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William Plimley
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, Aug 10th 1895

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

My dear Sir:

I called at your office today to ask your permission to be absent on vacation of two weeks, and in your absence I communicated that fact to Mr. Burrows, your private secretary, with the request he inform you on your return to the office. My departure has been hastened by the fact of an accident to my daughter, and I feel that I should be with her as early as possible.

Trusting my absence will meet with your approval, I am sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

W. Plimley

Comm. of Jurors.

My address is

Hotel Westminster

Alexandria Bay
N.Y.



William Hinley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, Sept. 14th. 189

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

My Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that during my examination of the affairs of this office, I have remedied many irregularities of a minor character, but have now before me an irregularity of such a magnitude that I deem it incumbent upon me to draw your attention, at once to the same, for such action as you may, in your judgment, deem proper.

The records of this office show, that in the year 1894, there was allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of \$34,100 to pay the salaries of the employees, and for contingent expenses. I find upon examination, that the sum of \$32,345, was expended for salaries, and \$1754.74 only was actually disbursed for contingent expenses, while a positive liability was incurred on contingent expenses of \$2760.26, thereby exceeding the appropriation of 1894 in the sum \$1005.26.

In other words, out of the appropriation of 1895, there was paid to Martin B. Brown on Feb. 28th 1895, the sum of \$374.99 for supplies furnished during the year 1894, and a bill of \$630.53 just received by me, for supplies furnished my predecessors, from March 10th. 1894, to and including August 9th. 1894,--not as yet paid--making a total of \$1005.26, clearly chargeable to. the appro-

priation of 1894, and for which provision should be made.

By a hasty examination of the books previous to 1894, I am inclined to believe that similar irregularities existed as far back as 1891.

Should you so desire, I will, at your pleasure, produce the papers for your inspection.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully, Yours,

W. P. Plimly
Commissioner of Jurors.



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Commissioner.

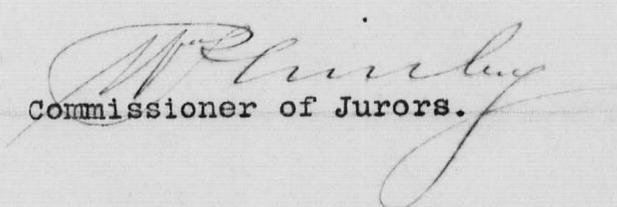
New York, Nov. 19th. 1895. 189

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

Dear Sir:-

In pursuance to Section 1638 and 1639 of the Consolidation Act, as amended by Chapter 484 of the laws of 1895, the board for the selection of Grand Jurors will meet at this office on Monday, November 25th., 1895--being the last Monday in November--at noon, (12 o'clock.)

Very Respectfully,


Commissioner of Jurors.



William Hinckley,
Commissioner.

Office of
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Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, Dec. 20th. 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter dated Dec. 3rd. 1895, signed by Job E. Hedges, Secretary to your Honor, directing me to send you a comprehensive, though brief statement, of the condition of this department on the first of January 1896, and what has been accomplished during the current year; and any pertinent suggestions I may have for the work to be done during the coming year.

In reply, I beg to say, that upon assuming control of this office on March 1st. 1895, I found it in a condition not altogether sanitary, and immediately began its renovation, and to-day it is in good order. The business methods heretofore in operation, have been changed materially, and I think for the best interests of the City.

Irregularities of a greater or less extent prevailed; one in particular, ~~to~~ which your attention was called at the time, to wit: exceeding the yearly appropriation.

I was informed that it had been the practice for years to allow the eleven District Court Judges of this City to select their own Jurors from the list of Petit Jurors recorded in this office, and this, in direct violation of section 1684, Consolidation Act. I remedied

this evil by simply complying with the law, (which was mandatory) in selecting the Jurors myself.

I herewith submit a brief statement showing the work performed in 1895 in comparison with that of 1894--

Number of names added during 1894 to the lists of those liable to serve as Jurors	-----	6,139
Number of names added during 1895 (to Dec. 15.)	-----	7,694
Number of Enrollment Notices serve in 1894	-----	48,549
Number of Enrollment Notices sent out (to Dec,15,1895.)	-----	82,964

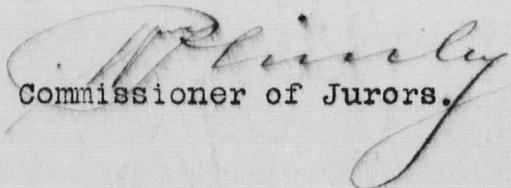
During the past nine months complaints have been made by many Jurors now on the list, that they have been called for Jury duty every year, often at a time when it seriously interfered with their legitimate business. This matter has been discussed in the public press and by eminent lawyers, looking to a relief of that class of our citizens. Realizing the courts must not be impeded in any way for want of Jurors, it is also manifest that citizens now serving as Jurors should have some consideration; and to that end, I am using every possible means to secure a sufficient number of good men to swell the lists to 40,000 or 50,000 Jurors, by which means we may possibly call upon Jurors once in two years, instead of every year.

The Bar association has appointed a committee to devise ways and means to improve the Jury system, and their subcommittee has been in consultation with me during the past few months, and have partly formulated a plan for the betterment of the system, and if agreed upon, will require legislation to perfect it. In brief, I herewith submit the following suggestions:-

1. Call Jurors to serve once in two years, instead of every year.
2. Notice for Jurors to appear in Court should be served by the Commissioner of Jurors, and not by the Sheriff's office.
3. A system devised whereby proof can be established of a personal service.
4. The wheel containing the names of Petit Jurors, and the wheel containing the names of Grand Jurors should be placed in a safe, or some enclosure under lock and key, and not opened except in the presence of a Judge, the County Clerk, Sheriff and the Commissioner of Jurors.
5. The payment of Jurors should be made by check through the Commissioner of Jurors, and not in cash by the clerks of the several courts.
6. Drawing of all Jurors should be made at this office if it will not materially interfere with the duties of the Judges.
7. The Jury year as now constituted should be changed so as to conform with the calender year.
8. To secure a perfect Jury system, everything pertaining to that branch of the service should be conducted in the office of the Commissioner of Jurors. At the present time it is scattered throughout other departments .

I have the honor to be, Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant


Commissioner of Jurors.



William Hinley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, Sep 29 1896

Hon. Job E. Hedges.

Secy to His Honor, the Mayor.

My dear Hedges:

I am in receipt of your letter of even date, enclosing one from Mr Edward King, addressed to his Honor, requesting that his name be placed on the Grand Jury list for the coming year. Please present my compliments to Mayor Strong, and say that I will, with pleasure act upon this request, and any others that he may desire.

Very truly yours

W. Hinley

Commissioner of Jurors.



Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

William Plimley,
Commissioner.

New York, Nov 25 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor.

My dear Mr Mayor
Will you kindly furnish
me with the full name
of H. F. Dimmock, also
his occupation, Residence
and place of business. These
are essential, before I can
place him on the Grand
Jury list. With great respect
I am,

Yours faithfully
W Plimley
Comm of Jurors

Ans to Law
Mr C Whitney



Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

William Plimley,
Commissioner.

New York, December 12, 1896.

Hon. Job E. Hedges,

City Hall,

N. Y. City.

My Dear Hedges:-

I take pleasure in informing you of the selection of T. J. Drummond and Daniel L. Kirby as Grand Jurors for the year 1897. Trusting they will reflect credit on their sponsor I am,

Faithfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.

T. J. Drummond

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William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, December 1st 1896

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

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ended Nov. 28th 1896.

Notices for jury duty in court
during December, written and issued.

Supreme Court, Part 1.	200
" " " 2.	100
" " " 3.	100
" " " 4.	100
" " " 5.	100
" " " 6.	100
" " " 7.	100
" " " 8.	100
" " " 9.	100
" " " 10.	100
City Court Part 1.	100
" " " 2.	100
" " " 3.	100
" " " 4.	100
General Sessions " 1.	100
" " " 2.	100
" " " 3.	100
" " " 4.	100
Grand Jury,	50
Orders to show cause served by messengers. (these notices must be delivered personally-seven or eight are considered a days work)	273
Orders to show Cause, received by Corporation Counsel.	31
Notices relating to jury duty issued	523

Notices relating to jury
duty received and answered

913.

During the week my attention was called to two instances where persons have been approached by imposters who attempted, by representing themselves to be jury servers, to extort money for relief from jury duty. In one case a witness subpoena blank improperly filled in and the names thereon incorrectly spelled was used, for instance; "City Court General Term, Part 2." No such court exists and the name of Judge on said notice is given as Ingrihim. There is no Judge of that name in the city, but there is a Judge Ingraham. Except for one well acquainted with the names of the Judges and with legal papers, this instrument appears on its face to be a true one.

The other case is where a man calling himself George Kelly called upon one Walter J. Lee who was informed by Kelly that he was wanted the next day as a juror in court, but Kelly intimated that if Lee should be too busy at the time for a small sum the affair could be arranged without Lee's being compelled to go to court. Lee being an alien did not accept the offer, but he did not inform Kelly that he was not a citizen. When Kelly was leaving he gave Lee a slip of paper endorsed,

OK. Geo. Kelly

W. B. Phimbley

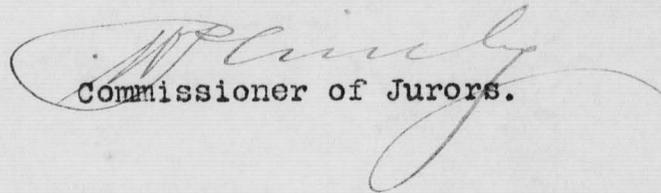
Commissioner of Juries

Elm and Franklin. 9.30.

You will notice that my name is incorrectly spelled and that the location of the Commissioner of Jurors Office is wrong. These cases have been placed in the hands of the District Attorney's Office

for examination, and it is hoped that the wrong doers will be caught and prosecuted.

Respectfully yours,


Commissioner of Jurors.

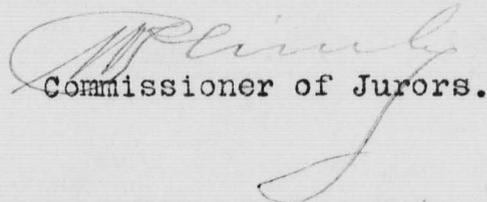
One man investigating and serving
Qualification Notices not previously
answered. No. served.....529.

Jury Notices written and issued..... 400.

One Clerk preparing Grand Jury lists.

Eleven Clerks checking and preparing
lists of names for whom notices are to be
issued.

Very respectfully yours,


Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
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Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, December 19th 1896

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending December 19th 1896.

Two Clerks writing notices from
checked City Directory. No. written.....3,955.

Two Clerks serving qualification
notices..... No. served..... 723.

Two Clerks arranging checking and filing
ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in
Jury panels....

"Orders to show Cause" received from
Corporation Counsel.. No. received..... 366.

Four Clerks serving "Orders to Show Cause"
(these notices must, if possible be served
personally, consequently much of this work must be
done at night). No. served..... 125.

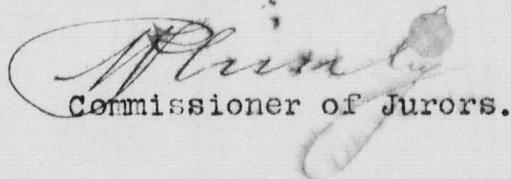
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One man investigating and serving
Qualification Notices, not previously
answered. No. served.....150.

Jury notices written and issued.....2,100.

Eleven Clerks checking and preparing
lists of names for whom notices are to be
issued.

Very respectfully yours,


Commissioner of Jurors.

To-day my attention was called to another case of attempted
bribery by means of a fraudulent Jury notice. I have notified the
District Attorney in the matter, and every means has been taken to
catch the culprit.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office
Commissioner of Jurors,
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ROOM 127.

New York, December 24th 1896

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending December 24th 1896.

7 Clerks writing notices from checked City Directory. No. Written.....3,120

2 Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

1 Clerk checking and filling in Jury panels.

9 Clerks serving "Orders to Show Cause." 3 days (these were part of a lot received last week) No. Served..... 295

2 Clerks investigating and serving qualification notices not previously answered, 2 days. No. Served..... 100

2 Clerks checking and preparing lists of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



*William Plimley,
Commissioner.*

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*Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.*

New York, January 4th 1891.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending December 31st 1890.

Eight Clerks writing notices
from checked City Directory. No. Written.....5210

Two Clerks arranging checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk Checking and filling
in Jury panels.

Three Clerks Checking and pre-
paring lists of name for whom
notices are to be issued.

Five Clerks serving Qualification
notices. No. Served.....1343

One Clerk investigating and
serving notices not previously
answered. No. Served.....95

One Clerk listing names of liable
jurors.

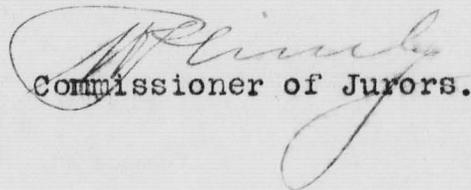
Two Clerks writing up liable register.

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On Wednesday December 30th I was officially informed by the Police Department that William Thompson, one of my Jury Servers, had been arrested at Tremont for accepting a bribe of \$5.00 to relieve one Raymond Krebs a Liquor Dealer from jury duty.

Mr. Thompson is now out on a thousand dollars bail and will be brought up for a hearing on Wednesday of this week.

Respectfully yours,


Commissioner of Jurors.



*William Plimley,
Commissioner.*

*Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.*

New York, January 11th 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending January 9th 1897.

Six Clerks writing notices
from checked City Directory. No. Written.....3610.

Three Clerks arranging checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in
Jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and pre-
paring list of names for whom
notices are to be issued.

Five Clerks serving qualification
notices. No. Served..... 2562.

One Clerk investigating and
serving notices not previously
answered. No. Served.....150.

One Clerk listing names of liable
jurors.

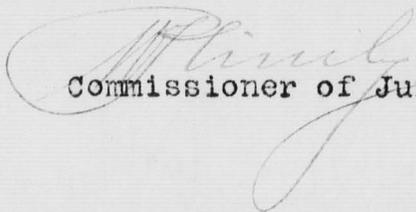
Two Clerks writing up liable register.

Five Hundred jury notices prepared
and served.

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Referring to my report of last week in reference to the arrest of Mr. Thompson, I have to report that upon examination he was placed under bail to appear before the Grand Jury. ^{After} ~~Upon~~ serious consideration of this case I thought it incumbent on me to dispense with the services of Mr. Thompson, and did so to date from January 1st 1897.

Respectfully yours,


Commissioner of Jurors.



William Blimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, January 15th 1894.

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

Dear Sir:-

Prompted by a desire to have you fully informed of the improvements made in this office during your administration, I beg to offer a brief report.

In studying over the Jury systems of the different States of the Union, I am convinced that the system now prevailing in this City and County is one of the most compact and useful extant, and yet in my opinion there is room for improvement.

Probably no year has been more productive of changes in the Jury system than the year 1893. Improvements have been made; Territorial limits have been increased; and an entirely new Jury department has been established for the trial of criminal cases.

IMPROVEMENTS.

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Numerous complaints were received at the beginning of my term of office to the effect that all classes of our citizens having served on Jury duty during the previous year were called upon for the same duty the following year, an injustice from which it was asked if relief could not be had.

The Bar Association of this City appointed a committee to

confer with me looking to such relief, and if possible to modify the system to such an extent at least as to make it homogeneous. A bill was prepared and passed by the Legislature of 1896, providing for "a juror who serves a term in Court, is now relieved of service until the Second Jury year"; when, under the old law, he would in all probability have been called each and every year. This change has, and will lighten, the burdens of the business man.

Chapter 874 of the laws of 1896 was also enacted, requiring the ballots for trial jurors to be returned by the County Clerk to the Commissioner of Jurors on the last day of each month or immediately after the term of court for which they have been drawn. Heretofore the ballots were retained by the County Clerk. This radical change is labor saving, and precludes the possibility of making errors.

Another bill was enacted and passed the Legislature of 1896, considered by learned legal minds a step towards the betterment of the service, and bringing everything pertaining to the Jury system under one responsible head. The Commissioner of Jurors has now been charged with the notification of Jurors to attend at Court. This change was made with a view to prove "personal service" on a juror, so that when he appears before the Judge he cannot claim "non-service" and subsequently, the fine imposed on him, be remitted.

In this connection I beg to say that the Commissioner of Jurors prepared a notice with a coupon attached requiring the signature of the Juror drawn, thereon, but a refusal to sign was met in many cases. No law exists, I find, to compel signature and it is therefore the inten-

tion of the Commissioner to prepare a bill to be presented to the present Legislature covering that point. Such a law now exists in the State of Connecticut.

Territorial Extension.

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There was annexed to the City a large part of Westchester County, which is very sparsely inhabited. I believe this territory comprises 28 Square miles, and to deliver notices in this district is not only expensive so far as car fare is concerned, but the difficulty in covering that part of the country in the serving of notices presents loss of time that does not occur in the City proper--hence a very small additional appropriation was asked for this purpose.

Increase of Courts.

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The consolidation of the Superior, the Common Pleas, and the Oyer and Terminer Courts, with the Supreme Court into the present Supreme Court requires more Jurors than heretofore. The Court of General Sessions was increased one part. The necessity of a larger number of Jurors is shown by the fact that in 1894 there were drawn 27,370 Jurors; and in 1896 32,182 being an increase of 4812--a remarkable increase in two years.

Two new Civil Courts were also established in 1896 which is a further demand on the present Jury system.

New Jury Departure.

During May of 1896 a new law went into effect requiring the establishing of a special list of over 4000 names. These Jurors are intended for trial of cases in the criminal branches of our Courts. The names must be taken from the trial Jurors; consequently extra efforts must be made, not only to regain the number lost, but to secure Jurors of the same calibre in all respects so that the general average of the trial list shall not be lowered.

Suggestion.

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A modification of the system by which the collection of fines imposed on delinquent Jurors is collected.

Previous to October 1889 the fines imposed by the Courts upon Jurors for non-attendance was disposed of and the fines collected by the Commissioner of Jurors.

Upon the recommendation of a Senate Investigation Committee the Legislature of 1889 passed a bill taking effect October 1889 transferring the disposition and collection of fines to the Counsel to the Corporation; the hearing of the fines taking place before a Judge of the Court in which the fines were imposed. I understand that at this time the Counsel to the Corporation received an extra appropriation of \$3000 in order to carry out the provisions of this act, and it was hoped that this modification of the Jury system would produce no inconsiderable revenue to the City; but from my knowledge of the result of the seven years of this system it has been a failure, and for many reasons.

First: As a comparison with moneys turned into the City Treasury, the following statement will show the workings of the old and the new law.

<u>OLD LAW.</u>		:	<u>NEW LAW.</u>	
1884	2057.50	:	1889	250.00
1885	699.50	:	1890	3197.10
1886	2550.75	:	1891	3003.01
1887	2470.93	:	1892	935.00
1888	2239.32	:	1893	760.00
<u>1889</u>	<u>1231.30</u>	:	1894	1422.35
1890	330.00	:	1895	1245.38
1891	211.95	:	1896	502.42
1892	100.73	:		
1893	203.00	:		
1894	114.75	:		
1895	50.32	:		
1896	100.00	:		

The amounts in the column "Old Law" since 1890 to date, represent moneys collected for judgements obtained under the old law, consequently, they must not be accredited to the present law.

Under the old law for the years 1884 to 1889 inclusive the Commissioner of Jurors collected \$11,229.85, and for the years 1890 to 1895 inclusive the Corporation Counsel collected \$10,610.84

The number of fines imposed by the Courts from 1884 to 1889 under the old law was 19016; and the amount of money collected was \$11,229.85. or an average of fifty nine cents for each fine. While in the years 1890 to 1895 under the new law there were fines imposed to the number of 24,568 and the amount of money collected was \$10,610.84. or an average of forty three cents for each fine. In other words there was an increase in the number of fines imposed under the new law of 29%; and a decrease in the amount of money collected of 6%. Placing the conditions of the new law on the same basis as the old law, the collections should have reached at least \$14,561.15.

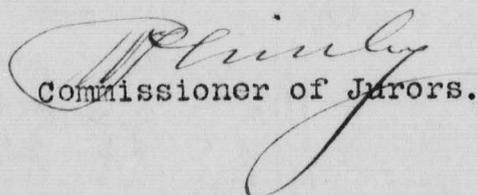
Under the old law the Commissioner of Jurors had almost exclusive control over the fines and could remit at pleasure. This ought not to obtain. The Commissioner with one or more Judges of the Courts should sit at stated times and dispose of these cases; by such a method no reflection could possibly be cast on either the Judges or the Commissioner.

As before stated it is very essential that the jury system should be made homogeneous and to that end the Commissioner of Jurors should furnish the Sheriff's Jurors either in the same manner as they are now furnished to all the other Courts in the County, or selected as are the Grand Jurors.

Numerous improvements in the office proper have been made to secure promptness in the transaction of business and to add to the comfort of the employees. Trusting this may meet with your approval
I am Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your Obt' Servant,


Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Chief
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, January 18th 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending January 16th 1897.

Three Clerks writing notices from checked City Directory. No. Written.....1866

Four Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in Jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and preparing lists of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Six Clerks serving qualification notices. No. Served.....2562

One Clerk investigating and serving notices not previously answered. No. Served.....140.

One Clerk listing names of liable Jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

Three thousand three hundred and ten Jury notices prepared and served.

Respectfully yours,

Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, January 25th *1897*

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending January 23d 1897.

Two Clerks writing notices from checked City Directory. No. Written.....1432.

Four Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in Jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Six Clerks serving qualification notices. No. Served.....2532.

One Clerk investigating and serving notices not previously answered. No. Served.....160.

One Clerk listing names of liable Jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk Copying list of Grand Jurors.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, February 1st, 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending January 30th 1897.

Five Clerks writing notices from checked City Directory. No. Written....., 3402.

Four Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

One Clerk checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Six Clerks serving qualification notices. No. Served.....2302.

One Clerk investigating and serving notices not previously answered. No. Served. 155.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Blimley
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, February 8th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending February 6th 1897.

Four Clerks writing notices from checked City Directory. No. Written.....2803.

Four Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and preparing list of names for who notices are to be issued.

One Clerk investigating and serving notices not previously answered. No. Served 160.

Six Clerks serving qualification notices. No Served....3026.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

1610 Jury Notices prepared for service, of which there were served. 450.

Respectfully yours,

W. Blimley
Commissioner of Jurors.

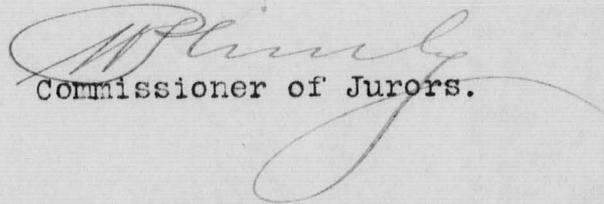
2.

Seven Clerks serving Orders to Show Cause, 682
received from Corporation Counsel. (These no-
tices must if possible be served personally,
consequently much of the work has to be done
at night.)

No. disposed of

270.

Respectfully yours,


Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, February 23d 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending February 20th 1897.

One clerk writing notices from checked City Directory. (3 days) No. Written 550.

Two clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Three clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

One clerk investigating and serving notices not previously answered (two days) No. Served 25.

Five clerks serving qualification notices. (two days) No. Served. 771.

One clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two clerks writing up liable register.

One clerk writing up exempt register.

1600 jury notices prepared and served. No Served 1600.

Six clerks serving orders to show cause (these notices must if possible be served personally.) No. Served. 412.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, March 1st 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending February 27th 1897.

One Clerk writing notices from checked City Directory. (one day) No. written 200.

Three Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Six Clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

One Clerk investigating and serving notices not previously answered. No. served..... 25.

Five Clerks serving qualification notices. No. served. 1911.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, March 8th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending March 6th, 1897.

One Clerk writing notices from
checked City Directory.

Three Clerks arranging checking and
filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in
jury panels.

Six Clerks checking and preparing list
of names for whom notices are to be issued.

One Clerk investigating and serving
notices not previously answered..(4 days.) No.served.. 40

Six Clerks serving qualification
notices..... (4 days.) No.served...1695

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

Four Clerks serving "orders to show cause"
(Fine Notices) No. received 228. No.served 37

Respectfully yours,

Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, March 15th *1897.*

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

Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 49 Chapter 410 of the laws of 1882 as amended by Chapter 62 of the laws of 1887, I present herewith a report of the transactions of the office of Commissioner of Jurors for the first quarter of the jury year beginning October 1st 1896, viz: from October 1st to December 31st 1896 inclusive. I am sir,

Very respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, March 15th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 49 Chapter 410 of the laws of 1882 as amended by Chapter 62 of the laws of 1887, I present herewith a report of the transactions of the office of Commissioner of Jurors for the fourth quarter of the jury year beginning October 1st 1896, viz: from July 1st to September 30th 1896. inclusive. I am sir,

Very respectfully yours,

Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley
Commissioner

Wm Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York March 22nd 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending March 20th 1897.

One Clerk writing notices from
checked City Directory.

Three Clerks arranging checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in
jury panels.

Six Clerks checking and preparing
list of names for whom notices are to
be issued.

Six Clerks serving qualification
notices.....No. Served 2142.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

One hundred jurors drawn and served.

Four Clerks serving "orders to show cause"
(Fine notices, two days, completion of
lot).

Respectfully yours,

Wm Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, March 29th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending March 27th 1897.

Three Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Seven Clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Seven Clerks serving qualification notices.....No. Served.....3,519.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

Twenty-one hundred Jurors drawn and served.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office,
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, April 5th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending April 3d 1897.

Three Clerks arranging checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury labels.

Seven Clerks checking and preparing
list of names for whom notices are to
be issued.

Six Clerks serving qualification notices. No. Served. 2933.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

Three hundred jurors drawn and served.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York April 12th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending April 10th, 1897.

Three Clerks arranging checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk, checking and filling in
jury panels.

Seven Clerks checking and preparing
list of names for whom notices are to
be issued.

Seven Clerks serving qualification notices,
Three days, No. Served. 2714.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

1100 Jurors drawn, and the notices are
being prepared for service.

Five Clerks serving "Orders to Show cause"
(Fine Notices.) Two days, No. Served 383.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



*William Plimley,
Commissioner.*

*Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.*

New York, April 19th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending April 17th 1897.

Three Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Seven Clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Two Clerks serving qualification notices, No. Served 959.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

850 Jurors drawn and served.

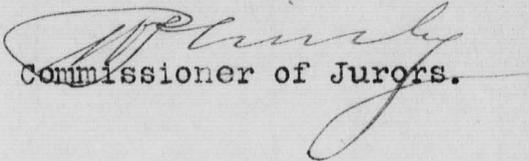
Five Clerks serving "Orders to Show Cause" (Fine Notices) these are part of lot received during the previous week.

On Wednesday last George W. Gibson who has been for at least two years obtaining money from business men by means of false jury notices, was arrested and on Thursday a number of his victims appeared against him at Essex Market Court and he pleaded guilty and was reman-

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ded to the Special Sessions. This is an important arrest and it is hoped that this man's apprehension will put a stop to blackmailing schemes of this kind against the citizens of this city.

Respectfully yours,


Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, April 24th 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending April 24th, 1897.

Three Clerks arranging checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in
jury panels.

Six Clerks checking and preparing
list of names for whom notices are to
be issued.

Four Clerks serving qualification notices. No. Served 1418.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

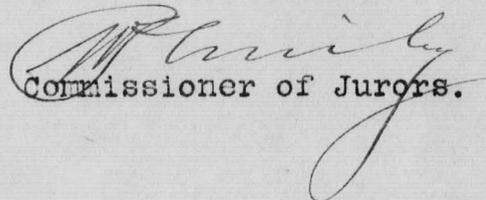
One Clerk writing up exempt register.

1700 Jurors drawn and are being served.

Five Clerks serving "Orders to Show Cause"
(Fine Notices) additional lot of 251 received
on the 21st, and 22nd.

On Tuesday George W. Gibson, the man who was arrested last week for obtaining money from business men by means of false jury notices; was found guilty by the Court of Special Sessions and was sentenced to one year imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$400.00. The extreme penalty that could be given would be one year and \$500.00 fine.

Respectfully yours,


Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, May 3rd 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending May 1st, 1897.

Three Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Six Clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Five Clerks serving qualification notices, No. Served. 1404.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

Two Clerks serving "Orders to Show Cause" (Fine Notices) these are part of lot received last week.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, May 8th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending May 8th, 1897.

Three Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Six Clerks serving qualification notices. No. served. 2410.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

Two Clerks serving "Orders to Show Cause" (Fine Notices) Part of lot received the previous week and an extra quantity of 290 received on the 5th.

700 Jurors drawn and are being prepared and served.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Hinley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, May 17th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending May 15th, 1897.

Three Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Four Clerks serving qualification notices, No. Served 1128

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

Four Clerks serving "Orders to Show Cause" (Fine Notices) Completion of lot received on the 5th.

820 Jurors drawn and served.

Respectfully yours,

W. Hinley
Commissioner of Jurors.



*William Blimley,
Commissioner.*

Office
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, May 22nd 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending May 22nd 1897.

Three Clerks arranging checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Five Clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Seven Clerks serving qualification notices, No. served 1718.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

1050 Jurors drawn and served.

Respectfully yours,

W. Blimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



*William Plimley,
Commissioner.*

*Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.*

New York, June 1st 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending May 29th, 1897.

Three Clerks arranging, checking and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Four Clerks checking and preparing list of names for whom notices are to be issued.

Eight Clerks serving qualification notices, No. served, 1948.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

1100 Jurors drawn and served.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, June 7th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending June 5th 1897.

Three Clerks arranging, checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in
jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and preparing list of
names for whom notices are to be issued.

Seven Clerks serving qualification notices, No. served, 1712.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

Three Clerks serving "Orders to Show Cause,
(Fine notices) No. received..... 297.

Respectfully yours,

Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, June 14th 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending June 12th 1897.

Three Clerks arranging, checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in
jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and preparing list of
names for whom notices are to be issued.

Four Clerks serving qualification notices, No. served, 1742.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

Two Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

Six Clerks serving "Orders to Show Cause"
(Fine notices) additional number received,

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500 Jurors drawn and served.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Hinley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, June 21st 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending June 19th 1897.

Three Clerks arranging, checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in
jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and preparing list of names
for whom notices are to be issued.

Eight Clerks serving qualification notices. No. served, 2304.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

One Clerk writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

1010 Jurors drawn and served.

Respectfully yours,

W. Hinley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

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New York, June 28th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending June 26th, 1897.

One Clerk arranging, checking
and filing ballots and notices.

One Clerk checking and filling in jury panels.

Three Clerks checking and preparing list of
names for whom notices are to be issued.

Eight Clerks serving qualification notices. No. Served, 3231.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

One Clerk writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

350 Jurors drawn and served.

42 "Orders to Show Cause", (Fine Notices)
received and served on the 22nd inst.

Respectfully yours,

Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, July 6th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office
for the week ending July 3rd, 1897.

One Clerk arranging, checking
and filing ballots and notices.

Two Clerks checking and filling in jury panels.

Nine Clerks, checking and preparing names
for whom notices are to be issued.

Four Clerks serving qualification notices, No. Served, 441.

One Clerk listing names of liable jurors.

One Clerk writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

150 Jurors drawn and served.
One Man investigating notices.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, July 21st 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending July 17th, 1897.

Three Clerks on vacation.

Three Clerks writing up liable register.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

The balance of the Clerks are engaged in certifying to the residences of the liable jurors, and preparing the new jury lists for the jury year which commences on October 1st, 1897, by comparing the addresses in the new directory with those now on our list.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.



William Plimley
Commissioner

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York August 2nd 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of this office for the week ending July 31st, 1897.

Three Clerks writing up liable register.

Two Clerks investigating notices returned as "not found" by the U. S. Mail.

One Clerk writing up exempt register.

Four Clerks writing notices to persons whose names do not appear in the directory of 1897.

The remainder of the Clerks is engaged in preparing the new jury list for the jury year commencing October 1st, 1897.

Respectfully yours,

W. Plimley
Commissioner of Jurors.

The Commissioner of Jurors, acting as Clerk of the Board, presented a memorial signed by Mr. Michael Kelly, as secretary of a body styled "District Assembly 49" suggesting the addition to the lists of seventeen persons named in the memorial.

The Commissioner in the same connection reported to the Board that but one of these persons, is eligible; that the other sixteen are not upon the trial jury lists and are consequently disqualified.

Justice Barrett thereupon moved the following resolutions:-

RESOLVED, that in the selection of grand jurors this Board should not act upon the motion of any corporate or organized body; should not select representatives of any special vocation, business, trade or interest as such; should select, as required by the Statute, solely upon the basis of intelligence and good character as represented in the trial jury lists; and is not authorized by law to apportion its selections geographically, that is, to particular wards, districts or other special localities within the County.

Justice parrett moved that the Commissioner of Jurors as the Clerk of this Board transmit to Mr. Michael Kelly as secretary of the memorialists a copy of the above resolution. And that he also, at the same time, inform the memorialists that their memorial has received respectful consideration and that the Board, while believing that the accompanying resolution properly expresses its legal duty in the premises, would be glad, at ^{a suitable} any time before the lists are signed, to receive, consider and act upon the suggestions of individual citizens with regard to the selection of qualified persons of whatever occupation as grand jurors.