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**Petitions-William Street  
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Edwin Flower, Inc.,  
Electrotypers.

216-218 William Street.

New York, Nov. 19, 1912. 191

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor, Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Our place of business is on William St. immediately north of the Brooklyn Bridge. We have heretofore had free access for our teams through the bridge archway over William St. This has been practically the only way we could get in as the street is so narrow it is frequently blocked by large drays delivering paper, etc., to the business houses further up the street.

This morning workmen connected with some branch of the City government have closed up the roadway through the Arch, practically closing the means of access for our teams to our place of business. We had been told, on what seemed to <sup>be</sup> good authority, that before the Archway was closed a street would be opened through the old condemned buildings adjacent to the north side of the bridge, giving an outlet to Park Row.

We now write to beg of you that the Archway may be reopened and restored to use until this other means of access is provided.

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Yours respectfully,

Edwin Flower, Inc.  
Edwin Flower Pres.

November 20, 1912.

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

We, the undersigned tenants of the premises Nos. 214, 216 & 218 William Street, Borough of Manhattan and City of New York, do hereby notify you that the contractors who are engaged in constructing a bridge improvement through William Street under the Brooklyn Bridge, have arbitrarily closed that street by a fence about 30 ft. wide and 10 ft. high thereby preventing all traffic of every kind from going through William Street from the south and have made a blind alley in front of the aforesaid premises.

These contractors could at a comparatively small expense provide a suitable and proper means of access for the passage of both pedestrians and vehicles.

There is no reason, therefore, why they should be permitted to close this street.

The closing of this street has resulted in very material and serious injury and damage to the businesses of the various tenants in the aforesaid premises.

We, the undersigned tenants, intend to hold the City of New York for the damages we have sustained and will continue to sustain to our very serious injury and hardship unless you use your office and compel the contractors to provide this passageway.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the Corporation Counsel of the City, to the Bridge Commissioner and to the Comptroller.

We trust that you will cause the public nuisance which these contractors have created to be ~~combated~~. abated.

Relying upon your high sense of justice and fair play to all of the citizens of the City, we appeal to you personally and protest against the wholly unnecessary actions of these contractors in injuring our property and businesses by blocking up a public thoroughfare without rhyme or reason.

Respectfully yours,

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*Edwin Flower, Pres*

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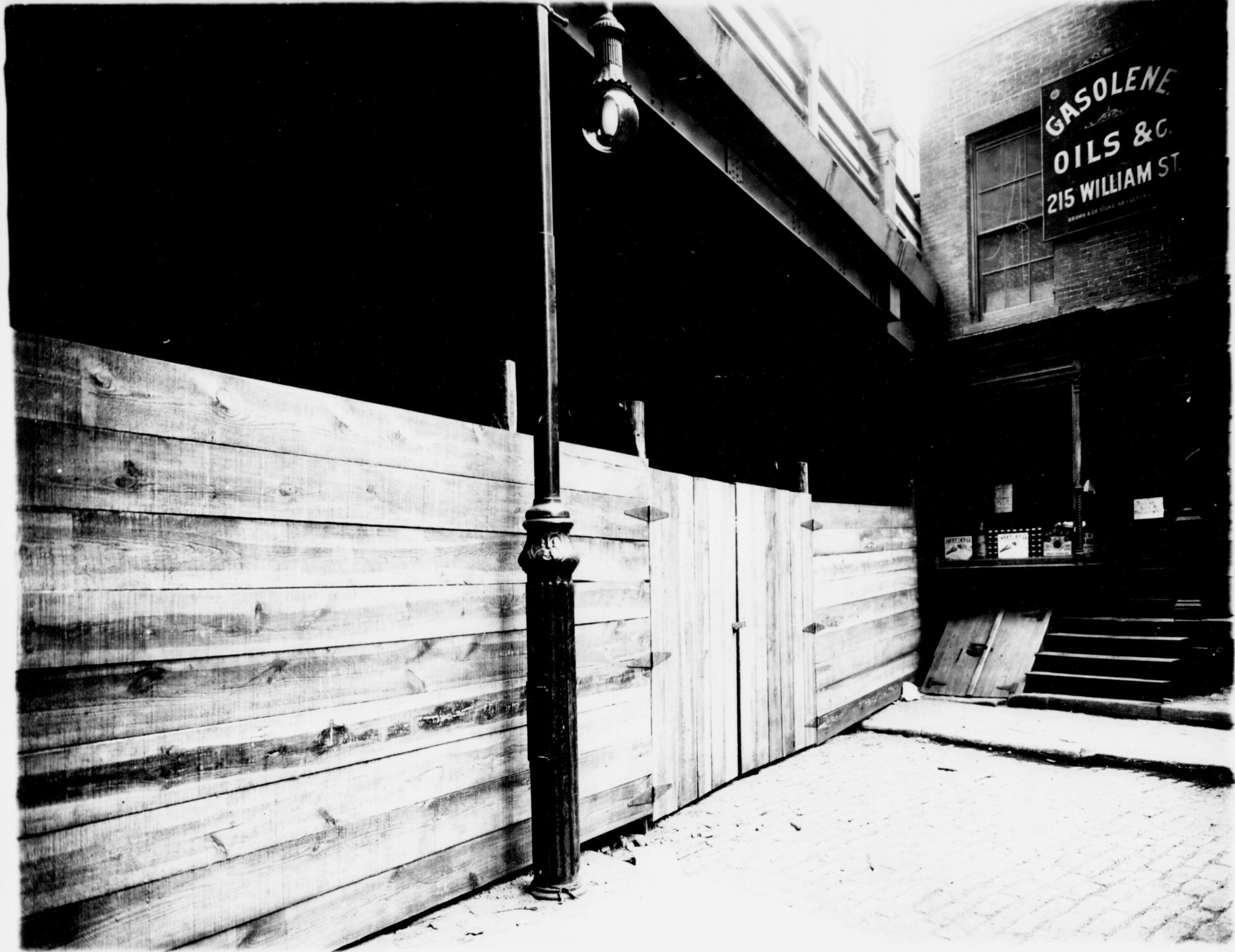
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