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Health, Department of

1913, Sept.-Dec.

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH.D.
COMMISSIONER

September 16, 1913.

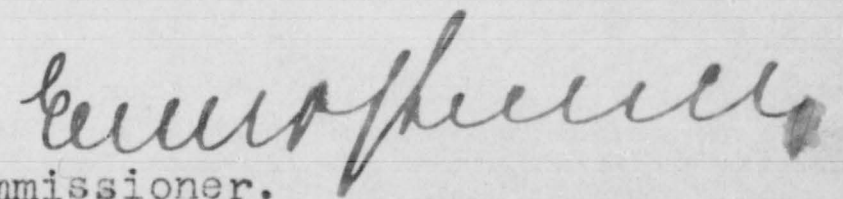
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 15th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a letter of Lillian Fischler, 2640 East 48th Place, Cleveland Ohio, who says she was born in this City and would like to have a transcript of her birth certificate. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,

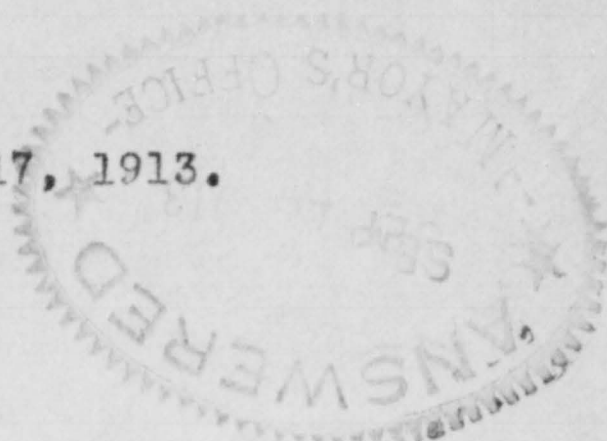

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

September 17, 1913.



To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 15th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a letter from Ethel von Halle, Moresmere, N. J., requesting a copy of the birth record of Arthur von Halle, said to be born in this city July 13th, 1888 or 1892. A transcript of the record of this birth is enclosed herewith. The letter of Ethel von Halle is also enclosed.

Respectfully,

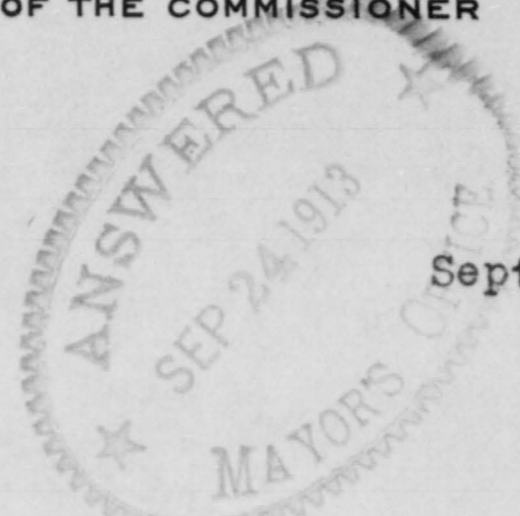
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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

September 18, 1913.



To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

In reply to your letter of September 15th, signed by Robert Adamson, Secretary, I have the honor to return the letter of Mr. Otto P. M. Canis, in regard to his difficulties in having recorded the birth of his son, which occurred six years ago. Mr. Canis does not seem to understand that the law (Section 159 of the Sanitary Code) makes it the duty not only of the physician or midwife to report within ten days all births which they attend but it also imposes this duty on the parents or other persons present at the birth. Mr. Canis, therefore, legally shares the guilt with the midwife against whom he justly complains.

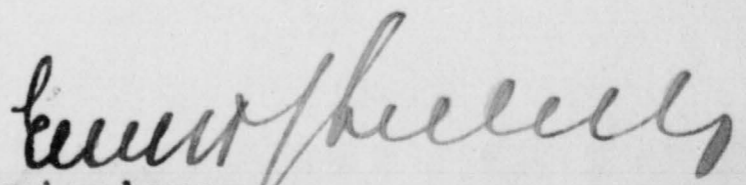
Records of birth may not be filed after one year from the date of birth except in accordance with the special procedure prescribed by Section 1241 of the Charter, a copy of which is attached. The purpose of this section is to give persons who, through negligence or through ignorance, have not seen to it that the births of their children are properly recorded, an opportunity to remedy this wrong. Its provisions and the procedure which it prescribes are necessary in order to prevent aliens

claiming birth in this City and thus gaining citizenship to which they are not entitled.

It is true that the Department of Health holds the physician or midwife primarily responsible for reporting births and, during the present administration, several hundred physicians and midwives have been prosecuted for neglect in this respect, a procedure which was practically unknown during the five years preceding the present administration. When more than two years have elapsed since the date of a birth, the physician or midwife cannot be prosecuted for not reporting the same. The Department of Health would be very glad indeed if this period could be extended.

Although, for this reason, it is therefore not possible to prosecute the midwife in this case, I should be very glad to do anything in my power to assist Mr. Canis to secure the necessary certificate from the midwife in order that he may comply with the procedure called for by Section 1241 of the Charter. I have, therefore, notified her to call at the office of the Bureau of Records in order that a certificate of birth in this case may be obtained to attach to Mr. Canis' application and in the event of her failure to comply with my request, I will issue a subpoena compelling her to come to the Department.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

CITY OF NEW YORK
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COMMISSIONER

September 19, 1913.

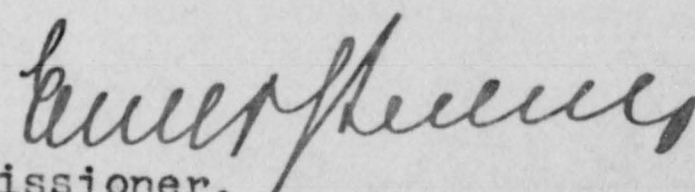
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 18th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a request of Nathan Silverman, 9 Kensington street, Roxbury, Mass. for his birth certificate. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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September 20, 1913.

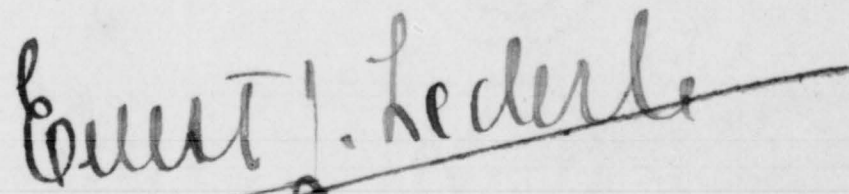
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir: -

The employees of the
Department of Health wish to express
by this offering their appreciation
of the great loss the City has sustained
in the death of Mayor Gaynor and to
extend to his family assurance of their
deepest sympathy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ernst J. Lederle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Commissioner of Health.

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH.D.
COMMISSIONER

CITY OF NEW YORK
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September 23, 1913.

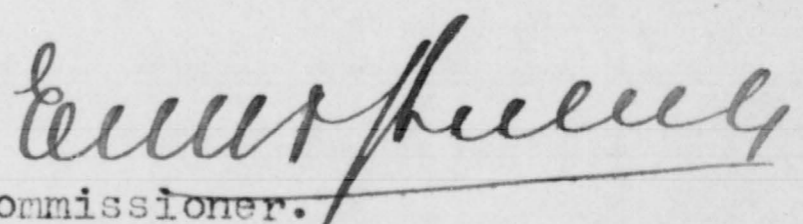
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 18th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting the complaint of Edward Thimme, alleging failure of this Department to take proper steps to prevent or punish violations of the smoke and other health ordinances in Brooklyn. The matter will have immediate attention and further reply.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
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September 24, 1913.

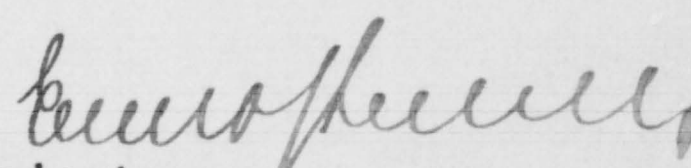
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 23rd, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Herman Gordon, 150 Poplar street, Chelsea, Massachusetts, requesting a certificate of his boy's birth in this city. The matter will have immediate attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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September 26, 1913.

To His Honor

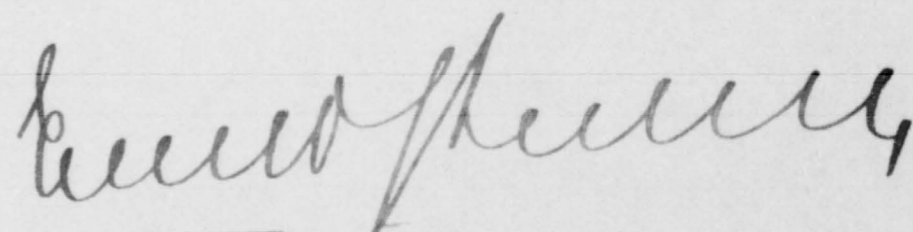
The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 24th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a letter from Miss Esther Ratner, 30 Allendale street, Springfield, Mass. requesting a certificate of her birth in this city in March 1896.

The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
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September 26, 1913.

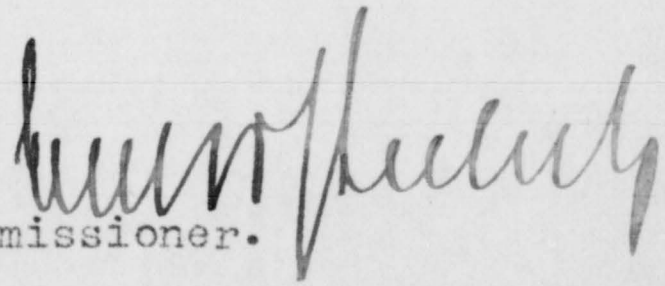
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 25th relative to the budget estimate for 1913. The matter will have immediate attention and you will be further advised.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH.D.
COMMISSIONER

October 1, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

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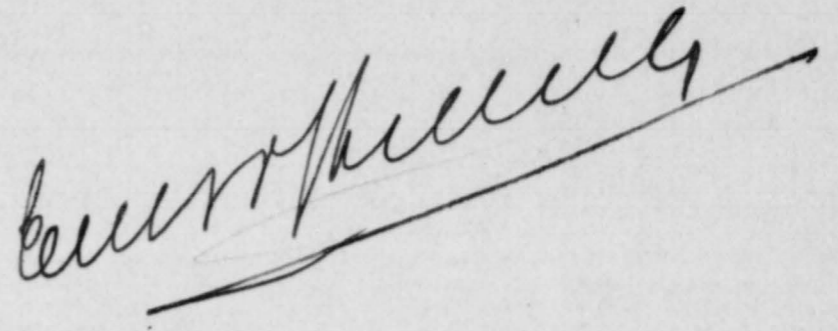
In compliance with the request contained in your letter of September 25th, I enclose herewith a summary showing the increase requested in 1914 over the actual budget for 1913. Of the total of \$306,355.52, you will observe that the sum of \$300,054.52 is to be used in the purchase of supplies and the payment of salaries incident to the opening of new contagious disease pavilions. The remainder is to provide for placing in the Tax Levy the sum of \$4,795 instead of using to that extent funds derived from the sale of laboratory products, and also to provide for the normal increase in the telephone service. The requests do not provide for any increase in the salaries of the present force, nor for any force additional to our present activities, neither do our requests contain any other provision for any new activities.

The estimate of the Department of Health was filed under the law, September 10th, which was some time prior to the receipt of your communication, and has been since that date in the hands of the Comptroller, who is the Chairman of the Budget Committee of the Board of Estimate. I am now co-operating with his office and by careful study of the data we have been able to make further reductions

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so that the amount that will be submitted by the Budget Committee of the Board of Estimate to the main body, will not be as large as appears on this summary.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. C. C.", written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner.

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Hospital		Allowance -1913-	Requested -1914-	Increase	Increased capacity in new bldgs.	Per cent, increase in census	Per cent. increase in Appn.
Willard Parker (New Measles Pavilion)	Salaries	\$135,135.50	209,492.00	74,356.50	Patients 320		
	Supplies	117,035.00	161,700.00	44,665.00	Help 150	62%	47%
Riverside (New Tuberculosis Pav.)	Salaries	113,640.50	156,234.50	42,594.00	Patients 160		
	Supplies	164,350.00	213,680.00	49,330.00	Help 91	40%	33%
Kingston Ave. (New Isolation Pavilion)	Salaries	93,002.50	116,230.50	23,228.00	Patients 100		
	Supplies	98,040.00	121,525.00	23,485.00	Help 45	25%	24%
Tuberculosis Sanatorium (New Shacks)	Salaries	83,848.00	90,048.00	6,200.00	Patients 128		
	Supplies	161,975.00	198,250.00	36,275.00	Help 16	25%	18%
Administration Research Laboratory	Salaries	4,405.50	4,411.50	6.00	Additional Working Day - 2 Men In lieu of drawing on Antitoxin Fund		
	Supplies	37,305.00	42,100.00	4,795.00			
Telephone Service				1,500.00	Increase in Service		
Less Miscellaneous Deductions				306,434.50			
Other Appns. Supplies				78.98			
				306,355.52			
Salaries for Additional Help - Increase - 146,384.50					Requested 1914	3,764,938.02	
Supplies for Additional Patients and Help Increase - 159,971.02					Allowed 1913	3,458,532.50	
306,355.52						306,355.52	

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October 1, 1913.

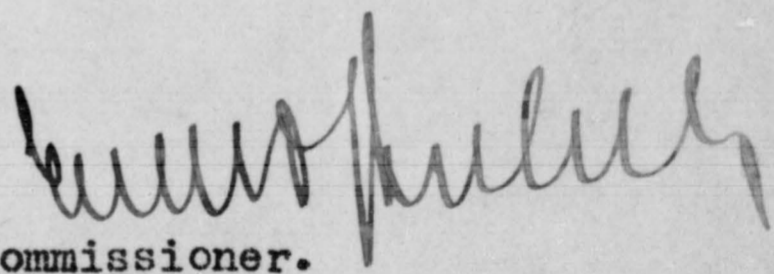
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of September 29th, by James Matthews,
Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from
Miss Frances Susan Metzger, 83 Walnut street,
Needham, Mass. requesting her birth certificate.
The matter will have immediate attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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Complaint of noise,
vicinity of 152
Hinsdale street, Brooklyn.

October 2, 1913.

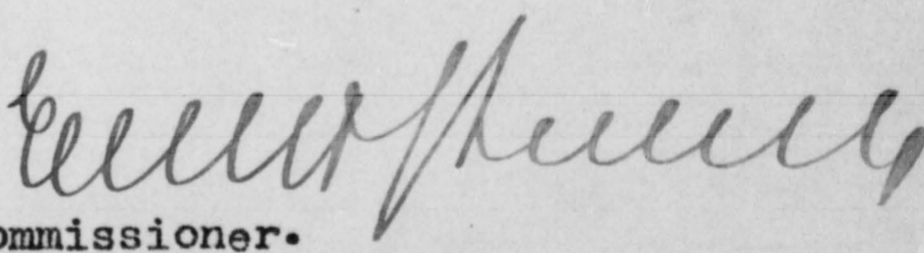
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

In reply to your letter of October 1st,
by Julian Beaty, Secretary, I beg to advise you
that the complaint of James Rhodes of 152 Hins-
dale street, relative to noise from an anvil
will be further investigated at once. Mr. Rhode's
former complaint was investigated on July 29th
and the inspector reported no cause for action.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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Typhoid fever.

October 3, 1913.

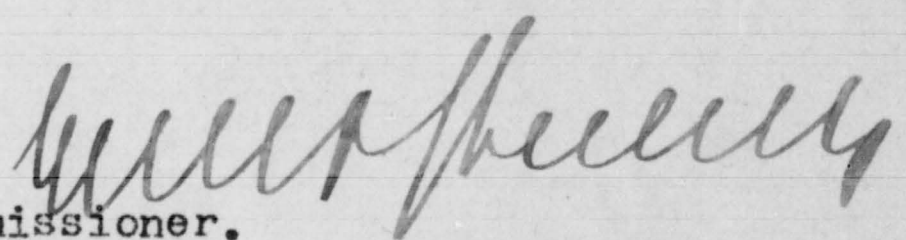
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 1st, transmitting a letter from Harry H. Schlacht, Superintendent of the East Side Protective Association, relative to the health situation on the lower East side. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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Burning of
mattresses,
vicinity of
Washington Bridge.

October 3, 1913.

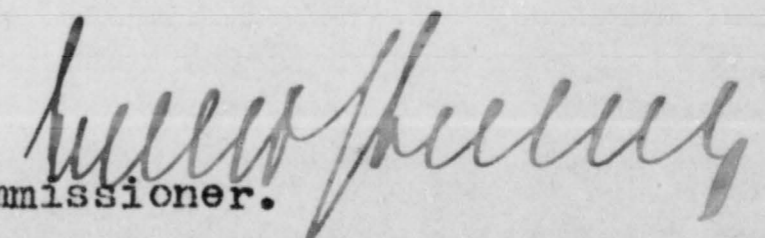
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of October 1st, by Julian Beaty, Secretary,
transmitting a letter from S. D. Kudysch, 506
West 180th street, complaining of an annoyance
in the neighborhood of Washington Bridge due to
the burning of old mattresses, clothing material,
etc. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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Admission of
John Quinn to
Otisville Sanatorium.

October 3, 1913.

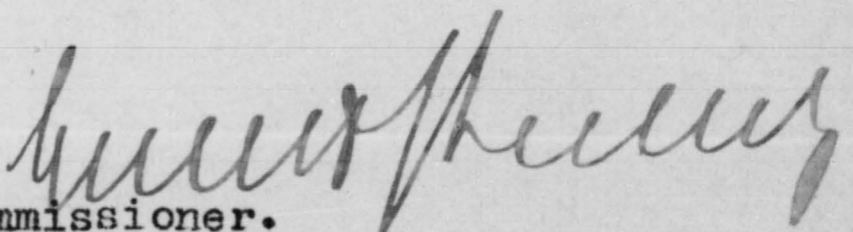
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York,

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of October 2nd, by Julian Beaty,
Secretary, transmitting a letter from
Mr. Fred M. Ahern, requesting that John Quinn
be admitted to the Otisville Sanatorium.
The matter will have attention and you will
be further advised.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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Complaint of noise,
143-145 East 31st street.

October 4, 1913.

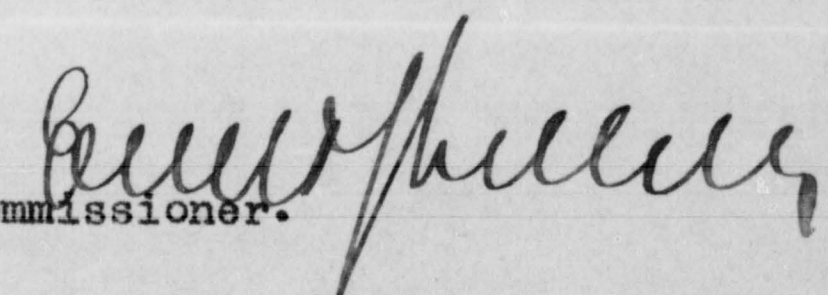
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 3rd, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmitting a letter signed "A Taxpayer" complaining of the noise made by the teamsters employed by the Lenon Hay and Straw Company, 143-145 East 31st street in the early morning and until late at night. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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Tuberculosis.

October 4, 1913.

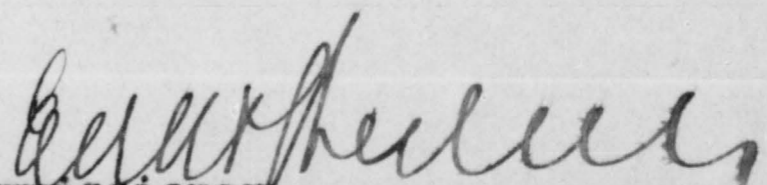
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 3rd, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a circular letter from the municipal authorities of Budapest asking for information as to the method in force in this city for the treatment of those suffering from tuberculosis. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


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October 7, 1913.

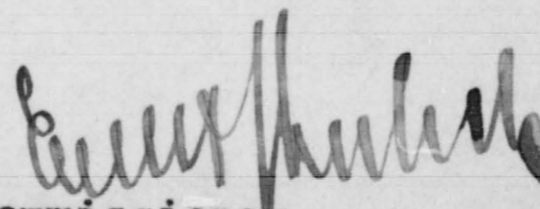
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of October 4th,
I beg to advise you that I have already approved
the request that certain surpluses in the salary
accounts of this Department be transferred for
the use of the Department of Education and have
so informed the Comptroller.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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October 7, 1913.

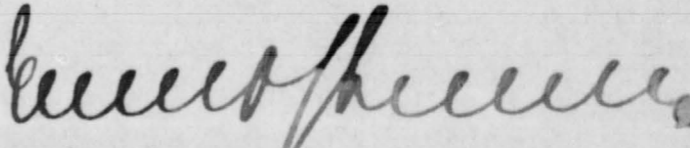
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from A. R. Bastine, 1178 Broadway, complaining of unhealthy conditions in the basement of the premises No. 17 West 24th street, which adjoins property over which Mr. Bastine has charge. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

October 7, 1913.

To His Honor


The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Coult and Smith, Lawyers, Newark, N. J. who are desirous of ascertaining if one Donalda M. Paine was married or died in this City during the period from 1896 to the present date.

The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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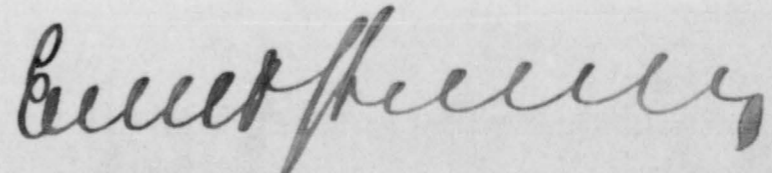
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from John R. Oliver, 1038 West street, Parkville, complaining of dogs kept by some of his neighbors and also that these dogs are kept in a filthy condition which menaces the health of himself and family. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,



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Request for admission
of John Quinn to
Otisville Sanatorium.

October 7, 1913.

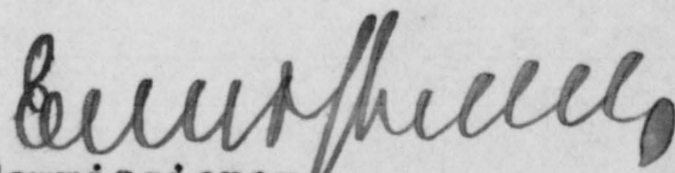
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

In reply to Mr. Beaty's letter of
October 2nd, relative to the above mentioned case,
I beg to advise you that this patient is reported,
after examination, to be an advanced second stage
case with involvement of both apices and upper
lobes, sputum positive, temperature, rapid pulse
and is, therefore, unsuitable for Otisville. He
has been advised to enter a hospital. The
Physician-in-Charge has been instructed to make
an immediate attempt to secure his consent to this
and arrange for hospital care for him.

Respectfully,


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October 9, 1913.

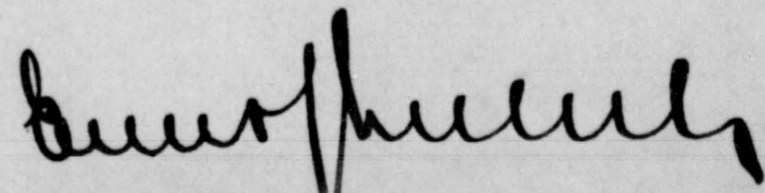
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I would respectfully request your attention to the circumstances which make it necessary for this Department to ask for an exception to the policy of this administration in regard to appointments in the numerical order of civil service eligible lists. The name of Lizzie A. Tierney of No. 352 West 120th street was certified among others to this department by the Municipal Civil Service Commission as being eligible for appointment to the position of nurse. Miss Tierney was first appointed a nurse in this department on May 1st, 1913, for a temporary period of not more than five months; she resigned from this position to become effective August 2nd, 1913; her work during this time was rated as far below average and was not performed in a proper or satisfactory manner. She seemed entirely unable to grasp the nature of her duties, and for this reason it is not deemed advisable to reappoint Miss Tierney to the position for which she has proven distinctly unsatisfactory.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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October 10, 1913.

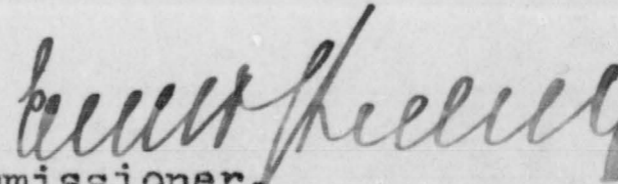
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 9th, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmitting a letter from Samuel Bernstein, 458 West 143rd street, owner of property at 251 West 39th street, complaining that his tenants at the latter address are unable to sleep at night owing to the noise of machinery in the works of an adjoining printing concern. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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October 11, 1913.

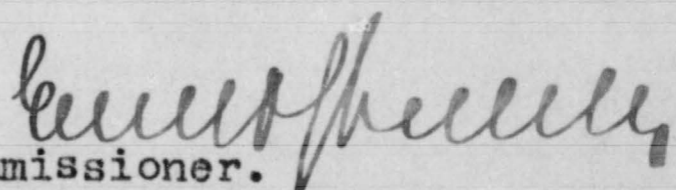
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 10th, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmitting a letter of E. Cingolani, requesting the birth certificate of Carlotta Cingolani, born January 17th, 1908 at 444 Third avenue. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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Smoke nuisance,
1121 Amsterdam avenue.

October 11, 1913.

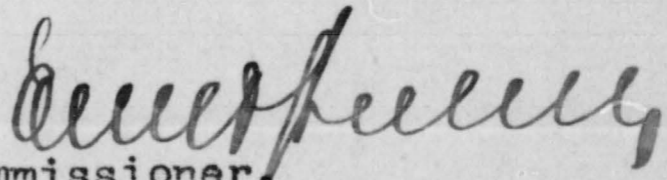
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 8th, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, relative to the complaint of Mrs. Louis Bowsky of 438 West 116th street in regard to smoke nuisance at 1121 Amsterdam avenue. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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October 14, 1913.

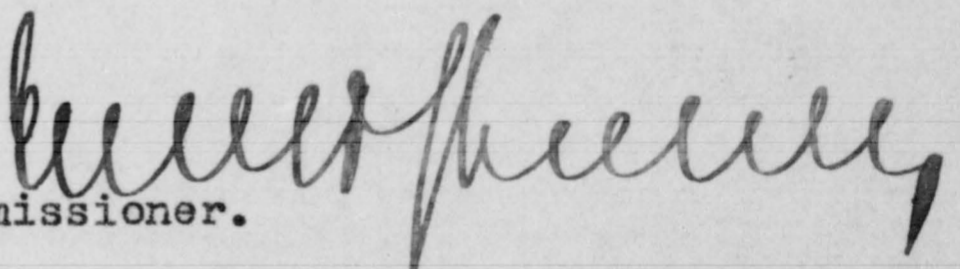
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of October 11th, by James Matthews,
Executive Secretary, transmitting a request
from Mrs. Adolph Goldschmidt, 111 Beacon street,
Worcester, Mass., for several birth certificates.
The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
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COMMISSIONER

Complaint of smoke
nuisance, vicinity
of Washington Bridge.

October 15, 1913.

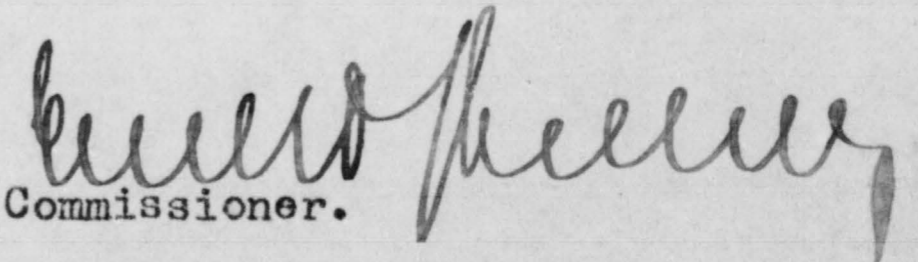
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 14th, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmitting a letter from S. D. Kudysch, 504 West 180th street, relative to an alleged nuisance at Washington Bridge caused by fumes and smoke from fires of rubbish at that point. The matter will have prompt attention.

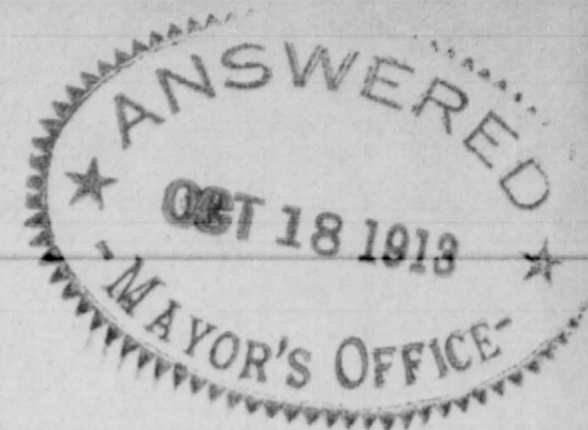
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October-15th-1913

To His Honor,

The Mayor of the City of New York.

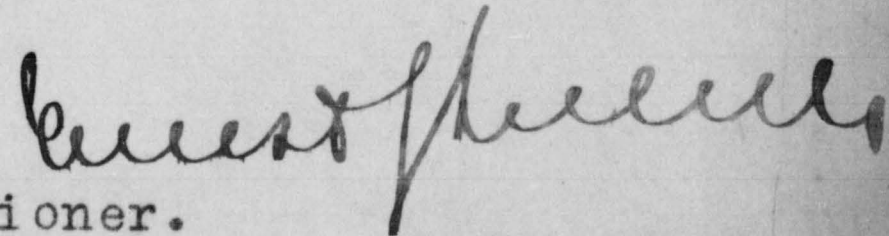
S i r :

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September-26th-1913, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, enclosing letter of G. E. Pellnitz, Jr., of the Cypress Hills Board of Trade, and to advise you that numerous inspections have been made.

On September-29th, there was but very light vapor arising from sewer in manholes. Said vapor was lost in the air when four feet above the manholes. There were no offensive odors. On re-inspection, September-30th, conditions were the same as on former inspection.

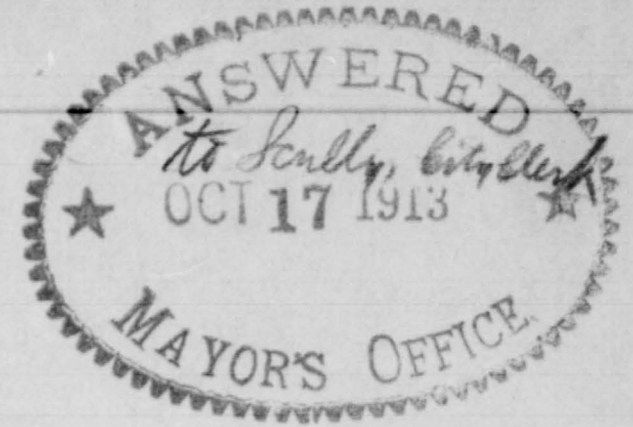
As regards that portion of the complaint which states, "with heavy rainstorms the cellars on Grant Avenue, north of Fulton Street, get flooded," the premises were kept under observation and a re-inspection of the cellars at Nos. 94-97-218-220 Grand Avenue, was made on October-1st, after a very heavy rainstorm, which showed the cellars to be perfectly dry and sink waste pipes free and unobstructed, proving conclusively that the sewer did not back up during this very heavy rainstorm. The matter is thus returned as no cause for action.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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Indices of
births, deaths
and marriages.

October 16, 1913.

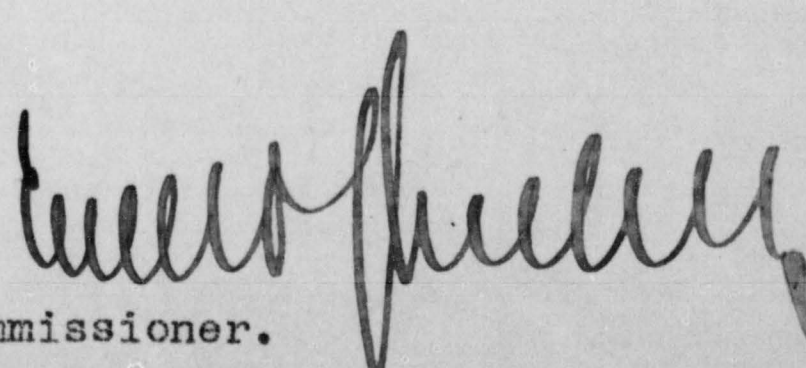
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

In reply to your letter of October 9th, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, I beg to advise you that the volumes of indices of births, marriages and deaths for 1909, 1910 and 1911 have been sent by special messenger to the City Hall Library as requested. These indices for the years 1906, 1907 and 1908 were forwarded to the City Hall Library in March 1910 and it was agreed, in correspondence with the City Clerk at that time, that in the event of the Department of Health ever having need of the books, they be returned upon request. I have the honor to request that the volumes now sent be considered as provided upon the same understanding.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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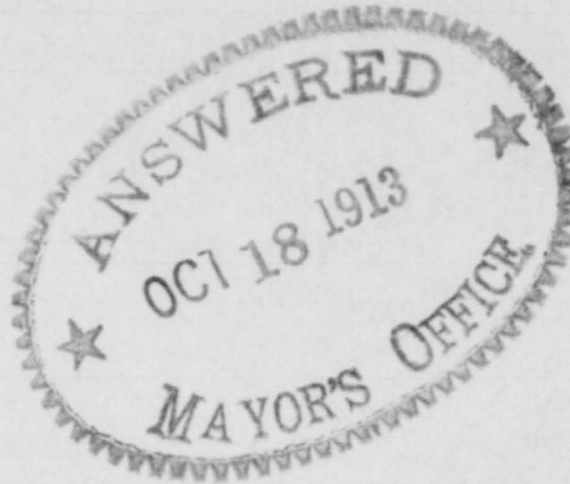
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October 16, 1913.

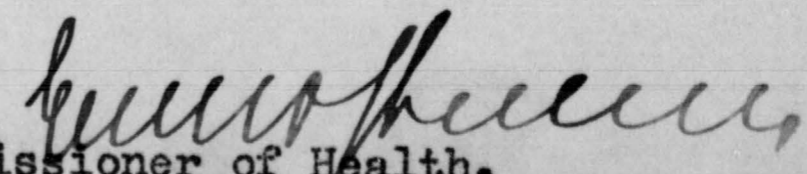
To
His Honor, The Mayor,
City Hall,
New York City.



S i r:-

I would respectfully request your attention to the circumstances which make it necessary for this department to ask for an exception to the policy of this administration in regard to appointments in the numerical order from civil service eligible lists. The name of Rose Greenberg of No. 751 Forest avenue in the Borough of The Bronx, was certified to among others, by the Municipal Civil Service Commission as being eligible for appointment to the position of nurse in this department. Miss Greenberg was first appointed a nurse in the Department of Health for a temporary period, on July 23rd, 1912, and assigned to duty in the Division of Contagious Diseases, Borough of Manhattan; her work during this time was rated as far below the average; her services were dispensed with on September 10th, 1913. She was again certified to this department for permanent appointment and was given an assignment in the Division of Child Hygiene; her services in this branch also proved unsatisfactory and at the end of her probationary period, namely, May 10th, 1913, her services were again dispensed with. For this reason therefore, it is not deemed advisable to reappoint Miss Greenberg to the position for which she has proven distinctly unsatisfactory.

Respectfully,


Commissioner of Health.

10-20-1913

PRESS BULLETIN NO. 181.

For Release in All Papers.

From Ernst J. Lederle, Commissioner of Health, City of N. Y.

-LOWEST WEEKLY DEATH RATE ON RECORD-

Commissioner Lederle announced today that the death rate for the week ending Saturday, October-18th, was 11.20 per 1000 population which is the lowest weekly death rate that has ever been reported in the history of the city, the next lowest being that for the week ending June-28th-1913, when the rate was 11.48.

Last week there were 1153 deaths and a rate of 11.20 as compared with 1243 deaths and a rate of 12.53 for the corresponding week of 1912. In other words there were actually 90 fewer deaths than for the corresponding week of last year and, if the increase in population be taken into consideration, this would be equivalent to a decrease of 137 deaths and 1.33 points in rate.

The following ~~xxx~~ causes showed a decreased mortality; scarlet fever, whooping cough, typhoid fever, diarrhoeal diseases under five years of age, lobar and broncho pneumonia. The causes showing increases were diphtheria and organic diseases of the heart. The mortality from pulmonary tuberculosis and Bright's disease and acute nephritis was about the same as that of last year.

The mortality of infants under 1 year, fell from 273 deaths to 229, a decrease of 44 deaths; that of children under five years of age from 372 to 319, a decrease of 53. Between the ages of five and sixty-five years there were 32 fewer deaths, and over sixty-five years of age there were five fewer deaths.

The death rate for the first forty-two weeks of the year was 13.99 per one thousand of the population as against 12.49 during the corresponding period in 1912, a decrease of .50 of a point.

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October 20, 1913.

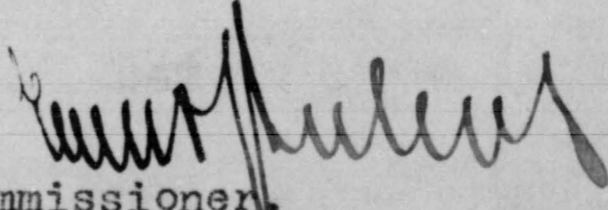
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 18th, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmitting a letter signed "Taxpayer" protesting against the dangerous practice which he alleges has been established by Doctor Billings of sending nurses to visit patients having diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and other contagious diseases and going from one to another. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

Care, treatment and
maintenance of indigent
aliens at Bellevue
Hospital.

October 20, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

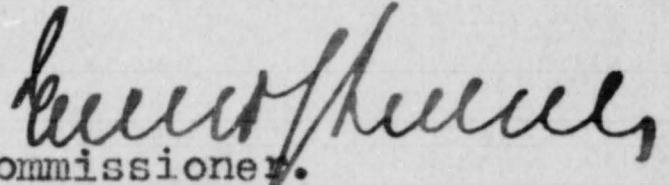
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In further reply to your letters of
September 27th and October 8th, by James Matthews,
Executive Secretary, relative to the report of the
Commissioners of Accounts on the care, treatment
and maintenance of indigent aliens at Bellevue
Hospital, I beg to advise you that said report has
had my best consideration. The Department of
Health keeps the State Board of Charities constant-
ly informed as to the presence of indigent deport-
able aliens in its hospitals. So far this year
we have deported three aliens. As to the collection
of charges against the Federal Government, we have
left that entirely to the State Board. The hospitals
of this Department being contagious disease hospitals
and the patients suffering from acute contagious dis-
eases not being deportable, there is only the tuber-
culosis service from which to deport and this service
in the Department of Health is confined to Riverside
Hospital and the Otisville Sanatorium.

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Referring to the last paragraph of the report,
I am of the opinion that the jurisdiction of the Board
of Health does not extend over Ellis Island further
than to see that a strict quarantine of contagious
diseases is observed and that persons suffering from
such diseases are not allowed to land in this City.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
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ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

October 21, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter
of October 20th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary,
transmitting the following communications:

Benjamin F. Marx, 38 Fort Washington
ave., relative to an accumulation of refuse
in a vacant lot:

Morris Lipschitz, 621 North 8th st.,
St. Louis, Mo., asking for a birth certificate
of his son Silbert Lipschitz, born November
12th six years ago at 453 - 50th street, Brooklyn.

These matters will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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October 21, 1913.

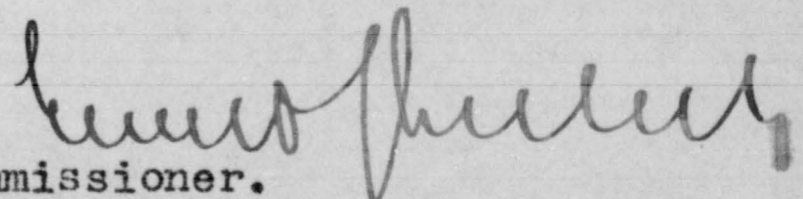
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 20th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Jean Bosch, Strassburg, Alsatia, stating that some six months ago a relative had sent to your office in his behalf the sum of one dollar with request for a birth certificate of Jean Bosch, who is said to have been born in this city on August 4th, 1866 at No. 9 Essex(?) street, and up to the present time he has received no certificate. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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October 23, 1913.

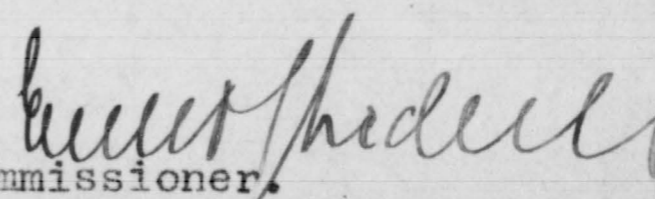
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 22nd, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Frank Ciampa, 22 Fleet street, Boston, Mass. requesting two birth certificates. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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October 23, 1913.

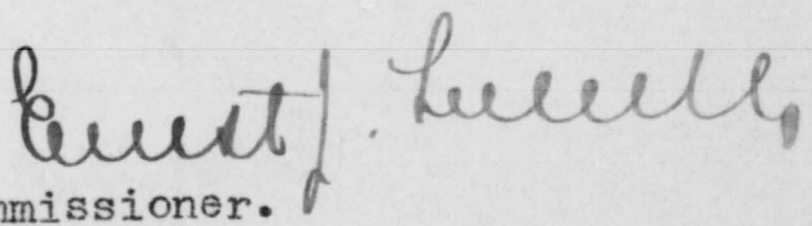
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 18th, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmitting a letter from Mrs. Ida M. Watson, 558 Washington street, Camden, N. J. requesting information as to the marriage of William Downs about ten years ago. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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October 25, 1913.

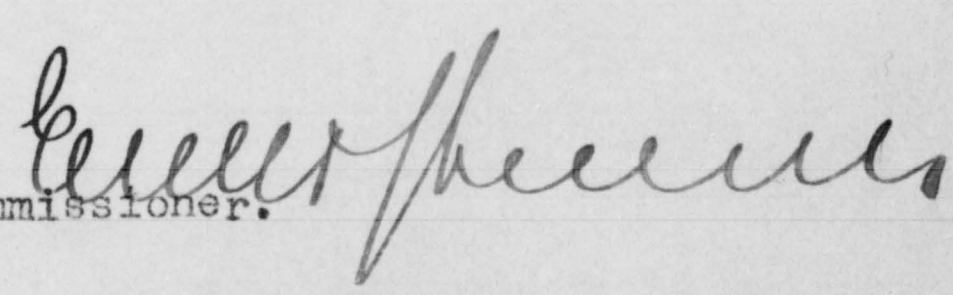
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir :-

In accordance with your directions in Mr. Beaty's letter of October 24th, I have the honor to enclose a transcript of the certificate of death of Duncan White and to return the letter of R. F. Bell, 20 Coenties Slip, New York, requesting this information. The fee prescribed by the rules and regulations of the Department of Health, in accordance with Section 1241 of the Charter, is fifty cents (50¢) for this particular search.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
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October 28, 1913.

Typhoid Fever

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

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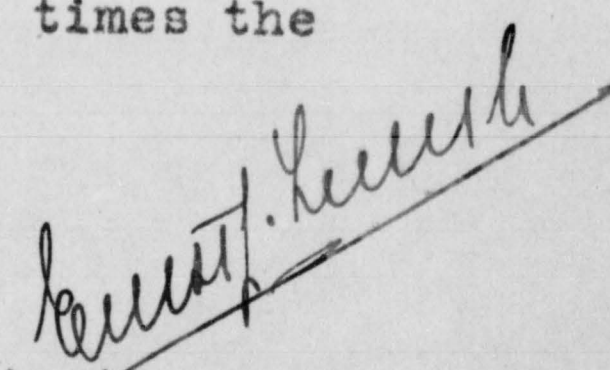
In reply to your letter, enclosing communication received from Harry H. Schlacht, Superintendent of the East Side Protective Association, in regard to typhoid fever on the East Side, I would state that it was not until the second week of September that the number of cases reported from the East Side equaled the average for the corresponding week covering a period of at least five years.

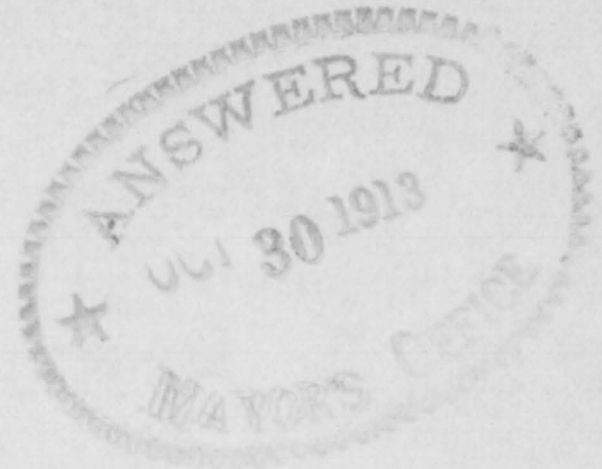
Typhoid fever is not now, nor has it been, epidemic on the East Side. The local outbreak was probably due to infected milk and is now under control. There has not been, nor is there, any epidemic of the disease elsewhere in the city. The usual seasonal increase occurred and was more marked than during former years.

The number of cases of typhoid fever is steadily decreasing, and where statistics may occasionally show an apparent increase, this is due to the fact that a number of the hospitals have delayed sending their reports to the Department of Health promptly.

The department gladly welcomes at all times the cooperation of any organization. }

Respectfully,


Commissioner.



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October 30, 1913.

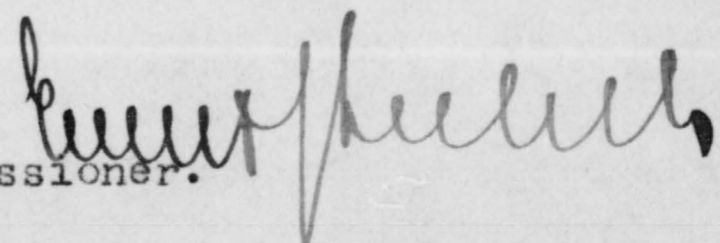
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 28th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Esther Ratner, 30 Allendale street, Springfield, Mass. requesting a copy of her birth certificate and stating that she was born in this City in March 1896. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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Death certificate
of Helen Davidson.

October 30, 1913.

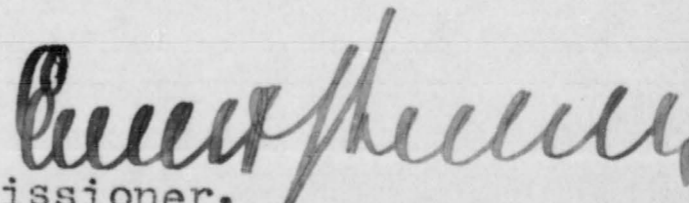
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 29th, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmitting a letter from J. B. Moore, Counselor for the Secretary of State, Washington, with certificate from the Netherlands Legation of the death at The Hague on September 27th of Helen Davidson, widow of Winans, born in and resident of New York City.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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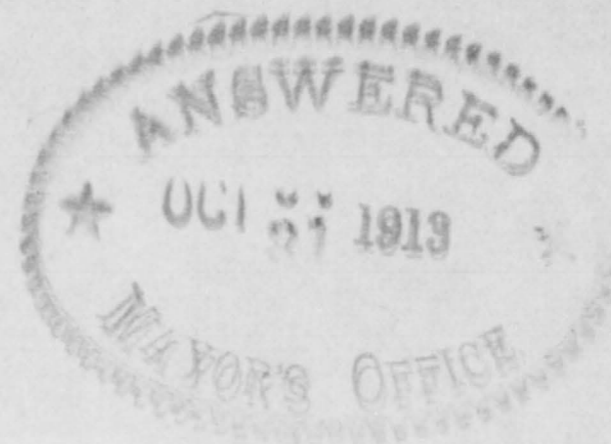
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October 30, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -



I have the honor to request your authority to pass over the name of Walter Buckley, first on the civil service list for appointment as inspector of foods (Milk, country service), in favor of the second candidate on the list.

The reason for this request is the unsatisfactory record of Mr. Buckley in his previous service in this Department. Buckley was appointed a fruit inspector on October 4, 1899 and was removed January 2, 1902, on account of lack of funds. He was subsequently appointed inspector of foods (Milk) on June 6, 1906 and resigned August 31, 1907.

Immediately prior to his resignation an investigation of the accounts and expenditures of the country milk inspectors disclosed serious discrepancies in the charges and accounts of Mr. Buckley, the main points being as follows:

At Apulia, N. Y. Inspector Buckley secured a rate of \$1.00 a day at the hotel, for board and lodging, and during the period of his stay, charged these expenses at the rate of \$1.50 a day, securing vouchers therefor, and placing same upon his expense bills. At Otego and Wellsbridge, N. Y. Inspector Buckley overcharged on livery. At Maywood, N. Y. Inspector Buckley secured a rate of \$1.00 a day for board and lodging, and charged same on his expense bills at the rate of \$1.50 a day. He also

secured livery rates at Maywood, N. Y. of \$1.50 a day, and charged same on his expense bill at the rate of \$2.00 a day. While in Maywood, N. Y., Inspector Buckley did not work on Saturdays, holding over sufficient inspections from preceding days, to account for Saturday's work. Livery bills were charged by him, however, for the Saturdays upon which he did no work.

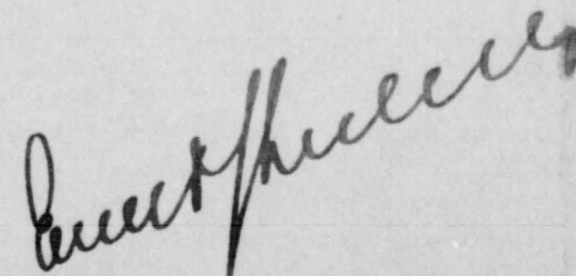
Charges were prepared against Inspector Buckley for making false reports, absences from duty without leave, rendering of false accounts and conduct unbecoming an inspector, but these charges were not presented owing to the acceptance of his proffered resignation.

Mr. Buckley was again certified for appointment on October 16, 1913, from another eligible list established, I believe, subsequent to his resignation in 1907.

I caused Buckley to be sent for and interviewed him and at first he denied knowing anything about the charges above referred to. Finally, however, he admitted that his conduct had been called into question but claimed that he resigned for other reasons.

Under the circumstances and in view of his previous record in the Department I feel that his name should be passed over in filling the present vacancy.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

October 30, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

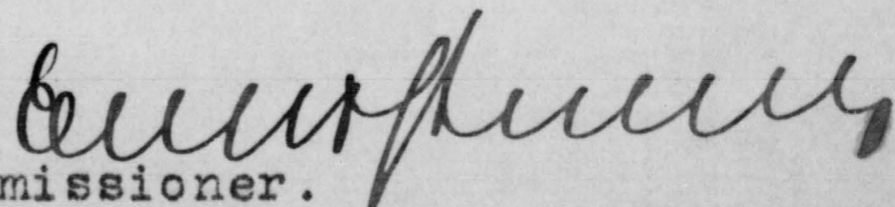
S i r : -

In reply to your letter of October 27th signed by Julian Beaty, Secretary, I have the honor to return the letters from Mr. E. L. Barber, of Shelby, Alabama, in relation to the cancer cure perfected by a Dr. Sims of Birmingham, Alabama.

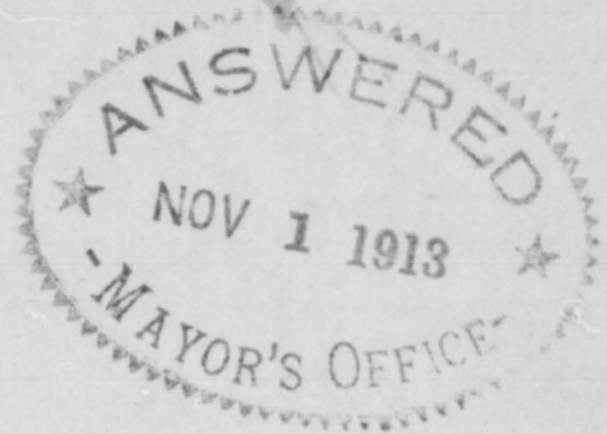
Cancer is not a disease which at the present time comes under the supervision and control of the public health authorities of this city and the Department can take no action in regard to methods of treatment of this disease.

A new society for the control of cancer has recently been formed with its headquarters in this city and it is possible that you may wish to refer the correspondence to Dr. Clement Cleveland of 40 East 41st Street, New York City, who is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the new society.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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October 31, 1913.

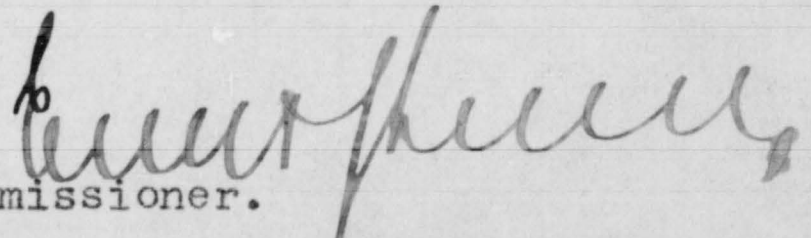
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 30th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Henry A. Williams, 692 East 142nd street, complaining of the depositing of rubbish, etc. in a vacant lot opposite the premises, 348 Powers avenue, Borough of The Bronx. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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November 3, 1913.

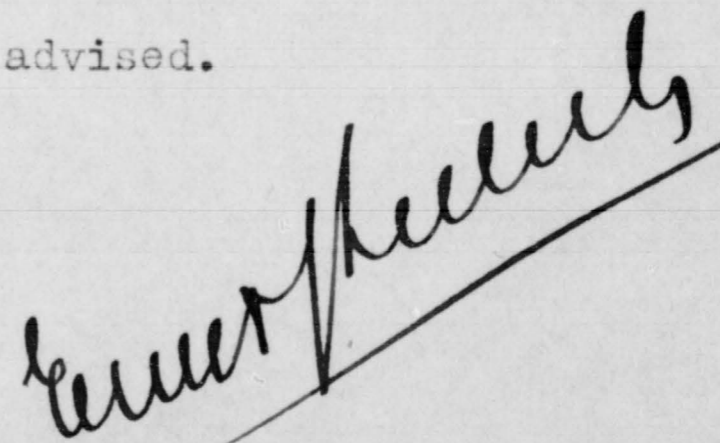
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1st, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmitting a letter signed "A Property Holder" complaining that the employees of the Department of Health in the North Brother Island Riverside Hospital are kept waiting for the payment of their salaries. The matter will have prompt attention and you will be further advised.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, slanted upwards from left to right. The signature appears to read "Ernst J. Lederle" in a cursive script.

Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

November 5, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of October 27th I beg to advise you that the case of Miss Anna Peterson, formerly a nurse in the Kingston Avenue Hospital of this Department, has had a great deal of consideration during the past year and I have for a long time taken a personal interest in this case.

Miss Peterson was examined by a committee of physicians of this Department on December 6, 1911, at which time she had been a nurse in this Department for five years. The diagnosis on this examination was that of bronchial asthma with spasmodic asthmatic attacks. During the two years previous to that examination she had been off duty about two hundred days. The committee gave the opinion that this nurse was permanently incapacitated from performing her duties in the Department of Health. Subsequently Miss Peterson made a request for a pension under the provisions of Chapter 1321 of the Charter and on March 5, 1912 the matter was referred to the Board of Physicians of the Department duly constituted to pass on such applications. Upon a re-examination it was

thought possibly that she might be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and she was accordingly sent to the Otisville Sanatorium of this Department. She was unwilling to remain at Otisville and on her return further medical examination indicated that she was not suffering from tuberculosis. She applied for reinstatement to her position as nurse at the Kingston Avenue Hospital but I advised her that this could not be done unless a committee of physicians of the Department should certify that in their opinion it was possible for her to perform her duties. Accordingly on January 29, 1913 she was examined by a committee of three physicians who reported that she was suffering from Chronic Emphysema, and although she was at that time apparently in better condition, physically, than at the time of her examination two years previous, nevertheless she was not physically able to perform her duties as nurse in the Department of Health. The committee reported that it was necessary for her to use frequent hypodermic injections of solutions of Adrenalin to overcome the asthmatic attacks.

On this finding and on the statement of the Superintendent of Hospitals that it would endanger the lives of patients to entrust them to the care of a nurse, herself, in such need of medical treatment as Miss Peterson was at the time I was obliged to refuse her application for reinstatement.

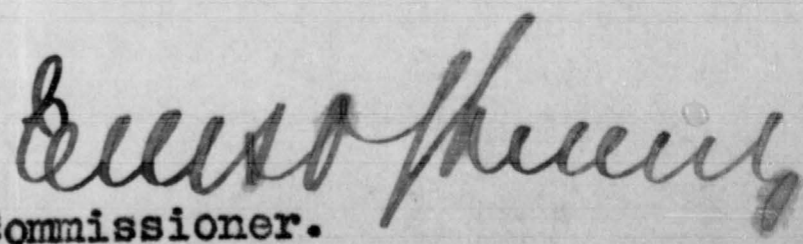
Since that time she has made repeated appeals to me directly and through others for the further consideration of her case. She cannot be granted a pension because the law requires that in order to obtain a pension short of twenty years

service in this Department it must be shown that the disability was the direct result of the performance of duty. After the fullest consideration of her case we have been unable to bring it within this provision of the law. We try to be considerate of our nurses but cannot keep them beyond a reasonable time if they are too ill to perform their duties. I have tried to make Miss Peterson understand that if she were well enough to perform hospital duty properly we would re-employ her, but she really requires medical attention herself and should be placed where she can obtain it.

I should add that I asked Miss Witcher of my office to make a personal investigation of Miss Peterson's circumstances with a view to advising and assisting her in any way possible outside the service of the Department. Miss Witcher gave the matter a great deal of attention and tried without success to find other work for her to do. Miss Witcher reported to me that her brother in the West was willing to receive Miss Peterson at his home, and that other members of her family in Europe were willing for her to return to them.

I return the letter of Mr. Otto Brand, and in reply to his suggestions would say that I cannot conceive how it would be possible for a more conscientious and sympathetic consideration to be given to the case of any employee of this Department than has been given to Miss Peterson.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

CITY OF NEW YORK
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November 5, 1913.

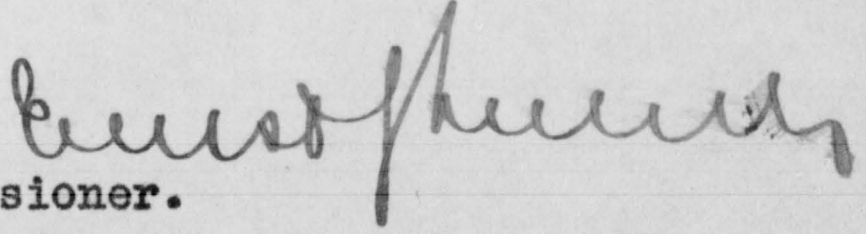
Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 29th, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, enclosing a letter from Assemblyman Lester D. Volk in which he criticises the work of the Department of Health in relation to venereal diseases. Mr. Volk wrote to me under date of October 22nd enclosing a copy of his letter to you and I have the honor to send you herewith a copy of my reply with its enclosure, which I trust will dispel his misapprehension in regard to this phase of the work of the Department.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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November 5, 1913.

Dr. Lester D. Volk,
140 $\frac{1}{2}$ Floyd Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

After having read your letter of October 22nd 1913 and the accompanying communication to the Honorable Ardolph C. Kline, Mayor, City of New York, I cannot but think that you have an entirely erroneous idea with regard to the work in relation to venereal diseases now being carried on by the Department of Health.

Our clinics are for diagnosis only. All persons attending these clinics must be referred by a physician. Reports are sent only to the physician referring the patient, and never under any circumstances to the patient.

The Department of Health is not giving any treatment in any shape or form in cases of venereal diseases, with the exception of cases to the contagious hospitals suffering from some other infectious diseases that may also be suffering from venereal disease.

As regards the advertisement in a daily paper which you refer to, the sole purpose of this advertisement is to get in touch with persons reading quack advertisements, and to convince them of the wisdom of being treated by

reputable physicians or at well conducted clinics, as the case may be.

If you will read carefully the enclosed letter which we are distributing to all the physicians in New York City I am sure it will in a large measure dispel your misunderstanding as to this phase of the work of the Department of Health.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN
CENTRE AND WALKER STREETS

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To Physicians:

In accordance with the policy announced some time ago, the Department of Health of New York City has for some months conducted two diagnostic clinics for venereal diseases, where physicians may send patients for Wassermann tests for syphilis, for the complement deviation test for gonococcus infection, microscopical examination for treponema pallida in fresh specimens and gonococci. Under no circumstances are the results of these examinations communicated to anyone but the physician sending the case. All the examinations are made free of charge. That the diagnostic aid thus afforded practicing physicians is appreciated, is evident from the rapid increase in the number of cases examined since the inauguration of this work. About 200 examinations a day are now being made.

In order to extend the usefulness of these clinics in combating the spread of the venereal diseases, a specially trained physician has been appointed to act as "Medical Adviser" to the patients attending the clinic. Under no circumstances will he treat cases. His duties consist in advising patients as to the nature of the disease, the necessity of proper medical care, the dangers of self-treatment, and the importance of obeying the directions of their physicians. Upon request, the "Medical Adviser" will also instruct the patient regarding the nature of venereal infections, their mode of spread, ordinary course, complications and far-reaching effects and in various questions of sexual hygiene.

The establishment of these venereal clinics has been disapproved by some physicians, on the ground that ample facilities for the free treatment of venereal diseases now exist. It is apparent that this objection is based on a complete misunderstanding of the diagnostic function of the clinic, and the duties of the "Medical Adviser". From what has been said it will be clear that not only will the medical advice given in no way interfere with the legitimate work of private physicians and dispensaries, but that it will materially aid them in successfully treating their patients.

ERNST J. LEDERLE. Ph. D.,

Commissioner of Health.



ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

STATE OF NEW YORK

ALBANY

October 21, 1913.

LESTER D. VOLK
6TH DISTRICT, KINGS
140½ FLOYD STREET
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Hon. Ardolf C. Kline,

Mayor, City of New York.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
Office of the President,
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Ack'g'd..... Ans'd.....
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for investigation and reports
Direct: Through official channels,

Honored Sir:

As Chairman of the press committee of the Brooklyn Physicians Economic League, and under power of a Special resolution passed at our last meeting held at #1313 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, I desire to most respectfully call to your attention a new departure and a new field into which the New York Department of Health is pushing its way, despite the fact that its efficiency in other directions is far below the proper standard, and the negligent conduct of many of its departments have caused great annoyance and loss to the people and to the physicians of this city. Of these, I will not speak at this time. The Brooklyn Physicians' Economic League have a mass of data which will be presented in the near future.

Under date of Dec. 20, 1912, a notice was sent to each physician of which I quote the following:-

"A diagnostic clinic for Venereal Diseases is held daily, between 9&10 A.M., at the central office of the Department of Health at Centre and Walker Sts., where patients may be referred by physicians for the performance of the Wasserman reaction, etc.. NO PATIENTS WILL BE EXAMINED UNLESS REFERRED BY PHYSICIANS(excepting those having no physicians), and under no circumstances are the results of examinations reported to the patients."

I now call your attention to the following advertisement which appears in the Telegram daily, in the section of the paper devoted to the advertising of a business which has always



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been looked upon with suspicion by the laity, and condemned by all ethical physicians.

FREE advice regarding venereal diseases can be obtained at the Department of Health, 149 Centre st., room No. 802, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 P. M., and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 A. M. All consultations strictly confidential.

I have been asked the question "whether the Department of Health is a fake or a quack", and cannot answer it; but this much I do know, that nowhere in the five sections of the New York City Charter, namely sections 1168, 1169, 1184, 1185, and 1225, which relates to the Department of Health and contains most of its powers, do I find any provision which could be interpreted to allow the Health Department to enter into the field of Genito-Urinary Diseases.

Have we not enough colleges and hospitals who maintain clinics supported by our City? Are there not enough dispensaries? Why must the taxpayer pay the salaries of physicians who should investigate contagious diseases, and not spending their time building up their own practice by advertising for their own benefit and gain with the City's money? Tuberculosis clinics are permissible and necessary because the hospitals refuse to receive a tuberculosis patient, and the dispensary attaches cannot control their surroundings or the final disposition of the case for the best result, and when these were established, they received the earnest support and co-operation of the Medical profession: but this step into the realm of diseases caused by immoral conduct is uncalled for and the methods used to acquaint the public of their establishment are such, that, if used by a physician, would bring censure and disrepute upon him from the Medical Societies and his associates.



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The Department of Health now takes care of the school-children-their eyes, their teeth, and removes their offending tonsils and adenoids. In the milk stations, infants are fed and cared for, and its physicians treat and prescribe medicines for them gratis. Now, they propose to take care of the adults whose indiscretions and intemperate habits the city proposes to be sponsor for. TO WHAT FURTHER LIMIT WILL THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GO IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ENGRAFT THE SYSTEM OF PAUPERISM UPON THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT CITY??

This matter is serious. In the past, when the City in the fullness of its broad charity, sought for the betterment of the physical conditions of its needy poor, the physicians gave ready support. But when the Department of Health transcends its powers and goes beyond the field of "preventive medicine", which under the police law of the State, it can and must perform, and has invaded the field of "curative medicine" thus assuming by virtue of a power vested by law to crowd out a profession engaged in the pursuit of a living which, by their training and license of the State, they are entitled to,--it is timely that the Doctors should protest.

I would respectfully request your opinion in this matter and if necessary, I shall be pleased to appear with a delegation from the Brooklyn Physicians Economic League and lay facts before you which I believe are not fully realized by our City officials.

Awaiting a reply, I remain

Obediently yours,

Lester D. Volk, M.D., L.B.

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

November 7, 1913.

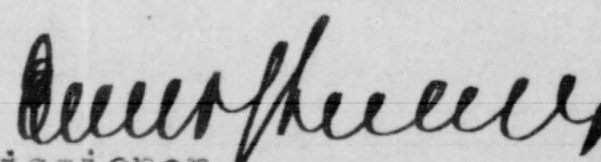
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 5th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a postal card from Mrs. Knapp, 1011 East 178th street, Bronx, asking for a copy of her marriage certificate, issued May 25th, 1909. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

November 10, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

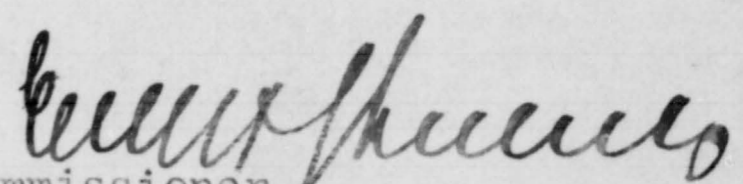
S i r :-

In further reply to your letter of November 1st, by Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmitting a letter signed "A Property Holder", complaining that employees of the Department of Health at Riverside Hospital, North Brother Island, are kept waiting for the payment of their salaries, I beg to advise you that it has been the custom for the past two or three years to pay all of the hospital employees, approximately eight hundred, in one day. These employees are assigned at the three groups of hospitals, namely, Willard Parker, Riverside and Kingston Avenue Hospitals. It requires from four to five hours to do this work. It has been the policy of this Department to pay the salaries on the day the check is received from the City Paymaster and, in addition to the five hours required to properly pay the salaries, several hours are consumed in obtaining the money from the bank, counting the same and placing it in envelopes. It is, therefore, very often as late as seven or eight o'clock when Riverside Hospital is reached, which is the last on the schedule. The payment of salaries is never held longer than is necessary.

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Were the salary check kept in the safe until the day following, it might then be possible to pay all the employees before five or six o'clock at night, but in this event they would not receive their salary until twenty-four hours after the time that they are now receiving it.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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November 11, 1913.

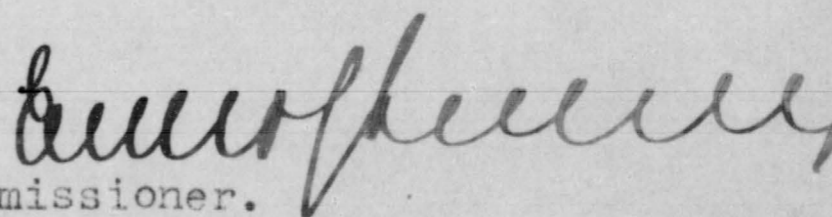
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 10th by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter dated November 7th from Timothy J. O'Neill, 2426 East 14th street, Brooklyn, complaining of smoke from burning refuse in his neighborhood. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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November 14, 1913.

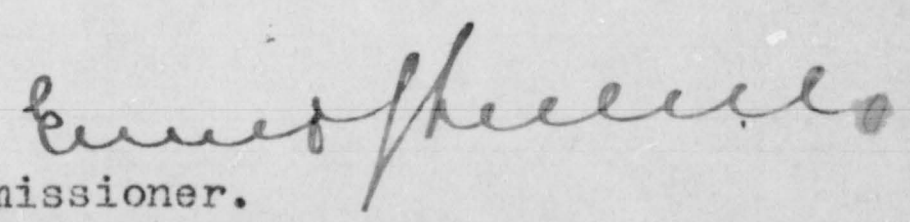
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir: -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 12th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a request from Rev. James Moye, 2030 Constance street, New Orleans, for a copy of marriage license of Andrew J. Mouns and M. B., dated February 2nd, 1895. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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November 18, 1913.

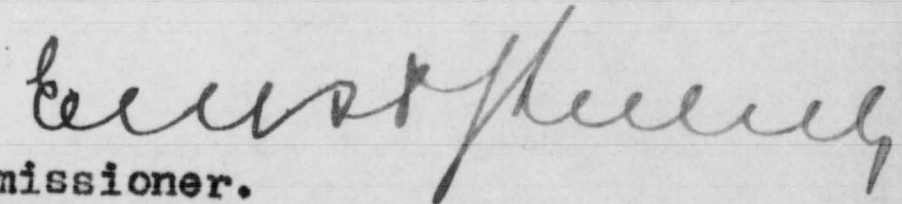
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 17th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a letter from Anthony A. Orlando, 203 Mott street, complaining that the health regulations are not enforced against a neighboring storekeeper. The matter will have attention.

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Commissioner.

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November 19, 1913.

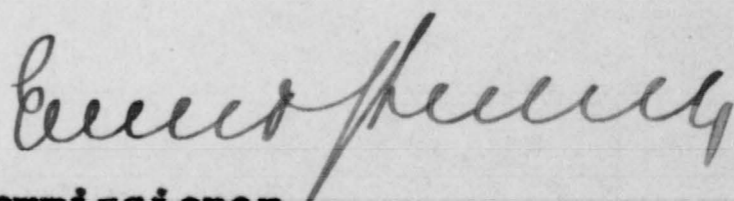
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 18th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter dated November 14th from Adjutant General George Andrews, U. S. A., requesting particulars of the death of John Lempke, whose last known address is 146 West 98th street, New York. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

November 19, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

Your letter of November 3rd, enclosing a letter of Joseph M. Lonergan, an Inspector of this Department together with the statement of William L. Boyle, asking for promotion, was duly received. Mr. Boyle is number four on the eligible list for promotion to the position of third grade clerk at twelve hundred dollars. There is no vacancy in this position at the present time, although it is possible that there will be a vacancy if the Board of Estimate and Apportionment approves a pending application for the change of certain schedules. Mr. Boyle's contention which he has repeatedly urged through all possible channels is that he has been given an unduly low rating on his record in this Department, as a result of which others have obtained a higher standing on the Civil Service promotion list although they have not been able to pass as good a written examination. Mr. Boyle, therefore, seeks to have the Civil Service rules and the policy

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of the late Mayor Gaynor waived in his favor so that he may receive the next promotion in spite of his standing as number four on the list. His arguments, which he has made to me in written and verbal form, will again be fully considered when any vacancy exists calling for promotion to the twelve hundred dollar grade.

Respectfully,

Ernest Sweeney
Commissioner.

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November 21, 1913.

To His Honor,

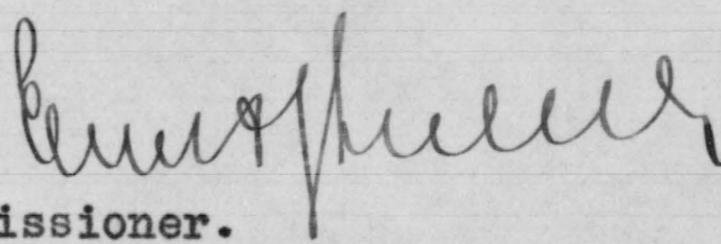
The Mayor,

City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith
the annual report of the Department of Health for the
year 1912.

Respectfully yours,


Commissioner.

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November 25, 1913.

PRESS BULLETIN NO. 193

For Release in All Papers

From Ernst J. Lederle, Ph. D., Commissioner of Health, New York City.

SUBJECT: Health of the City in 1913.

The best yard stick for the measurement of the health of the community is the complete reporting of all cases of sickness, but as such an ideal condition of registering morbidity does not exist, it is necessary to rely upon the number of cases of infectious diseases as reported and upon the number of deaths reported from the various diseases.

The year 1913 gives promise of being the healthiest year in the entire experience of New York City as gauged by the general death rate, which for the first forty-seven weeks of the year was 13.71 per 1000 of the population. The next lowest rate was that of the previous year, 1912, in which the death rate for the same period was 14.07, a decrease in the rate of .36 of a point, which translated into absolute figures means that there will be in the neighborhood of 1900 fewer deaths reported during the present year than in 1912. The autumn season this year has been very free from sickness as judged by the number of cases of infectious diseases reported. During the past seven weeks there were 2,602 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis reported as against 2,802 in the corresponding period of 1912, a decrease of seven per cent.

Continuing the comparison for the same period, the number of cases of diphtheria reported was fourteen per cent less, and that of scarlet fever was seventeen per cent less, this without taking into consideration the increase in population. The number of cases of measles was about five per cent greater than in 1912. There are

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no exact figures as to the number of cases of respiratory diseases prevalent in the City, but judging by the deaths for the past seven weeks, we find that the mortality from bronchitis and pneumonia has decreased about twenty per cent., and from diarrhoeal diseases among children about thirteen per cent.

The showing on the number of cases of infectious diseases reported and the number of deaths from the respiratory and diarrhoeal diseases would be a much better one if the increase in population was taken into consideration.

CITY OF NEW YORK
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ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

November 25, 1913.

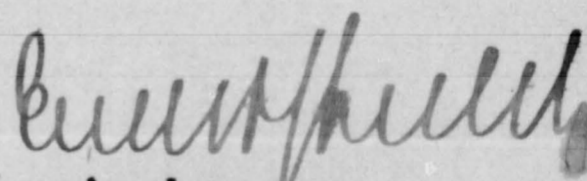
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 24th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a letter from Joseph L. Weinberger, 52 Webster street, Somerville, Mass., requesting a copy of the birth certificate of Joseph Weinberger, born January 31st, 1898, at 160 Houston street, this City. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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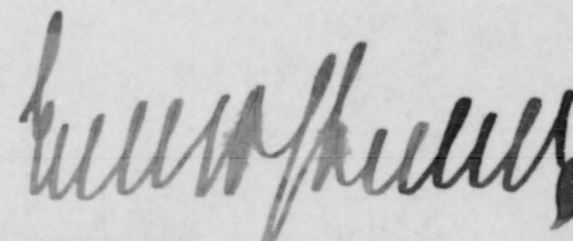
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 22nd, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from O. Frohman, Mt. Carmel, Ill. which will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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COMMISSIONER

November 29, 1913.

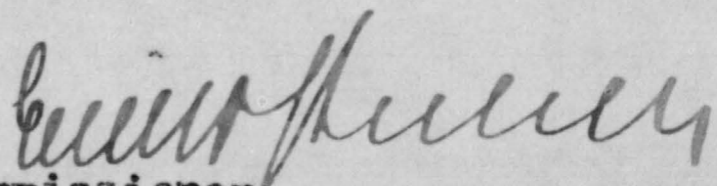
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 28th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Mrs. N. K. Standard, Detroit, Michigan, requesting information concerning the methods used in this City to overcome the smoke nuisance. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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December 2, 1913.

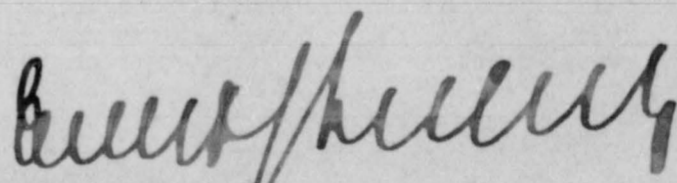
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter by James Matthews, Executive
Secretary, transmitting a letter from
John Leone, Swampscott, Mass., requesting
a copy of his birth certificate. The
matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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December 5, 1913.

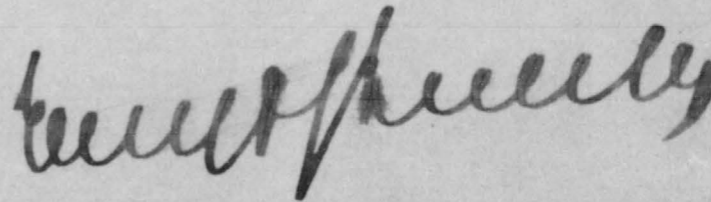
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 4th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Abraham King, attached to the U. S. S. Saratoga, requesting a copy of his birth certificate and enclosing two dollars in currency to cover payment of the same. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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Matthews

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH.D.
COMMISSIONER

December 6, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Matthews's letter of December 4th requesting a memorandum in regard to the proposed contagious disease hospital at Jamaica, Borough of Queens. In reply, I have the honor to send you a copy of the Weekly Bulletin of this department for April 5, 1913, which contains an article setting forth the history of this project, and also a copy of the Monthly Bulletin for September, 1913, which discusses the same matter in connection with a general description of all the contagious disease hospitals of the department. I trust these articles will give you fully the information you desire, but shall be glad to answer any further questions to the best of my ability.

I assume it is known to you that, after delaying the project for extended consideration, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment recently appropriated the money for the hospital and the plans have been approved by the Board of Estimate and the Art Commission and the contract is about to be let.

Respectfully,

Ernst J. Lederle
Commissioner.

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December 11, 1913.

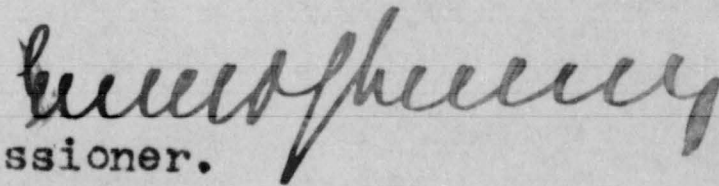
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a letter from Harry Lutin, 25 Beach 76th street, Rockaway Beach, Long Island, requesting a copy of the birth certificates of Sammy and Bessie Lutin, born November 24th, 1907, at 418 East 78th street. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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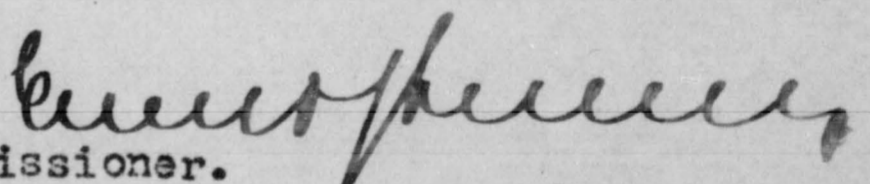
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of December 9th, by Robert Adamson,
Secretary, transmitting a letter from John King,
868 Tremont avenue, who wishes to have his
son admitted to the Otisville Sanatorium.
The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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December 12, 1913.

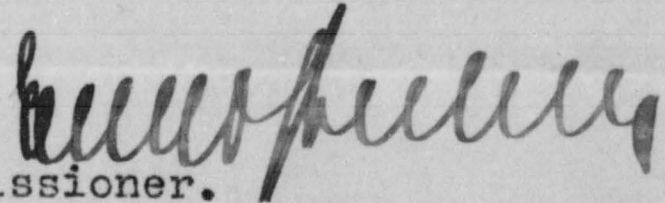
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 11th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from the Adjutant General (George Andrews), Washington, asking that certain information be furnished the War Department regarding the death of William Perritt, late Sergeant Major, U. S. Army, his last reported address being 228 East 45th street, New York City. The matter will have attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH.D.
COMMISSIONER

December 12, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a communication signed "C. H. Holmes, Bath Beach", complaining of the noise made by chickens owned by some of his neighbors. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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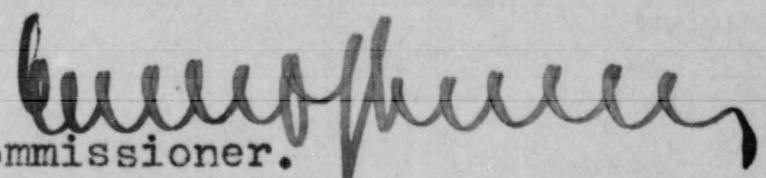
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 11th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Pierre Henrotte, Boston Opera House, Boston, Mass., requesting a transcript of the birth record of a child whom he adopted in this city April 5th, 1910, also a copy of the adoption papers approved by Surrogate Cohalen on which is a notation that the child was born on January 13, 1909. The matter will have prompt attention.

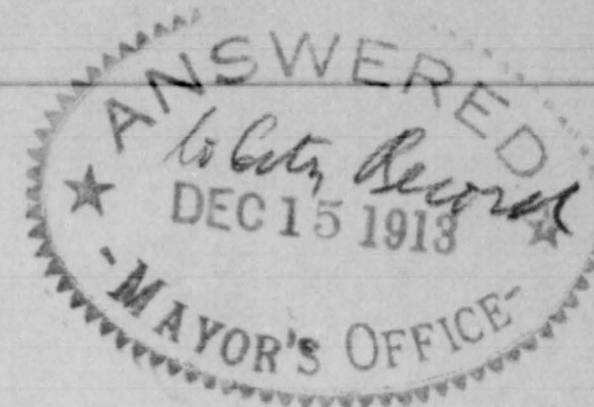
Respectfully,


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December 13, 1913

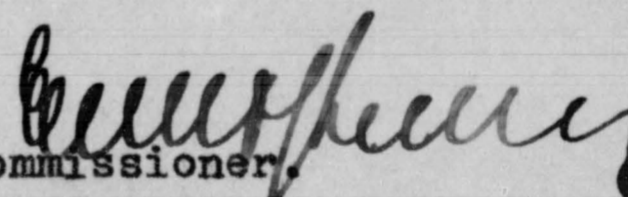
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :

I have the honor to transmit herewith,
pursuant to the provisions of section 1544,
chapter 466, Laws of 1901, the report of the
Board of Health of the Department of Health of
The City of New York, for the quarter ending
June 30, 1913.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH.D.
COMMISSIONER

Tuberculosis case
of Michael Markey.

December 13, 1913.

To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

In further reply to your letter of December 9th, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a letter from John King, relative to the above matter, I beg to advise you that Michael Markey, formerly of 69 Sutton street, Brooklyn, but now of 868 Tremont avenue, residing with John King, was recommended for Riverside Hospital. On examination he was found to be an advanced case of pulmonary tuberculosis and therefore totally unfit for admission to Otisville, to which place he insists upon going. He was recommended to Sea View Hospital but refuses to consider hospital treatment.

Respectfully,

Ernst J. Lederle
Commissioner.

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COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH
CITY OF NEW YORK

The Commissioner of Health invites you to an informal opening of a Permanent Exhibit showing the activities of the Department of Health, Wednesday, December seventeenth, from three until six o'clock, in the Exhibition Hall of the Department of Health building, 149 Centre street, near Canal street.

Five minute addresses by some of those who have rendered distinguished services in the cause of public health.

December 13, 1913.



CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

December 19, 1913.

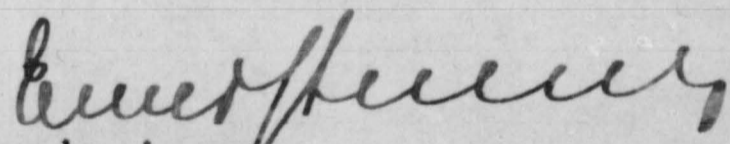
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 17th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from H. H. Treadwell, who lives at University Heights, complaining of the noise emanating from the power house at Harlem River and Dyckman street. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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December 23, 1913.

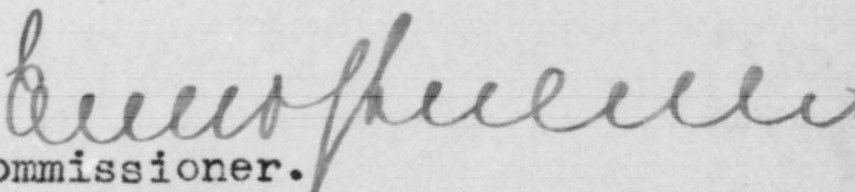
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 22nd, by Robert Adamson, Secretary, transmitting a letter from Filomena Aldirisio, 304 East 11th street, New York, asking for a copy of her birth certificate. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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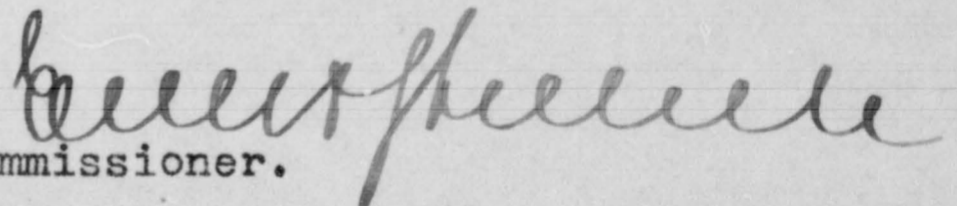
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 22nd, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Y. H. Hoffberg, 158 East 113th street, who alleges that working papers are unreasonably withheld in the case of his daughter. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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COMMISSIONER

Leave of absence

December 24, 1913.

To His Honor,

The Mayor of the City of New York.

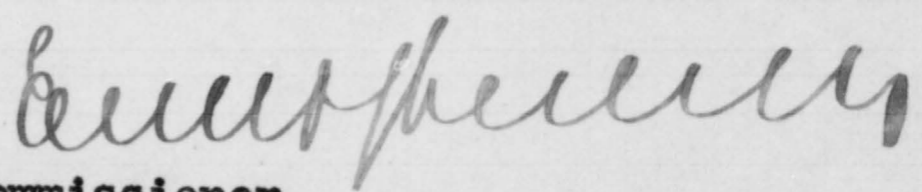
Sir:-

Regarding the application of Harriet E. Holloway, of 498 Third street, Brooklyn, for compensation for services during illness from August 13th to August 23rd inclusive, I would state that under date of October 30th Miss Holloway wrote to the Director of Child Hygiene stating that her illness was the result of being on duty in the Department of Health milk station at 184 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, which was unsanitary and too cold for habitation. An inspection was made of the infants' milk station at 184 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, and the only insanitary condition known of was one that was called to the attention of the Department of Health on November 21, 1912, due to the fact that the trap of the sink was out of order. This was repaired on November 30, 1912. There is, it is true, a gas house in the neighborhood from which occasionally disagreeable odors arise, but this can hardly be considered a condition detrimental to health. As regard her statement that her trouble was due to deficient heating it seems impossible that the temperature of the milk

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station during the dates of Miss Holloway's illness,
August 5th to August 25th inclusive, should have been
too low.

Very respectfully,


Commissioner.

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COMMISSIONER

December 26, 1913.

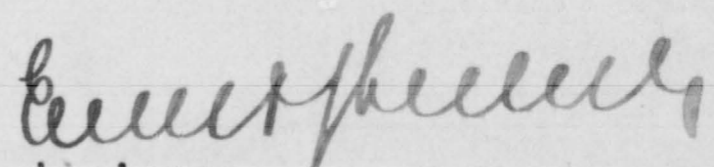
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 24th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from Oscar Frommel & Brother, 639 West 34th street, concerning the confiscation of potatoes shipped to them from abroad. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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December 26, 1913.

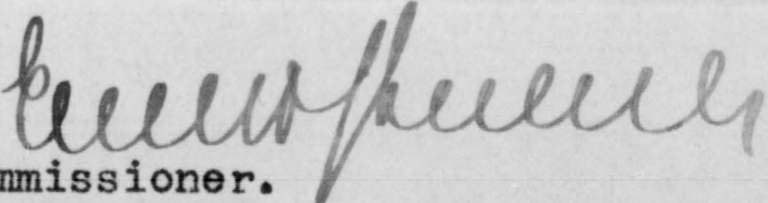
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 22nd, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter from F. S. Goodwin, 467 Central Park West, complaining of noise made at night by the stone crushing plant at Central Park West and 106th street. The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH.D.
COMMISSIONER

Drug store at
East End Avenue
and 84th Street

December 27, 1913.


To His Honor,

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

In reply to your communication of
December 24, 1913, transmitting letter signed by
William Wolf, 420 East 83rd street, alleging that
a pharmacy located at East End avenue and 84th street
is conducted by an incompetent clerk, I wish to state
that I have taken the liberty to forward said letter
to the State Board of Pharmacy.

Very respectfully,


Commissioner.

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December 30, 1913.

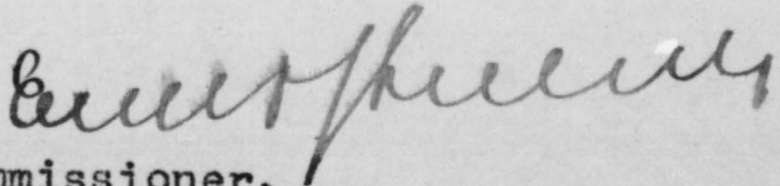
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of December 29th, by James Matthews,
Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter
dated November 26th, from a judicial officer
at Masmunster, Germany, asking for transcript
of the record of death of one Albert Jenn.
The matter will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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ERNST J. LEDERLE, PH. D.
COMMISSIONER

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER



Working papers
for Celia Hoffberg.

December 30, 1913.

To His Honor,

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

The records of the Mercantile office of this Department show that Celia Hoffberg, of 158 East 113th street, New York City, appeared at that office on December 15th for the purpose of procuring an employment certificate but was unable to submit evidence of age in the form of a birth certificate. Section 71, Article 6 of the Labor Law requires that the evidence of age must be submitted in the following order:

- (a) Birth certificate,
- (b) Certificate of graduation,
- (c) Passport or baptismal certificate,
- (d) Other documentary evidence,
- (e) Physicians' certificates and that every reasonable effort must be made to procure such evidence in the order named before accepting the next following evidence.

She was instructed to write to Russia for her birth certificate and was given all the necessary information and instruction as to the method of procedure. If after a reasonable length of time she presents evidence to this office that she was unable to procure a birth certificate, the next evidence of age in the form of a diploma or passport will be accepted.

Respectfully,

OMLP

Ernst J. Lederle
Commissioner.

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December 31, 1913.

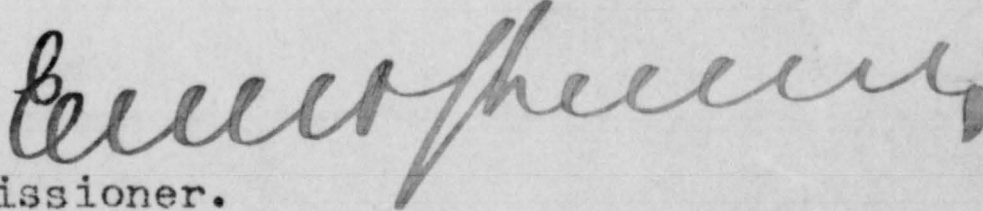
To His Honor

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r : -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 30th, by James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a communication from Martin Caraballo, Tampa, Florida, requesting a copy of that portion of the Sanitary Code governing the sale of milk in this City. The matter will have prompt attention.

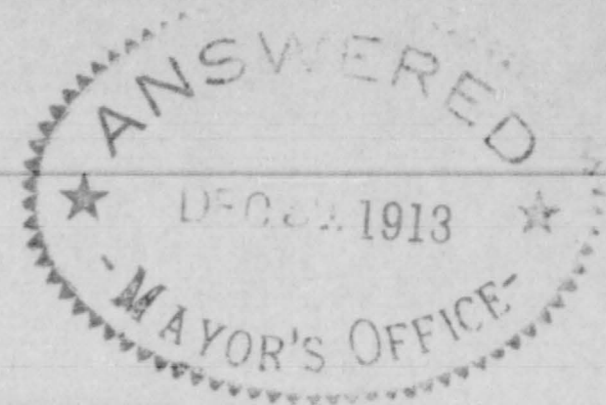
Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
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December 31, 1913.

To His Honor,

The Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :

I have the honor to transmit herewith,
pursuant to the provisions of section 1544, chapter 466,
Laws of 1901, the report of the Board of Health of the
Department of Health of the City of New York, for the
quarter ending September 30, 1913.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ernst J. Lederle", written over the printed name "Commissioner.".

Read

Points for Exhibit.

1. Reduction of Death Rate. 1598 of 1910; 1513 of 1911; 1411 of 1912.
2. Grading of Milk.
3. Extension of Pasteurization.
4. Hospital Admission Bureau.
5. Re-letting of Offal Contract.
6. New publications.
7. Civil Service and promotion system.
8. Information Bureau.
9. Central Filing Office.
10. Typhoid Advisory Committee.
11. Improved control of sale of eggs.
12. Bakeries.
13. Condemnation of canned goods.
- (Hospitals) 14. Inspection of supplies
15. Motor ambulances
16. Fire systems in hospitals
17. Morgue & chapel
18. Disinfection termination
19. Enlargements
20. Trachoma studies
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