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Office of Commissioners
New East River Bridge,

49 & 51 Chambers Street,
ROOMS 33, 34, 35.

COMMISSIONERS—NEW YORK.
HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor,
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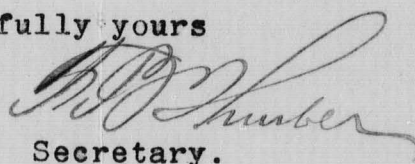
New York, February 3rd, 1896 1895.

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

Dear Sir:

A meeting of the Commissioners of the New East River Bridge
will be held at the office, 49 Chambers Street, New York, on Wednesday,
February 5th, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Respectfully yours


Secretary.

A meeting of the Executive Committee at 1 p.m.

A meeting of the Finance Committee at 1.45 p.m.

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THE NEW YORK HARBOR LINE BOARD,

Army Building,

39 Whitehall St.,

New York, February 13, 1896.

Sir:

There will be an important Public Hearing by The New York Harbor Line Board, in the Army Building, 39 Whitehall Street, New York City, at 10 a. m. on Thursday, February 20, 1896, in relation to bridge proposed to be constructed across the East River from the foot of Delancey Street, New York City, to the foot of Fifth Street, Brooklyn.

You are invited to attend this meeting and present your views.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY M. ROBERT,

To His Honor

The Mayor,

New York City.

Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
President of the Board.

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TREASURERS REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND

Receipts.

Jan'y 31	As per Statement Rendered	50000.00
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Feb'y 26 To Balance

50000.00

13692.01

With Comptroller City of NewYork	6845.90
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" " " " Brooklyn 6846.11

DISBURSEMENTS TO FEBRUARY 29th, 1896.

Disbursements.

Furniture & Fixtures.

Jany 31	Statement Rendered	1544.98	
"	Western Electric Co. Telephone Booth	75.00	
Feby 14	T.G.Sellew, Desk & Chairs Engineers' Office	30.25	1650.23

Rent Account.

Jany 31	Statement Rendered	1337.50	
Feby 19	Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank	150.00	
			1487.50

Salaries.

Jany 31	Statement Rendered	20832.64
Feb'y 29	Commissioners	1500.00
"	Officers and Appointees	2550.11
		<u>24882.75</u>

Borings Account.

Jan 31	Statement Rendered	440.00	
			440.00

Expense Account.

Jan'y 31	Statement Rendered	7657.50
Feb'y 19	T.G.Sellew, lDesk Pad Engineers'Office	1.00
26	Keuffel & Esser Co.Engineering Supplies	41.37
"	John Groppe, Coal,Engineers'Office	75.00
"	F.B.Thurber,Secretary Sundry Supplies	22.64
"	G.S.K.Hoover, Services as Stenographer	50.00
		7847.51

Total Disbursements	36307.99
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Balance	13692.01
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50000.00

The foregoing disbursements include the bills and accounts which have been certified to by the President and Treasurer of the Commission in accordance with the Act.

Andrew D Baird President,
~~Richard D. Sewell~~ Treasurer.

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EMENTS TO FEBRUARY 28th, 1886.

Furniture & Fixtures.
Disbursements.

Borings Account.

54883.75

NEW EAST RIVER
TREASURERS REPORT of RECEIPTS

1896	Receipts	
Mar 31	As per Statement Rendered	50,000.00
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April 30	To Balance	50,000.00
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	With Comptroller City of New York	2,176.96
	" " " " Brooklyn	2,177.05
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Andrew Baird President
Richard J. [unclear] Treasurer

BRIDGE COMMISSION
and DISBURSEMENTS to APRIL 30, 1896.

1896.	Disbursements	
Furniture and Fixtures		
Mar 31	Statement Rendered	1,650.23
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		1,650.23
Rent Account.		
Mar 31	Statement Rendered	2,075.00
April 15	Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank	150.00
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		2,225.00
Salaries.		
Mar 31	Statement Rendered	28,932.86
April 30	Commissioners	1,500.00
	" Officers and Appointees	2,550.11
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		32,982.97
Borings Account		
Mar 31	Statement Rendered	440.00
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		440.00
Expense Account		
Mar 31	Statement Rendered	8,155.27
April 1	Chas.E.Ring, Sundries Engineers Office	13.23
8	The N.Y. & N.J. Telephone Co. Toll connection from Dec 1/95 to Mar 1/96	15.45
15	The Metropolitan Telephone & Telegraph Co. third quarterly payment Telephone service (contract)	43.75
15	F.B. Thurber Secty - Sundries	23.59
"	The N.Y. & N.J. Telephone Co. 3 mos exch rental Apl 1 to July 1/96	25.00
22	McCormick & Knox Plumbing Engineer's office	16.50
29	G.S.K. Hoover Stenographers services	55.00
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		8,347.79
	Total Disbursements	<hr/>
		45,645.99
	Balance	<hr/>
		4,354.01
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		50,000.00

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Spencer Trask & Co.

Bankers,

Nos. 27 & 29 Pine St.
New York.

Spencer Trask.
Geo. Foster Peabody
Edwin M. Bulkley.
Charles J. Peabody.

Hon William L. Strong

May 13th 1896
City Hall New York

Mr Mayor:

I venture to enclose herewith a clipping from the Sunday Tribune about Bridge matters because I am personally cognizant with many of the facts and know that Mr Barstow's statements can be relied upon as entirely accurate and not prejudiced -

I am a Director in the Edison Company of Brooklyn one of the bidders - but it is not a matter of much importance to that Company - but in my judgment it is a matter of real importance to the Greater New York and particularly to Brooklyn people - that no more money should be expended upon half baked plans for the future - by useless construction work - I have made Bridge matters a study for some time and know that very great mistakes have been made by the Engineers - I think that if you would confer with

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Mayor Wristler he would tell you that he
had reason to doubt the correctness of the
Estimates of Mr. Martin - The chances are
I think that if the Trustees authorize now
\$65,000 - they will be told later on that more
will be necessary to complete and there is no
guarantee as to future operation expenses -

I am sure that if this were a matter
more closely within the sphere of your own ac-
tivities it would call for your doubt, & say the
least, of the prudence of constructing a plant now.

I trust that it may not be too
late for other expert testimony to be called for
by the Trustees to explain the alleged discrep-
ancies in Mr. Martin's Estimates

I am with great respect

Very truly yours
George Foster Peabody

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ANDREW D. BAIRD,
JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, May 14th, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:

I inclose for your information copy of resolution offered by
Commissioner Deeves at the meeting of this Commission, May 13th, 1896,
which was laid over for consideration at next meeting.

Respectfully yours

John C. Boulton
Asst Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ALBANY, N. Y., JANUARY 1, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR

My Dear Sir:

MAJOR,

New York City.

Commissioner Deeves moved that the engineer be instructed to prepare plans as soon as possible, with details for same, for this bridge, about the foot of Delancey street to about the foot of South Fifth street, Brooklyn, and to also show approaches to the same; this plan to show all the land necessary for said approaches. The said approaches on the New York side from Pier ~~at~~ foot of Delancey street up to Sheriff street to be on the south side of Delancey street extending southward 175 feet from the southerly line of Delancey street, turning up on the westerly line of Sheriff street and extending the approach so as to form a plaza from the westerly line of Sheriff street from Delancey street to the easterly line of Pitt street extending to Delancey street, taking in two blocks east and west for a plaza. And to provide in its approach on the New York side for a carriage way across Grand street.

That the approaches on the Brooklyn side extend as far as Bedford Avenue and not to exceed 200 feet in width and the necessary land beyond that point for a plaza.

NEW EAST RIVER TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS

1896	Receipts.	
Apl 30	As per Statement Rendered	50,000.00
May 19	From Comptroller of New York City	50,000.00
"	" " " Brooklyn	50,000.00
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		150,000.00
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May 31	To Balance	98,601.03
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	With Comptroller of New York City	49,300.49
	" " " Brooklyn	49,300.54

BRIDGE COMMISSION and DISBURSEMENTS to MAY 31st, 1896.

	Disbursements.	
Furniture and Fixtures.		
Apl 30	Statement Rendered	650.23
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		1,650.23
Rent Account.		
Apl 30	Statement Rendered	2,225.00
May 15	Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank	150.00
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		2,375.00
Salaries.		
Apl 30	Statement Rendered	32,982.97
May 31	Commissioners	1,500.00
"	Officers and Appointees	2,600.11
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		37,083.08
Borings Account.		
Apl 30	Statement Rendered	440.00
May 1	New York & New Jersey Well Co	762.72
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		1,800.72
Expense Account.		
Apl 30	Statement Rendered	8,347.79
May 13	R.G.Hutchinson	12.15
27	E.G.Soltmann	75.00
"	G.S.K.Hoover	55.00
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		8,489.94
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		51,398.97
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		98,601.03
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		150,000.00

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Andrew B. Baird
Richard M. Baird

Engineers' Office,

Brooklyn, June 3, 1896.

To the Commissioners of the New East River Bridge.

Gentlemen :-

The more I study the question of the bridge approaches the more thoroughly I am convinced that to land the bridge on any principal thoroughfare would be a serious error. It would be so in the case of Bedford avenue and fully as much so in the case of Grand street, a street only seventy feet wide.

Grand street already has a considerable traffic from street cars and trucks. Should we turn the line and go into Grand street between Pitt and Willett streets, a good share of the traffic from the bridge would probably continue along Grand street as far as it could; a portion of it would cross Grand street to get on East Broadway. This would certainly cause congestion at Grand street. At the same time we would be turning our backs upon by far the largest portion of the territory of New York, which it is desirable to reach by the bridge and which could then be reached only by turning out of Grand street as soon as possible into some street leading north, unless another approach were made toward the north. Such an approach would require the southerly tracks and roadway to cross the northerly tracks and roadway on the bridge, thus creating confusion and consequently danger. Where these crossings would take place the grade of the tracks would be over thirty feet above the grade of the street beneath. Should we turn into Grand street, we would be going out of our way to make the same mistake that was made on the old bridge at both its ends.

Should we continue the approach straight forward to Clinton street, where it would land with a 3% grade, it would be only three short blocks longer and the whole bridge and the approaches would be straight from end to end; it would cut less valuable property than by turning into Grand street, as shown by the table of assessed valuations hereto annexed; and with a plaza beyond of two blocks would give several outlets in different directions without any confusion.

Were the city then to widen Delancey street to a width of one hundred feet as far as Third avenue or to open a thoroughfare one hundred and twenty feet wide diagonally, from the corner of Suffolk and Delancey streets, to the corner of East Fifth street and Third avenue where the latter intersects Fourth avenue, (which would cut no first-class property,) there would thus be made a direct connection with all the avenues east of Broadway, allowing just as easy connection with the latter thoroughfare and with Grand street, for all who wish to go there, as if the whole bridge were turned into Grand street; Clinton street, from Howard street to East Broadway, might be widened to eighty feet, or one trolley track could be placed on Clinton street and the return track on Suffolk street.

I do not propose to ask the Commission to assume the responsibility of making these changes in the streets. I only wish to point out that the arrangement suggested of going straight to Clinton street with a plaza beyond would leave the approach in the best possible shape for outlets in every direction and would readily admit of further improvements by the city when required.

I strenuously urge upon the Commission the necessity of going to Clinton street. A bridge as large as the one proposed will make a thoroughfare in itself and a very large one; it should distribute its traffic into several streets, which the proposed arrangement would enable it to do with the least trouble.

As soon as the location of the approaches is definitely determined, the details required by the law creating the Commission can be placed on the General Plan herewith submitted, No. 27A, and an estimate of cost can be given. This general plan will then be ready for adoption by the Commission and for filing with the Commissioners of Public Works as required by statute. After which the contract for constructing the New York tower foundations can be advertised at once and for the Brooklyn tower foundations in a few days, and the actual work of construction be begun this year.

I am satisfied that the general plan for adoption to conform to the law should have as few details as possible. There will be times

as the work progresses, when it will be found decidedly advantageous to make changes in details. Every detail requires deep and careful study and the conditions to be met are developed as the work goes on. The method outlined is the most efficient for working them up. It would be detrimental to take such a course as would prevent the work from going on at an early date.

In addition to the proposed General Plan, No. 27A, I submit Map No. 31, showing lot lines and assessed valuations of right of way in New York from assessment roll of 1895.

Respectfully submitted.

Chief Engineer.

ASSESSED VALUATION of RIGHT OF WAY for NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE in
NEW YORK CITY from Assessment Roll of 1895.

BLOCKS.	ASSESSMENT.
East St. to Tompkins St.	\$ 62 000
Tompkins St. to Mangin St.	59 500
Mangin St. to Goerick St.	97 300
Goerick St. to Lewis St.	170 500
Lewis St. to Cannon St.	263 100
Cannon St. to Columbia St.	217 000
Columbia St. to Sheriff St.	231 000
Sheriff St. to Willett St.	206 000
Willett St. to Pitt St.	221 000
Pitt St. to Ridge St.	211 000
Ridge St. to Attorney St.	183 500
Attorney St. to Clinton St.	116 500
Clinton St. to Suffolk St.	286 500
Suffolk St. to Norfolk St.	363 000

Total	\$2 687 900
East St. to Pitt St.; thence to Grand St. =	\$2 037 900 without
East St. to Clinton St. =	\$2 038 400 plaza.
Clinton St. to Norfolk St. = Plaza =	\$649 500

Edmund Birney

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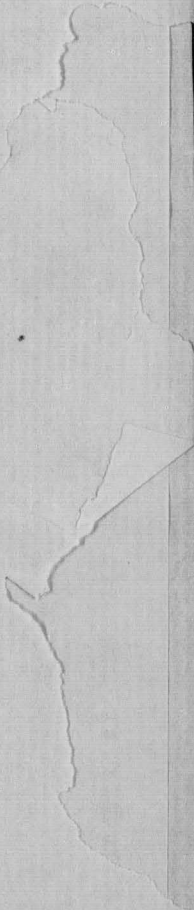
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New York, June 8th, 1896

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

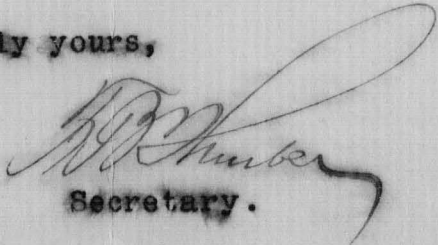
Dear Sir:

A meeting of the Commissioners of the New East River Bridge will be held at the Mayor's office, New York, on Wednesday, June 10th, at two o'clock p.m. for the purpose of considering the location of the terminal of the bridge, said meeting to be open to the public.

The usual meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at 49 Chambers street, New York, at one p.m. on the same day.

A meeting of the Commissioners will also be held at the Engineer's office in Brooklyn in the Manufacturers' Bank Building, 84 Broadway, Thursday, June 11th, at two o'clock p.m. for the purpose of considering the location of the Brooklyn terminal of the bridge, said meeting to be open to the public.

Respectfully yours,


Secretary.

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COMMISSIONERS—BROOKLYN.
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JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, June 9th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Commission meets at 1 o'clock to-day. We open bids at two for the foundation of the Brooklyn tower. Mr. Thurber writes me from Washington that he cannot be here and says that he called at your office on Wednesday to ask you to attend the meeting in order that ^a quorum might be present, but failed to speak to you as you were engaged.

Col. Baird sends me a message in which he says he wishes me to try and have Mayor Strong at the meeting by 1:30 to-day.

Yours very truly,

S. H. Wales

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NEW EAST RIVER
Treasurer's Report of Receipts

1896

RECEIPTS.

May 31 As per Statement Rendered \$150,000.00

\$150,000.00

June 30

To Balance

91,669.03

With Comptroller City of
New York

\$45,834.51

With Comptroller City of
Brooklyn

45,834.52

BRIDGE COMMISSION.

and Disbursements to June 30th, 1896.

1896

DISBURSEMENTS.

FURNITURE and FIXTURES.

May 31	Statement Rendered	\$ 1,650.23
		\$ 1,650.23

RENT ACCOUNT.

May 31	Statement Rendered	2,375.00
June 10	Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank	150.00
" 17	Brooklyn & New York Ferry Co.	437.50
		2,962.50

SALARIES

May 31	Statement Rendered	37,083.08
June 30	Commissioners	1,500.00
" "	Officers and Appointees	2,754.55
		41,337.63

BORINGS ACCOUNT.

May 31	Statement Rendered	1,800.72
June 10	New York & New Jersey Well Co.	642.40
" 24	" " "	671.20
" "	" " "	593.60
		3,707.92

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

May 31	Statement Rendered	8,489.94
June 10	E. G. Soltmann	16.50
" "	The Metropolitan Telephone & Telegraph Company	43.75
" 17	F. B. Thurber, Secretary	42.50
" "	G. W. Bromley & Co.	30.00
" 24	G. S. K. Hoover	50.00
		8,672.69

Total Disbursements
Balance

\$58,330.97
91,669.03

\$150,000.00

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JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, July 27th, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Richfield Springs, N. Y.

Mayor Strong

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of July 23rd, would say that the American Sugar Refining Co. finally accepted the appraisement of the appraisers appointed by the Commission, \$350,000, for the property required for the Brooklyn anchorage, although they had previously asked \$500,000 for the property. The Commissioners thought it best to thus have an amicable settlement with the Sugar Refining Co. and avoid litigation and possible delay.

The Contractor for the Brooklyn Tower Foundations, Mr. McLean, has perfected his Surities and is at work on the caisson for the Brooklyn side. Negotiations for the property required for the anchorages on both sides are in active progress and steps have been taken to condemn any parcels where an agreement as to value seems impracticable. The work in all Departments is progressing as fast as could expected.

Respectfully,

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Rev. Mr. P. G. Jones,

Brooklyn N.Y. N.Y. N.Y.

NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE

Treasurer's Report of Receipts

1896

RECEIPTS

June 30

As per Statement Rendered \$150,000.00

June 30

Am't deducted from New
York & New Jersey Well
Co.'s bill of May 1st
by N. Y. Comptroller 100.00

With Comptroller N. Y. City \$40,283.55
" " Brooklyn 40,283.55

150,100.00

July 31

To Balance

80,567.10

COMMISSION

and Disbursements to July 31st, 1896.

1896

DISBURSEMENTS

June 30

Furniture and Fixtures
Statement Rendered

\$ 1,650.23

1,650.23

RENT ACCOUNT

June 30
July 22

Statement Rendered 2,962.50
Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank 150.00

3,112.50

SALARIES

June 30
July 31
July 31

Statement Rendered 41,337.63
Commissioners 1,500.00
Officers and Appointees 2,771.75

45,609.38

BORINGS ACCOUNT

June 30
July 1
July 1
July 2
July 3
July 15
July 15
July 22
July 29

Statement Rendered 3,707.92
New York & New Jersey Well Co. 957.04
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do do do 841.92
do do do 901.36
do do do 722.80
do do do 720.16
do do do 754.32
do do do 799.84

10,301.68

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

June 30
July 1
July 8
July 22
July 23
July 29

Statement Rendered 8,672.69
E. G. Soltmann 6.00
P. B. Thurber, Secretary 57.52
N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. 37.90
Electric Press 25.00
G. S. K. Hoover 60.00

8,859.11

Total Disbursements 69,532.90
Balance 80,567.10

150,100.00

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New York, August 31, 1896.

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

Dear sir:

At the meeting of the Commissioners of the New East River Bridge last week, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with you and express the hope that you would be able to attend the meeting of the Commission this week, Wednesday, 2 p. m., as we desire to consult you and Mayor Wurster regarding the finances of the Commission and what course it is advisable to take in the making of requisitions and giving out of contracts.

Respectfully,

F. B. Thurber
Secretary.

C O P Y.

Engineers' Office,

Brooklyn, August 19, 1896.

To the Commissioners of the New East River Bridge,

Gentlemen:

I present herewith an estimate in tabular form, intended to show the amount of money which should be appropriated each year for the work of construction in order that the bridge may be completed by the first of January, 1900. This estimate is purposely made large enough to be sure that it will cover the necessary amount, exclusive of the cost of site which must be added. Should the estimate for any year be in excess of the requirements for that year, the surplus could be deducted from the appropriation for the next year. The table also shows the times at which the various parts of the work should be begun and finished in order that the whole may be carried on with the utmost economy and speed. The first of January, 1900, is about the earliest date at which it can be completed.

I have set as the time for beginning the anchorages January 1, 1897. Before beginning these some test pits should be sunk, especially on the New York side where the site will be made ground. It will be necessary to acquire the land for the anchorage sites before sinking these pits, unless the Commission can obtain permission to sink them before obtaining title.

I also submit completed plans for the New York tower foundations and caissons, (Nos. 53 and 55,) and for the Brooklyn tower foundations, caissons, and coffer dams, (Nos. E 41, E 42, E 43, E 56, and E 57,) together with completed alternative specifications, notices to bidders, approximate bills of materials, and forms of proposals for both the New York and the Brooklyn tower foundations. The alternative specifications and forms of proposals have been so drawn that the Commission can receive tenders for building the foundations of all granite masonry or of masonry partly limestone, and can thus determine whether there would be any material saving in the use of part limestone. These plans and specifications have been carefully studied over and I have consulted Mr. Alfred Noble, a recognized authority on Foundations and Masonry in regard to the

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I have received many valuable suggestions from him, which are embodied in the plans as submitted.

As the foundations of the Brooklyn tower are considerably the deeper, it would advance the work materially to have them started at the same time with the others. If, however, both cannot be begun at the same time, it would be better to begin the Brooklyn foundations first provided that the site therefor can be obtained without delay. It will be seen from the table that from two to three months longer will be required for them.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sig.) L. L. Buck,

Chief Engineer.

New East River Bridge

Report

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DESCRIPTION OF WORK	DURATION OF CONTRACT.	BEGINNING OF CONTRACT	COMPLETION OF CONTRACT	AMOUNT OF APPRO. FOR 1896	AMOUNT OF APPRO. FOR 1897	AMOUNT OF APPRO. FOR 1898	AMOUNT OF APPRO. FOR 1899.	TOTALS
New York Tower, Foundations	10 Months	Oct. 1 st , 1896	Aug. 1 st , 1897	\$ 120,000	\$ 380,000.			\$ 500,000.
Brooklyn " "	12 "	"	Oct 1 st , 1897	189,000	671,000.			860,000.
New York Anchorage	12 "	Jan. 1 st , 1897	Jan. 1 st , 1898		820,000.			820,000.
Brooklyn "	12 "	"	"		820,000.			820,000.
New York Tower, Steel.	6 "	March 1 st , 1897	Sept. 1 st , 1897		186,000.			186,000.
" " " Erection	6 "	Sept. 1 st , "	Mar. 1 st , 1898		82,000.	42,000.		124,000.
Brooklyn Tower, Steel	6 "	Mar. 1 st , "	Sept. 1 st , 1897		186,000.			186,000.
" " Erection	6 "	Nov. 1 st , "	May 1 st , 1898		41,000.	83,000.		124,000.
Cable Strands	10 "	Dec. 1 st , "	June 1 st , 1898		50,000.	400,000.		450,000.
" Erection	7 "	June 1 st , 1898	Jan. 1 st , 1899.			300,000.		300,000.
Suspended Superstr., Steel	10 "	Apr. 1 st , "	Feb. 1 st , "			870,000.	96,000.	966,000.
" " Erect.	8 "	Feb 1 st , 1899	Sept. 1 st				644,000.	644,000.
Approaches, Steel	11 "	Jan. 1 st , 1898	Dec. 1 st , 1898			780,000.		780,000.
" Erection	10 "	Dec. 1 st , "	Sept. 1 st , 1899.			52,000.	468,000.	520,000..
Flooring, Painting, Etc.	4 "	Sept. 1 st , 1899	Jan. 1 st , 1900.				230,000.	230,000.
Totals				\$ 309,000.	\$ 3,236,000.	\$ 2,527,000	\$ 1,438,000.	\$ 7,510,000.

ANDREW D. BAIRD, President.
SALEM H. WALES, Vice-President.

FRANCIS B. THURBER, Secretary.
RICHARD DEEVES, Treasurer.

Office of Commissioners

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COMMISSIONERS—BROOKLYN.
HON. FREDERICK W. WURSTER, Mayor,
ANDREW D. BAIRD,
JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, August 21st, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,
City Hall,

New York City.

Dear sir:

Herewith please find copy of report submitted by the Chief Engineer at the last meeting of the Board, copy of which was ordered sent to each Commissioner for their information.

Respectfully,

F. B. Thurber
Secretary. *R. J. E. K.*

NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE
Treasurer's Report of Receipts

1896	Receipts	
	As per statement rendered	150,000.00
Aug. 25	Comptroller New York City	102,000.00
" "	" City of Brooklyn	102,000.00

1896		354,000.00
Aug. 31	To Balance	61,372.26
	With Comptroller New York City	30,686.13
	" " City of Brooklyn	30,686.13

COMMISSION.
and Disbursements to Aug. 31st, 1896.

		DISBURSEMENTS.	
July 31	Furniture and Fixtures Statement Rendered	1,650.23	1,650.23
July 31 Aug. 19	Rent Account Statement Rendered Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank	3,112.50 150.00	3,262.50
July 31 Aug. 31 " "	Salaries Statement Rendered Commissioners Officers and Appointees	45,609.38 1,500.00 2,771.76	49,881.14
July 31 Aug. 5 " " " 7 " "	Borings Account. Statement Rendered New York & New Jersey Well Co. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	10,301.68 880.80 809.76 919.04 769.04	
		13,680.32	
	Less amount deducted from Voucher #91, Role A	100.00	13,580.32
July 31 Aug. 5 " " " " " 12 " 19 " 26 " " " 31	Expense Account. Statement Rendered E. G. Soltmann Wm. G. Cheate Henry C. M. Ingraham F. B. Thurber, Secretary E. G. Soltmann E. G. Soltmann F. E. Brandis Sons & Co. G. S. K. Hoover	8,859.11 11.00 4,875.00 4,875.00 63.64 4.00 5.17 21.75 50.00	18,764.67
Aug. 25	Franchise Account. East River Bridge Co.	205,488.88	205,488.88
	Total Disbursements		292,627.74
	Balance		61,372.26
			354,000.00

The foregoing disbursements include the bills and accounts which have been certified to by the President and Treasurer of the Commission in accordance with the Act.

Andrew D. Baird
President
John J. ...
Treasurer

ANDREW D. BAIRD, President.
SALEM H. WALES, Vice-President.

FRANCIS B. THURBER, Secretary.
RICHARD DEEVES, Treasurer.

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COMMISSIONERS—BROOKLYN.
HON. FREDERICK W. WURSTER, Mayor,
ANDREW D. BAIRD,
JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, Sept. 15, 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,
City Hall,
N. Y. City.

Dear sir:

The last issue of the ENGINEERING RECORD contains a valuable paper on the artistic element in engineering by F. O. Marvin, Vice-President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was read at a recent meeting of that Association. The RECORD also has an interesting editorial on this subject, and, thinking that you would be interested in these utterances on account of their bearing upon the New East River Bridge, I have taken the liberty of sending you a copy.

With much respect, I am

Yours very truly,

F. B. Thurber
Secretary.

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BRIDGE COMMISSION
and Disbursements to September 30th, 1896.

1896	Disbursements		
August 31	Furniture and Fixtures Statement rendered	\$ 1,650.23	\$1,650.23
August 31	Rent Account Statement rendered	3,262.50	
Sept. 9th	Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank	150.00	
" 15th	Brooklyn & New York Ferry Co.	437.50	3,850.00
August 31	Salaries Statement rendered	49,881.14	
Sept. 30th	Commissioners	1,500.00	
Sept. 30th	Officers and Appointees	2,775.32	54,159.46
August 31	Borings Account Statement rendered	13,580.32	
September 2	New York & New Jersey Well Co.	578.56	
September 2	" " " " " "	563.92	
September 9	" " " " " "	565.68	
September 11	" " " " " "	637.76	
September 14	" " " " " "	561.04	
September 16	" " " " " "	4,011.32	20,496.60
August 31	Expense Account Statement rendered	15,764.67	
September 2	E. G. Soltmann	2.25	
" 2	Williams & Kutz	10.00	
" 23	P. B. Thurber, Secretary	63.81	
" 23	E. G. Soltmann	26.00	
" 23	A. V. Benoit	5.30	
" 23	The Eve. POST Job Printing Office	58.70	
" 23	Electric Press	18.00	
" 23	William Scott	20.80	
" 30	G. S. K. Hoover	50.00	19,032.23
August 31	Franchise Account Statement rendered	205,488.88	205,488.88
	Total disbursements		304,677.40
	Balance		49,322.50
			354,000.00

The foregoing disbursements include the bills and accounts which have been certified to by the President and Treasurer of the Commission in accordance with the Act.

Andrew Baird President,
Richmond.

ANDREW D. BAIRD, President.
SALEM H. WALES, Vice-President.

FRANCIS B. THURBER, Secretary.
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COMMISSIONERS—BROOKLYN.
HON. FREDERICK W. WURSTER, Mayor,
ANDREW D. BAIRD,
JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, October 7th, 1896.

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

Dear sir:

Enclosed please find copy of Treasurer's report of receipts
and disbursements up to September 30th, 1896.

Very truly yours,

Richard Deeves
Assistant Secretary.

minority.

Brooklyn Eagle

Fair Treatment.

Oct 22/96

The East river bridge commission acted wisely when it decided to award the contract for building the foundation for the New York tower of the bridge to Patrick H. Flynn of this city. Mr. Flynn's bid was the lowest received. He owns part of a granite quarry and he has had building contracts in the past. He was objected to because "he had a habit of putting his nose into everything." This was hardly a valid objection, if his bid were the lowest and he were able to do that which the commissioners desired to have done. He believes that he can build the pier and he is willing to give bonds in any amount for the faithful performance of the contract. The personality of Mr. Flynn is not a matter with which the commissioners need have bothered themselves. The Eagle takes pleasure in saying this, because it has criticised this man in the past. But its criticism has not been based on charges against his financial responsibility. It has happened that the acceptance of Mr. Flynn's bid involved a principle which could not be safely disregarded, and the Eagle has insisted that this principle be respected. The only valid objections to awarding to him the contract would lie in his inability to do the work or in the inadequacy of the security offered on his bonds. We are glad to note that the action of the commissioners has been such as to encourage bidders to compete for the work. They are now assured of fair treatment.

ANDREW D. BAIRD, PRESIDENT.
SALEM H. WALES, VICE-PRESIDENT.

FRANCIS B. THURBER, SECRETARY.
RICHARD DEEVES, TREASURER.

Office of Commissioners

New East River Bridge,

49 & 51 Chambers Street,

ROOMS 33, 34, 35.

New York, October 23, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City of New York.

My dear Mayor Strong:

I enclose for your perusal a clipping from yesterday evening's Brooklyn EAGLE. This touches the marrow of the situation and is in precise accord with the views I have held all the time as to our duty in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S. H. Wales

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OFFICE OF
NEVILLE & NEVILLE,
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
170 BROADWAY.

TIMOTHY F. NEVILLE.
ARTHUR NEVILLE.

NEW YORK,

October 26th 1896.

Hon William L. Strong.

Chairman, Commissioners East River Bridge

Dear Mr Mayor: In the interest of property owners who will be affected by this proceeding I write to learn whether you will acquire the property by purchase or Condemnation. Application to some of your associate Commissioners has not elicited a definite response.

The block, Norfolk, Delancey, Broome Suffolk contains 40,000 sq. feet; the block Clinton, Delancey, Broome, Suffolk 40,000 sq. feet; the strip 150 ft wide from Clinton to E. River 340,000 sq. feet - a total of 480,000 sq. feet, equivalent to 192 City Lots, all densely packed with buildings.

The sense of owners whom we have seen is in favor of a general action as prevails in street openings, as they consider such a proceeding fairer to all parties, and offering less opportunity for pre-emption by speculators, or partiality in awards.

I will thank you very much to advise me of your decision on the matter.

Very respectfully
Geo. P. Byrne

NEW EAST RIVER
Treasurer's Report of Receipts

RECEIPTS

1896
Sept. 30

To statement rendered \$354,000.00

\$354,000.00

Oct. 31

To Balance

43,298.83

With Comptroller of City of New York

\$21,649.40

" " " " " "

21,649.43

BRIDGE COMMISSION.

and Disbursements to October 31st, 1896.

1896

DISBURSEMENTS
Furniture and Fixtures

Sept. 30 Statement Rendered \$ 1,650.23 \$ 1,650.23

RENT ACCOUNT

Sept. 30 Statement Rendered 3,850.00

Oct. 7 Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank 150.00

" 14 Taylor & Fox, Agt's Mfr's Nat'l Bank 166.67

" 14 Taylor & Fox, Agt's Mfr's Nat'l Bank 166.67 4,333.34

SALARIES

Sept. 30 Statement rendered 54,159.46
Oct. 31 Commissioners 1,500.00
" 31 Officers and Appointees 2,713.32 58,372.78

BORINGS ACCOUNT

Sept. 30 Statement Rendered 20,496.60 20,496.60

FRANCHISE ACCOUNT

Sept. 30 Statement Rendered 205,488.88 205,488.88

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Sept. 30 Statement Rendered 19,032.23
Oct. 7 Queen & Co. 84.63
Oct. 7 H. L. Fleming 92.55
Oct. 14 Geo. H. Thomson 250.00
Oct. 21 Frank Kiernan & Co. 568.80
Oct. 21 The Brooklyn Citizen 38.67
Oct. 21 The Brooklyn Freie Presse 37.44
Oct. 21 Brooklyn Daily Times 36.72
Oct. 21 The Brooklyn Daily Eagle 45.00
Oct. 21 The Standard Union 30.60
Oct. 28 The Engineering Record 30.00
Oct. 28 F. B. Thurber, Secretary 47.70
Oct. 28 G. S. K. Hoover 65.00 20,359.34

Total Disbursements 319,701.17

Balance 43,298.83

354,000.00

The foregoing disbursements include

the bills and accounts which have been

certified to by the President and

Treasurer of the Commission in accordance

with the Act.

Andrew Baird President,
William J. ... Treasurer

ANDREW D. BAIRD, President.
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COMMISSIONERS—BROOKLYN.
HON. FREDERICK W. WURSTER, Mayor,
ANDREW D. BAIRD,
JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, November 23rd, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

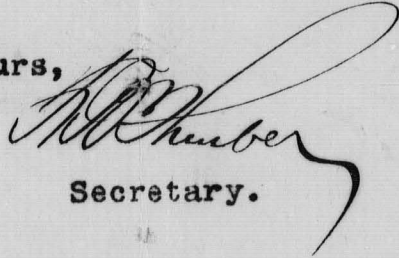
City Hall,

N. Y. City.

Dear sir:

A meeting of the Commissioners of the NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE
will be held at the office #49 Chambers Street, New York city, Nov. 25,
1896, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Very truly yours,


Secretary.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at 12 o'clock.

A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 12:45 p. m.

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Mayor,

City Hall,

N. Y. City.

of the Commissioners of the
Office 419 Chambers Street, New

M.

Very truly yours,

NEW EAST RIVER

Treasurer's Report of Receipts

1896

RECEIPTS

Oct. 31	To Statement Rendered	\$354,000.00
Nov. 1	Comptroller City of New York	
	Requisition #4	98,000.00
	Comptroller City of Brooklyn	
	Requisition #4	98,000.00
	Comptroller City of New York	
	Requisition #5	250,000.00
	Comptroller City of Brooklyn	
	Requisition #5	250,000.00

Nov. 30	To Balance	1,050,000.00
		734,062.10

	With Comptroller City of New York	\$367,031.06
	" " " " Brooklyn	367,031.04

BRIDGE COMMISSION.

and Disbursements to November 30th, 1896.

1896

DISBURSEMENTS

Furniture and Fixtures

Oct. 31	Statement Rendered	\$ 1,650.23	1,650.23
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RENT ACCOUNT

Oct. 31	Statement Rendered	4,333.34	
Nov. 11	Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank	150.00	
" 25	Taylor & Fox, Agents for Manufacturers		
	National Bank	166.67	4,650.01

SALARIES

Oct. 31	Statement Rendered	58,372.78	
Nov. 30	Commissioners	1,500.00	
" 30	Officers and Appointees	2,713.32	62,586.10

BORINGS ACCOUNT

Oct. 31	Statement Rendered	20,496.60	
Nov. 4	Frederick W. Miller	298.60	20,795.20

FRANCHISE ACCOUNT

Oct. 31	Statement Rendered	205,488.88	205,488.88
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EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Oct. 31	Statement Rendered	20,359.34	
Nov. 4	Benj. D. Benson & Son	43.25	
" 4	New York Telephone Co.	30.00	
" 11	Joseph K. Smith	250.00	
" 18	E. G. Soltmann	3.06	
" 25	F. B. Thurber, Secretary	11.83	
" 30	G. S. K. Hoover	70.00	20,767.48

Total Disbursements	315,937.90
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Balance	734,062.10
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1,050,000.00

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Andrew D. Baird
Treasurer

ANDREW D. BAIRD, President.
SALEM H. WALES, Vice-President.

FRANCIS B. THURBER, Secretary.
RICHARD DEEVES, Treasurer.

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COMMISSIONERS—BROOKLYN.
HON. FREDERICK W. WURSTER, Mayor,
ANDREW D. BAIRD,
JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, December 17th, 1896.

Dear Mayor Strong:

At your request, I have had an interview with
Commissioner Buckley in regard to the removal of the viaduct in the
neighborhood of 105th street and 4th avenue. I spent considerable
time with him at his office going over the plans and we had an engagement
for this morning to go up to take a look at the situation. The storm
prevented our carrying this into effect. I will, at the first
opportunity, visit the ground, and, in due time, communicate to you my
conclusions.

I was very much pleased to see that you partook of "Weatherbee's
Harmony Pie." I hope it tasted good.

Very truly yours,

S. H. Wales

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Dear Major Clark:

December 14th,

NEW EAST RIVER

Treasurer's Report of Receipts

1896	RECEIPTS	
Nov. 30th	Statement Rendered	\$1,050,000.00
Dec. 10th	Comptroller City of New York, Req. #6	12,325.00
Dec. 10th	Comptroller City of Brooklyn, Req. #6	12,325.00

1,074,650.00

Dec. 31	To Balance	724,295.45
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With Comptroller City of N. Y.	\$362,147.74
" " Brooklyn	362,147.71

BRIDGE COMMISSION

and Disbursements to December 31st, 1896.

1896	DISBURSEMENTS		
	<u>Furniture and Fixtures</u>		
Nov. 30th	Statement Rendered	\$ 1,650.23	1,650.23
	<u>RENT ACCOUNT</u>		
Nov. 30th	Statement Rendered	4,650.01	
Dec. 4th	Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank	150.00	
Dec. 4th	Taylor & Fox, Agents, Manufactur- ers' National Bank	166.67	4,966.68
	<u>SALARIES</u>		
Nov. 30th	Statement Rendered	62,586.10	
Dec. 31st	Commissioners	1,500.00	
Dec. 31st	Officers and Appointees	2,855.90	66,942.00
	<u>BORINGS ACCOUNT</u>		
Nov. 30th	Statement Rendered	20,795.20	20,795.20
	<u>FRANCHISE ACCOUNT</u>		
Nov. 30th	Statement Rendered	205,488.88	205,488.88
	<u>PROPERTY ACCOUNT</u>		
Dec. 19th	The MAYOR, ALDERMEN, and COMMON- alty of the City of New York	24,650.00	
Dec. 21st	The Brooklyn & New York Ferry Co	4,500.00	29,150.00
	<u>EXPENSE ACCOUNT</u>		
Nov. 30th	Statement Rendered	20,767.48	
Dec. 2nd	Frederic C. Wagner	50.00	
Dec. 2nd	Wm. S. Guerneau	50.00	
Dec. 4th	A. Pollack	50.00	
Dec. 9th	F. B. Thurber, Secretary,	44.08	
Dec. 9th	Virgil G. Bogue	150.00	
Dec. 9th	Geo. H. Thomson	150.00	
Dec. 16th	Joseph R. Pratt	100.00	21,361.56
	Total Disbursements		350,354.55
	Balance		724,295.45
			<u>1,074,650.00</u>

The foregoing disbursements include the bills and accounts which have been certified to by the President and Treasurer of the Commission in accordance with the Act.

S. H. Wales Vice-President
Richard D. ... Treasurer

NEW EAST RIVER
Treasurer's Report of Receipts

1896 RECEIPTS
Dec. 31 Statement Rendered \$1,074,650.00

1897 To Balance
Jan. 31st

With Comptroller City of New York
With Comptroller City of Brooklyn

1,074,650.00
709,310.16

\$354,655.10
354,655.06

BRIDGE COMMISSION
and Disbursements to January 31st, 1897.

1896 DISBURSEMENTS.

Furniture and Fixtures.
Dec. 31st Statement Rendered \$ 1,650.23
1897
Jan. 9th T. G. Sellow 35.00 \$ 1,685.23

RENT ACCOUNT
1896
Dec. 31st Statement Rendered 4,966.68
1897
Jan. 6th Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank 150.00
" 6th Taylor & Fox, Agents 166.67 5,283.35

SALARIES
1896
Dec. 31st Statement Rendered 66,942.00
1897
Jan. 30th Commissioners 1,500.00
" 30th Officers and Appointees 2,908.32 71,350.32

BORINGS ACCOUNT
1896
Dec. 31st Statement Rendered 20,795.20 20,795.20

FRANCHISE ACCOUNT
1896
Dec. 31st Statement Rendered 205,488.88 205,488.88

PROPERTY ACCOUNT
1896
Dec. 31st Statement Rendered 29,150.00 29,150.00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT
1896
Dec. 31st Statement Rendered 21,361.56
Jan. 5th E. G. Soltmann 6.39
" 5th James M. Chatterton 54.23
" 6th G. S. K. Hoover 20.00
" 11th New York Telephone Co. 30.00
" 14th F. B. Thurber, Secretary 70.28
" 18th Jas. A. Terhune 13.50
" 19th Wm. G. Choate 5,000.00
" 19th H. C. M. Ingraham 5,000.00
" 20th New York & New Jersey Tel. Co. 30.90 31,586.86
Total Disbursements 365,339.84
Balance 709,310.16
1,074,650.00

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L. H. Wiles Vice President
Richard J. J. J.

ANDREW D. BAIRD, President.
SALEM H. WALES, Vice-President.

FRANCIS B. THURBER, Secretary.
RICHARD DEEVES, Treasurer.

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FRANCIS B. THURBER,
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COMMISSIONERS—BROOKLYN.
HON. FREDERICK W. WURSTER, Mayor,
ANDREW D. BAIRD,
JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, March 11th, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

New York,

Dear sir:

Enclosed please find Treasurer's report of receipts and
disbursements for the month of February, 1897.

Yours very truly,


Assistant Secretary.

NEW EAST RIVER

BRIDGE COMMISSION

Treasurer's Report of Receipts

and Disbursements to March 31st, 1897.

1897

RECEIPTS

Feb. 27

Statement Rendered

\$1,074,650.00

Mar. 31

To Balance

With Comptroller City of New York

With Comptroller City of Brooklyn

1,074,650.00

666,560.86

\$333,280.45

333,280.41

1897

Feb. 27

" 27

Feb. 27

Mar. 24

Mar. 24

Feb. 27

Mar. 31

Mar. 31

Feb. 27

Feb. 27

Feb. 27

Mar. 18

Feb. 27

Mar. 3

" 24

DISBURSEMENTS

Furniture and Fixtures

Statement Rendered \$1,685.23

\$

1685.23

RENT ACCOUNT

Statement Rendered 5,600.02

Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank 150.00

Manufacturers' Nat'l Bank of Brooklyn 166.67

5916.69

SALARIES

Statement Rendered 75,758.64

Commissioners 1,500.00

Officers & Appointees 2,908.32

80166.96

BORINGS ACCOUNT

Statement Rendered 20,795.20

20795.20

FRANCHISE ACCOUNT

Statement Rendered 205,488.88

205488.88

PROPERTY ACCOUNT

Statement Rendered 33,074.21

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York 29,168.43

62,242.64

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Statement Rendered 31,664.30

F. B. Thurber, Sec'y 27.34

J. W. Pratt & Son 71.90

New York Telephone Co. 30.00

31793.54

Total Disbursements

\$

408089.14

Balance

666560.86

1074650.00

The foregoing disbursements include the bills and accounts which have been certified to by the President and Treasurer of the Commission in accordance with the Act.

Andrew Baird President.
William J. Pratt Treasurer.

NEW YORK, April 12th, 1897.

Mr. Wales not being able personally to appear before the Mayor at the public hearing to-day in regard to a Legislative bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Wards' Island Bridge Co.", presents the following views for the consideration of the Mayor:

At the time when the application was pending before the NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE COMMISSION to purchase what is familiarly known as the "Uhlmann franchise", I took occasion to present my views somewhat at length upon the subject.

It was made to appear to the Commission, and after a very careful investigation into the law and facts in the case, that the East River Bridge Company held to them a perfectly legal and valuable franchise and the contention of the Company in suits made by citizens in dispute thereof has since been upheld by the Courts. The Commission, therefore, decided with the approval of the Mayors and Comptrollers, to purchase the Uhlmann franchise, paying therefor the sum of \$200,000.00. I said then and I say now that the two Cities paid out a large sum of money for a franchise which possessed little intrinsic merit or money value to the work of the Commission in the construction of the NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE now in progress, but which particular locality was found upon examination of our Engineers to be the most proper and economical one for the Commission to adopt.

Now, so far as I know in the history of this city, there is but one other precedent of the kind. I find upon examination that under Chapter 399 of the Laws of 1867, which provided for the organization of the present New York and Brooklyn Bridge, that this franchise was given to certain residents of the Cities of New York and Brooklyn. This law authorized the two Cities to take the Bridge in payment of costs. What these costs amounted to, I have no means of knowing but they must have been considerable. After a lapse of nine years of fruitless effort, the Company found itself in a position unable to carry the work into effect, so, under Chapter 300 of the Laws of 1895, a transfer of the franchise was made to the Cities of New York and Brooklyn and the work was carried forward and paid for by these two cities.

Without undertaking to go into an elaborate argument in opposition to the Bill now pending before Your Honor for approval, we

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must accept the fact that the Legislature has seen fit to grant to certain parties ~~this~~ large, and, in a public sense, valuable franchises and the City has been asked to purchase, and has purchased something, that the Legislature ought never to have granted and which in the case of the Uhlmann franchise increases our burden of ^{unnecessary} taxation against which the authorities are required to exert all their influence to prevent. If, in times past, municipal authorities had properly safeguarded the interests of the people in the disposition of corporate franchises, the present burden of taxation would have been very largely mitigated. The point I would make in opposition to your approval of this Bill is what seems to me should be a true policy to pursue, ^{viz} that the right to bridge the waterways which surround the two cities should never be surrendered to any private party or corporation without the most complete guarantee that the work will be carried into effect. I do not find any such guarantee in the Bill now before you and that is one of the reasons that I recommend that the Bill should not receive your approval.

S. H. Wales

BRIDGE COMMISSION

1897	<u>Receipts</u>
Mar. 31	Statement Rendered

1897	<u>Disbursements</u>			
	<u>Furniture and Fixtures</u>			
Mar 31	Statement Rendered	\$	1,685.23	\$ 1685.23
	<u>Rent Account</u>			
Mar 31	Statement Rendered		5,916.69	
Apl. 14	Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank		150.00	
	Manufacturers' Nat'l Bank of Brooklyn		166.67	
				6233.36
	<u>Salaries</u>			
Mar 31	Statement Rendered		80,166.96	
Apl 30	Commissioners		1,500.00	
	Officers and Appointees		2,908.32	
				84575.28
	<u>Borings Account</u>			
Mar 31	Statement Rendered		20,795.20	
				20795.20
	<u>Franchise Account</u>			
Mar 31	Statement Rendered		205,488.88	
				205488.88
	<u>Property Account</u>			
Mar 31	Statement Rendered		62,242.64	
				62242.64
	<u>Expense Account</u>			
Mar 31	Statement Rendered		31,793.54	
Apl 14	New York & New Jersey Tel. Co.		36.80	
	F. B. Thurber, Secretary		42.09	
			31,879.43	
	Less Correction, charge for Notary's fee		.13	31879.30
	Total Disbursements			412899.89
	Balance			661750.11
				1074650.00

Andrew B. Baird
Philadelphia

April 30	To Balance	661,750.11
	With Comptroller City of New York	\$330,875.14
	With Comptroller City of Brooklyn	330,874.97

New East River Bridge Commission
Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements to May 31, 1897.

1897

RECEIPTS

Apl. 30

Statement Rendered

\$1,074,650.00

1897

DISBURSEMENTS

Furniture and Fixtures

Apl. 30
May 13

Statement Rendered
William R. Cook

\$ 1,688.23
217.50
\$ 1,902.73

Apl. 30

RENT ACCOUNT

May 13

Statement Rendered
Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank
Manufacturers' Nat'l Bank
(Tayler & Fox)

6,233.36
150.00
166.67
6,550.03

Apl. 30
May 29

SALARIES
Statement Rendered
Commissioners
Officers and Appointees

84,575.28
1,500.00
2,833.32
88,908.60

Apl. 30

BORINGS ACCOUNT
Statement Rendered

20,795.20
20,795.20

Apl. 30

FRANCHISE ACCOUNT
Statement Rendered

205,488.88
205,488.88

Apl. 30

PROPERTY ACCOUNT
Statement Rendered

62,242.64
62,242.64

Apl. 30
May 26

EXPENSE ACCOUNT
Statement Rendered
Timius Olsen & Co.
A. V. Benefit

31,879.30
84.00
110.31
32,073.61

Total Disbursements
Balance

417,961.69
656,688.31
1,074,650.00

May 31

To Balance

656,688.31

With Comptroller of City of
New York
with Comptroller City of
Brooklyn

\$328,344.24

328,344.07

The foregoing disbursements include the bills and accounts which have been certified to by the President and Treasurer of the Commission in accordance with the Act.

Andrew D. Baird President
Richard J. [unclear] Treasurer

ANDREW D. BAIRD, President.
SALEM H. WALES, Vice-President.

FRANCIS B. THURBER, Secretary.
RICHARD DEEVES, Treasurer.

Office of Commissioners

New East River Bridge,

49 & 51 Chambers Street,

ROOMS 33, 34, 35.

COMMISSIONERS—NEW YORK.
HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor,
SALEM H. WALES,
FRANCIS B. THURBER,
RICHARD DEEVES.

COMMISSIONERS—BROOKLYN.
HON. FREDERICK W. WURSTER, Mayor,
ANDREW D. BAIRD,
JAMES A. SPERRY,
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York,..... June 2nd,..... 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

City Hall, City.

Dear sir:

Enclosed please find copy of Treasurer's Report of

Receipts and Disbursements to May 31, 1897.

Yours very truly,

John A. Boulton

Assistant Secretary/

**NEW EAST RIVER
Treasurer's Report of Receipts**

**BRIDGE COMMISSION
and Disbursements to June 30th, 1897.**

1897
May 31

RECEIPTS
Statement Rendered

\$1,074,650.00

1897.

DISBURSEMENTS
Furniture & Fixtures
Statement Rendered
W. and L. E. Gurley

\$ 1,902.73
120.00 \$ 2,022.73

May 31
June 7

Rent Account
Statement Rendered
Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank
Manufacturers' Nat'l Bank

6,550.03
150.00
166.67 6,866.70

May 31
June 9
" 9

Salaries
Statement Rendered
Commissioners
Officers and Appointees

88,908.60
1,500.00
2,869.99 93,278.59

May 31
June 30
" 30

Borings' Account
Statement Rendered

20,795.20
20,795.20

May 31

Franchise Account
Statement Rendered

205,488.88
205,488.88

May 31

Property Account
Statement Rendered

62,242.64
62,242.64

May 31

New York Tower Foundation
Patrick H. Flynn

29,418.50
29,418.50

June 21

Expense Account
Statement Rendered
William G. Choate
F. B. Thurber, Secretary
New York Telephone Co.
Albert Frank & Co.
The Engineering Record
The Brooklyn Daily Eagle
The Brooklyn Daily Times
The Standard Union
Brooklyn Freie Presse

32,073.61
377.68
28.35
46.45
560.50
20.80
47.70
38.16
47.70
43.20 33,284.15

May 31
June 2
9
9
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16
16
23

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
BALANCE

453,397.39
621,252.61
1,074,650.00

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Andrew D. Baird President

John J. ...

June 30 To Balance
With Comptroller City of New York
With Comptroller City of Brooklyn

\$1,074,650.00
621,252.61
\$310,626.38
310,626.23

C O P Y

Office of President

Workingmen's Assembly, State of N. Y.,

885, 3rd Ave., New York City.

New York, July 7th 1897.

Hon. Board Commissioners,

New East River Bridge,

Gentlemen:-

Your attention is hereby called to violation of Law by P. H. Flynn, contractor for one of the piers for New East River Bridge, the said Flynn employing stone cutter, dressing stone for said pier, near Saugerties, N. Y., and working them ten hours per day for \$2.50 as the annexed affidavits of Angelo Tomesine and Patrick K. Coyle will show, while the prevailing rate of wages in said Location is \$2.75 per day as the annexed affidavits of Thomas J. Russell and John M. Smith will show. I would respectfully call your attention to the following "the eight hour law reads as follows:- Eight hours shall constitute a Legal days' work for all classes of employees in this State except those engaged in Farm or Domestic Labor. Unless otherwise provided by Law this section does not prevent an agreement for over work for extra compensation. This section applies to work for State or municipal corporations or for contracts therewith."

The wages for public work shall not be less than the prevailing rate for a Legal days work in the same trade or calling in the

Location where the work is being performed, I would also call your
attention to decision of Deputy Attorney General as to duties of
Commissioners charged with the general superintendence and improve-
ments of such lands etc. "That Officer having General Superintendence
of the improvements to property and power to contract. Therefore have
also imposed upon them the duty of seeing to it that the contract is
complied with and not in any manner evaded. It is the duty of the
contractor under the Laws of the State and under his contract, to pay
the prevailing rate of wages in the Location; to ascertain the fact is
in my judgement part of your duty as Commissioners; the failure of the
Contractor to comply with the Law and the terms of his contract
amounts to a breach thereof. I would respectfully request your Hon.
Board to take prompt action in this matter and either compel contrac-
tor Flynn to comply with the Law or revoke said contract.

Very truly yours,

W. J. O'Brien
pro

State of New York, :
: SS.
County of Ulster. :

THOMAS J. RUSSELL and JOHN M. SMITH, residing at the village of Saugerties, said County, being each duly and severally sworn, each for himself, says:

That he is a stone cutter at the town of Saugerties, and knows the prevailing rate of wages paid stone cutters in the town of Saugerties and vicinity.

That the prevailing rate of wages paid per day in Saugerties and vicinity is \$2.75, and that that has been the prevailing amount paid since before January 1st,, 1896.

Sworn to before me this ; THOMAS J. RUSSELL.
: 28th, day of June 1897. : JOHN M. SMITH.

William H. Hommel, Jr.,

Notary Public.

State of New York, :
: ss.
County of Ulster ;

ANGELO TOMASINE and PATRICK K. COYLE, being duly
and severally sworn, each for himself says:

That he said Tomasine worked as a stone cutter in
the Kaatsbau quarry where the stone is gotten out for the
New East River bridge, under the contract of P. H. FLYNN &
Co., during the month of June, 1897, and he said Coyle did
the same work, at the same place, and for the said, P. H.
FLYNN & Co., during the months of April and May, 1897.

That he was compelled to work ten hours during
each working day, and that he received \$2.50 per day for
each days work of ten hours each.

Sworn to before me this:
: ANGELO TOMASINE.
28th, day of June, 1897: PATRICK K. COYLE.

William H. Hommel, Jr.,

Notary Public.