

To the Hon. the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the  
City of New York: -

Gentlemen: -

The undersigned citizens and property owners in the vicinity, respectfully petition your Honorable Board to designate under the provisions of Chapter 475 of the laws of 1895, that 129th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues, be re-paved with asphalt pavement. Your petitioners respectfully show that the stone block pavement now laid upon said Street, has been in existence for several years past; that the same is badly out of repair, rough and uneven, and in some portions, even dangerously out of repair.

Your petitioners further show that on the Northwest corner of 7th Avenue and 129th Street, there is located "Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church," which has a frontage of nearly 100 feet upon 129th Street, having five entrances on that street, with numerous windows fronting on the street. The said Church has a seating capacity for 2300 persons, with the largest audiences in the City attending religious services. That the services of said Church are greatly disturbed, and its audiences annoyed and subject to discomfort, by reason of the noise of passing vehicles of all kinds, over the said stone pavement, at times even interrupting the services, and generally preventing a large portion of the audience from hearing the exercises.

Your petitioners further show that the said block between 7th and 8th Avenues on 129th Street, is a residential block, built up on both sides with private residences almost exclusively. That it is not a necessary

COMMISSION: -

CITY OF NEW YORK: -

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

passageway for heavy trucks and loaded wagons. Your petitioners ask that such action by your Board be had as prescribed by the law before mentioned, and that your Board afford us speedy relief in the premises.

And your petitioners will humbly pray etc.

Dated, New York, October 14<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Pastors and Board of Trustees of  
Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church  
129<sup>th</sup> St. x 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

A. B. Kencig -	Pastor.
F. H. Carpenter -	Asst. "
J. O. Jones	Trustees.
J. J. Norman, president	Board of Trustees
M. C. Huyler	Trustees
Wm. C. ...	Do
Master Whitwick	"
Ed. Bernard	"
Henry ...	Do
E. T. Westersfield	"
H. A. Curtis	"

Ed. Nichols. 232 W 129 St

C. E. Chorris 222 St 129 St.

J. a Price Sgt 200 W 129 St

\* Mrs Louis Metzger about 66.7 ft  
250 252 254 West 129 st

Edward Hall owner 245 W 129 18 x 9

J. A. Davis owner 211 W 129 St 18 x 9

Demicks 208 W 129 St

L. Fadderer 237 W 129 St 18.9

Clas Myers 233 W 129 St

Leoras Myers 233 W 129 St

Emilia Geisler 229 W 129 St

Adolph G. Kalin 215 W - 129

Isaac Schvamm 215 W - 129

E. Levy 215 W - 129

Just Tolman 236 W 129 St

A. H. Allander 236 W 129 St owner

J. S. Millington 226 West 129

Charles R. Wilson 253 W 129 St

R. H. Gray 239 W 129

J. Donabek 257 W 129

Miriam T. Shelton <sup>owner</sup> 249 - W - 129 St 18.9 ft

B. G. W. Shelton ally in fact.

H. Hill owner 265 W 129 St 150

David G. Thompson owner 247 - W - 129 18.9 ft

B. G. W. Shelton ally in fact.

A. E. O'Brien owner 243 W 129 18.9

J. H. Stevens owner 225 W 129 16-8-

In the Matter of the  
Re-Paving  
of  
129<sup>th</sup> Street  
between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues

Petition  
of  
Calvary M. E. Church  
<sup>25<sup>th</sup></sup>  
and others  
proposing owners

To the Board of Estimate  
and Apportionment

Wm. O'Ready  
City of New York  
James B. Bly, Secy

WM. C. REDDY,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR,  
147 NASSAU STREET,

(TIMES BUILDING: ROOMS 110-111.)

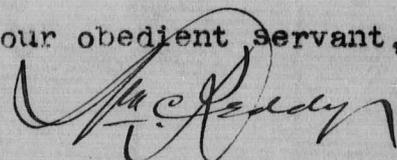
*New York, October 16th, 1895*

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a petition of the "Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church" and of a majority of the property owners on 129th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues, in the City of New York, for the re-pavement of that street and block, with asphalt pavement. The statements of the petition I know to be true in all respects. The petition is presented through you to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under the provisions of Chapter 475 of the laws of 1895. The petitioners trust that speedy relief may be given in the premises. A request to the same effect has previously been filed by the Church authorities with the Commissioners of Public works.

Very Respectfully, your obedient servant,



Attorney for the petitioners.

RANKIN & KELLOGG,  
ARCHITECTS  
1024 WALNUT STREET.

Phila. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1895.

To His Honor  
Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir,

In another week, two years will have elapsed since the competitive drawings for the proposed New York City Hall were received by the City authorities. Over one hundred designs were submitted by various architects throughout the country.

The subsequent history of the matter is too well known by everyone interested in the outcome, to make it necessary to recall any of the events connected with it, except that several months ago, an act was passed by the Legislature, and duly signed by the Governor, which we think enabled the City authorities to settle the whole matter satisfactorily to all concerned.

We therefore write you (being among the number of competing Architects) to ask you to kindly give the matter your attention, in order that the one hundred and thirty three sets of drawings may be speedily distributed among

RANKIN & KELLOGG,  
ARCHITECTS  
1024 WALNUT STREET.

their rightful owners, - and the prizes  
awarded to those, who by their ability and  
hard labor, justly earned some tangible  
recognition of their efforts.

Trusting that we will soon hear from  
you in regard to the matter.

We are

Very respectfully

Rankin & Kellogg.



STATE OF NEW YORK  
**Assembly Chamber**

*Albany*, Sept. 10, 1895

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

My dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find a corrected copy of an Act introduced by me in the Legislature of 1895, and which finally became a Law and is now known as Chap. 750 of the Laws of 1895. This Act provides for the distribution of six prizes to the architects who presented plans for the erection of a Municipal Building in the City and County of New York. After the work had been performed by the architects, and all the plans had been presented, pursuant to instructions of the Board of Commissioners constituted by the Act <sup>of</sup> 299 of the Laws of 1890, an Act was passed in 1894, which virtually rendered nugatory any further proceedings on the part of said Commissioners in selecting the first six plans as provided by the Acts then enforced. Chap. 750 of the Laws of 1895, revives the Commission and makes it mandatory upon it, to proceed to select the first six plans and to issue a certificate to each of said authors under the hand of the Secretary of said Board of Commissioners.

Chapter 299 of the Laws of 1890, Sec. 1, provides



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*Assembly Chamber*

*Albany*

*1895*

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that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund together with the Surrogate, the Clerk, and the Register of the City and County of New York, should be commissioners for the purposes, and with the powers provided in said Statute.

At the time I introduced the bill, in the Legislature, it was favorably commented upon, by all the papers in this City, and was considered as an Act which would right the tardy justice shown to the architects throughout the world who had upon the representations of the City of New York, gone to such great pains and trouble to present suitable plans for the erection of the new Municipal Building.

I think it no more than right that as the Act has become a Law, to direct the attention of Your Honor, to its provisions, and request that Your Honor call the Commission together as speedily as possible, for the purpose of making the awards contemplated by the Act. The Act became a Law on May 24th. 1895, and since then nothing has been done to my knowledge to carry out its provisions.

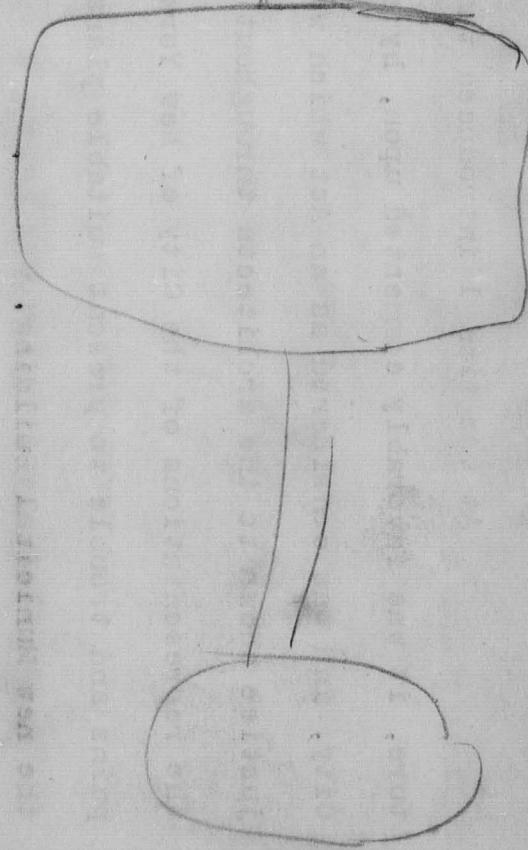
Trusting that my suggestion will meet your Honor's favorable approval, I remain dear sir,

Yours very truly,

*Edward B. Kauffman*

Wm.

Wm.



Henry McCabe  
525 N 57<sup>th</sup> St

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Edward B. La Fetra,

George W. Glaze.

La Fetra & Glaze,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

38 Park Row,

Telephone 383 Cortlandt.

New York, Oct. 16, 1895.

Hon. Francis M. Scott,  
Counsel to Corporation,  
2 Tryon Row, City.

Dear Sir:-

In the interest of the good faith and sense of justice of the People of the City of New York, as well as for the furtherance of the possible interests of certain architects, who had prepared and submitted plans for the new municipal building of this City in response to advertisements for competition for prizes, published by the Board of Commissioners under the Act of 1892 Chap. 299, and who had consulted me at the time of the repeal of the amendment of that act locating the site within the City Hall Park, I drafted an enabling bill which has become a law - 1895, Cha. 270. This course was pursued, as much in the desire to avoid the necessity of a number of suits against the City, as in the interest of expedition.

Under the old Act, the Board had gone so far as to refer the 134 plans submitted to it, from practically all over the World, to an advisory board of architects

for the selection therefrom of the best six plans, of which one should be indicated as the best. Such was done and the advisory board submitted its unanimous board with six such plans, though no one, as we are informed, was selected as the best out of six. When the board met to receive the report, and award the prizes of \$2,000 to each of the five second best plans out of six, as advertised, and take appropriate action as to the one it might select as the best, the fact of the repeal aforesaid, was announced, and the board, doubting its authority to deal with plans having to do with the interdicted site, adjourned sine die without awarding the prizes.

The Act of 1895, ratifies all that the board had done, by directing the same to be done, and authorizes the awarding of the prizes aforesaid, and, in view of the fact of the change of site, a further prize of \$7,000. to the best man.

The identity of the prize winners cannot be ascertained until the board opens the envelopes, in possession of the Mayor, in which remains sealed the names of the competitors and the descriptions of their respective plans.

Since the passage of the last Act, the undersigned has made every effort to get the Mayor, to convene the Board, ascertain the names of those whose plans

have been selected, determine upon a best plan of the six, and award the prizes, but with no success.

On the 14th inst., the board met and authorized the payment of \$1500. to the architects who comprised the advisory Board, but as I am informed the question of awarding the prizes was referred to you for an opinion; though upon inquiry to-day at your office, I find no such request has been received there.

It is difficult to see how any question can arise in this matter, the Act being very explicit and mandatory. It is a matter of immateriality whether these plans thus selected, were satisfactory to the architects to be used for building or not; sufficient that they were selected as the best of those submitted. The unsatisfactory character of the plans may of been urged against selecting any one to be used as the plan for building, and the Board may have readvertised for further plans offering further prizes; but re-advertisement and building are both precluded by the change of site, and the Board has nothing to do but to follow the plain language of the late Act; under which the Board has no discretion (in awarding prizes) as to the character of the plans selected.

It is now respectfully submitted, that the common sense of fair dealing in every member of the City

which has called upon these architects for their best work, must require immediate action. We do not desire to institute mandamus or other proceedings and bring a lot of work and expense upon the City and these architects which seems to us so unnecessary, and write requesting that you exercise your offices in expediting the favorable action of the Board which we understand will meet again within a week. In this connection, I would desire very much to be present at the meeting if that privilege may be extended.

Trusting this may receive your immediate attention,

I am,

Very respectfully yours,

George W. Glaze.

Boston,

Nov. 21, 1895.

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Hon. W. L. Strong,  
City Hall,  
New York.

Dear Sir:

We note that in your recent speech before the Chamber of Commerce, you made some reference to the inadequacy of the city buildings in New York in their present wretched condition.

We take this to indicate that you are not wholly overlooking the importance of the work which architects spend their lives in performing, and that you must have some appreciation of their labors and their lawful rights for compensation in case of such labor as they may have done for the City of New York.

This being so, we venture, in behalf of those architects who submitted designs in the competition for the City Hall during the incumbency of Mayor Gilroy, to ask you whether it is not in your power to do something to correct the wrong under which these architects have suffered for now three or more years. At the present juncture, the city wilfully and, we believe, wrongfully retains in its possession drawings submitted in that competition, which, as mere drawings, represent a value of sixty or seventy thousand dollars, irrespective of the superior claim which could be maintained by those five or six architects who were nominated by the board of expert advisors as worthy of receiving the money prizes which the city in due form announced through its properly constituted authorities.

W.S.

We have not the slightest personal interest in the matter, but it seems to us that unconsciously the present Government of the city is aiding to perpetuate and magnify the great wrong which has been done to 135 architects who have offered to the city the result of costly and laborious work.

Very respectfully yours,

*The Editors.*

RANKIN & KELLOGG,  
ARCHITECTS  
1024 WALNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, December 13, 1895.

To the Mayor,

New York City, N. Y.

Sir:--

Nearly four months ago, we had the honor to address you, requesting that some action be taken leading to a final settlement of the competition for the proposed new Municipal Building for the city of New York.

We were favored with a reply from your secretary, stating that you believed the matter would be adjusted in the near future. Up to the present time, however, we have not been able to learn that any attempt has been made to effect a settlement.

It is now more than two years since our drawings were submitted under a definite agreement with the Commissioners, and we are surely justified in becoming impatient over the delay. We beg to inform you, therefore, that unless the proper authorities speedily show a disposition to do justice in this matter, we shall have to take steps to force them to fulfill their agreement. Trusting that nothing of this kind will be necessary, we beg to remain,

Very respectfully,

your obedient servants,

*Rankin & Kellogg*

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Oct 16th 1895

Mayor Strong  
N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Has there been a claim filed on the City of N. Y. for settlement of the Edwards Est? According to newspapers it has been done & settlement affected at 50% on Dollar. Is this correct? An early answer will much oblige.

Yours &c -

William Edwards



Republican State Committee,  
Fifth Avenue Hotel,

New York, October 16th, 1895

Charles W. Hackett, Chairman.  
Benjamin B. Odell Jr. Chm. Ex. Committee.  
Edward A. M. Alpin, Treasurer.  
John S. Hennyon, Secretary.  
Reuben L. Fox, Chief Clerk.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
12 W. 57th St., City.

Dear Sir:-

It has been suggested by members of our Committee, that if your attention was called to the matter, you would willingly make a contribution to aid us in conducting the present important campaign.

We are in need of funds for that purpose, and appeal to you as a friend of good government and a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, for such financial assistance as may be convenient and agreeable to you to extend to us.

Hoping we may be favored with an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Hackett*  
Chairman.

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19 MILK STREET, ROOM 30.

WM. L. STRONG, } TRUSTEES.  
WM. H. HODGKINS, }

BOSTON, Oct. 16. 1895.

Dear Colonel:

I send over three checks for your signature. One is for City of Boston Tax, and the others I may need to buy a small mortgage or two.

The price of wool seems to be rising. Harkheimer telegraphs  $21\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for B.W. wool on a new lot, but as he owes us about 30,000 lbs. at 20, and are taking up our other purchases at that price, with a good stock on hand, - shall feel inclined to "pass" it. Everything is quiet about here. We hope you are well.

With best wishes,  
Yours Truly,

Wm. H. Hodgkins.

#185 Varick Street,  
New York, October 16, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:

I am the owner of the property located at #156 <sup>Norfolk</sup> ~~Stanton~~ Street,  
Ward Map 485 - 6, Line No. 859 & 60, Ward 17, which has been valued for  
the present year at \$42,000. In 1893 the same property was valued at  
\$36,000., assessed value. As I am receiving some \$1500. in rentals  
less than in 1893, there does not appear to be any good reason for  
this increase in valuation. Of course, I am willing and expect to  
pay on a fair and equitable assessment, but it appears to me that this  
increase in valuation is plainly unjust and, therefore, I beg to call  
your attention to the matter for your investigation.

Yours very respectfully,

*Louis Siman*

This property is 50 feet front by 57 feet deep - a corner, with six story building - assessed at \$42,000. The adjoining 50 feet, 100 feet deep, is assessed at \$41,000., the additional depth and character of the building in favor of the latter compensating the advantage to the former in being a corner. It is assessed in proportion to other property in the vicinity.

We cannot follow the fluctuations in rentals each year. The lack of good rents may be caused by poor or disagreeable administration.

The property in question has a record of sale, in 1892 at.....\$100,000.  
Another transfer in 1893, at ..... 90,000.  
both of which we believe to be false values.

F. J. BELL.



City of Boston.

Engineering Department.

50 City Hall.

Oct. 17 1895

Wm. H. Tolman Ph. D.

Secy Mayor's Committee on Public Baths  
Water Closets and Urinals

Dear Sir

I have been directed to send you the following information as to the number of water closets and urinals maintained by the Boston Park Dept

Park	Buildings	Water closets	Urinals
Riverway	{ 1 for men	3	3
	1 " women	4	
Marine Park	{ 1 for men	7	3
	1 " "	6	8
	1 " women	5	
	1 " "	8	
Charlesbank	{ 1 " men	6	8
	1 " women	5	
Wood Island Park	1 for men	6	8
	1 " "	3	4
Charlestown Heights	1 " women	7	

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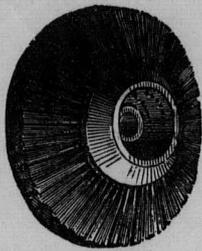
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Park	Buildings	Water closets	Urinals
Franklin Park	1 for men	24	18
	1 " "	3	4
	1 " "	8	10
	4 " "	3	6
	1 " women	16	
	1 " "	3	
	4 " "	8	
Dorchester Park	1 for men	3	6
	1 " women	8	

Respectfully Yours

E. W. Howe

Asst. Engineer in charge of Parks



P. M. PREATER,

MANUFACTURER OF

**BRUSHES,**

359 PEARL STREET,

New York, Octo 18<sup>th</sup> 1895-

Hon Mayor Strong  
City Hall N.Y. City N.Y.  
Dear Sir

On the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst an Inspector  
& Sealer of Weights & Measures  
came to my place of business  
and inspected & sealed two  
scales used by me in my  
business they rendered me a  
bill amt \$14. as I do not sell  
anything to the public by  
weight am I compelled to  
pay it

Trusting you will give  
the above your attention at your  
earliest convenience I am

Very Respy Yours  
P. M. Preater

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Oct 18, 1895

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Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir:

A propos to the present agitation regarding street vendors using push carts, the thought comes to me that in their present occupation these men are leading honest, harmless lives. But to force them from their present means of earning a living would have a tendency to make them vagabonds or possibly criminals. A feeling that they were being driven off from the face of the earth would create desperation. They may not be valuable "members of society," but they are doing no harm to the people. If they can be checked, but not abolished, it would be in the interest of law and order. Respectfully submitted for the consideration of yourself and Mr. Roosevelt.

Sincerely yours

Geo. D. R. Hubbard

H. E. STEVENS & SON,  
LUMBER AND TIMBER DEALERS,  
47TH TO 48TH STREETS,  
NORTH RIVER.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. William M. Strong  
Dear Sir;

Will you pardon  
a life long Republican and  
a zealous worker for the pres-  
ent Administration for telling what  
he knows to be a fact?

The present incapable and un-  
necessarily burdensome adminis-  
tration of the Building Department  
will lose many votes to the "Union  
Ticket" this fall but a thorough  
and businesslike reorganization  
of the same would have great  
influence with <sup>a</sup> large and  
varied class of citizens connected  
with the building trades in rallying  
them against Tammany. Very truly  
H. E. Stevens

## PLEA FOR THE SURFACE ROADS.

### A CORRESPONDENT WHO OBJECTS TO DISCRIMINATION.

To the Editor of the Brooklyn Eagle:

My recent absence from the city must be my excuse for the following remarks, if the same sentiments shall have been previously expressed by others. The basis for permitting the Brooklyn City Railroad company to place its tracks upon the plaza should be consideration for the citizens who patronize such routes of travel. While the elevated railroads have received the utmost latitude respecting the landing of their passengers at the station, and the covering of the plaza with unsightly structures, an antagonism, for some unaccountable reason, seems to be exhibited toward the city railroads. If the concession to the elevated railroads is based upon consideration for the citizens who use them, the same argument holds good in favor of the city railroad companies; "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander!" It occurs to me that one body of citizens is entitled to quite as much consideration as the other, and those who take the surface roads should not be required to tramp through the mud and slush when the elevated roads receive their passengers on the bridge; there are many routes of travel, reached by the surface lines, with which the elevated does not come in contact. I regret that Mayor Strong, with whom I am personally acquainted, and for whom I have great respect, should take the position that he will support any action taken by Mayor Schieren in this

It seems to me the matter is of sufficient importance to warrant his personal investigation of the case, and a conclusion based upon his own judgment. He is a trustee of the Brooklyn bridge, and in that capacity is in honor bound to look after the interest of those who patronize it; besides, he is a man of too much independence to assume the undignified position of permitting his action to be determined by another. In conclusion, there is no question in my mind but that the convenience and comfort of many citizens of Brooklyn demand the concession to the Brooklyn City Railroad company of that portion of the plaza necessary to accommodate its traffic. C.

New York, October 15, 1895.

SMITH, HOGG & GARDNER,

NEW YORK: 115 & 117 WORTH ST.

BOSTON: 66 CHAUNCEY ST.

NEW YORK,

Oct. 19, 1895.

Dear Mr. Strong :-

Enclosed I hand you an item cut from last evening's  
"Brooklyn Eagle."

I trust, before you come to a positive conclusion in this matter, that you will consider the interests of thousands of citizens of Brooklyn whose homes are not located near the Elevated stations, and who are obliged to avail themselves of the surface roads. It looks to me very much as if there was antagonism against the Brooklyn City Railroad on the part of some officials, and that personal prejudice rather than the convenience of the public was entering into the consideration of this question. I believe that many gentlemen, with whom you are personally acquainted, would agree with me in the substance of this communication.

Yours very sincerely,

Raeph L. Dutten  
219 Clinton Street  
Brooklyn  
N.Y.

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37 Sands Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y. October 19 1895.

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Dear Sir:-

During a conversation with Mr. A. A. Henriques recently, he advised me there would shortly be a Meeting of the Trustees of the New York & Brooklyn Bridge, and, as a subject of vital importance to me may come up atx said Meeting, allow me to lay the following before you;

As you will perceive by glancing at enclosed card, I am now (and have been for the past ten(10) years)located at 37 Sands Street (which is about 100 feet from the old terminal of the Bridge) engaged in the sale of cigars,stationery,etc.,and in consequence of the new Entrance having been opened,and the traffic having been largely transferred to Washington Street,mu business has been materially injured. This makes it necessary for me to find new quarters,and in reference thereto this is written. I am anxious to lease the space directly under the terminal,on the corner of High and Washington Streets,and as I understand the Trustees are willing to rent that portion of the Bridge property bounded by Tillary and Concord Streets,possibly they would also be willing to lease the space I am anxious to secure. I am perfectly willing to pay any reasonable rental for such space on Washington Street corner of High Street,as may be agreed upon.

It is my intention,should I be granted a lease,to erect a thoroughly fire-proof structure,from plans to be submitted and approved by your board and that will not in any way conflict with the regulations of the Bridge Management,nor of any that may have,now are,or will be enforced by the Insurance Companies.

This matter may seem a very small one to you, but it is of the utmost importance to me, and I sincerely trust that should this matter be broached at the next Meeting, you will see your way clear to giving this application your approval.

Any further particulars will be gladly furnished by

Yours very respectfully,

*Edw. F. Foster*

Independent Citizens of the 8th Assembly District,

181 Eldridge Street,

New York, October 19, 1895.

Col. Wm. L. Strong,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

We beg leave to inform you that the members of this organization, appreciating the endeavors made by you in behalf of the citizens of this community, and the incalculable benefits that the people in their fight against Tammany Hall will derive, through your kind presence and hearty co-operation in attending our meeting held at Walahalla Hall, on Wednesday night, October 16th, 1895, have unanimously decided at a meeting held on October 17th, to extend a vote of thanks to you for the same. And we desire to inform you that we feel assured that with the aid of such gentlemen as you are, this city must and will be reformed.

We have the honor to be,

Yours very truly,

The Independent Citizens of the  
8th Assembly District.

President.

Leonard Landes, M.D.

A. Benjamin

Secretary.

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LAW OFFICES OF  
**LESSLER & MEYERS,**  
DOWNING BUILDING,  
108 FULTON STREET.

MONTAGUE LESSLER.  
JAMES COWDEN MEYERS.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 19th, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:-

There is to be a small meeting arranged in our Assembly District for Thursday night at 8 o'clock. It would gratify the Campaign Committee if you would make us a visit and say a few words to us. It will be an evening of short talks entirely.

May I beg of you to send a note regarding this to my office,  
108 Fulton St.

Very respectfully yours,

*Montague Lessler*  
Chairman.

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NORTH RIVER.

New York, Oct 20 1895

Hon W L Strong  
Mayor of

St. Lri

I notice that complaints  
are made against Dept of  
Buildings Mr Constable. I had  
occasion to see him on business  
recently and found him very  
fair easy to reach and  
just in his conclusions. I wished  
that the Heads of all Depts were  
as considerate

Yours Respectfully  
Geo Blair

# The Republican Club of the City of New York.

450 FIFTH AVENUE.

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## CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

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New York, October 20th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

My Dear Sir:-

This club will hold an immense Mass Meeting at New Irving Hall, 216 Broome Street, on Wednesday evening, October 30th. I most earnestly invite you to be present upon that occasion and speak. The importance of this can hardly be overestimated, and I trust that no other engagement will prevent your acceptance. Kindly advise me as early as possible of your conclusion.

Yours faithfully,

Chairman.

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New York Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1893-

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir:

Notwithstanding their own loud,  
self-sounding praises for the different  
churches and elsewhere. The present  
Police Board created by you, aside from  
the enforcement of the Liquor laws -  
have achieved not little of anything,  
to commend either you or themselves  
to popular favor.

The Sunday Closing laws are but an  
idle, empty force. You are Precinct  
in particular. The "Sixth" or Elizabeth  
St. is, as I have frequently characterized  
it in letters to Mr. Roosevelt, and to  
the officers I have found in charge



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when calling there time and time again,  
even since your advent, as Chief Magistrate,  
as "just through rotten".

Was through the the next side of  
Park Row and Bowler to Hester St.  
and through Baxter on a Sunday  
as I have many, many times,  
and my charge, sweeping as it is, you  
will be constrained to admit is just  
what you too. like your Board, have  
no sympathy with that law and  
like its individual members with  
at its flagrant, systematic violation,  
I note Mr. Roosevelt on late as  
Friday for perhaps my dozenth time  
as to that disgraceful manner  
the law was defied and trampled



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upon every Sunday, not in generalities  
but was specific, how often does  
illumination place "rollers in" saloons  
in attendance in all numbers up to prob-  
ably a dozen in a single establishments  
and waiting on customers were to be  
seen from door to door for a whole block  
and block after block. without let or  
hindrance from policemen in uniform.

I have ever been accosted to buy a pair  
of shoes within a few doors of a corner  
where stood three policemen in full  
view. Commissioner Parker was adver-  
tised to speak yesterday afternoon at  
Blackwing Hall. on "Why the Police  
Board should be Dismissed." I wrote him  
of my intention of being present as one



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of his auditors, and a critical one.  
He failed to materialize.

I wish I was a Commissioner  
and a different state of things would  
soon be inaugurated. I would not  
have just a single hobby, Exercise;  
as the present Board has to the cost  
of all other laws, I think I have  
sufficient force of character and will,  
to follow <sup>believe</sup> with the requisite intelligence  
to satisfactorily fill the position. I have  
been an executive and man of high  
political and business standing in this  
city - cordially endorsed me for the  
office of Postmaster of this city.  
I am, sir.

Yours most respectfully  
Benj. F. Washburn

METROPOLITAN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY,  
CABLE BUILDING,  
621 BROADWAY.

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NEW YORK, Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1895

To the Mayor

Permission is hereby applied for, to use snow-  
plows, sweeping machines, or other similar instruments  
on and over the following named lines

- 1 Broadway & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue R Road Co
- 2 Sixth Avenue " "
- 3 Ninth Avenue " "
- 4 Chambers Street Grand St Ferry "
- 5 Lexington Avenue R R
- 6 Columbus Avenue "
- 7 Central Park N + E Riva "
- 8 Forty Second St + Grand St Ferry R R
- 9 Thirty fourth St ~~44<sup>th</sup> Avenue~~ R Road Co
- 10 Metropolitan Cross Town R R
- 11 Avenue C R R

( COPY )

City of New York,  
Finance Department,  
Bureau of City Revenue and Markets,

Octo. 14th, 1895.

Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch,  
Comptroller,

Dear Sir:

Acting under your instructions, that the Market Bureau thoroughly investigate the contents of letter dated September 16th, written by The City Vigilance League to the Mayor and forwarded to you, charging that it appeared that money was being unlawfully collected from the venders occupying the space allotted by the Aldermen for a Market, situated on 9th Avenue between 38th and 42nd Streets, would report that the matter has been investigated with the following result: Mr. Rapp and myself went to the Market and after careful watching, saw a party collecting from different venders which we supposed was contrary to law, took numbers of venders' permits from whom he collected, feeling that at that time we had not proper authority to make him explain, deferred further action until the following Saturday night and then properly armed could compel him to make satisfactory explanation or cause his arrest on charge of blackmail. We again went there accompanied by Detective Thos. Dolan who was assigned by Acting Captain Steve O'Brien of the Detective Bureau, caused the party to make explanation by what authority he collected from the venders, gave his name Robert Burt, 532 West 46th Street, said he was to clean the streets after the Market was through under part of the Aldermanic resolution, which provides that the venders shall keep the streets clean, said he had collected ever since the Market had opened and that the act upon the part of the venders was voluntary and not compulsory, wagons paying 25 cents, and push carts 15 cents, further stated that he was willing at any time to appear before you or any person that might desire further explanation regarding his action in collecting the money. You will find attached duplicate copy of resolution establishing the Market.

Respectfully submitted,

{Signed}

Alex. Meakim,  
Clerk of Markets.



CITY OF NEW YORK.

# Finance Department.

ASHBEL P. FITCH,  
Comptroller.

October 15, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

My dear Sir:

I beg herewith to submit to you a copy of the report of the Clerk of Markets in regard to the investigation made by him concerning the alleged illegal collection of money at the Market established by the Board of Aldermen on Ninth Avenue between 38th and 42nd Streets.

Sincerely,

Your obedient servant,

Comptroller.

Duplicate.

In Common Council.

RESOLVED, That licensed venders be and are hereby authorized and permitted to stand with their wagons every Saturday evening until midnight, on both sides of Ninth Avenue, in the carriageway, and without obstructing the intersecting streets, between the north side of Thirty-eighth Street and the south side of Forty-second Street, until otherwise ordered by the Common Council, provided the streets be cleaned thoroughly by said venders immediately after 12 o'clock every Saturday night.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, July 1, 1890.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, July 15, 1890, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 75 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1862, the same became adopted.

(Signed)

Wm. H. Ten Eyck,

Clerk of the Common Council.

(COPY)

Our sole aim is to raise the tone of our citizenship. Whatever concerns the welfare of our city is made the subject of inquiry and conference.

# The City Vigilance League,

UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,  
105 EAST 22ND STREET,  
ROOM 408.

Address all communications to the Secretary.

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New York, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1895

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

Hon. and Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst with report to Controller Fitch from Alexander Meakin, Clerk of Markets relative to the Market on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave from 38<sup>th</sup> to 42<sup>nd</sup> Streets.

I am informed that the Truckmen and Peddlers do not voluntarily pay the tax levied upon them by the man named as Collector. Robert Burt #532 W. 46<sup>th</sup>. They are made to pay this tax by Burt or his represent. or they will not be allowed to take a position in the Market at all. I am also informed that on Saturday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> the men who cleaned the streets wore the regular St. Cleaning Department suits and used the Department horse and carts. Under such circumstances the necessary expenditure could not possibly be more than 20 to 25 Dollars, and when over \$125. are collected each Saturday from these men it would be worth while knowing what is done with the balance.

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New York,



Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor.  
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This Blackmailing system seems to have been going on ever since the Market was opened, and the reason why nothing has been said until the present time was the fact, that it would have gone hard for them under the Tammany mis-rule I think it would be a good thing to take Robert Purk at his word and give him an opportunity before yourself and the Corporation Counsel to further explain his actions in regard to collecting the money.

If the money collected is turned over to the City that's all we want to know, if, on the contrary it is divided between the collector, police, corner saloon-keepers etc. we want to know that also, so that the persons involved may be speedily brought to justice.

Awaiting your further favor  
I am, Yours with great respect  
A. W. Abbott.  
Secretary.

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Wm Oct-21<sup>th</sup> 95-  
Mayor Wm L. Strong

Dear Sir

I write asking  
for a permit to use  
Calcine light at a  
concert given by  
Shiloh Baptist Ch  
as you will see on  
the card please to  
grant the same and  
oblige yours.

Respectfully

A. J. Bell  
7, E, 126<sup>th</sup> St

New York, April 8<sup>th</sup> 5  
Hon. Wm. Brookfield,  
Comm. of Public Works,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Gratefully to your suggestion that I should reduce to writing a memo. w<sup>ch</sup> re. Elevator inspect. & inspection. interesting your Dept. permit me to submit the following that you may have the chance to consider going at your leisure.

My hope was to embrace under one "blanket" form all the elevators of the City - looking to the best service - the best policy and truest economy to the City. - On this last point I think I satisfied Mayor Strong - and I respectfully & confidently refer you to him not as Mayor - but as a business man who knows our Elevator Service and also say Col. A.R. Cropper or Mr. J.B. Van Hornes - whom I believe you see constantly - who insure thro' me a great many elevators and have for some years.

You advanced the remarks - would it not be wise to have more than one Co. insure the City Elevators? Respectfully - I think not in this case as an expert and not as an agent. The English Co. for instance is honorable & good - but with regard to price you cannot duplicate our service; it is unique. I could not have presented you with such an array of names as in the list Mayor Strong handed you (and I am, quadruple that) unless there was some marked superiority in our service - nor all others in the City. My personal belief - is that our great advantage lies in the

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fact that we are the only concern in the market which is not interested directly or indirectly in repairs!

A business man will grasp his distinction at once. Continue with it a splendid financial condition. The best organized inspection Department in the world. Employing only trained electricians reports all questions have at one time or another "covered their time" without makers - and in conclusion - a statistical reputation leading all others in the prompt liberal adjustment of losses - it is scarcely surprising that we should receive the choice service of such names as I have submitted nor that after trial, they should renew their policies year after year.

The best service is the cheapest - and if our service is valuable for the sum (?) elevators comprised in a list sent me by Gen. Collis - it follows that it is a good thing to have in respect of other elevators owned by the City.

Gen. Collis advises me that the elevator in the County Court House - the Brown Stone Building and building - 31 St. James are now covered by a policy with the English Co. of London for this year. That policy is a contract - is a good one financially they are good (there is no material difference in our policies) but the case is one such as I have quoted. The English Co. insures with Ohio Ins. (manufacturers) do the inspecting?

Now you I can readily see there might be unkind criticism if the English policy was cancelled now. So as to inspect, no to blanket all the elevators the I truly think it would be an enormous benefit a short-term premium return - but also earnestly hope

Re:

that if I succeed in outcropping you of the wisdom of insuring these ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> efforts with my Co. that you will advise me of the exact date of expiration of those covered by the English Co. that at that time we can protect the risks now assumed by them - and it will be in this hope that I shall be prepared to quote you special rates.

There are two points particularly, which form a chief excuse for this letter, the amount of the second limit in the policy (the first is always \$5000.) and next - the premium for which the policy is to run.

I enclose a specimen Cleveland policy where the limits are \$5000. and \$10000. (the popular policy,) but in cases of corporations - hotels - large office buildings &c. the call is frequently for a larger second limit - say \$20000. or \$25000. This calls upon a certain extent a target for claims of people not too scrupulous and at the event of an accident involving claims - just or otherwise, the Corporation Counsel would probably have to defend a much larger claim than Wagon responsibly under the new law. For this reason - it strikes me as wise that the City should carry a policy for \$5000. or \$7000. On this point I need your decision. but will quote you figures on \$10,000.; \$20,000. and \$25,000. second limits.

Next as little bit of the policy, this too is a point - only for your estimate. President is the

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Case is almost worthless - as there has been little or no  
System Employed. The numerous complaints arising from  
Special appropriations. Sometimes from individual or  
Group general expense fund. And these elevators  
have been provided. Some not at all - some  
viewed others only indicated (nothing to be  
satisfied) the whole subject is practically being no more  
or less of change or the thought of the moment.

The business and property owners will  
have no other order a term - or three year policy  
always do unless for some special reason they  
to have a year policy, it will proportionally be  
and if the economy of them is not for Smith & Co. only  
not for the city. It may be independent for each  
quarter. I have nothing to say the request for your  
decision at this point. I quote you herewith the  
rates for value limits for one year for 3 years.

I do not quote you a rate for a rich city  
to pay - beyond a reasonable value - but I quote  
a limit for some elevators as I must be  
private order of some elevators - and for the  
service the city should pay as liberally as the  
average private citizen. The special rate is  
quoted - not as a subject - but in the hope that it  
may secure your other elevators on same terms  
and the policy fall in. Personally agree should  
see why the city cannot contract for a three year  
policy - if it is to its advantage. No question of a  
unlimited and more as for instance the policy at  
St. Charles St. was practically similar prior to  
Jan. 1/95 - covering a portion of your term.

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Office & I assume to have duly thought he was doing  
 well in ordering that policy - without regard to  
 who might follow him in office - I did not attempt  
 to remove the risk in his time - as my efforts in  
 three years have satisfied me fully that I could  
 place it only by the City paying far more than  
 it should - but from my premises there must be  
 a subscription to which neither I or my Co could  
 lend itself - as there was nothing for us to do - but  
 wait until an honest administration controlled the  
 City - as there is now - thank Heaven - when my  
 Co's proposals might be advanced surely into public  
 view. As to the means of paying the  
 premium - my own view of it is that it should be  
 classed as among current necessary expenses - such  
 as immediate repairs - and not be the subject of a  
 special appropriation - the subject has been treated  
 in both ways here before Town & assumes that it is  
 within your right to deal with this feature as  
 seems wise to you - If I am wrong - and there is  
 any special law or other rule in the premises -  
 kindly set me straight and in the event of an order  
 for the same - the payment or payments can be  
 specified to serve your convenience or as you see  
 wise for the best interests of the City & your Dept.  
 Col. Emery for instance carries two policies  
 with me - one for about 12 Education Buildings &  
 Corporation of Trinity Church and another for  
 about 15000000 - hanging to different streets  
 on his office - in each case I took out 3 year  
 policies & paid premium in full in advance.



# The Fidelity and Casualty Company,

OF NEW YORK.

EDWARD LYON AND WM. J. MAIDHOF,  
AGENTS,  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT,  
101 CEDAR ST.,

New York, October 21<sup>st</sup> 1895

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Messrs. W. L. Stroug,  
New York, N.Y.,

My dear Sir: It is with reluctance that I thrust myself so often on your notice in pursuit of my attempt to write the City's Elevator Ins. inspection.

Mr. Brookfield usually is too busy to give me any time & when he does - it is such a long time since our last talk that he has forgotten all about the matter.

I venture to again address you - as you see him constantly and as you kindly said you would speak to him about this - and not with the idea of appealing to you as against him. 3 months since after asking me for figures - when he really did not have time to bestow on me - he turned to Gen. Callis & said "I don't really know that we need this" however "I will go into the matter later when I have more time" - As to the City's "needing" Elevator inspection & ins. in this age there can scarcely be an argument, as a matter of direct financial economy & more particularly the case of the City than a private owner. Messrs. W. L. Stroug & Co. & the Brookfield Co. both pay for Elevator inspection & ins. in their private business - you are interested in many corporate trusts that also do. Surely all these people are not so foolish as to waste money unnecessarily!

I told you & Mr Brookfield that my figures

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would be reasonable - but I would expect as much from the City as we rec'd from a private party, on a strictly business basis. I referred him particularly to Col. Cruget & Mr. J. R. Van Woerner both of whom he knew particularly well and who each insured a large number of elevators this one had for years - You may recall that I had the pleasure of my introduction to you from Col. Cruget.

Assuming that the City needs this protection (and I can easily prove that it does & constantly) it would seem only natural that the work should go to a N.Y. Co. rather than a foreigner - Some few of the Elevators (6 or 8 I think) are now in the Emp. Liab. Assn. of London & will be until Jan'y. 1/96. Apart from our being a N.Y. & American Co. I can easily establish the complete Superiority of our Service over any other, hence more to the City's best interest.

Only one other N.Y. Co. is in the field - viz: the U.S. Casualty - in which Ex Senator Platt & others are interested - It is a good & sound Co. but new & without any such experience or plant as we possess.

Since last January I have been trying to adjust this matter - but am about where I started. I think fairly if Mr. Brookfield thought over it he would admit the City's need of this & the special fitness of my Co. to do the work - and that every hour of neglect was really at the City's cost. There are seven (7) Elevators now under his charge - uninspected & uninsured. There are two questions for him to decide - tho' I quoted

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figures to meet the two questions - viz, the Amount of the policy and the term. Where your firm uses limits of \$  $\frac{15000}{10000}$  in any one accident - the N.Y. life for instance on 40-50 Elevators uses \$  $\frac{25000}{25000}$ . As an expert I suggested the larger second limit as in case of accident the City is always a larger target for suit - but I quoted both limits. As to term, I advised the 3 year policy as proportionately more economical, and further as I was quoting a special or low rate it was still more advantageous to the City to secure such a rate for 3 years without risk of the figure being advanced.

These figures were fixed by my Co. also in the hope that they would prove so attractive or advantageous to the City's interests that in January the Elevators now in the English Co. would be secured by us - and so in this the other Dept. in N.Y. such as Charities & Corrections &c.

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter of April 8/98 to Mr. Brookfield which covers the case and wh. if he had read I think would have provoked an answer - I believe it was mislaid. I want to be entirely respectful to Mr Brookfield & Gen. Collis as they have always received me courteously, but they are really too busy to give me any real attention tho' if they knew it the whole matter could not take ten minutes of undivided attention.

May I tax your good nature once more & ask you to assist me with Mr. Brookfield - as naturally I am anxious to know my fate in this matter & may I ask you to return me the enclosure - if there is no use for it - as I would keep it as a memento?

Permit me to remain, with great respect -

My truly Yours -

Edward Lyon, Agent.

132 East 125<sup>th</sup> St

New York City N.Y.

October 22. 1895

Hon William L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Honored Sir,

About August last I presented a claim for rebate for \$91 which is but just and same should be paid without pulling me to the trouble & the City to the expense of a suit.

I have presented the claim to the Comptroller, who referred it to the Corporation Counsel.

The facts are as follows; on March 20, 1895, I received a license from your Honor, as Mayor to open & keep open for the term of 3 months concerts at the Harlem Athenaeum and paid \$150, which license reads as follows - Beginning March 20 1895 and ending June 20 1895. On April 24, 1895 I received a letter

from your Honor that my  
said license was determined  
on April 30, 1895 and that  
the Corporation Attorney held  
that the Mayor was not  
empowered to grant licenses  
of such a character except  
up to May 1, 1895 when all  
Amusement licenses expire.  
I therefore claim \$71 as  
a rebate.

The distinction between my  
claim and the authority cited  
is as follows. His Honor Mayor  
Strong has signed same to  
expire June 30, 1895 instead  
of April 30, 1895.

The City should not retain <sup>the money</sup>  
when there was no law to  
revert unless it would  
have been agreed to and  
so mentioned in said license.

Hoping your Honor will  
have the same passed upon  
by the Board of Appointments

I beg to remain  
Your obedient servant  
Max Bayardner.

ROBERT J. LOWRY, President.

JOEL HURT, Secretary.

JOHN T. HALL, JR., Asst Sec'y.



*Atlanta, Ga.* Oct. 19th 1895.

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

Dear Sir;-

Please advise us as to whether or not your City Government taxes any portion of the assets of your local Fire Insurance Companies, other than their real estate; or, is a direct tax levied on their premium receipts in lieu thereof?

A full explanation from you regarding this matter will be duly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*John T. Hall, Jr.*  
Asst. Secy.

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

October 22nd, 1895.

Hon. Edward P. Barker,  
President of Tax Department,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to enclose to you for attention  
and <sup>reply</sup> report, the within communication from John T. Hall, Jr., Esq.,  
Secretary Atlanta Home Insurance Co., Atlanta, Ga., concerning  
information relative to tax on Fire Insurance Companies.

Very respectfully,

*Job Albright*  
Secretary.

*Here you are Bros Toke*

*E. P. D.*

Taxation of Fire Insurance Companies in New York City.

Local Fire Insurance Companies are taxed by this City on their gross assets after deducting the following;  
Debts.

Surplus capital up to 10% of its capital.

50% of running premiums which, under the law of this State, is declared a liability, and companies are required to hold that amount as unearned premiums.

Stocks of Corporations owned by them, which are taxable upon their capital.

United States Securities and Bonds of Municipal Corporations of this State.

Real Estate at its assessed value.

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The balance, if any, after making these deductions from the gross assets, is the amount for which said companies are assessed.

There is no direct tax levied on their premium receipts.

JAS. EDW'D GRAYBILL, PRESIDENT.  
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NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION

TO THE

Cotton States and International Exposition

AT ATLANTA, GA., 1895.

Gilsey House, New York, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895.

You William L. Strong  
12 W 37<sup>th</sup> St City

My dear Sir

I had to include  
the notice of action taken by  
the New York Merchants of this  
city regarding New York Day  
for your consideration & re-  
main

Very truly yours  
J. E. Graybill

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# PIEDMONT WAREHOUSE

FOR THE SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO.

## M. H. Norfleet & Co.

Kentucky Lites. Do Louisville

Winston, N. C. 10/23 1893

Hon<sup>ble</sup> W. L. Strong  
Mayor of New York

Dear Sir:-

I have in my possession an old paper issued to the Master of the Sloop "Free Mason" of New Berne, June 21<sup>st</sup> 1793 - signed by the President, Geo Washington, and countersigned by John Lamb, collector of customs of New York, and Richd Varrick, Mayor of New York - Having affixed thereto the Great Seal of the U.S. and the Seal of the Mayorality of New York - This paper has been in the possession of our family for years - It is printed in English

# PIEDMONT WAREHOUSE

FOR THE SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO.

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French & Dutch. Can you inform me where I could secure a purchase for the same? I would not sell it now, but I need the money to help me finish my education at college. Please pardon me for encroaching on your valuable time, but my assistance you can give me in this matter, will be greatly appreciated by,

Yours Respectfully

David H. Wiley

Box 322

Winston N. C.



STATE OF NEW YORK  
Assembly Chamber

N. Y. City ~~Albany~~ Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1895

Hon Willam L Strong

Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir

I would urge upon you the necessity of the appropriation asked for by the Fire Department in regard to new fire houses more especially one which ought to be built on 170<sup>th</sup> Street near Amsterdam Ave on ground bought for that purpose some years ago,

The Fire Department have made no improvement in that vicinity in years and very much valuable property has been built in that time with very little protection,

I had occasion while in Albany to write Chief Bonner and the Commissioners in regard to the inadequate protection at the time of the fire in Deaf and Dumb Institute



STATE OF NEW YORK.  
Assembly Chamber

Albany

1895

Building on 165<sup>th</sup> W near Boulevard  
which was totally destroyed,  
I have still urged upon the  
department the necessity of the same  
but they say you will not give  
them the appropriation to build,

There was another fire yesterday  
at 168<sup>th</sup> W + Dame Place which shows  
again the necessity of improvement in  
that neighborhood, as 3 buildings  
were nearly destroyed

Hoping you will use your influence  
with the Board of Appointments to  
help it along,

I remain

Yours truly,

Robert Miller

Assemblyman 17<sup>th</sup> Dist

LORD, DAY & LORD.

*Cable Address "LORDATTY."*

*Equitable Building, 120 Broadway,*

*New York, October 24th, 1895*

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Hon. William L. Strong,

6 City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Miss Florence W. Walton, a descendant of Thomas Willett, the first Mayor of this City, is anxious to have permission to have a copy made of a portrait of Mr. Willett which is now in the Mayor's room in the City Hall.

I should be very much gratified if an arrangement could be made to meet Miss Walton's wishes, and take the liberty of writing this note to ask if permission can be granted to make the copy, and if so, to whom Miss Walton may apply.

Very respectfully,

*Franklin B. Lord,*



October 24th, 1895.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE CITY CLERK.

To

His Honor the Mayor,  
New York City.

Dear Sir :-

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His Worship the Mayor of this City, having heard that you have appointed a Street Commissioner for your City, Colonel Warring ~~by name~~, I think, and that that gentleman had made or was about to make a report in reference to the sewage and drainage of the City of New York, and of the utilization of the sewage, has instructed me to write to you to say that he would accept it as a great favor if you would cause to be forwarded to the writer a copy of the report mentioned, or such information as may be in your possession in relation to the drainage and sewage and the utilization of sewage, as referred to.

I have the honor to be, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

City Clerk,  
City of Toronto.

Oct. 24th 1895.

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Mayor Wm. L. Strong,

New York City.

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Dear Sir:-

Col. Waring, the Peer of all Commissioners:- In Justice to Col. Waring, I cannot refrain from saying a few words in behalf of him.

I wish to show your Honor, and the Taxpayers, the run the Col. is giving them for the money expended for street cleaning.

I will first take a sweeper, he reports for work at six, A.M. he has a route of from five to nine blocks, and is expected to sweep it twice a day, and to have it cleaned thoroughly, and if it is not up to the mark, he gets five days for the 1st offense, and the second time is dismissed from the Dept. Some of the men are out at their work, as early as 4 A.M. in order to retain their positions.

Take the ash and garbage drivers, they are at work at 6-30 A.M. they have it still harder than the sweepers, they have to go over their route twice a day, and some of the streets three times. They have to be very rapid workers, in able to complete their route, in the time allowed. They are expected to pick up every pile of mud, or sweepings, if they leave any out, it means five days rest, first offense, second offense, dismissal.

If any one thinks it a cinch, let him take a broom, or drive a cart for one day, I think he would be contented. The drivers get through all the way from six to eight P.M.

Two-thirds of the people do not know what the employees

NO. 2.

Two-thirds of the people do not know what the employees in the Street Cleaning Department have to contend with. We may have all the streets cleaned, and in ten minutes afterwards they will be littered up again. If you speak to a person, whose place it is in front of, he will say he did not do it, or insult you for your trouble.

I must say a word about the Police: They go marching leisurely along with their eyes closed, if they see any one throwing any thing in the street, they would turn their backs, and still they are called the finest in the land. I think it is about time, they should forget Rip Van Winkle, and wake up to their duty, and not let other departments do it for them.

I will tell you why the Col. is the Peer of all Commissioners:-  
No. 1. No other Commissioner had the sand in him to remove the trucks from the streets, No. 2. It was impossible to clean them thoroughly, without removing them. No. 3. He has made a success of street cleaning, which no other Commissioner ever did. No. 4. is, that to-day you have a city, that is clean, and clear of obstructions, something you never had before, and Col. Waring is the man that gave it to you.

Some people will say, it is true, the streets are clean, but see the money it has cost, I cannot see how that is, unless the Col. is covering more territory than any other Commissioner, because the men are certainly doing one-third more work than they ever did before.

In justice to Col. Waring, I hope you will give this for publication.

Yours truly,

John Justice.

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GRAND CENTRAL DEPOT.

New York Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Sir

A number of gentlemen will meet at a banquet on the evening of December nineteenth at Delmonico's, to do honor to the memory of Chief Justice Jay, and in recognition of the closing of our first century of commercial freedom, as inaugurated by the Jay treaty in 1795.

I have great pleasure in requesting you to act as a member of the Reception Committee on this occasion

Very truly yours

Chauncey M. Depue  
Chairman

How Wm L. Strong

# AMERICAN COMMERCE BANQUET.

DELMONICO'S. DECEMBER 19, 1895.

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McMAHON & HANDLEY,  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
243 BROADWAY,

New York, October 25th. 1895. 189

His Honor Mayor Strong.

Dear sir,-

On the 18th of September ulto., I forwarded you a letter, calling upon you to determine "whether it would not be well for the City of New York to purchase the Water Right in front of Wards Island, owned by me and others"; also informing you that my present price was \$1000 per lot, 25 by 100 feet each, and that I owned 107 lots- and that I represented other owners. I would now state that my property actually embraces 1553 running feet fronting on the Harlem River, and it is really of great present as well as of prospective value.

In reply I received a letter- that the matter had been laid before the commissioners of the Sinking fund, who had referred it to the present counsel for the corporation.

I am now informed that Mr Scott made his report on the 21st instant - I am exceedingly anxious that the City should acquire the title to those rights owned by me, in fact not only to all I own, but also to those I represent at present. The actual opening of the Harlem River canal, has given them a large present as well as prospective value.

Some years since, I procured some of our leading real estate appraisers, to appraise them; copies of which I now forward to you. You will perceive that those appraisements did not then bear the weight intended, because they were based on an event not then accomplished-

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and which was in litigation viz; the prospective opening of the Harlem River. That event has now taken place, and they will now bear investigation. My reason for desiring to sell my rights at figures much below the appraisements per lot, is to close the matter, shew my good faith, and to let the City become the owner, as they own the upland on which these water lots front.

A rejection of the purchase by the City, will compel me to form a Syndicate to dock all those rights, to build grain elevators, and thus introduce business into localities which will necessarily affect to a great extent, the seclusion which ought to be appurtenant to the Cities insane, and eleemosinary retreats.

I would be happy to have a personal interview with you, and go over the whole matter, and now await your response. Permit me to say that no one is authorized to represent me in this negotiation. Real estate brokers are very apt in their exceeding modesty to thrust their noses in where they are not wanted.

Respectfully Yours,

*Dennis McMahon*

Owner of the lots pictured on the accompanying map.

*243 Broadway*

# Executive Canal Committee.

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and CLEARY.

NEW YORK, October 26, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

It affords me very great pleasure to state that I am instructed by our Committee to formally supplement the invitation extended to you, to preside at our Mass Meeting, on Tuesday evening, next, at Cooper Union Hall, as previously expressed through Gen. O'Brien, president of the Dock Board, and which we have his assurances you have so kindly agreed to do, and for which we extend our sincere thanks. I also inclose a few stage tickets, thinking that you might desire to distribute them among some of your friends; and shall be pleased to furnish you any further number you may desire.

I am instructed, also, to say that it is the desire of the Committee to facilitate, in every way possible, your trip to and from the Hall, and if you will indicate in any way that we can be of aid in this regard, kindly do so.

Again expressing the thanks of our committee for your kindness in lending your presence and approval to a public matter of such vital concern to every citizen of this city and State, I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully, yours,

*Alex. R. Smith*

Secretary.

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*Quincy, Wendel & Robeson,*

*Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,*

*Stewart Building,*

*280 Broadway,*

*John D. Quincy,  
Louis Wendel, Jr.,  
Robert J. Robeson.*

*New York,*

October 26th. 189<sup>5</sup>

Hon. William E. Strong, Mayor,

City Hall, New York City,

Dear Sir : -

At a meeting of the Washington Heights Progressive Association, held at their headquarters, 168th. Street & Amsterdam Avenue, on Thursday last, I was requested by the members of said Association, to communicate with your Honor, and ask that a day be set when the members of said Association can appear before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the purpose of presenting their arguments in behalf of an appropriation which they deem necessary for the purpose of erecting a fire house on property now owned by the city, and purchased by them, in 170th. Street between Amsterdam and Audubon Avenues.

Will you please fix a day when it will be convenient for the members of said Board of Estimate and Apportionment to meet the members of the Washington Heights Progressive Association, in this matter, and oblige -

Very truly yours,

*Louis Wendel Jr.*

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State Charities Aid Association,

UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,

105 EAST 22D STREET,

ROOM 503,

New York, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1895

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

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly allow me  
to make a short statement to the  
Board of Estimate and  
Apportionment on Monday  
morning, after the Com-  
missioners of Charities have  
submitted their estimates  
for the maintenance of the  
weane, and before the  
Board has acted upon them.

I wish to ask that  
these estimates be dimi-  
nished by over  
\$ 2,000,000 — in the

State Charities Aid Association,

UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,

105 EAST 22D STREET,

ROOM 503,

New York, ..... 189

interests of the insane.

I had no opportunity, as I hoped, of speaking with you at the City Hall last Friday upon this subject, although I had a few words with Mr Scott about it.

On Monday I will come to the City Hall at 10 1/2 o'clock, hoping possibly you may be able to see me for a few minutes before the meeting of the Board.

Very respectfully yours

Louisa Lee Schuyler

Ch. Com. on  
Legislation for the Insane

ROBERT J. LOWRY, President.

JOEL HURT, Secretary.

JOHN T. HALL JR., Asst Secy.

J.R. NUTTING, Asst Secy.



Brandon Printing Co. Nashville.

*Atlanta, Ga.* Oct. 26th, 1895.

Mr. J. E. Hedge, Sec.,

Mayors Office, City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 23inst. and thank you for the same.

Since receiving it, however, I have copies of the New York regulating the tax upon Insurance Companies, and as I am unable to reconcile your letter with the law, I desire to call your attention to the fact, with a view of ascertaining if it is not possible that you are in error as you have defined the law in your letter. I understand the law, as defined by you, would refer to Banking institutions possibly, but just the opposite would be applicable to Insurance Companies. How is this? As I understand it, the law prescribes that a tax of  $1/2$  of 1% shall be levied on the premiums received by Fire Insurance Companies, and that also their Real Estate shall be taxed at its market value, but all their personal property is exempt from taxation. This is the Massachusetts law, and is my interpretation of the New York

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law. Please refer to Chapter 679, and amendments of same under Chapters 218 and 418, dated April 12, 1891, and April 26, 1895, respectively, the original Chapter 679 being dated June 16, 1886.

Yours very truly,

*The. Hall*  
Asst. Sec.

LEVI P. MORTON REPUBLICAN CLUB.

WAKEFIELD, NEW YORK CITY.

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October 26, 1895.

Honorable William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

This Club is very desirous of getting the Republicans more solidly together before the coming election, also to be in fighting armor for 1896.

This district has been democratic 2 to 1 but by our zealous efforts last year it went Republican and voted for annexation. We are a fast growing locality in the newly Annexed District and it is very essential that we have a lively organization.

We are furnishing permanent quarters for our Club, and any contribution, ever so small, will be graciously received.

Most respectfully,

*A. S. Phelps*

President.

*Geo. Walkley*

Secretary.

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New York City

Oct. 28/95

Hon Mayor Strong,

Judging from  
your words ~~to~~ the Com. of  
the Board of Education  
who appeared before you the  
other day, I think you would  
like to see justice done to the  
teachers, and I ask you if  
something cannot be done  
where by teachers would receive  
better pay.

For years they have  
petitioned the Board to pay  
according to length of service,  
but have met with one excuse  
after another until it now

looks as if they did not want to do justice in that respect.

There is no certainty of an increase in any other way as one might wait for years and not get a promotion, and even if you did get one the increase might be from \$10 to \$20 per year.

As for getting a higher position in a new school in another ward, that is also next to impossible as each ward thinks (and rightly) such positions belong to their own teachers.

A female teacher begins with \$400. The second year she receives \$500 and there she stops until —

promoted, and that may be in years. Even then she would only receive \$10 increase. After 14 years she may receive \$750 just \$50 less than a man begins on, and there she remains again unless fortunate enough to get a promotion and that is very doubtful.

We ask for even a maximum after 20 years of \$1000 just \$200 more than a man receives his first year and I hope you will do something to aid us in obtaining this as a simple act of justice.

Every other Dept. in the city is paid by length of service and why

not teachers.

Enclosed you will find the plan I submitted to the Board of Education and surely nothing could be more just.

At their last meeting they voted to give Truant Officers \$1200 pr. year and I believe one is a woman. Don't you think the teachers work after 20 years is worth as much as the Truant Officer's?

Hoping you will aid us and thanking you for your kind words.

I remain

One of many

## TO DISPOSE OF ASHES AND GARBAGE.

A DISCUSSION IN THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE REGARDING THE FORM OF CONTRACT.

There was a special meeting of the Board of Estimate yesterday to pass on a form of contract for the final disposition of ashes and garbage, the Mayor having decided that the work can be done with less cost by contract than by the Department of Street Cleaning.

Besides the lowering of the expense of the final disposition, the waters of New-York Harbor will be kept purer, as the contract provides that the ashes, garbage or other refuse shall not be dumped in "the waters of New-York Harbor, the waters adjacent thereto and the Atlantic Ocean." The plan is to have immense crematories which will consume the part of the refuse which has no mercantile value and to save the part that has. It has been estimated that contractors could gather garbage and refuse free and pay the city for what valuable material would be picked out. Controller Fitch said that in the form of contract submitted there was an arbitrary clause that would prevent capitalists from erecting plants and bidding for contracts. "This objectionable clause," said the Controller, "puts the capitalist to a disadvantage that he would refuse to be put to. It says that the contract can be terminated on three months' notice by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning. Now, no capitalist is going to erect a crematory which can lose its value in three months' time." "I think the Controller is right," said Commissioner Waring; "he should have more notice, say six months."

Mayor Strong suggested that the Board of Estimate should finally pass on the revocation of the contract and that such notice be not taken without good and sufficient reason. The contract was changed as suggested. The Mayor said that he wanted all the bidders who could possibly be obtained. The Controller wanted to have bids put in separately for ashes and garbage, but Corporation Counsel Scott said that then the city would have to separate them, and that was what they want to do. It was finally decided that the contract referred back to the Controller. It will probably be changed in a few days made yesterday.

support, but that the magistracy, unwisely, of course, has been prevailed upon to promote.

For audacity and rascality the case is almost without a precedent outside of Gloucester.

## TO CREMATE THE GARBAGE.

It is proper to remember that in the estimates of expenses for carrying on the work of cleaning the streets next year an increase is rendered necessary in the amount for disposing of garbage. This increase is brought about by a radical change in the method of ridding the city of its animal and vegetable waste. Up to the present time the barbarous, indefensible and extravagant method has been to carry the stuff out to sea, far or not so far, as the contractors' employes might determine. Under Tammany rule it is notorious that on a cash basis the work was permitted to be performed so dishonestly that the channels in the bay have been filled up with inorganic matter, while the vegetable refuse has been washed back on our shores to the destruction of the beaches. This method of dumping out at sea is now forbidden by the War Department, and New York is under compulsion to do what her own interests ought to have led her to do years ago—cremate the garbage. The contractors

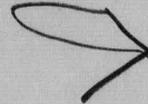
who will undertake this job must build their own crematories and that item of expense will, of course, appear in their contract. The dumping system is to end by perhaps next summer visitors to the beaches will be astounded to find clear beaches, unpolluted by animal and vegetable refuse.

**COLUMBIAN MFG. CO.**

POSTAL SUPPLIES,  
26 Cortlandt Street,  
NEW YORK.

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NEW YORK, October 28th, 1895. 189



To The Honorable Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed article cut from the Commercial Advertiser of the 25th inst., also a similar article in The New York Tribune of the 24th, prompts me to write you for information.

For the past year I have studied the subject referred to and have examined some of the best furnaces in this country used for that purpose obtaining in each case such data as would enable me to ascertain the present cost per ton of cremating the garbage sorted and unsorted.

I have also made some experiments and am prepared to build an incinerating plant more effective than any now in this country. Also to enter into a contract to cremate the garbage. But in order to estimate intelligently, I must ask the following questions.

Can a contract be had of sufficient duration, to warrant the expenditure necessary to build the furnaces?

Will the City purchase the plant at the expiration of the contract or its cancellation by notice?

Will the City provide the ground upon which the furnaces are to be built?

What is the average amount of garbage to be incinerated per day?, in cart loads, or tons.

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Can the garbage (legally) be incinerated within the city limits; if not, where? Also will the collectors deliver the garbage direct to the Furnace?

What is the form of contract and when will they be let ?

I do not care to go into the garbage sorting or soap fat business, but if you will kindly furnish me with the desired information, I will gladly enter a bid to deodorize and burn the garbage which is now being dumped at sea; or I will present plans of my furnace and build one on approval, provided the city will agree to buy it when approved, and pay me a royalty for its use.

Being at present engaged in government contracts, I am not a novice. Thus- I do not feel that I am usurping valuable time in writing you, believing that your Honor would appreciate a direct business like proposition more than one coming through political channels.

I should be glad to discuss the matter with your Honor or your representative, or upon receipt of the desired information I will present plans and proposition.

Trusting that I have not encroached upon you at an inopportune time, I am, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

*A. W. Graham, Pres*

20 East-15<sup>th</sup> St

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear W. L. Strong

12 - W. 5<sup>th</sup> St - De Sir - Should  
you deem it worth while to  
give my letter mailed to you  
this afternoon for publication  
I would like to append  
to it - the following -

For the Honor of Consideration  
of every true Man -

Suppose you see a deformed  
wretch commit a Crime  
be it picking pockets  
or High way Robbery -  
and while you can  
easily prevent it or arrest  
the Criminal - ~~you do not~~  
you wink at it, aid it

x x are you not as guilty  
as the Criminal used to  
equal deserve States person  
now Tammany is  
responsible for keeping

given us a lot of thieves  
scoundrels. Black Mailers  
and perjurers - Tammany  
knew it participated in  
it accepted portions  
of the money Black  
Mail money. Now  
Tax payers come  
to the front come  
to the Bar of your  
own Conscience  
are you not criminals  
in a moral sense to  
vote for the same  
class of men who  
led Tammany said  
who did when the  
Crimes of Tammany  
were exposed

If I voted for  
Tammany I should  
consider myself  
deserving of states  
Prison -

Yours  
Chas. F. Schlesinger

~~Progress Club,~~  
FIFTH AVE & 63<sup>RD</sup> ST.

New York Oct 28 1895

Hon W. L. Strong. Sir - Your  
letter to the - World - in to days  
issue should be read by every  
Honest Citizen and tax payer  
in this City - yet pardon me  
if I say it does not go far  
enough - I am and have  
been a democrat all my  
life - yet after the Senate  
Committee proved beyond  
a doubt that the tax-payers  
are indebted to Germany ~~and~~  
for putting into office the  
most shame faced lot of  
Black Mailers, perforers, and  
scoundrels in League with  
every degrading species of  
Crime - after being sworn  
to faithfully execute the Laws  
for Money in League aiding  
and protecting - low deeds  
of infamy - as a Democrat

I want to ask every lover  
of beloved New York - I want  
to ask every Father of Children  
born to him in this City -  
I want to ask every Tax Payer  
How can you vote for Tammany  
giving us as she does about  
the same class of Chaps.  
as Candidates for office  
as our present Honest good  
Recorder Mr Goff proved  
them to be during the Lexow  
investigation - I say  
the time has come for Tax  
Payers and every lover  
of His Country to put aside  
all party politics - as you  
employ a good man to fill  
positions in your Banks,  
offices, or stores you don't  
want to enquire as to his religion  
or politics - but is he honest  
and well qualified for the  
position - so in the affairs  
of our City and State - Vote  
for Honest & unimpeached

~~The~~ Despotie. Tyranny  
to which we were all  
indebted to "Tammy"  
The ports of Heaven opened  
God ~~was~~ witnessed  
the disgrace we lived  
under - heard our  
Lamentations under  
Tammy - Cloaked by  
the word "Democracy"  
and helped us out a  
year ago - May the same  
good God save us from  
a return to it - to all  
my old Friends in the Liquor  
business - ~~I say~~ <sup>you would say</sup> if you want  
your business without paying  
Black Mail Vote for the  
right Men - not for "Tammy"  
and the Legislature will give  
you needed protection  
and relief -  
Chas Schuyler

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men - and, as an <sup>New York</sup> old Impoter <sup>189</sup>  
~~Attor~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ and Wholesale  
Liquor dealer I am in  
favor of Liberal Sunday  
Laws - But I Honor  
Mr. Roosevelt for doing  
his sworn duty executing  
the Laws - although Tammany  
passed these same Laws.  
Let your next Legislature  
change these Laws" as I  
am sure they will - then  
we have relief - not as  
it was - <sup>under Tammany</sup> one fellow who  
pays by "Black Mail" to  
Police Inspectors can  
remain open - those who  
cannot afford it, arrested  
& etc. Rather an honest  
monopoly - than such  
damnable, disgraceful

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my dear Sir - without  
being vain I think as  
a man. 44 years  
in business I am not  
unknown. and believe  
my ~~own~~ views will  
have influence with  
thousands - I have  
written it in haste  
would prefer to have  
errors corrected. and  
yet the substance I  
think will win many  
thousand votes - I  
am a Strong man  
you will be yet  
Governor of this state  
I am not practically in  
business. I leave that to  
my sons - and per

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The past 14 days have  
not been done to ~~work~~  
and working for the  
Fusion tickets  
although not a Candidate  
for office - If as I once  
before wrote you - If  
I can strengthen your  
efforts by filling a position  
suitable - I am not  
now in business. my  
time is my own -  
and will call on  
you whenever you  
intimate a willingness  
for an interview either  
at your House or office  
I prefer to await however  
until after this second  
defeat of January - which  
I deem sure - you are  
at liberty to publish my  
letter if you deem it best  
yours

20 East 45<sup>th</sup> St  
Chas Schlessinger

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16 WEST THIRTY-SECOND STREET.

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October 27th. 1895.

To  
The Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Gentlemen.

In the N.Y. Times of October 26th. is printed a list of the charitable institutions for which appropriations are to be made for the coming year from the public purse. In this list stand the names of the Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, the N.Y. Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital and the Medical College and Hospital for Women. As a resident and tax payer of the City of New York I protest against these institutions being regarded as proper objects of pecuniary assistance from the public purse. My protest is based upon the fact that these institutions are primarily educational schools for the instruction of medical students and doctors of medicine and are not charitable institutes in the ordinary sense of the term. They might be better designated as schools of medicine with hospital attachments.

Two of them are to all intents and purposes private and proprietary affairs, notwithstanding that one of them, the Post-Graduate School denies that it is "a private or personal institution", yet the fact that the Board of Directors of the Hospital is largely composed of the teaching members of the school, one being the president, would rather militate against that statement. Only one of these, the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women presents any statement, so far as I can discover from the last published reports which I have received

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from these institutions, of the pecuniary returns which it has obtained from paying patients, from which it would appear that 94 patients paid full or partial board and 171 were presumably charity cases.

I most respectfully protest that the public funds of the city should not be diverted to the maintenance of educational institutions even if they have hospital attachments, which are under private and not municipal control, no matter how excellent a work they may do in educating doctors or students.

Respectfully submitted,

*F. R. Sturgis.*

*Answer  
to  
Sturgis*

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To the  
Honorable Wm. L. Strong.

Mayer of the City of New York.

Dear Sir, Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of letter of even date in answer to my communication of the 27th. inst. While it ~~is~~ true that that the Assembly on February passed a bill No. 294, 3rd reading no. 634, authorizing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate money from the public treasury "for the charitable uses and purposes of said New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital", the amount is fixed at \$30,000 not 60,000 and the board is "hereby authorized in their discretion to make provision for the payments hereby authorized!"

I do not think I am mistaken in stating that the Poly-clinic school has never received legislative authority to ask for public money. With regard the N.Y. College and Hospital for Women I am unable to speak with certainty until I have looked up the law.

I am, Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

*F. R. Sturgis.*

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New York, October 28<sup>th</sup> 1895.

My dear Mr. Laroque

Although you are not as active in City politics, as you were a year ago, yet I believe you take the same interest in the continued success of the reform movement.

Last year, you remember, I suggested that you ask Mayor Strong to say a good word for the Whelmen, in his speech at Carnegie Hall, as I thought it would bring him many votes.

Today the number of whelmen has greatly increased compared with a year ago, yet then it was estimated that there were One hundred thousand in New York City and vicinity, the largest percentage of them, voters.

There is a strong feeling among Cyclists, that they do not receive due consideration from the City authorities.

On the Boulevard it is at the risk of ones

life, that an attempt is made to ride in the afternoon, when almost every wagon that travels between 110<sup>th</sup> St and 59<sup>th</sup> St, selects the smooth pavement of the Boulevard.

On the Riverside Drive, there is a broad equestrian path for a few stray horsemen. Yet the many thousands of Cyclists must ride on a road that is drenched again and again by ignorant water cart drivers.

The strength of the Whulmen's vote was shown a year ago, when D. A. Chestnough ran for Congress against Geo. B. McEllan. Chestnough had been opposed to Whulmen in years gone by, while McEllan was a Cyclist, the result was an overwhelming victory for McEllan, as the Whulmen in his district, made it an issue.

William Halpin who ran for Assenthy was a Whulman and receiving his fellow cyclists support, was elected by a handsome majority.

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Five years ago, long before wheeling became such a craze, I was told by Hugh J. Grant, then Mayor, that if the Wheelmen would appoint a committee to wait on him, he would do all in his power to have Cycle paths built on each side of Central Park.

Now I believe, that if Mayor Strong, would send a message to the Board of Aldermen suggesting that something should be done for the comfort of the Citizens who ride the wheel, it would draw many thousand of voters to the reform administration.

It would do no harm to state what some of these improvements might be, to wit.

A cycle path on Riverside Drive, similar to the one that Brooklyn has built from Prospect Park to Coney Island.

A cycle path in the center of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue

which is the continuation of the Boulevard

A cycle path on each side of Central Park.  
this would be gladly welcomed by every driver  
of a horse in Central Park.

I make these suggestions not only in  
the interests of Whiting, but as a citizen  
who ardently desires the continuation of  
our present honest and able City government.

Yours very truly

W. H. Crankin

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