

City Improvement Society,

(Incorporated June 14th, 1892.)

12 East Twenty-third Street.

OBJECTS

TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFYING
OF THE CITY, AND TO ASSIST AND STIMULATE THE
AUTHORITIES IN ENFORCING THE LAWS
RELATING TO SUCH OBJECTS.

New York, Feb'y 19th., 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall.

Sir:

We have the honor to enclose a proposed City ordinance to regulate and license bill posting and sign painting in this City, for your consideration, as it is a matter which has for some time occupied the attention of this Society, by reason of the numerous complaints we have received, and as it is in the direct line of the improvement in appearance and character of the streets of this city.

As we are advised there is at present no ordinance in this City covering the matter, while many other and smaller cities have ordinances upon the subject of a character similar to the one proposed.

We have had several interviews with people engaged in the bill posting business in this city, and we have finally prepared an ordinance which we think will not only properly regulate this matter but will also be a source of revenue to the city.

The present condition of bill posting seems to bring out the following complaints, among others, viz:

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1. The irresponsibility of persons who post bills and paint signs, &c., improperly.

2. The posting and painting of vulgar signs, and of remedies for venereal diseases and other objectionable matter.

3. The posting and painting on curbstones, boxes and barrels, building material, &c., which disfigures the appearance of our streets.

4. The placing of advertising matter on rocks and trees on unimproved property and elsewhere without consent of owner or lessee.

These objections we endeavor to correct by

1. Requiring a bond of \$1,000 from each licensee, as security, &c.

2. Payment of a license fee which we suggest as \$50 for a license, with \$5 additional for each agent employed.

3. Wearing a badge with words "Licensed Bill Poster," and the proper number thereon, as means of identification.

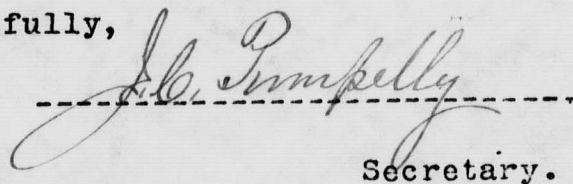
4. Making it a misdemeanor to post or paint signs on property without consent of owner.

5. Requiring immediate removal of objectionable signs, &c., when ordered by the Mayor, or Chief of Police.

As we learn that the Cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Troy, &c., in this State, and that Newark, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Milwaukee and almost all large cities in this country, have regulated this matter by similar ordinances, it seems a proper subject for regulation in this great metropolis.

If your Honor has any suggestions as to changes or additions to the ordinance as prepared by us, we shall be grateful to receive them.

Very respectfully,



Secretary.

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OFFICE OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
MORRIS PATTERSON FERRIS, 38 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK CITY.

Councilors General.

ONE YEAR.

EDWARD N.G. GREENE, New York.
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EDWARD CLINTON LEE, Pennsylvania

TWO YEARS.

HENRY HALL, New York.
COLLEWIS CHEESMAN HOPKINS, New York.
THOMAS WILLIAMS BICKNELL, Rhode Island.

THREE YEARS.

EDWARD PAYSON CONE, New York.
MAJOR FRANCIS LOWELL HILLS, Delaware.
HON. JAMES JEROME BELDEN, New York.

February 19th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith stenographic report of your speech at our banquet on February 2nd. It would be very gratifying to the Committee if you would read this over and make such corrections or amendments as you see fit. Even the best of stenographers on these occasions make errors, and we would like to have the report as nearly correct as may be, for publication in our year book, of which we will be pleased to send you a copy when it is ready.

Yours very truly,

Morris P. Ferris

Chairman of Committee.

N.Y.

Feb 19th 1897.

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To the Hon Wm S Lignon.

Mayor.

Dear Sir.

On the 9th of this month Mr Ritter a disinfecter in the Health Department. was tried before the Board on complaint of a Matron of the Hebrew Infant Asylum, who said he called there between 7 & 8 o'clock P.M. under the influence of Lignon. This is the case. Mr Ritter rang the front entrance bell and the servant a young girl took him through the vestibule into an ante-room which they use temporarily for the Matrons dining room. really it is nothing but a Hall the stairs open into it. Mr Ritter is troubled at times with Rheumatism, as he entered the room his foot gave way and

he admits - he sat down on the only vacant chair in the room which was beside the dining table. he was scarcely seated when the Matron entered and shaking a napkin at him, said how dare you sit down at my table and ~~etc~~.. he immediately arose and said your girl ushered me in here Madam. or I should not have come. and hobbled out. hence the complaint ~~at~~ at the trial which Mr Roosevelt conducted Mr Ritter had seven or eight reliable witnesses who proved every minute of the day. when to the time he entered the asylum an employee in the District Atty's office having held conversation with him before he went in and after he came out. all these are willing to swear in court that Mr R was not under the influence of liquor. I myself was with him from three

until six o'clock and he was back home shortly after eight. all right during the trial the fact was brought out that Mr Ritter had joined the Trinity M. E. church. and also signed a pledge this together with the fact that he had been a drinking man in times past argued guilt in Mr Roosevelt's mind. the rest with the exception of Mr Holty. do or say anything Mr Roosevelt tells them Mr Holty having known Mr Ritter some time stood out for him. but Roosevelt carried and Mr Ritter resigned under coercion. Dear Mr Mayor the vacancy has not been filled. I beg you will use your power to have my husband reinstated. we are penniless. Mr Ritter as a veteran under the civil service was entitled to counsel. They did not so inform him. he is determined to carry it to the court - friends political

would aid him in that who
we could not ask for bread -
Mr Ritter was associated with the
Consolidated Exchange when Mr
E. S. Stokes got a reduction of
~~a~~ five thousand a year on the rent
of his Cafe under the Exchange
and Mr Wilson by a strange coincidence
got an appointment in the Health
Board at five thousand a year.
Now he is in a position to turn out
Veterans who fought for the Union
which he carried arms against.
My Husband was one of the first
who answered the call of Pre-
sident Lincoln for Troops -
Received a strain in the first battle
of Bull Run which makes it impossible
for him to do heavy work. But he
has never received or asked for a
pension. I ask and beg you will be
kind enough to help a fellow man
who is trying with the help of
God to live a good life. Respectfully

P.S. Mr Ritter's record in the
department can be obtained from
Sbr Benedict Chief of Contagious
Diseases. or Sbr ~~Himmick~~ Chief
of Disinfecting Corps. C C Building
Mrs. Ritter

CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION.

Commissioner Watson, of the Civil Service Board, submitted the following schedule of classification of the employés of the Board of Education:

Schedule A—City Superintendent, Inspector.

Schedule B—Chief clerk, deputy clerk, clerks as graded in the Finance Department, office boy or girl, chief supply clerk, assistant supply clerk, bookkeeper.

Schedule D—Superintendent of Buildings, Deputy Superintendent of Buildings, engineer's assistant, Chief Inspector of Buildings and Repairs, building, sanitary and fuel inspectors, assistant draughtsman.

Schedule F—Assistant City Superintendent, stenographer and typewriter, attendance officer, weigh master, janitor, messenger, driver.

Schedule G—Laborers.

New York, Feb. 19, 1897.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:

Knowing the great interest you take in Educational Matters, and especially in our Public School Education, I am encouraged to write you the following letter concerning the Civil Service Schedule of Classification of employes of the Board of Education.

1. I would like to call your attention to the unreasonable classification (in Schedule F) in which an Assistant ^{City} Superintendent is classed with "stenographer and typewriter, attendance officer, weigh master, janitor, messenger, driver."

These Asst City Supts are Associate City Superintendents with the City Supt, and they are as much Inspectors as he is. They are all experts in the same governing body, the vote of any one of them counting as much as that of the City Supt. When

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they take official action the only difference is, that the City Supt. is ex officio the Chairman of the Board during the periods of their consultations.

Again, these Asst Supts are all graduates of Colleges, Universities or High grade Normal Schools, and many of them are graduates of two or more of such institutions. In preparing for their present positions they have passed many competitive examinations more exacting than any Civil Service Examination. But even this was not counted sufficient in the judgment of the Board of Education. They, the would be Asst Supts, were required to come before the Committee on Instruction, (especially empowered to scrutinize the fitness of candidates) which Committee took into consideration not only their scholastic attainments, but also their practical success in school work, as teachers, organizers, and inspectors. Many candidates presented themselves, but the present Board of Asst Supts were select-

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ed from the many on account of their superior fitness for the work to be assigned to them. It seems to the writer that these Asst Supts have already passed rigid examinations in competition with others, before being selected for their present positions, and that they have therefore satisfied the most rigid interpretation of the Civil Service Law.

2. Again, what is to be the effect of this extension of Civil Service rules ^{over} the prominent employes of the Board of Education, on New York's future bids for men of high degree? Men of spirit and of true ^{worth} who know their own success as Supts and Principals of High Schools in other places will not come to N. Y. city and sit down to a Civil Service Examination with janitors, messengers and drivers. With all the encouragement she can hold out to candidates it will not be easy to secure eminent High School Principals for the new schools about to be established.

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3. Aside from the general question of right and reason in the matter, I am constrained to write you because the Asst Supts, many of whom are my personal friends, are put to much personal inconvenience on account of their salaries being withheld. They have innocently accepted their present positions and have done the city satisfactory service, and they should not now be annoyed by trying to borrow money on Life Ins. Policies, as some have already done.

4. I have not studied this subject to the extent of knowing who is responsible for the delay in unraveling this entanglement, but of course it is not the Mayor. I have supposed, however, that the classification above proposed, ^{or some other one}, must finally receive the approval of the Mayor. If so, when this question comes before you, your many educational friends, which are constantly increasing in number, believe

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you will see your way clear to the disapproval of any separation of City Supts and Assist Supts in the Schedule of employes of the Board of Education. If the City Supt is to be exempt from a Civil Service Ex. (and he surely ought to be) all his Assist or Associates Supts and Supervisors, who are doing similar work, and who have reached their positions by many competitive examinations, should ^{also} be exempt.

Craving your pardon for troubling you with so long a letter, and with the highest regard for your work as a Reform Mayor, I subscribe myself

Yours very sincerely,

Langdon S. Thompson.

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Mayor Strong N.Y.

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Feb 19/97

Hon: Wm. M. Strong

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir,

At the request of a number
of Delegates to the Venice Conference,
I took the liberty, this morning, of
writing you as follows:

"Mayor Strong, New York.

"Send six copies New York
Quarantine and City Sanitary
Regulations.

Jones, Consul-General
and Delegate Sanitary Conference.

The Conference is anxious to
obtain every information relative
to Quarantine and Sanitary Re-
gulations of large cities. -

Thanking you in advance
for any courtesy that you may be
able to extend us,

I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours,
Wallace S. Jones

U. S. Consul-General
at Rome

& U. S. Delegate to the Venice
Sanitary Conference. -

At a Meeting of the Local Improvement Association of the 23rd and 24th Wards held at its Headquarters in 167th Street on the 20th day of February, 1897, the following Preamble and Resolution were unanimously passed,

WHEREAS Bensonia Cemetery in the 23rd Ward has long since ceased to be used for the purposes to which it was originally devoted and

WHEREAS its present neglected condition is not only a detriment to the neighborhood in which it is situated, but also a positive injury to the health and personal safety of the surrounding community, therefore be it,

RESOLVED that this Association respectfully and urgently petition the Board of Street Opening and Improvement to condemn the same for Park purposes by virtue of Chapter 320 of the Laws of 1887 known as the Small Park Act.

W. Stebbins Smith,
President.

RESOLUTIONS

of the

Local Improvement Association
of the 23rd and 24th Wards rel-
ative to Bensonia Cemetery.

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TO THE BOARD OF STREET OPENINGS
AND IMPROVEMENTS.

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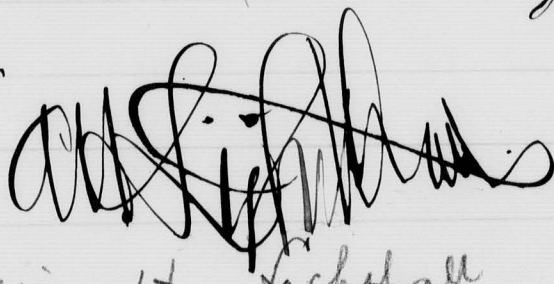
New York, February 20th 1897

To.

Hon. H. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall, New York City

Sir: I hereby resign from
the office heretofore filled by me
under your administration, to
wit, Commissioner of the Board
of Park Avenue Improvement
above One Hundredth Sixth
Street, in the City of New York,
— this resignation to take effect
immediately.



Almerin H. Lighthall

Madison Avenue 415
58th Street
New York

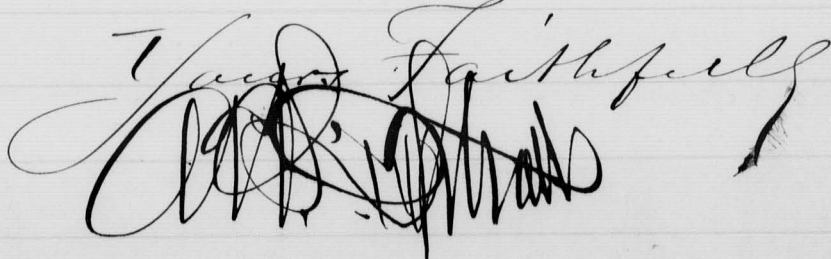
New York, Feby, 20. 1897.

Mr. William L. Strong

Dear Sir: In handing
you my resignation from the
Board of Park Avenue Im-
provement, I desire to say
that I am actuated by
business motives purely.

I am steadfastly mindful
of the uniform courtesy you
have extended toward me, and
furthermore deeply impressed by
the sagacity, loyalty and
courage displayed by you
in the conduct of your high
and responsible office.

If at any time it should
appear that my service would
be useful in connection with
the work upon which I have
been engaged, command
me.

Yours Faithfully


N. Y. Feb. 20/97

Mayor Strong

Honored Sir.

I protest as a citizen, and as I question not in harmonic concordance with most of my fellow-citizens, against Union Square Park (or any other park) being vandalized by anyone, whether a Cable Co. or other necessary nuisance.

I advised the Broadway Cable Co. not to run cars at all in 14 St. but transfer passengers from 14 St. to 15 St. thus doing away with the curve entirely. If you desire I will explain the plan, (the cheapest in every thing for all concerned) personally, but hope you somehow understand the idea. Very Respectfully

C. W. Hessel 314 East 52 St.
N. Y. City

A LARGER DAILY CIRCULATION THAN ANY OTHER REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER IN THE UNITED STATES.

The New York Press

New York, Feb. 20, 1897.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Mayor's Office,

New York.

Dear Mr. Hedges:-

I am very anxious to obtain copies of the Mayor's Messages, which were recently given out from time to time. The newspapers published them in extremely condensed form. I would like to have the Messages in full for reference in regard to City affairs under the Reform Administration, and I think they will be particularly valuable during the approaching municipal campaign. If you can send me copies I will be extremely obliged to you.

Truly yours,

M. K. Perkins

Managing Editor.

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

Honored Sir:-

At the annual meeting of the Taxpayers' Alliance of New York, held February 15th, 1897, the undersigned were appointed a special committee on the Construction of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, with instructions from five thousand property owners of the City to urge upon the authorities the necessity for immediate legislation so as to successfully carry out this magnificent public improvement.

As you are aware, the proposed Boulevard will connect the old city on Manhattan Island with the splendid system of public parks on the Northside, and is an imperative necessity to the comfort and well-being of the two million of people in the municipality.

The Boulevard and Concourse is an established fact as provided by Chapter 130 of the Laws of 1895, and Chapters 57 and 89 of the Laws of 1896, so that it only remains for the authorities to adopt the best means for its prompt construction. A bill for this purpose failed of passage in 1896, and a similar bill is now before the Legislature for its consideration and action as well as for your approval.

If your Honor will pardon some suggestions, this Committee would beg to offer the following for your consideration, viz.:

Amend Senate Bill No. 524, Section 7, on page 7, sixth line, by striking out "one" and inserting "two" "million dollars". The estimated cost is \$10,000,000.00 and as the expenses for its construction will be about \$50,000.00 yearly, the more speedily it is built the cheaper it will be to the city. Again, the property owners along the line should receive some consideration at the hands of the city authorities; and finally, the increased valuation of property, due to

the Boulevard and Concourse when finished, will prove of great benefit to the city treasury. Competent engineers are authority for the statement that it can be more cheaply constructed in five than ten years and that the first named period should witness this great work completed.

Secondly, we would recommend amending section 9, same page, to take effect immediately upon its passage, as title has been taken to the land for two of the three sections, and the sooner the work is commenced the more quickly will it be finished.

Commending the measure with these suggested changes to your favorable consideration, the above is most respectfully submitted.

New York, February 23rd, 1897.

Wm H Keating

J. B. Powers
Charles H. Brown

Committee.

Hereto attached find editorials from two of our leading uptown newspapers of the date of February 20th, 1897, bearing on this subject:

February 20th 1897
THE CONCOURSE COMMISSION.

The bill for the construction of the concourse was introduced by Mr. Guy in the senate on Monday evening. It is practically the same as that introduced last year with the exception of a small minority of the Commissioners named, a trivial difference. But it was large enough last year to prevent its passage. The times have changed most decidedly and if any such captious reasons are brought up now they mean much more than the emoluments of this office; they mean that the great interests of the North Side are nothing. That spoils of office are all. That the pioneer boulevard of the new portion of the old city is as nothing to the sordid interests of those to whom we have intrusted power.

Now let us wait and see where the cloven hoof will show up. Such a thing seems hardly possible to contemplate. It must be borne in mind that no such enterprise will be started for many years when once a Greater New York is created, and this seems probable during this legislation. It would have been better if it had never been attempted, than to have a long life of linger and wait, the work forever building and never done. If we are to have the concourse, let it be now. If not, shut down on it forever. *Advance*

The Concourse.

February 20th 1897

SENATOR GUY on Tuesday last introduced a bill to provide for the construction of the great Concourse and Boulevard reaching from Harlem River and 161st street to the Mosholu Parkway. This is a highly important measure and has the approval of the Taxpayers' Alliance, North Side Board of Trade, the citizens of New York generally, and of the Mayor. The estimated cost is \$10,000,000 and will provide a grand driveway from the Harlem River to the great Park system of the city. The Concourse was established by the Legislature of 1895, and the only thing now to be done is to construct it as quickly as possible.

Five gentlemen of known ability and integrity have been named in the bill as Commissioners. The measure should be pushed to a successful issue at once, and Senator Guy and Assemblymen Mathewson and Reinhard, in whose district this great public improvement lies, should see that it is accomplished.

Dickson



To

Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor of

New York City,

from the

TAXPAYERS' ALLIANCE.

New York.

Feb. 21st 1897.

Hon. W. L. Tracy

Hon. Sir.

As Mr Blücher told me, he intended to write your Honor as the last resort I thought to join him in this request for help.

Please if you possibly can help us in any way will you do it? I truly know not where to turn to. Mr Blücher has been out of work for months and it seems he is not able to obtain any

if we could only go over to Europe
for my childrens sake, I must try
and get there. than we will be all
right - this way of living is only
too terrible.

Pardon this request but I
myself know of nowhere to turn
and the strain upon me, through
all my trouble, will you kindly
accept as an excuse, for intruding
upon your Honor in this way.

I am very respectfully

Ella van Klieber

421 West 31st Street
New York City, Feb. 21. 1897

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

Hon Sir:

Very respectfully I submit to you these lines, the request of an unfortunate and despairing man: "After serving during the War of the Rebellion, my last enlistment as a 2nd Lieut 7th N.Y. Vols., and many years as a teacher and Sergt. Major in the U.S. Army, the present Board of Police appointed me a Special Officer in the Chinese Theatre. In May last, a riot and fight occurring in said place, which I suppressed, I got so seriously injured, that I am a cripple for life. Without work now for 8 months, unable to do anything, my wife and little babies (the youngest only 15 months old) suffering to such an extent, that the English language is too poor to describe it, all my savings absorbed, unable to pay my Rent, in consequence of the ever increasing, I dare ask your Honors help and permission to get up a subscription List, with your Honor heading it, which will enable me to leave

New York City and the U.S. with my family for Europe for good and forever. As I was hurt in the performance of my duties, I don't know of any other way of getting relief.

"Three years ago an elder brother of mine, a Count A von Blucher, got murdered by a gamekeeper at his Castle of Niechor, Pomerania, Prussia. Through the assistance of a reputable law firm of this City, I was enabled to cross over the Atlantic, but found that my brother had left a will in favor of his wife, for her lifetime. As I had no money to contest this, I returned to the U.S. Now my sister in law, the Countess von Blucher, has died, giving a new aspect to the whole affair. I also have a letter from His Majesty of Prussia to Governor, concerning all this statements, in answer to a letter written by my wife.

As I am literally starving with my family and am unable to do anything, I respectfully request your Honor's help in the above mentioned fashion, I mean by heading a subscription to enable me to leave the U.S. with my family for ever.

To a father and a gentleman I also request your Honor will kindly accept my confession, that in Sept. last, in desperation, I tried to kill myself, and wrote so to your Honor. The Almighty prevented it.

My old friend and Commander Col. L. L. Langron U.S. Army, retired, living at 20 Sidney Place, Brooklyn, who knows me for years, I name as a reference, also Mr. John A. Logan of Washington D.C.

Very respectfully

Your Hon^r-obd^t-serv^t

G. L. Blucher
421 West 31st Street.

New York Feb^y 21st 97.

Dear

W L Strong

Mayor City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Examine the deed of conveyance of the Union Square property to the City of New York by our action as to taking a portion of said square for rail road use.

In the days of Mr McTear a movement was made to place Court House & other buildings on the square, when the deed was examined the contemplated movement was dropped at once.

In the present case it may act differently.

I am sir your kindly
C. B. Storrs
245 West 10th St.

Copy.

New York, January 20, 1897.

To the Board of Education,-

The undersigned respectfully recommend that Lieut, Commander Adolph Marix, U. S. Navy, be detailed to the command of the Schoolship St. Mary's. Aside from his eminent personal fitness for the position, his long experience in charge of the New York branch Hydrographic Office, of the U. S. Navy, wherein he came closely in contact with the merchant marine, and as executive officer of the U. S. Schoolship Minnesota, would tend to make his services especially valuable in training the young in seamanship for the merchant service.

(280)	Vernon C. Brown.	John A. Cormack.
	Thos. P. Ball.	Hermann Oelrichs.
	John R. Livermore.	J. W. Parker.
	Abiel Abbot.	F. A. Dayton.
John S. Cameron.		D. B. Dearborn.
	W. R. Grace.	Miller, Bull & Knowlton.
	Simpson, Clapp & Co.	Pendleton, Carver & Nichols
	James E. Ward & Co.	Jas. W. Elwell & Co.
	J. F. Whitney & Co.	Vernon H. Brown & Co.
	James H. Winchester.	B. F. Metcalf & Co.
	Scammell Bros.	C. H. Randebrock.
	Smith & Gregory.	Andrew J. Bailey.
	J. Barber.	H. S. Vining.
	P. J. McLaren.	John C. Seager.
	Jno. Lee.	W. Irving Comes.
	Geo. Osgood Lord.	

THE MARITIME ASSOCIATION OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK. January 26, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

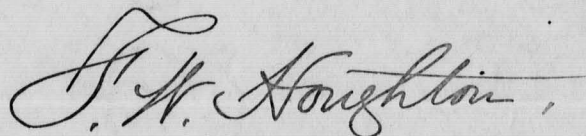
Mayor of New York.

Your Honor--,

In compliance with the request of a number of our members, a memorial, copy of which is enclosed for your information, has this day been forwarded to the Board of Education, urging the appointment of Lieut. Commander Adolph Marix to the command of the nautical School-ship St. Mary's.

Trusting that it will meet your approval and support, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. W. Houghton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Superintendent.

Superintendent.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company,
New York Division.

"PERSONAL".

Office of the Asst. Engineer,

10237 Mis.

Jersey City, Feb. 20th, 1897. 18.9

W. F. Jackson, Esq.,

Supt. Weehawken Wharf Co.,

38th. Street and 12th. Avenue, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Lieut. Commander A. Marix, ~~at~~ at present executive officer of the U. S. S. Battleship Maine, wishes to get command of the St. Mary's school ship of New York. I understand that the Board of Education make application to the Navy Department for officer to command the St. Mary's and generally that officer is selected.

I beg to state that Lieut. Commander Marix ~~is~~ is a friend of mine and ranks high as an Officer in the U. S. Navy, and I feel confident that his selection as officer Commanding the St. Mary's will give satisfaction.

Very truly yours,

H. Wallbom

Pennsylvania Railroad Company,
New York Division.
Office of the Asst. Engineer,
Jersey City, Feb. 20th, 1897. 189

"PERSONAL".

W. F. Jackson, esq.,

Supt. Weehawken Wharf Co.,

38th. Street and 12th. Ave, New York.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a letter of application in regard to Lieut. Commander A. Marix, ~~US~~, at present Executive Officer, of the U.S.S. Battleship, Maine, who wishes to get command of the St. Mary's School Ship of New York.

As stated in my letter I understand that the Board of Education make application to the Navy Department for Officer to command the St. Mary's and generally that Officer is ordered.

If you could get Mr. Job Hedges interested to place this application before the Board of Education and if possible get a favorable action taken on it, I will appreciate it very much, both for your kindness and Mr. Hedges's.

If you can forward it and get it placed before the Board of Education, will you be kind enough to let me know.

Very truly yours,

W. A. L. Brown

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TELEPHONE, 230 38TH ST.

NEW YORK, ~~Feb.~~ Feb. 22nd 1897.

Hon. J. E. Hedges
Private Secretary to the
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall.
New York.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I beg leave to enclose
a letter from Mr L. W. Allibone, Asst.
Engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company
for your consideration. Mr Allibone
is a Princeton graduate, & I am
sure will appreciate, as will I, any
thing you may be able to do in the
matter.

With kindest regards.

I am,

Yours respectfully,
William F. Jackson

330 West 56th St.

New York, Febr. 22, 1897.

The Hon. W^m Strong.

Dear Sir:

You have been announced in the public press that you are to attend a meeting at Chickering Hall, tomorrow evening, ostensibly for the Cretan crisis.

I warn you that this is a bogus meeting arranged by a notoriety-seeking person, by name Solon Vlasto, for advertising himself.

It appears from the enclosed document that this man Vlasto is a swindler and a disreputable person.

Besides, the same Vlasto was expelled from the Greek Church in New York City, and from a Greek Society for bad conduct. He, also, served in the Tombs as a felon for cheating, and he is now out of prison on bail for using libellous and obscene language in his black-mailing sheet so-called Atlantis.

Over one thousand Greeks of this City held a meeting at Webster Hall, last Wednesday, and appointed a Committee with Father Agathodoros, who is in charge of the Greek Church here, as its chairman. D. N. Botassi, the Consul-General of Greece, and ten other prominent Greeks are members of said Committee.

A public meeting will soon be arranged by this Committee to be held at Cooper Union or Carnegie Hall in behalf of the Cretans, to which you will be cordially invited.

Respectfully
L. P. RiotsaKos .

(From the New York "Herald", March 20, 1887)

A SHIP BROKER DISAPPEARS.

He buys oil and gives a worthless cheque in payment for it.

S. J. Vlasto, a Greek, who for a number of years had conducted a shipbroking and general commission business under the firm name of Vlasto Brothers at No. 16 Beaver Street, and who was also a member of the New York Produce Exchange, has departed from his usual haunts, leaving business liabilities estimated at about \$60,000. He was last seen at the Produce Exchange on Thursday by many of those with whom he has had financial transactions, although his brother Demetrius, who was his clerk and not a partner of his, declares that he saw him there on Friday. The premises on Beaver Street were closed yesterday, and a paper was tacked on the door, bearing the words, "Back in half an hour". But Mr. Vlasto did not come back.

Edward Wiggin, Chairman of the Complaint Committee of the Produce Exchange was yesterday notified by J. D. Platt, President of the Central Oil Company, that Vlasto had not lived up to his contracts. Mr. Platt further states that Vlasto recently bought a quantity of cases of refined oil of him and gave him in payment a cheque for \$5,000 on the Seaboard National Bank, which had been returned to him indorsed "Not good".

Vlasto took the bill of lading for the oil to John Munroe & Co., Bankers in the New York Mutual Life Building and got a Bill of Exchange in return for it. He then departed and has not since been seen by the parties to the several transactions. The oil was to have gone to Alexandria and a vessel to carry it had been chartered of Funk, Edye & Co. Munroe & Co. say that they will not be losers by the transaction inasmuch as they still hold the bill of lading.

Vlasto, who is married, and lived in the Dakota Flat, on West Seventy-second Street, has been speculating heavily in grain and other commodities in the Produce Exchange of late, and it is reported that he owes considerable amounts for freight and to members of the Exchange. Paul Worth says that Vlasto owes him \$2,000 on an old account.

The Complaint Committee of the Exchange will act upon the charges against Vlasto to-morrow at two o'clock P. M.

Vlasto has lived for some time in the apartments in the Dakota, Seventy-second Street and Eighth Avenue. He was last seen there at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, when he walked out of the main entrance toward the elevated railroad station. His brother, Demetrius, who lives in the same building was not at home last evening.

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NEW YORK.

July 22/97.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
My dear Sir, City Hall.
"14th to Curve" trouble, pardon
my suggesting, as probably
has occurred to you could
without doubt be done away
with, if Cable Co. had to put in
a "slow" cable there.

This, I assume, wd. necessitate
the establishment of another
Power Station (and probably divide
the present stretch of cable between
Houston & 50th. Sts. into two lengths); but
it seems to me that the traction
Co. can afford this expense, better
than N.Y. City can spare any of
Union Sq., which, as the father of
small children living in the neigh-
borhood, I know is already serious-
ly injured, as a recreation & breathing
space, by the difficulty, or rather danger

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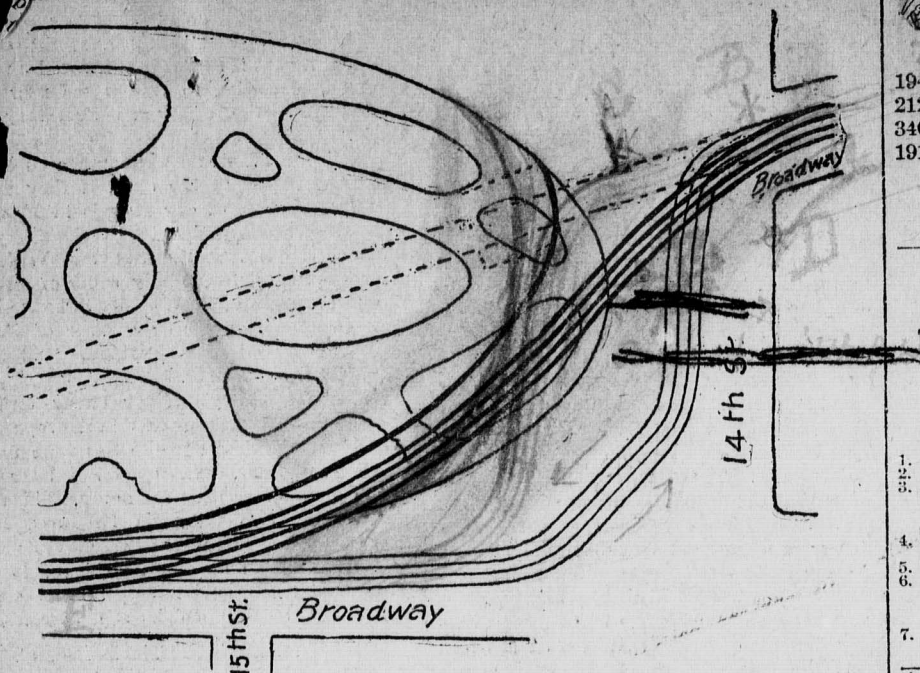
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*to children particularly,
in appropriating it for the
West.*

Sincerely yours

John W. T. Nichols

that his defence was a general denial the central figure. The crowd set upon him



MILLAN'S PLAN FOR ABOLISHING "DEAD MAN'S CURVE."

Light lines show old line of Park and present curve.
Heavy lines show new line of Park and straightened track.
Dotted lines show tunnel scheme.



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BENSON

Sylvan Lake, New York.
Feb. 22nd 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I noticed in The Herald of the 20th inst. that you would "consult with the officials of the Metropolitan Traction Company, and probably advise the Park Commissioners to adopt Mr. Mc. Millan's plan" for the abolition of the so called 'Dead Man's Curve' at Fourteenth Street and Broadway.

To my mind Mr. Mc. Millan's plan will not eliminate, and but very slightly alleviate the danger at that crossing, as the tracks will still be on a curve so close to the crosswalk that the conditions of operation are almost identical with those now existing; The officials of the Traction Company have insisted that they could not operate their cars on the cable around curves except at full

speed as they do at present, and their reason for advocating a tunnel under Union Square is no doubt because it would give a straight track and cable across Fourteenth street which would allow the cars to be run slowly at the danger point and the closer we can approach this straight crossing the nearer we are to a method of removing the danger at this curve.

If the City will allow the Traction Company to take a portion of Union Square as advocated by Mr. McMillan it would seem to me that no objection could be made to allowing them to take the land from the lower end of the Square and extending their tracks in a straight line ^{nearly} across Fourteenth street (as it is at present) and moving the point at which the curve begins from near the crosswalk to a point approximately at the present southerly end of Union Square, this would give a straight track of sufficient length to allow all cars to cross the south

curb line of Fourteenth street under full control and would also lessen the liability of collision with other vehicles.

On the diagram printed in The Herald of the 20th inst. I have shown in red ink approximately what the changes would be as suggested above and had I a correct map and full data believe a still more favorable change could be made and possibly even less of Union Square taken and the curves materially eased if this would give any marked advantage in operation.

I remain very respectfully yours

Wm. A. Nicholson.

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W. H.

Feb. 22nd 1897

201 E. 124 St

Honorable William Strong,
Dear Sir:-

It seems
incomprehensible to me
that the horse shoe bend
proposed by Commissioner
Collis's son should be seriously
considered. The people on
both sides of the river de-
mand a direct approach.

There is a
great highway - a bridge
which, for breadth, and length
of draw has few equals.

For what purpose is it built? Why, the convenience of the public. Of course to facilitate traffic between the north and the south side of Third Avenue.

The approaches should be so straightforward as to follow, naturally the course of the avenue with which the bridge is supposed to connect. Yet it is proposed to make one of them as crooked as possible. It would be very dangerous and uncomfortable for any lady or young girl to go through such a dark, narrow approach with all the elevators, railroads, nets, all the drippings, cinders, oil etc.

In my opinion and that of all the lady abolitionists, there should be a straight open approach on a line with Third Ave.

The only gentlemen who object to a direct approach are those who are directly benefitted by an inferior approach. They are but three or four in number. — Mr Stearns, President of Twelfth Ward Bank, who owns property on Lexington Ave, Mr Payne President of the Mt. Morris Bank, and Mr Wayton who might make a good postmaster but a poor engineer.

Now Mr Mayor it is your duty

as Mayor of the City of
New York to see to it that
the Bridge will not be a
disgrace but an ornament
to the city.

People will naturally act
under whose administration
this was built.

Now I can prove that
every sensible person is in
favor of a direct approach
with the exception of the
above mentioned three or
four gentlemen.

I remain

Truly Yours

Samuel J. May

New York City Febr 22nd 1897.

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Most Hon, Mayor of this City.
as I am here from Iowa, On a short
visit, with a manager. & rooming
at 269 West 45 Street, very quietly. I
take my time, To let you know
That I have delivered nearly 1000 -
Poetical Lectures, in Rhymes &
Gestures, which I believe you
& your friends, as well as the public
would be very much pleased
to hear. And I think you could
make arrangement with my
manager before I leave, especially
If you would open the City Hall
or some other large hall free.
& it will pay you to do it, as I
am author of many Poems of
great value, on account of their
wide application namely.

General Grant

President Hayes

James Garfield

Chicago.

New York

Aggressive

Spirit of Progress

Edison

True Manhood

Brave Hero.

etc

I shook hands with General Grant
on his return trip, from around the world.
& gave him a poem worth \$1000. & he thanked
me. Ways sent me a letter of thanks,
for a Poem, & Garfield sent me his picture
& a large Book, as a token of appreciation.
& now Dear Sir, don't let me return to
Iowa. without giving me a respectable
hearing, after being honoured by those
Great men. "A mans gift maketh room
for him, & bringeth him, before great
men," Think of it I have 45.000 lines
of manuscript, & 18.000 lines of it in
rhymes. here is samples of it as follows

1

Grants great & noble deeds, fills many pages.
and will be read through, all coming ages:
Join in ye loyal men, & now of you say, cant,
Lift your voices loud and say, Hurrah for General Grant.

From my Oratorical Orations Book.

again composed Feb 16. 1897.

New York.

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New York, New York, New York!

Forever let it be;

The opening of all real good things,
Especially Poetry.

Now Mayor Please Improve this opportunity.
& hear the greatest Poetical Orator in the World
while I am here. Yours most Respectively.
James Ballard.
Poetical Lecturer. Red Oak, Iowa.

The bearer is my
manager.



ALBERT K. SMILEY
*PROPRIETOR.

LAKE MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE
MOHONK LAKE, ULSTER CO. N.Y.

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February 23^d 1897.

Mayor Strong,

New York City.

Dear Sir,

Kindly advise me at your convenience,
where copies of the reports of the Committee on
Public Baths & Public Comfort Stations, may
be obtained, and oblige,

Very sincerely,

Albert K. Smiley,

by Smiley



TELEPHONE 3276.

President.

E. M. Hutton

~~J. R. D. D. D.~~ Secretary.

George W. Earhart, Agent.

The Maryland Society

for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,

Headquarters:

No. 323 North Charles Street,

Baltimore Md. 19th / 1897-1899

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor,

City Hall,

New York

Dear Sir:

At this moment there is an ordinance before the City Council of this city for licensing and the better care of the dogs of the City. This ordinance is drawn on similar lines to that now obtaining in your City. It being contemplated to place the whole matter in the hands of the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and before the said Society takes final action in

President. ~~John R. Dancy~~ Secretary. George W. Earhart, Agent
E. M. Hutton The Maryland Society



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No. 323 North Charles Street,

Baltimore Feb-19-27 189

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor - No. 2 -
the matter it has been deemed advisable by
its Directors and myself to ascertain what
degree of success the present law is hav-
ing in your city. I should therefore consider
it a great favor if you would kindly
state your opinion of the law in question
and the methods of its enforcement in
New York. Any comments thereon or advice you
might wish to give for our guidance in this
matter will be very highly appreciated.
In anticipation of your kindness please
accept my sincere thanks -

E. M. Hutton.
President Md. S. P. C. A.

President. ~~J. L. R. D.~~, Secretary. George W. Earhart, Agents
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Hon. Mr. L. Strong, Mayor
City Hall
New York.

Dear Sir:

In examining the copy of a letter written to you yesterday I have just perceived that, by a clerical omission and an unfortunate oversight on my own part, the customary courtesy in letter writing was omitted.

I therefore hasten to express my deep regret for this gross error, and to express the hope that you will pardon that which has cost me very considerable mortification.

Very respectfully yours

S. M. Hutton

President Md. S. P. C. A.



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Headquarters:

No. 323 North Charles Street,

Baltimore Feb. 23-1877/89

Hon. Wm. A. Strong Mayor,

City Hall,

New York.

My dear Sir:

The President being absent from the city I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. This Society is much indebted to you for the opinion therein expressed. Thanking you for the same,

I am, with much respect,

Very truly yours,

R. H. Dunbar,
asst sec

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Hon. W. H. Strong
My dear Sir,

In 1827 a mass meeting was held at the City Hall called by Mayor Aaron Clark to express sympathy with Greece which was then struggling for Independence. The U. S. Senate passed resolutions Saturday expressing sympathy with the Greek and Cretan cause which is the cause of civilization. At Faneuil Hall in Boston a mass meeting of its citizens will be called to express sympathy, and at the same time at the request of several Philhellene Americans a mass meeting of the citizens of N. Y. will be held at Church King Hall, to which you are respectfully invited to preside. I trust that Your Honor will pardon me in asking you so hurriedly to honor the meeting with your presence, but I have thought necessary that New York the premost city of the U. S. should give expression of its feelings at the same time as Boston. The Americans have always recognized as liberty loving people the qualities of the modern Greeks and Henry Clay, Daniel Webster words still resound in Greece. I beg to enclose platform tickets & remain
Your Honor most obediently
J. H. Carter

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Honorable Sir,

We shall be extremely obliged
to you if you will kindly inform me,
if it will be possible for your Honor
to preside at the Mass meeting called
for tonight to express sympathy with
Greece and Crete.

I hope Your Honor will find it
convenient to come & remain.

Very respectfully
Edw. J. Mast

To the Honorable
W. Strong Mayor

New-York, February 23rd, 1891.
The Honorable William Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York:—
Dear Sir,

In the interest of
the public permit me to bring to your no-
tice

A Plan for the Removal of the Dangerous
Curve of The Broadway Cable Road, at the
Corner of Broadway and fourteenth Street.

Having but recently had a narrow es-
cape from death at the so-called "Dead
Man's Corner," I have since taken an earnest
interest in the finding of a remedy; and
am now in a position to submit a
plan which convinces me will obviate
the danger now prevalent at that spot.

I consider Mr. Daniels' plan an ex-
cellent solution of the problem, and endorse
the same if the Park Commissioners will ap-
prove of the division of the Park; all
others' plans which have come to my
notice so far, do not appear to abolish
the vital cause of the danger, which in
my opinion is the curve at the corner
of Broadway and Fourteenth Street, owing
to the fact that accidents will occur in
consequence of the gripman's inability
to control his car inside the curve:

he being obliged to fasten his grip to the ~~rope~~^{cable} before leaving the straight track.

My plan shows the removal of that curve, one hundred feet further north to the lower end of Union Square Park; there it is entirely enclosed by an iron railing, and forming an S leads into the present road. led near to the Lincoln Statue.

South of point A, which is the beginning of the curve, there are thirty feet of straight track, which is also protected by the iron railing, where a car running south can stop without interfering with the traffic, before crossing the street; and likewise a car moving north has the advantage of going ahead at any given speed without danger to the end of the enclosed curve; the same argument applies to the thirty feet of straight track north of point B.

The iron railing is to be from six to eight feet high, with canillabres stationed at either entrance, and of ornamental work, which may be executed in an attractive manner and add to the beauty of the Park.

Passengers boarding a car at the

corner of Broadway and fourteenth street will be in their seats by the time the curve at point A is reached, and thus this easy curve, as shown in my plan, will lessen the shaking up which passengers now usually experience at that spot.

Provided no better plan is offered, I do not believe that public opinion will be against the occupancy, by the railroad, of that small portion of the Park, which under present circumstances is of little or no value, consequent to the great danger connected with the crossing to and from fourteenth street, between Broadway and University Place; and if experts should approve of my plan, I do not doubt that the Park Commissioners will do all in their power to further the project for the benefit of the public in general.

Though the removal of the La Fayette statue would not be necessary, a more desirable site would be where I have indicated by dotted lines on my plan.

The removal of fifteenth street curve as indicated by a heavy black line would be an improvement in connection with the remodeling of the Park, as shown in my plan no. 2, which I will

send you in a few days.

Trusting that my plan may appear
to you of sufficient merit, to command
your earliest consideration and attention
I remain, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

R. Steiceart

15th street.

Proposed plan for the removal of the curve of the Broadway Cable Road
at the corner of Broadway and 14th street.
by R. Steinecke.

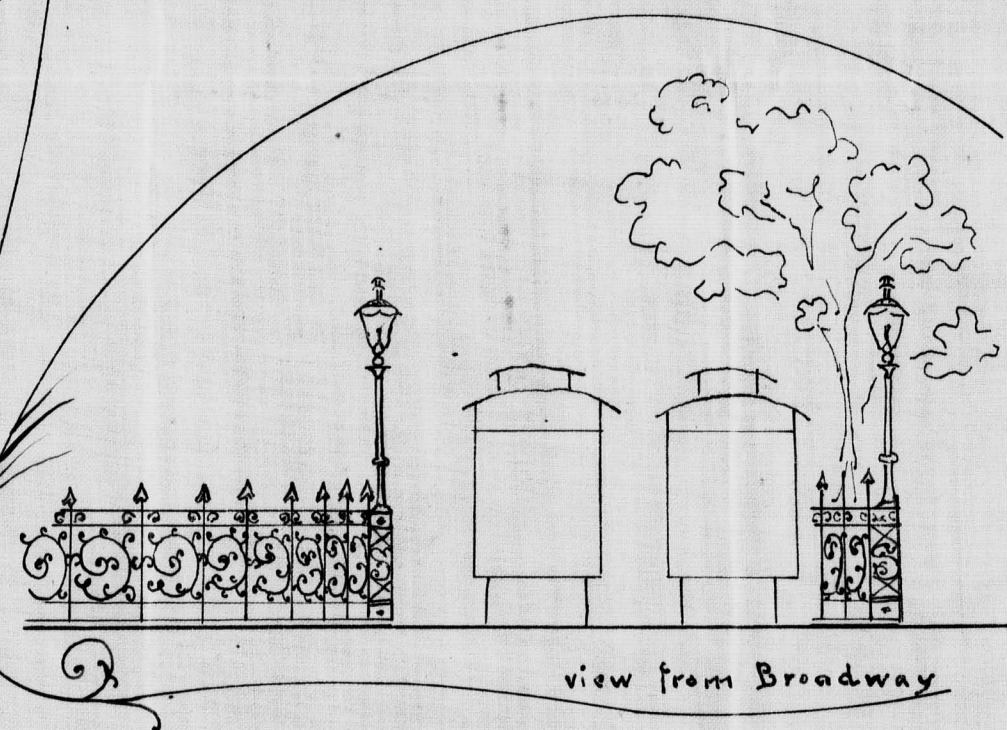
Union Square

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14th street

Broadway



view from Broadway

- Present System
- - - Improvement of 14th street curve
- Improvement of 15th street curve
- + + + + Iron railing © Candilabre

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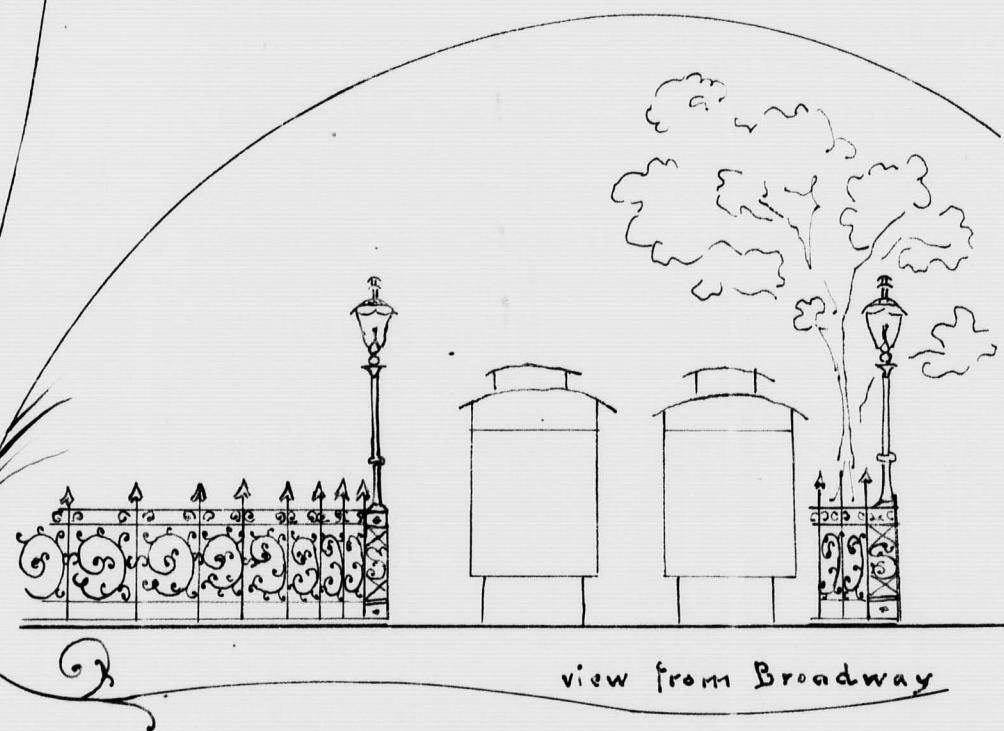
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The Honorable William Strong,

Mayor of City of New-York

City Hall

February 23-57

20, EAST THIRTIETH STREET.

To his Honor Mayor Strong.
My dear Sir -

Mr Van Noppen
who brings you this de-
sires to be a U.S. Con-
sul in Holland.

The Holland Society.
or rather certain
Members of it, of whom
Judge Van Wyck, Mr.
Van Korsen and I
are three, would like

very much to have
Mr Van Hopper in
Holland for seasons
while he will tell
you. If you can give
Mr Van Hotten an
introduction to Sen-
ator Sherman, he
can be a hearing -
may I ask this of
you? Yours Truly

W.D. Johnson

HOPE CHAPEL,
JOHN B. DEVINS, PASTOR,
339 EAST 4TH ST.
NEW YORK.

February 23, 1897.

My dear Sir:-

I am preparing a stereopticon lecture on East Side Life to be given in a West Side Church. Appreciating as I do the splendid work of the Present Administration, as it affects tenement house people especially, I want to have a slide of the Mayor. I shall be very grateful if you will send me an order with which to obtain a photograph for this purpose.

Expecting to meet you on Friday with the Yale men, I am,

Very sincerely,

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

John B. Devins

THE H.B. CLAFLIN COMPANY,

New York Feb 23^d. 1897

Hon Wm L. Strong

President of the Republican
and Sound Money Clubs

My Dear Colonel Strong

I have the pleasure of
acknowledging the receipt
of your favor of some date
and I hope that you will ac-
cept, and convey to the other
officers of the Clubs, my
thanks for your kind invitation
and my regret that a
previous engagement will prevent

my acceptance of your
hospitality on Friday evening
next.

Sincerely Yours
H B Claflin

Officers

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State Teachers' Association

Feb 23 1897

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

My dear Sir:

Your very kind response to my note arrived in due course, and by the same mail, a notice stating that owing to some difficulty in securing accommodations to their liking, the Committee were uncertain as to date and place.

This has now been arranged however; whence my delay in responding.

The dinner will be held on

Saturday evening next 27th, at
Clark's in 23rd Street. at 7 P.M.

I shall be pleased to call at your
home with a conveyance at 6³⁰, or
if you prefer to go directly from
your office, (there are no formalities
of dress) to attend you there.

I hope your health will be good
enough to permit all this; but if this
is unhappily not the case, I shall
beg to have your consideration of
a later date - April 24, when a
more formal occasion will give
the gentlemen a chance to meet you.

I do not desire this latter to act as
an offset to the former however, as we
hope to greet you both evenings.

Very Respectfully
Wm. T. Nicholson

422 East 85th Street
New York Feby 24/97

How New. L. Strong

My Dear Sir:-

Pardon me
for the liberty I have
taken of enclosing you
eight (8) tickets for a
ball of the Milburn Lit-
erary Society, of which,
I am a member.

This is a very young
organization, and your as-
sistance in behalf of lit-
erary work will be very
much appreciated.

Thanking you in
advance for your kindness
in aiding The Milburn Lit-
erary Society, I am
Yours very truly
Henry B. Taylor
Chairman Arrangement
Committee



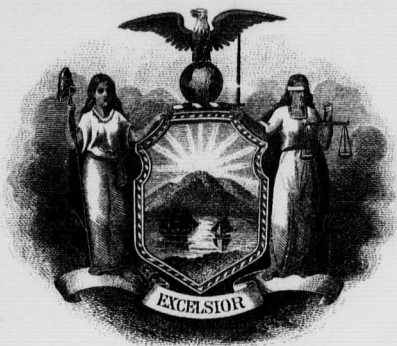
New York, Feb. 24 1897

Dear Sir:

I regret to say that
a previous engagement for Friday
evening, the 26th inst., must de-
prive me of the pleasure of dining
with you and the Club of the great
Parade of October last, at
Delmonicos on that evening.

Very truly Yours,
L. A. Dana.

Hon. W. L. Strong.



STATE OF NEW YORK
Assembly Chamber

Albany, Feb. 24th. 189 7

My dear Hedges :-

I have received your letter of the 23rd. inst. informing me that there will be a hearing on the bill providing for the construction of the Hall of Records before his Honor, the Mayor, on the 26th. inst. at 2 P. M. I have to go to Rochester on that day and will be unable to appear upon the hearing. I presume, of course, that the gentlemen who have been so much interested in the bill will appear and give the matter such attention as it may require.

Yours very sincerely,

George C.ushman

Job Hedges Esq.

City Hall, New York City.

F. HERBERT SNOW,
CITY ENGINEER,
BROCKTON, - MASS.

Brockton, Mass., Feb. 24th, 1897.

To His Honor, the Mayor,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

The City Council of this city has passed an order directing me to report upon a system of parks, boulevards, public reservations, etc., and I am now engaged upon the work. The recent Report of the Park Department or some Committee of your city government upon public baths would be of much aid to me and to this city in considering its problem; and - considering the use to which we can put the Report - I take the liberty of requesting that a copy be sent for file in my office.

The problem upon which I am to report is most unique, taking in a systematic layout of the entire city into streets, reservations, etc., for all public purposes. The report will be comprehensive, and this city can reciprocate by mailing to the various departments of your city a copy of the report when it shall be printed.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am

Yours very respectfully,

F. Herbert Snow.
City Engineer.

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TELEPHONE, No. 381—38TH ST.

NORTH-EAST COR. OF BROADWAY.

(Dictated.)

New York, Feb'y 24th, 189 7

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

My dear Hedges:-

The Fire Commissioners have under consideration the erection of an engine house on the south side of 74th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues. I have a number of acquaintances in this block. The houses are handsome and it is strictly a select residential property. It does seem an outrage to put up a house there, when there are vacant lots in the immediate vicinity that can be bought among stables or a poorer class of improvements. I want you to ask Sheffield to think this matter over.

By giving this your attention you will oblige me, as the commissioners are going to give the property owners a hearing on Friday.

Yours &c.

A. P. W. Kinnan

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PHILBIN & BEEKMAN,
TRINITY BUILDING, 111 BROADWAY,

New York, Feby. 24th, 1897

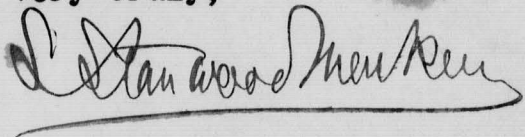
Hon. Job E. Hedges.

Dear Sir:

As Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association to Procure the Erection of a New Hall of Records, I am desirous of keeping in touch with the progress of the measure. I understand that the same has been forwarded from Albany to his Honor, the Mayor, for approval and I would beg to request of you a notification should there be any hearing in regard to the matter.

I should also be indebted to you, in case there is no hearing upon the measure, if you would inform me whenever it is forwarded to the Governor for signature, that a presentment may be made to him, if any is necessary.

Yours very truly,



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O. H. Lane, Clerk.

Committee on Patents,

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C.,

February 24, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My Dear Mayor:-

I have received a letter from Mr. Robert Kerr of 86 Bowery, in which he states that the Chinese Concert Company of #5-7 Doyer St. have been prevented from giving their sacred concerts Sunday nights, and that he thinks you have done your best to enable them to open, but that there is a strong feeling against these particular Chinese by the Captain of the Police in this precinct. He seems to think that the Captain has prevented their opening by giving them a bad record, which has prevented them from getting a certificate from headquarters. Mr. Kerr's interest in the matter, is that he is [“]lessee of this Company, though I should think from his letter that he was probably lessor to the Company. I should be very much indebted to you if you could have an investigation of this matter made, and see whether the proper permit cannot be given to them, for I am quite sure from what I have known of Mr. Kerr that he will do everything in his power to have things properly conducted, and

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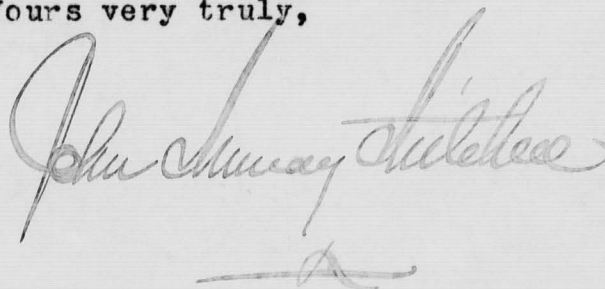
Washington, D. C.,

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think that some mistake has been made by the Captain of Police.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Murray Mitchell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours very truly,". There is a small horizontal line drawn below the signature.

24 E. 7th St.
Feb 15th / 94

Dear Mr. Strong
It is five days since the
snow fell, and this street
is full of wet snow.
The more money Mr.
Marine gets the slower
he seems in cleaning the
City. With all the poor
men who wish employment
I should think he could rid
one street of snow by this
time. Would not a younger,
more brainy, faithful
man, fill the position
in the Street Department

better than the Wainwright
Committee you get such
an one?

We want faithfulness
and promptness as
Republicans in all
positions of trust. Our
old enemy Tam-
many will be sure
come into force. As
good Republicans we
must do our full duty
by the people. If we
expect to "Hold the Post."

Dear Mr. Strong
Please see to it
that our principles are
maintained.

Yours respectfully
M. Bradley.

M. Simon,

248 BOWERY, Opp. Stanton Street,

Fine Silk Umbrellas, Parasols and Canes.

REPAIRING AND RECOVERING.

New York, Feb 15th 1897

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

Dear Sir,

There has opened next door to me at 246 Bowery a Liquor Saloon one of those saloons that sell a tumbler of whiskey at .03 which attracts all the bums & tramps to that place I have been located in my store on the Bowery for the last twenty five years & there never was a liquor store on the west side of Bowery bet Spring & Houston Sts in all these years. Now the reason I ask for his license to be revoked is that my wife is in constant danger of being insulted when entering or going out of the store meaning my own, I have a very nice Ladys trade from uptown &c. & I am losing it all on account of that conspicuous saloon it is run by some Polish Jews who dont care whether you can exist or not I can't understand how such people are granted a license hoping you will have his license revoked I remain
Yours,
M. Simon

P.S.
I always thought that the permission of the next door neighbor had to be got before the license could be granted & I didn't know of that place until it was opened.

Levon A. Geo. Osborn. Sr.
Brooklyn. N. Y.
Feb. 16, 1897.

Honorable Mayor.

Dear Sir.

As you are the head, of New York city of America. Suppose a certain man would kill another or poison another it would cost the city a great sum of money, to find out the doer; trials would come on against the other to find out about it. Then it would come out from a certain place. Even the newspapers would be filled with it.

And here in New York,
people go in public streets,
some get killed; some get
hurt and taken into
the hospitals. All those
things are from ~~who~~ the
loafers who fire stones
and they, do all they
can they harm. Why
should this be so? Why
shouldn't we go free in
the street. If people go out
in the street they are
scared for their life. They
don't know whether to
in the house or go out
to make a living, at least
a piece of bread for their families.

To-day I went Wabancy
bor. Cannon St. A party of
boys caught on me on the

corner and began to fire
fire stones and big pieces
of iron. If any of those
pieces of iron had hit my
head I would not be alive.

Why shouldn't one be
protected as long as the
city gets paid for every
thing. I ran away and
I saw a policeman
standing on the corner
and I said to him "Please
arrest any of those boys".
He said "It is none of my
business," Why should
the loafer be better than
the ~~pol~~ policeman as
long as the policeman

does not do them anything

This happened Feb. 9, half
past 5 o'clock W. 4th St
two blocks from Broadway
Ferry. I remain.

Yours respectfully
Edward Lehan

New York Feb 18/97.

To the Mayor.

Wm C Strong. City of N.Y.

I live on 124th St east of 8 Ave a few doors above #264 there is a storage house his Van, stands backed up against the curb occupying half of street all day from 6 A.M. until 6 P.M. he feeds horses on street during dinner time with bags on same spot after feeding horses you can find the oats strown all over street, when sweeper comes along he has to sweep all around horses legs also underneath and around the Van, after being swept horses stand in same position and mess up street so that it is in a horrible condition. I think there is a law in regards to Vans or Trucks & Carts not to occupy street or front of building all day, If there is a law to that effect please attend to this as it is a nuisance to have Van standing all day

Yours respectfully
Sam Bernard.

New York, February 18/97.

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor,

Dear Sir:

I would like to call you attention to the condition of Broad Street, especially around the the Johnston and Mills' Buildings, with frankfurter and other pedlars who are very annoying and the stench arising from their wares is simply nauseating. Will you if possible have them removed before the warm weather sets in as then the smell will be unbearable? It annoys J. W. Seligmann as well as myself and numerous others in this vicinity. We have made repeated complaints to the Captain of this precinct but it does not seem to do any good.

Hoping that I am not in any way troubling you, and that you will do what you can to remedy this evil, I am, dear sir,

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. W. Seligmann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

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New York, Feb 19 1897

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Hon William S. Strong.
Mayor.

Dear Sir -

The general impression has heretofore been that streets were cleaned from refuse matter and snow, for the benefit of the business and health; but the present mode does not seem to arrive at that result.

On the Western Boulevard the snow is usually swept from the rail tracks; and then scraped by the "white wings" to the gutters; where it is left to freeze, and the refuse sweepings instead of being gathered up and removed, are simply shoveled upon the snow remaining in the gutters; which is not only unsightly but; when a bright sun effects the comforts this ebullient that arises is not very agreeable. (I respectfully ask has the street cleaning department the right to prevent business places access from to the street; by blocking their fronts with frozen snow as they are doing to day, and

threaten arrest if an opening is made? Is
this arbitrary restriction in accordance
with law and right? every business
suffers in consequence.

I have sent a copy of this
letter to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Yours respectfully

Frank Widmayer

#482 N. Boulevard
City.

THE LOTOS CLUB,
NEW YORK.

Private

Feby. 20. 97

Dear Sir

I enclose it
is an outrage the
way in which the
sidewalk opposite
326/340 Broadway
is daily blocked
with packing cases
on three occasions
I have been knocked

by the reckless warden
in which the carrier
broke them & their
had my coat caught
in one of the nails
in them

Truly Yrs

J Armstrong

New York, Feb. 20/97

Mr. Strong
Dear sir

Would you please
send the dog catchers up to
rockfield street Bedford
park to get a Brown ^{dog} with
curly hair he is a nuisance
around and has no licence
and the best time to catch
him out in the street is in
the morning about seven
O'clock. It is the second house
on the left hand side of
rockfield st. Near Valentines
Avenue Bedford Park.

New York. Feb. 24, 1897.

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Dear sir. -

Your honor you have taken the oath to administer according to law and justice.

You know that the law has regulated the hours of labor and pay of the Street Cleaning Department.

You know as well as I do that Colonel Haring who you appointed is committing wholesale robbery.

Some men are getting \$13.81 which the law demands others only getting \$11.51 per week.

What a shame. Poor men with families to support, working on Sundays for nothing,

instead of worshiping their God.

I hope your honor that you
will take it into consideration,
and remedy that evil.

A tax payer.

(C O P Y)

THE PHILADELPHIA MUSUEMS,

Philadelphia, February 8th, 1897.

To the Secretary of the Board of Trade and Transportation,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The next annual meeting of the Advisory Board of this Institution will occur the first week in June this year. At this meeting there will be in attendance besides 250 or more delegates from the Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade throughout the United States, some 40 or 50 delegates from Chambers of Commerce of Spanish America, as follows:-

2	Delegates appointed by the	Chamber of Commerce of Panama,	(Columbia.
4	"	"	Lima, Peru.
4	"	"	Valpariso,
			(Chile.
2	"	"	Buenos Aires,
			(Argentina.
2	"	Industrial Union	Buenos Aires,
			(Argentina.
"	"	Board of Markets	Buenos Aires,
			(Argentina.
2	"	Chamber of Commerce	Rosario,
			(Argentina.
2	"	"	Montevideo,
			(Uruguay.
3	"	"	Rio de Janeiro,
			(Brazil.
2	"	"	San Paulo,
			(Brazil.
2	"	"	Para, Brazil.
2	"	"	Bahia, Brazil.
2	"	"	Caracas,
			(Venezuala.
2	"	"	Maracaibo,
			(Venezuala.

In addition to the above there are expected 9 delegates from Chambers of Commerce throughout Mexico, 4 delegates from Chambers of Commerce in Colombia, and 2 or more from Chambers of Commerce in Central America.

These delegates are, in every instance, the leading business men from their own communities, being heads of prominent importing houses. As a rule but few of them have ever been in the United States, but all are more or less fully acquainted from personal observation, with European countries. The majority of them speak English.

These delegates are appointed by the Chambers of Commerce to meet with our Advisory Board to discuss trade problems and the development of closer commercial relations between their own countries and the United States. This will bring together the most important business men of South America. These men are not politicians. Generally the heads of leading commercial houses in South America refrain from politics.

At the urgent request of several Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, we have arranged a tour of some of the principal cities, in order that these prominent South American merchants may be shown some of the principal manufacturing establishments

throughout the country, and thus be made to know more fully the capacity of our factories and our ability to cater to their wants. The proposed trip is as follows:-

June 5th and 6th	Philadelphia.
June 7th & 8th	Washington.
June 9th & 10th	New York City.
June 11th, 12th & 13th (Sunday)	Boston.
June 14th & 15th	Providence.
June 16th	Worcester.
June 17th	Springfield.
June 18th	Hartford.
June 19th	New Haven.
June 21st & 22nd	Pittsburgh.
June 23rd & 24th	Cincinnati.
June 25th & 26th	St. Louis.
June 27th (Sunday), 28th & 29th	Chicago.
June 30th	Milwaukee.
July 1st & 2nd	Minneapolis & St. Paul.
July 3rd	Duluth.
July 4th, 5th, & 6th on the lakes to	Detroit.
July 7th	Detroit.
July 8th & 9th	Cleveland.
July 10th	Buffalo.
July 11th	Niagara Falls.
July 12th going down the Hudson.	

We desire to submit to your honorable body the proposition to join in the entertainment of this party of 50 south American merchants while in this country, arranging for that part of the programme devoted to New York City.

Awaiting reply at your earliest convenience, we remain,
Very respectfully yours,

(Signed)

W. P. Wilson, Director.

P. S. We would be pleased to have the Board of Trade and Transportation take the matter in charge and interest others and ask their co-operation.

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NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION

MAIL & EXPRESS BUILDING,
BROADWAY AND FULTON STREET.

TELEPHONE CALL:
3992 CORTLANDT.

203 BROADWAY,

New York,

Feb. 24th, 18 97.

To his Honer Mayor Strong,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of this Board, held on the 10th inst., a Special Committee was appointed to extend greeting and entertainment to the delegates from the South American countries who are expected to visit this city on the 9th and 10th of June next. The Committee was authorized "to invite his Honor, the Mayor, to act as honorary member of the Committee."

I am directed by Hon. Chas. A. Schieren, Chairman of the Committee, to extend to you the invitation authorized by the Board, and to express the hope that the objects of the Committee will have your sympathy. I shall notify you of the times and places when meetings of the Committee are held, and can assure you that the Committee will be most happy to have you present at any time you can find it convenient.

The enclosed copy of a letter from the Philadelphia

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203 BROADWAY,

New York,

Feb. 24th, 18 97.

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Museums will explain more fully the plans in view.

The members of the Committee are:

Hon. Chas. A. Schieren, Ex-Mayor of Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mr. E. S. A. de Lima, of D. A. de Lima & Co.
Mr. Ernest C. Bliss, of Boulton, Bliss & Dalley.
Mr. Geo. E. Armstrong, Sec'y H. B. Claflin Co.
Mr. Wm. Jay Schieffelin, of Schieffelin & Co.
Hon. William Brookfield, of Bushwick Glass Works.
Mr. W. H. Parsons, of W. H. Parsons & Co.

You will observe by the letter of Mr. Wilson, of Philadelphia, that only two days are allowed to New York, none to Brooklyn, and I am endeavoring to have two days allowed to Brooklyn and an additional day for points of interest about New York Harbor, which would give us five days in all for New York and vicinity.

The Committee will meet in these rooms tomorrow, Thursday, at three o'clock P. M., and, if convenient to you, they will be most happy to have you present.

Very truly yours,

Frank S. Gardner
Secretary

W. H. H. Moore, President.
James K. Lee, Vice President.

James A. Whitlock, Secretary.
F. A. Parsons, Treasurer.

Office of
The Board of Underwriters of New York,
51 Wall Street.

Cable Address
WRITERS-NEWYORK.

New York, November 22^d 1890

This is to certify that at a regular meeting of "The Board of Underwriters of New York," held on the 20th inst, Mr Thomas P. Ball was duly selected as a Commissioner to be, a member of the Board of Commissioners for Licensing Sailors Hotels or Boarding Houses in the Cities of New York ^{and} Brooklyn under and in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1866 and the acts amending the same.

(sd) James A. Whitlock
Secretary



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Chamber of Commerce

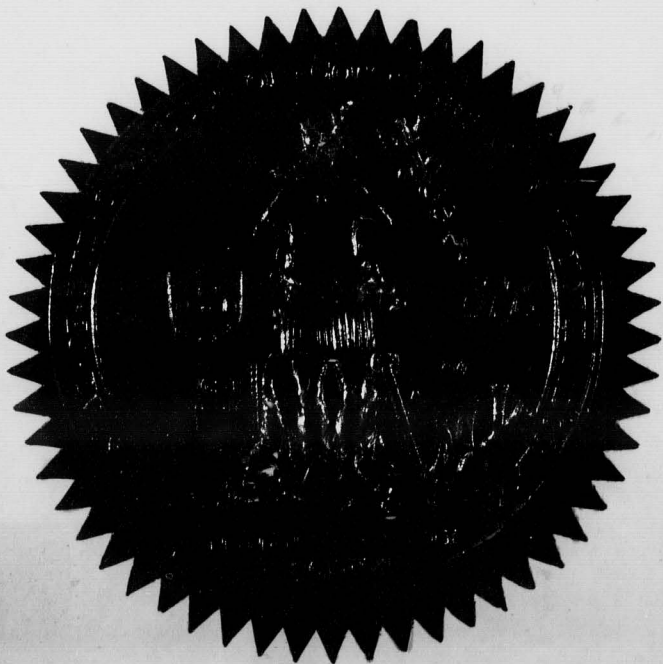
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CREDENTIAL.

This Certifies, that at the One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held May 7th 1896, O. Egerton Schmidt was duly elected a Commissioner for Licensing Sailors' Hotels or Boarding Houses, to serve for the year ending May 6th 1897.



Attest:

Geo. Wilson

Secretary.

New-York, February 11th 1897.

ORGANIZED MAY 1828.

INCORPORATED APRIL, 1833.

American Seamen's Friend Society,

W.C. Stitt, Secretary.

Rooms 76 Wall Street.

New York Feb. 15 1897

Capt. Geo. W. Brown, 150 Nassau St.

Dear Sir:

*Mr. J. Wheeler Handley was
named by this Society as a "Com-
missioner for Licensing Saloons, Hotels
& Boarding Houses in the Cities of
New York & Brooklyn" on October
29, 1890.*

Yours faithfully,

W.C. Stitt

Secy

MARINE SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
THOS. M. NICHOLS,
SECRETARY.

ROOM E, COTTON EXCHANGE BUILDING.

New York, February 18, 1897.

At the Meeting of the Marine Society of the City of New York held on the 11th of January, 1897, Captain George W. Brown was reappointed a Commissioner by the President of said Society for the Licensing of Sailor Boarding Houses for the cities of New York and Brooklyn in the State of New York.

Thos M. Nichols
Th

Secretary.

Austin Jayne

President.

GEO. W. BROWN, Sec'y,
150 Nassau St.,
NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 24th 1897.

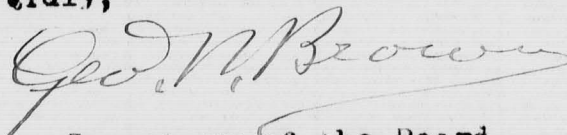
Thomas P. Ball, Esq.,

36 South Street, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

As you were not present with the other Commissioners last Saturday, when we called on the Mayor, I would suggest that you call at the Mayors office at your convenience, and take the oath of office. The papers all prepared and your Credentials are filed with the Mayor. Mr. Hedges, the Mayors Private Secretary, has charge of the matter; Ask for him.

Yours very truly,



Secretary of the Board.

**Board of Commissioners for Licensing Sailors'
Hotels or Boarding Houses in the Cities of
New York and Brooklyn, Composed as follows:-**

**O. Egerton Schmidt, President,
Chamber of Commerce.**

**J. Wheeler Hardley, Treasurer,
Seamans Friend Society.**

**Geo. W. Brown, Secretary,
Marine Society New York.**

**Thomas P. Ball, Ne
New York Board of Underwriters.**

**N. Dana Wells,
Society for Promoting the Gospel among
Seamen in the Port of New York.**

J. Augustus Johnson, Esq., Counsel to the Board.

The Officers were elected January 7th 1897.

Office of the Board, Room 2007, at 150 Nassau St. N. Y.

Office of the Counsel, 58 William Street, N.Y.

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W H E R E A S, it is proposed to establish within the vicinity of the main entrance of the New York Navy Yard a Sailor's Rest or Home where sailors from our men of war may find a comfortable home, combining amusement and instruction with lodgings, refreshments, baths, library, billiard rooms, laundry, bowling alley, and other conveniences free from all contaminating influences and under the charge and management of persons devoted to the interests of the sailor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

T h a t the Chairman of this meeting appoint a Committee of seven of which he shall be a member and the presiding officer to create and establish the Sailor's Rest under the following provisions:

That the control and disposal of its property and the funds necessary to its erection and maintenance and the management of its concerns shall be vested in a Board of Trustees which shall be incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York, or by a special act of the Legislature of said State under the name of THE TRUSTEES OF THE SAILOR'S REST, or such other name as the trustees may determine. It is to be unsectarian.

The trustees shall have power to make rules and regulations for the government of the Corporation and the Rest.

The funds for the erection and maintenance of the Rest shall be A BUILDING FUND and AN ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Building Fund shall be used for the construction

of the necessary building or buildings and the enlargement of the same and keeping the same in repair.

The Endowment Fund shall be used for equipping, furnishing, supporting and maintaining the Rest.

The Trustees shall make provision for nominal charge for the use of rooms, lodgings, refreshments, bath, laundry, billiards, bowling alley, etc., the proceeds of which to be credited to the Endowment Fund.

There shall be fifteen Trustees, seven of whom shall be trustees by virtue of their office and eight shall be chosen by the trustees in office. The trustees so chosen shall hold office for life or until removed for cause by a four-fifths vote of all the trustees in office or by resignation.

The following are the proposed trustees, who shall be trustees by virtue of their office:

1. The Mayor of the City of New York.
2. The Mayor of the City of Brooklyn.
3. The President of the American Seaman's Friend Society
4. The Commandant of the New York Navy Yard.
5. The Captain of the New York Navy Yard.
6. The President of the Chamber of Commerce.
7. Commodore of the New York Yacht Club.

The first trustees not trustees by virtue of their office shall be chosen by the aforesaid Committee.

That the Board of Trustees shall have power to fill vacancies created by the abolishment of any office entitled to representation in the Board.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED
IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO EXACT AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. That William L. Strong, the Mayor of the City of New York; Frederick W. Wurster, the Mayor of the City of Brooklyn; James M. Elwell, the President of the American Seamen's Friend Society; Commodore Montgomery Secard U. S. Navy, the Commandant of the New York Navy Yard; Captain Francis J. Higginson, U. S. Navy, the Captain of the New York Navy Yard; Commodore Edward M. Brown, the Commodore of the New York Yacht Club; Alexander E. Orr, the President of the New York Chamber of Commerce and their successors in office respectively, and in virtue of their said office, together with Rear Admiral Henry Erben, U. S. Navy, Vernon H. Brown, Edward J. Berwind, S. Nicholson Kane, George Edward Kent, Clement A. Griscom, Jr., Eugene G. Blackford and William Berri shall be and hereby are constituted and declared to be a body corporate, in fact and name, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Sailors' Rest, in the City of New York, and by that name they and their successors shall have continual succession, and shall be capable in law of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered unto, defending and being defended, in all Courts and places whatsoever, and in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever, and that they and their successors may have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure, and also that they and their successors, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be capable,

in law of purchasing, holding, conveying and disposing of real and personal property and estate for the benefit of said corporation to create a building fund and an endowment fund; provided, that said corporation shall not at any one time hold property, real, personal and mixed to an amount exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.

Section 2. That the said trustees shall have power, from time to time, to make all proper and necessary rules, by-laws and regulations for the government of said corporation and the management of its affairs, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and to alter and amend the same at pleasure, and for the appointment and removal of trustees not trustees in virtue of their offices, and to elect one of their number to be their president and to appoint such other offices, counsel and agent as they may think proper and to remove the same at pleasure.

Section 3. That the object of said Corporation shall be to improve the social and moral condition of the enlisted men of the United States Navy, and to establish institutions and particularly in the vicinity of the Navy Yard known as the New York Navy Yard, where said enlisted men of the United States Navy may find a comfortable home, amusement, instruction, lodgings, refreshments, baths, library and conveniences free from contaminating influences. Such institutions shall be unsectarian.

That the said trustees shall have power to fill vacancies created by the abolishment of any office entitled

to representation in said Corporation unless special provision is made by law to fill said vacancy.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

The Independent.
130 Fulton St.
New York.

Feb. 25, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

THE INDEPENDENT expects to publish in its first issue in May an exhaustive treatise on the question of municipal ownership. We hope to have articles from Australia and New Zealand, England, Scotland, the Continent and the United States, and short testimonies from about thirty cities throughout the world that have made experiments in municipal ownership as to their success in this direction. Can you not give in a very few words a simple statement, which we can print under your name, of what New York has saved by owning its water works and what its success has been. We should need the manuscript by the 26th of April.

We should esteem it a great favor if you could do this. I feel that whatever you might say would add a great deal to this particular number and be read in all parts of the country.

May I ask the favor of an early reply?

Yours very truly,

Hamilton Holt.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:--

The entire people of this city are well pleased with Col. Waring's efforts to clean our streets, and he has received unstinted praise therefor. These plaudits seem to have swelled his head, and he now threatens to boycott the entire West Side simply because he has a quarrel with West End Association on the propriety of a dump law affecting the parks. If the Colonel thinks he can pick out and punish with impunity the West Side by not removing their ashes, he has very much underestimated their fighting qualities, and we will show the gentleman and those who support his party at the polls that he is not the only ink stain on the pad. If you don't look out, he will soon be "a bigger man than Old Grant."

Yours very truly,

John Doe

P. S. Suppose the water boss should quarrel with some East Side Association, how would it look to shut off the water on the East Side till they had bowed down before him, and what is the difference between these propositions?