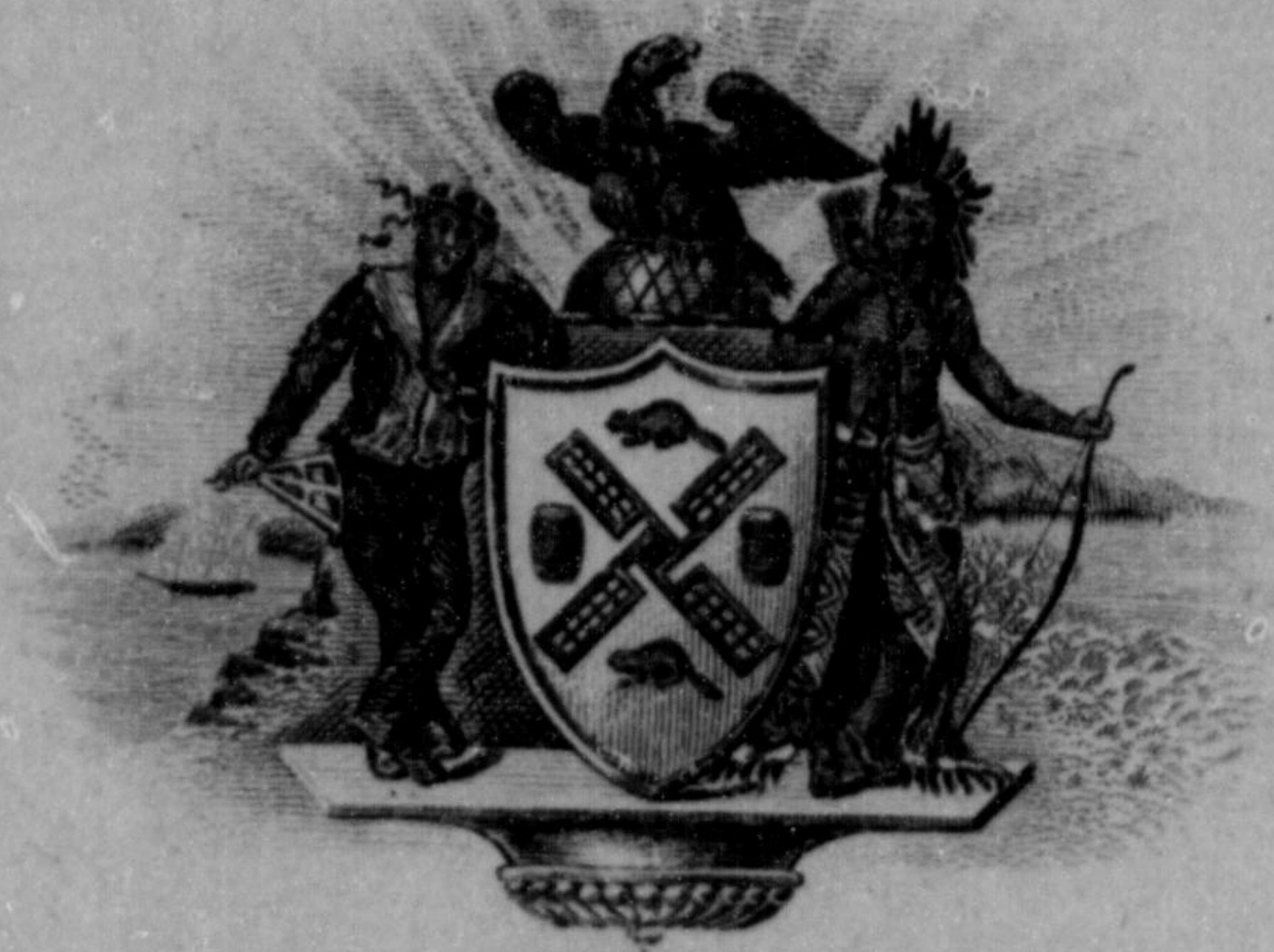


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Hon. William J. Gaynor,
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S i r:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a preliminary report of this commission describing the four principal drainage divisions into which this commission has separated that part of the metropolitan district which lies in the City of New York. This separation has been made to facilitate the commission's work in devising a system of main drainage and sewage disposal for the sanitary protection of the harbor.

It is intended to follow this report with a number of others describing the commission's work up to date. Before the expiration of the commission, in May, 1913, the various preliminary reports, of which the one transmitted to you to-day is the second, will be collected, revised and issued as the final result of the commission's labors.

Respectfully,

George A. Soper
President.