municipal Explosives Commission, to succeed Hon. Peter P. Acritelli, who has to-day tendered you his resignation as a member of that body.

At present I am Secretary to the Commission, and have been connected with it for nearly eighteen months. In making this application, Fire Commissioner Johnson, chairman of the Municipal Explosives Commission, has authorized me to refer you to him; and the remaining members of the Commission are favorable to my appointment.

During my connection with the Commission, I have earnestly endeavored to learn the purpose of its creation, the scope of its jurisdiction, and the needs of the public in relation to its work; and I feel entirely capable of intelligently discharging the duties that would devolve upon me. My ideas are in substantial accord with those of the present members of the Commission, and I could work in harmony with them.

I served six years with the United States Army, during and following the occupation of Cuba; and have been admitted to the bar.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. S. Lundy".



MUNICIPAL EXPLOSIVES COMMISSION

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

November 9, 1911.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Mayor, and Chairman
Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

S i r:

It is our understanding that a committee of citizens appeared before your honorable body on the 2nd instant and presented a resolution looking to the furnishing of funds for the carrying out of the so-called Fire Prevention Bill for the remainder of the current year; and that included in said resolution was a request that you provide such revenue for the Municipal Explosives Commission as is necessary for the remainder of the year, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

In furtherance of that request, this Commission asks that you provide funds for the payment of the fees and expenses of the Commission for the remainder of the present year in the sum of \$1,670., which sum is based on the following estimate:

There are sufficient funds on hand to pay the expenses of the Commission up to and including November 11. For the remaining 15 days of November we estimate that there will be but three commissioners present at \$10. per day each and a stenographer at \$7.50 per day. During the month of December we estimate that there will be four commissioners and the stenographer present 17 days, and for the remaining 8 days in December but three commissioners and the stenographer present.

Respectfully,
MUNICIPAL EXPLOSIVES COMMISSION,

[Signature]
Fire Commissioner & Chairman ex officio.

ESTIMATE OF FUNDS REQUIRED

by the

MUNICIPAL EXPLOSIVES COMMISSION

November 12th to December 31st, 1911.

November 12th to 30th, 15 days;

3 Commissioners at \$10.....\$450.00

Stenographer at \$7.50..... 112.50

\$562.50

December 1st to 31st, 25 days:

4 Commissioners present 17 days @ \$10...\$680.00

3 " " 8 " @ \$10....240.00

Stenographer present 25 days @ \$7.50.... 187.50

\$1,107.50

\$1,670.00

Nov. 9/1911

Exd

1.690.⁰⁰ for the
Municipal Exp
Fund. to pay salaries
for Nov + Dec