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Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

New York, January 26, 1910.

Dep't. Water Supply, Gas and Electricity
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Referred to Mr. [illegible]
HENRY S. THOMPSON
COMMISSIONER

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In December, 1905, work was suspended on the easterly basin of the Jerome Park reservoir, upon the recommendation of J. Waldo Smith, Chief Engineer, concurred in by Prof. William H. Burr, Expert Engineer, pending the determination of the question of filtering the Croton water.

On February 26, 1906, we requested the views of Mayor McClellan as to the further suspension or resumption of work on the easterly basin. In reply we received a communication, under date of March 6, 1906, from the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, stating that our letter had been referred to him and that, after consultation with the Mayor, he (the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity) had recommended filtration and would take the necessary steps for the installation of the proper plant as soon as practicable. He accordingly requested that work on the easterly basin of said reservoir should be entirely suspended.

No steps having been taken towards the building of a filtration plant up to March 27, 1907, beyond a few preliminary tests by the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, we requested Commissioner O'Brien to inform us whether he desired the further suspension of work on the easterly basin. To this letter we received no reply, and again wrote to Commissioner O'Brien on June 13, 1907, referring to our previous letter, and stating that we desired his decision in the matter in order that we might take such action as should be necessary to protect the interests of the City. By this we had in mind that on the failure of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity to proceed with the construction of a filtration plant, it might become our duty to complete the easterly basin of the Jerome Park reservoir for the storage of water within the City limits, as originally contemplated.

Commissioner O'Brien did not reply to this communication, and on August 27, 1907, we asked the opinion of the Corporation Counsel with regard to a continued suspension and its effect upon the rights and liabilities of the City in relation to the contract. On June 11, 1908, the Corporation Counsel advised that a final settlement of the claims of the

contractor be made and the contract cancelled. The action recommended was taken by us, in conjunction with the Comptroller's office, and as a result there is no contract now in existence for the completion of the easterly basin.

On November 22, 1906, the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity requested the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate the sum of $4,000,000. for the construction of filtration works on the easterly basin of the Jerome Park reservoir. As appears from the annual report of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, 1907, page 131:

> "This communication and the report attached were referred to a committee, consisting of the Comptroller and the Chief Engineer of the Board of Estimate for report. As far as we (the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity) are informed, no report was presented by the committee or further action taken in the matter by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment."

This continues to be the case at this date, more than three years since the submission of the matter by the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Our Chief Engineer reports that more storage capacity should be had within the limits of the City, as it is not safe to shut off the aqueduct, for any purpose, for more

than one day, and that the relief for the City, in case of emergency, is the finishing of the easterly basin of the Jerome Park reservoir.

In addition we have from time to time received complaints from citizens and taxpayers' associations with regard to the unfinished and unsightly condition of the easterly basin, and demanding that prompt measures be taken to speedily complete it.

Inasmuch as this matter has been in abeyance before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for more than three years, we should like your views as to whether or not any further action is likely to be taken towards using the easterly basin of the Jerome Park reservoir as a site for a filtration plant, or as to whether the Aqueduct Commissioners should now proceed with the construction of the easterly basin for the storage of additional water from the Croton watershed.

Yours respectfully,
THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS
By John F. Cowan
President.

COMMISSIONERS:
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HARRY W. WALKER, SECRETARY.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS,

STEWART BUILDING, 280 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK,

Feb 4 1910

My dear Judge Gaynor:

Yours will shortly be invited to the annual dinner of the Missouri Society and I trust you will be able to accept the invitation. I read the Missouri newspapers regularly and know what an interest the people of that state are taking in your work for good government. It was Missouri, under Folk, which first started to "clean house".

Very faithfully Yours
Harry W. Walker

Miller

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AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS,

STEWART BUILDING, 280 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK,

February 4th, 1910

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor.

Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of letter from Robert Adamson, Secretary, dated February 3rd, with enclosures from Frank A. Miller and his mother, in regard to the possibility of reinstating the former as Inspector of Masonry with this Commission.

Mr. Miller was one of a number of Inspectors who were laid off for lack of work. His name is on the preferred eligible list for appointment; he is an excellent workman, and we shall be glad to re-appoint him when there is need for his services.

Yours respectfully,
THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS
By John F. Cowan,
President.

Feb 4/1910

Re-to Letter from

F. X. Miller

BA
SUPERIOR COURT RECORDS
Treasury.

STATE OF NEW YORK,)
) ss:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK,)

WILLIAM KENNEL, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a Lieutenant of Police assigned to the office of the Mayor; that in pursuance of orders, he served on the following named Aqueduct Commissioners, at the following times and places, the order of removal made by Honorable William J. Gaynor:

John F. Cowan, served at 12 o'clock midnight, February 15, 1910, at his house, 62 East 130th street, Manhattan;

William H. Ten Eyck, served at 12:20 A.M., February 16, 1910, at his residence, 378 Mott avenue, The Bronx;

John P. Windolph, served at 8 A.M. on February 16, 1910, at his home, No. 328 West 38th street, Manhattan;

John J. Ryan, served at 2 P.M. on February 16, 1910, at Dun's restaurant, corner of Reade street and Broadway, Manhattan.

That deponent personally knows all of the men he served and that he delivered the Mayor's order removing them from office, to each of said Aqueduct Commissioners.

William Kennel

Sworn to before me this
16 day of February, 1910.

James T. Curtin
Comm of Deeds NYC

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AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS,

STEWART BUILDING, 280 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK,

February 17th, 1910.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor,

New York City.

S i r:

I, the undersigned, Aqueduct Commissioner of the City of New York, appointed and acting under Chapter 490 of the Laws of 1883, and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, hereby beg to advise you that I am in receipt of your communication of the 15th inst. and that I most respectfully decline to be governed thereby. I contend that your notice of my removal and your action pursuant to said notice is illegal and void.

I hereby further notify you that at the time of the receipt of said communication and ever since I was and have been and still am willing to perform the duties of my office as Aqueduct Commissioner.

Yours truly,

John F. Cowan,

Aqueduct Commissioner.

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Yours truly,

John P. Windolph

Aqueduct Commissioner.

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Yours truly,

W. W. Ten Eyck

Aqueduct Commissioner.

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Yours truly,

John J. Ryan

Aqueduct Commissioner.

Feb 17/1910

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Def's pet. for removal

Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, February 24, 1910.

Robert Adamson, Esq.,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your communication, dated February 21, enclosing letter from Mr. Edson S. Seaman, of 626 Bramhall Street, Jersey City, N. J., inquiring whether a dam is to be located near his mother's property at Patterson, N.Y.

Replying to your letter of the 21st, we transmit herewith copy of letter this day sent by the Commission to Mr. Seaman.

Yours respectfully,
THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS
By

(Enc)

President.

Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, February 24, 1910.

(COPY)

Mr. Edson S. Seaman,

626 Bramhall Street, Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor of the City of New York has transmitted to us a letter addressed by you to him, in which you inquire in the interest of your mother, whether or not a dam is to be located by the Aqueduct Commission near your mother's property at Patterson, New York.

In reply we beg to state that, while it is true that the predecessors in office of the present Aqueduct Commission had planned for the construction of a dam and reservoir at Patterson, the present Commission is of the opinion that such reservoir and dam should not be constructed, at the present time, at least. Carrying out such views, this Commission has given directions that all proceedings in connection with the construction of any proposed dam and reservoir at Patterson be forthwith discontinued.

Yours respectfully,
THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS
By J. Noble Hayes,

President.

Feb 24/10

Encl Letter of

C Seaman

Dear Sir:-

Certainly not. Cesat. Just at present the Commissioners are giving hearings at Albany upon proposed improvements of the Barge Canal, and it would not be convenient at this time to connect up with the Commission the matter of the proposed improvement of the Harlem River.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary.

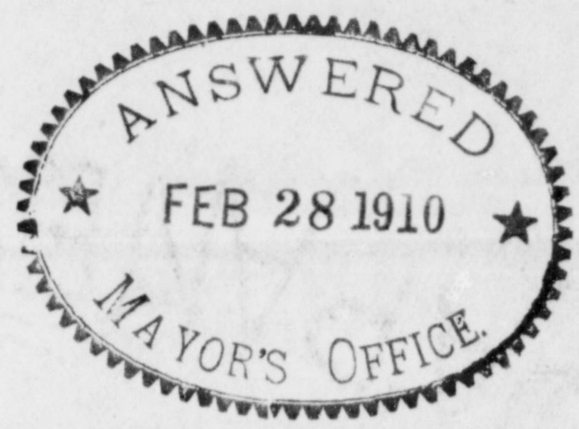
P. S. Note reply.

BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS
ALBANY, N.Y.

Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, February 25, 1910.



Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your communication, dated February 24th, in which you enclose letters addressed to you by Mrs. Rosetta Brewster Lent and by Henry H. Wells. In both of the letters your assistance is asked to enable these persons, who formerly resided on property condemned for the purposes of the Croton Falls reservoir, to obtain, by purchase or otherwise, buildings in which they formerly lived. In reply, I herewith send to you copies of the letters addressed by this Commission to Mrs. Lent and to Mr. Wells, respectively.

Yours respectfully,

President.

(2 encs)

Aqueduct Commissioner's Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, February 25, 1910.

Mrs. Rosetta Brewster Lent,

2327 Seventh avenue, City.

Madam:-

The Mayor has this day transmitted to me the letter addressed by you to him, under date of February 19, 1910, in which you request his assistance in obtaining the property at Brewsters formerly occupied by your family.

I now desire to state that several days ago a conference was held at this office at which were present, among others, Mr. Henry H. Wells of Brewsters, and Mr. Lent. After a long conference, at which were considered all the facts connected with your application and similar applications now up for consideration, this Commission expressed doubt as to its legal power to aid you. The Commission, however, has requested the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York to advise this Commission as to its power in the premises, and upon receipt of such advice, if the same is favorable to your application, you shall

forthwith be notified of just what action this Commission intends to take.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) J. Noble Hayes

President.

Aqueduct Commissioner's Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, February 25, 1910.

Henry H. Wells, Esq.,

5 Court Street, White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

The mayor has this day forwarded to me the letter addressed by you to him, under date of February 23rd.

Several days ago you appeared before this Commission with Mrs. Meehan, when all the facts connected with your present application were at length discussed. The Commission at the conference expressed doubt as to its power either to direct the contractor to turn over to Mrs. Meehan the building formerly occupied by her, or to enter into negotiations with her for a private sale of the same. These questions, however, have been submitted by this Commission to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion, and upon the receipt of the same you will be forthwith notified of the purport thereof.

I hope we shall yet be able to find a way to help Mrs. Meehan, who certainly has our most hearty sympathy.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) J. Noble Hayes

President.

Feb 25/10

Letters from

Mrs R B Lentz

to H G Wells

Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, March 2nd, 1910.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith minutes of the Aqueduct Commissioners for the month of January, 1910, and of the Construction or Executive Committee of said Commissioners of January 25th and February 1st, 1910.

Yours respectfully,

Harry W. Walker

Secretary.

Enc.

Minutes of stated meeting of the Construction or Executive Committee of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 280 Broadway, New York City, on Tuesday, January 25, 1910, at 10:30 o'clock a.m.

Present:- Commissioners Ryan (Chairman), Cowan, Ten Eyck and Windolph, and Chief Engineer Sears.

The minutes of January 18, 1910, were read and approved.

Progress report of the Chief Engineer for the week ending January 6, 1910, was received from the Commissioners and ordered filed.

The Committee then adjourned.

Harry W. Walker,

Secretary.

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The minutes of January 25, 1910, were read and approved.

Progress report of the Chief Engineer for the week ending January 17, 1910, was received from the Commissioners and ordered filed.

Report No. 1836 of the Chief Engineer, dated January 20, 1910, requesting authority to continue the expleration surveys at the Patterson dam and dikes as referred to in Report No. 1793, dated May 28, 1909, was ordered returned to the Commissioners with the recommendation that the authority requested be granted.

Communication from the Chief Engineer, dated December 27, 1909, making comparison of preliminary estimates of the engineers in 1906 and the estimated final cost of the Croton Falls contract, was received from the Commissioners and ordered to lie over.

The Committee then adjourned.

Harry W. Walker,

Secretary.

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Adjourned.

Attest: W. Arthur.
Secretary.

Approved.

Board of Directors.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

All the members present.

Motion carried to accept the bid of Mr. Hall for the purchase of the old Town Hall at $1.00.

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AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, Held at Their Office, No. 280 Broadway, New York City,, on Tuesday, January 4, 1910, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cowan (President), Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph, Chief Engineer Sears and Division Engineer Cook.

The minutes of December 21, 1909, were read and approved.

The President reported that he had acknowledged receipt of communication from the Mayor, dated December 20, 1909, enclosing communication from James Thomson, President, Bronx West Side Association, dated November 23, 1909, in regard to the Jerome Park Reservoir, and stated that he had replied to said communication on December 23, 1909, and had referred the communications to the Chief Engineer for a report on the whole subject of said reservoir; which action was approved.

The President also reported the receipt of two communications from the Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated December 23 and 27, 1909, respectively, in regard to proposed examination for promotion from Laborer to Axeman, and stated that he had referr d said communications to the Chief Engineer for his information; which action was approved.

Progress reports of the Chief Engineer for the weeks ending December 9 and 16, 1909, were received and referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

The Commissioners then adjourned to meet on Wednesday, January 5, 1910, at 11 o'clock a. m.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, Held at Their Office, No. 280 Broadway, New York City, on Wednesday, January 5, 1910, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cowan (President), Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph, and Chief Engineer Sears and Division Engineer Cook.

Report No. 1831 of the Acting Chief Engineer, dated December 30, 1909, in regard to the work of removal of telephone lines from within the territory of the Croton Falls Reservoir, and stating that the Hudson River Telephone Company, now the New York Telephone Company, had completed said work satisfactorily, was received and ordered filed and the President directed to notify the Comptroller accordingly.

Two communications from the Comptroller, dated December 21 and December 31, 1909, respectively, stating that on December 21, 1909, and December 27, 1909, there had been deposited to the credit of the Additional Water Fund the sums of $376,186.81 and $25,079.12, respectively.

The communications were ordered entered on the books and filed.

Circular letter No. 2 from the Comptroller, dated December 31, 1909, in regard to the promulgation of time records of employees and certificates to be attached to payrolls relating thereto, was received and referred to the President.

The Secretary presented circular letter from the Supervisor of the City Record, dated December 24, 1909, requesting list of employees, with their salaries, etc., for publication in the City Record, and stated that on December 31, 1909, he had furnished such information; which action was approved.

Communication from Acting Corporation Counsel Sterling, dated December 31, 1909, in reply to letter of November 26, 1909, relating to the highways in the Cross River Reservoir proceeding and the acceptance of a part thereof by the Town of Bedford, was received and referred to the President.

Communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, dated December 23, 1909, stating that said department had no use for certain pipe offered to be turned over to it by this Commission, was received and referred to the Secretary for report on the matter.

Application of William E. King, Transitman, dated December 23, 1909, for change of title to Topographical Draftsman, was received and referred to the President to request the Municipal Civil Service Commission to authorize such transfer, if consistent with the rules.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, Held at Their Office, No. 280 Broadway, New York City, on Tuesday, January 11, 1910, *at* 11 *o'clock A. M.*

Present—Deputy and Acting Comptroller Mathewson, Commissioners Cowan (President), Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph, and Chief Engineer Sears.

The minutes of December 28, 1909, and January 4 and 5, 1910, were read and approved.

The Committee of Finance and Audit reported the examination and audit of bills contained in miscellaneous vouchers Nos. 169 to 175, inclusive, amounting to $344.57, and of bills contained in open market orders, vouchers Nos. 132 to 140, inclusive, amounting to $1,130.86, and of estimates contained in vouchers Nos. 29 and 30, amounting to $1,207.09, which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Cowan, Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph—4.

The Deputy and Acting Comptroller not voting.

The President presented report in the matter of the Cross River Highways, and in regard to the acceptance by the Town of Bedford of certain of said highways, referred to him at the previous meeting, which report was read and ordered filed and the action of the President approved.

The President also reported that he had addressed a communication on January 7, 1910, to Mr. I. J. Beaudrias in regard to the matter of highways at the Cross River Reservoir, which action was approved.

Progress reports of the Chief Engineer for the weeks ending December 23 and 30, 1909, were read and referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

Report No. 1828 of the Chief Engineer, dated December 20, 1909, presenting final estimate of the J. W. Fiske Iron Works for constructing iron and wooden fencing at the Jerome Park Reservoir, under contract dated February 1, 1909, was received and ordered filed and the Secretary directed to prepare the necessary resolutions and certificate for the final acceptance of said work under said contract.

Report No. 1833 of the Chief Engineer, dated January 10, 1910, recommending a reduction of the force of Inspectors at the Croton Falls Reservoir, was received and referred to the President with power.

Report from the Secretary, dated January 11, 1910, in regard to proposed sale of certain standpipe at the Jerome Park Reservoir, was received and referred to the Chief Engineer to negotiate for the disposition of said pipe.

Forms of agreement, in triplicate, for telephone service were presented and ordered referred to the Corporation Counsel for his approval.

Communication from the Comptroller, dated January 6, 1910, stating that on January 5, 1910, the sum of $128,906.68 was deposited to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," was received and ordered entered on the books and filed.

Communication from the American Bonding Company of Baltimore, dated January 10, 1910, inquiring as to the present status of the J. W. Fiske Iron Works contract for constructing fencing at the Jerome Park Reservoir, was received and referred to the President for reply.

Application from the Municipal Engineering Company, of Indianapolis, Ind., dated January 5, 1910, for copy of Commissioners' Reports, was received and referred to the Chief Engineer.

Communication from the Secretary, Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated January 7, 1910, in regard to salary of Charles V. Maguire, Attendant, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Memorandum from the Chief Engineer, dated December 31, 1909, in regard to the Jerome Park Reservoir, and recommending that he be authorized to prepare plans, etc., for the completion of the easterly basin of said reservoir, was received and referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, Held at Their Office, No. 280 Broadway, New York City, on Tuesday, January 18, 1910, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cowan (President), Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph; Chief Engineer Sears and Division Engineer Cook.

The minutes of January 11, 1910, were read and approved.

The Committee of Finance and Audit reported the examination and audit of bills contained in miscellaneous vouchers Nos. 176 to 180, inclusive, amounting to $4,049.62, and of estimate contained in contract voucher No. 31, amounting to $2,656.21, which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Cowan, Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph—4.

The Committee of Finance and Audit also presented the following:

Resolved, That the Committee of Finance and Audit recommends to the Aqueduct Commissioners that the President be directed to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not the Commissioners should allow the amounts in Estimate No. 39 and previous estimates for the Croton Falls Dam and Reservoir for concrete masonry in the core-wall of the diverting dam at $5.50 per cubic yard in place of cyclopean masonry at $2.65 per cubic yard, as shown in the contract drawings, and as to whether or not such work should be paid for as cyclopean masonry; and that pending the receipt of such opinion such item for concrete masonry be disallowed and deducted from Estimate No. 39.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Cowan, Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph—4.

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Estimate No. 39 and previous estimates for work done by the Croton Falls Construction Company under its contract for the construction of the Croton Falls Dam and Reservoir in constructing the electrozone pipe sewer in connection with said reservoir under the items of said contract, this work not having been included in the preliminary estimate of the Engineer; and that pending the receipt of such opinion such items be disallowed and deducted from Estimate No. 39.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Cowan, Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee returned to the Commissioners memorandum of the Chief Engineer, dated December 31, 1909, requesting authority to prepare plans, etc., for the completion of the easterly basin of the Jerome Park Reservoir, with the recommendation that the President be directed to address a communication to the Mayor in regard to the whole matter.

Which recommendation was adopted.

The following preambles and resolution were presented:

Whereas, The Chief Engineer of this Commission has certified, under date of December 20, 1909, that, in his opinion, the J. W. Fiske Iron Works have completely performed and carried out the provisions of the contract entered into by them with this Commission on February 1, 1909, for constructing iron and wooden fencing at the Jerome Park Reservoir, and has stated from actual measurements the whole amount of work done and materials furnished under and according to the terms of said contract, and the true value thereof; and

Whereas, The Chief Engineer has submitted Report No. 1828, dated December 20, 1909, stating that the work was prosecuted continuously, and that there were no unreasonable delays on the part of the contractor, and recommending that no charge be made against the final estimate for liquidated damages; therefore

Resolved, That the Aqueduct Commissioners do accept the work done and materials furnished by the J. W. Fiske Iron Works under the contract above referred to, and direct that a proper voucher for the final payment therefor be approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Cowan, Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph—4.

The President reported that, pursuant to the reference to him at the previous meeting of Report 1833 of the Chief Engineer, dated January 10, 1910, he had dismissed from the service, on account of lack of work, the following named employees, to take effect from and after January 17, 1910, viz.:

Inspectors of Masonry.

Frank A. Miller.	Michael M. Reynolds.
John M. Caterson.	Peter Quinn.
Michael Bourke.	William Brooks.
Harold H. Bayliss.	

Also, that William H. Fry, Inspector of Masonry, had been dismissed from the service, on account of lack of work, to take effect from and after January 24, 1910.

The action of the President was approved by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Cowan, Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph—4.

The President also reported that on January 13, 1910, he had forwarded to the Comptroller copy of communication of the Chief Engineer, dated January 12, 1910, in regard to claim of James F. Egan for excess work done in connection with drainage contract at the Jerome Park Reservoir; which action was approved and the communication ordered filed.

Progress report of the Chief Engineer for the week ending January 6, 1910, was received and referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

Report No. 1834 of the Chief Engineer, dated January 14, 1910, recommending payment of bill of the J. W. Fiske Iron Works for furnishing and placing blocks for fencing at the Jerome Park Reservoir, amounting to $129.25, was received and ordered filed and the Secretary directed to prepare a voucher therefor.

Report No 1835 of the Chief Engineer, dated January 15, 1910, in regard to date of submission of weekly reports, and recommending that the weekly payrolls be made out hereafter to Thursday evening of each week, so as to correspond with the date of weekly reports, was received, approved and ordered filed.

Communication from the Chief Examiner, Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated January 11, 1910, requesting views as to character of examination for promotion to Assistant Engineer, was received and referred to the Chief Engineer.

Communication from Deputy Comptroller Fisher, dated January 14, 1910, requesting data in regard to renting of automobiles, was received and ordered filed and the attention of the Chief Engineer and Secretary directed thereto.

Communication from I. J. Beaudrias, dated January 11, 1910, in regard to matter of highways, Cross River Reservoir, and the acceptance of a portion thereof by the Town of Bedford, was received and ordered filed.

Communication from R. H. Ober, Assistant City Engineer, dated Seattle, Wash., January 10, 1910, requesting copy of Commissioners' report, was received and referred to the Chief Engineer to comply therewith.

Communication from Anna Rooney, dated January 12, 1910, in regard to proposed purchase of buildings on Parcel No. 24, Croton Falls proceeding, was received and referred to the Chief Engineer.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, Held at Their Office, No. 280 Broadway, New York City, on Tuesday, January 25, 1910, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cowan (President), Ten Eyck, Ryan and Windolph, and Chief Engineer Sears.

The minutes of January 18, 1910, were read and approved.

The President submitted a communication from the Chief Engineer, dated December 27, 1909, making comparison of preliminary estimates of the engineers in 1906 and the estimated final cost of the Croton Falls Contract, and stated that this report had been duly considered by the Aqueduct Commissioners in executive session; and recommended that it be referred to the Construction or Executive Committee for further consideration.

Which recommendation was adopted.

The President also reported receipt of communication from Deputy Comptroller Fisher, dated January 18, 1910, in regard to bill of John R. Yale for team hire, and stated that he replied thereto; which action was approved and the communication ordered filed.

The President also presented Report No. 1837 of the Chief Engineer, dated January 24, 1910, referring to Report No. 1833 in regard to the dismissal of Inspectors of Masonry, and recommending that certain of said Inspectors be retained in the service; and reported that he had, accordingly, reinstated William H. Fry, Inspector of Masonry, to his former position, and had requested the approval thereof by the Municipal Civil Service Commission; which action was approved and the report ordered filed.

The President also reported that, pursuant to the direction of the Commissioners at the previous meeting, he had requested the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not the Commissioners should allow the amounts in estimate No. 39 and previous estimates for the Croton Falls Dam and Reservoir for concrete masonry in the core wall of the Diverting Dam in place of cyclopean masonry; which communication was read and ordered filed and the action of the President approved.

The President also reported that, pursuant to the direction of the Commissioners at the previous meeting, he had requested the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not the Commissioners should allow the amounts in estimate No. 39 and previous estimates for work done by the Croton Falls Construction Company, under its contract for the construction of the Croton Falls Dam and Reservoir, in building the Electrozone Pipe Sewer in connection with said reservoir; which communication was read and ordered filed and the action of the President approved.

Progress report of the Chief Engineer for the week ending January 13, 1910, was received and referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

Communication from the Chief Engineer, dated January 21, 1910, in regard to the kind of questions to be used in promotion examination for Assistant Engineer was received, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same to the Municipal Civil Service Commission in reply to its communication on the subject.

Report No. 1832 of the Chief Engineer, dated January 24, 1910, in regard to the completion of the easterly basin of the Jerome Park Reservoir and requesting authority to prepare the necessary plans, etc., therefor, was received and referred to the President to communicate with the Mayor on the subject.

Report No. 1836 of the Chief Engineer, dated January 20, 1910, requesting authority to continue exploration surveys at the Patterson dam site and dikes, was received and referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

Communication from Deputy Comptroller Fisher, dated January 19, 1910, requesting certain information in regard to the disbursements to be made in 1910, was received and referred to the President for reply.

Communication from the Secretary of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated January 20, 1910, authorizing the transfer of William A. King from the position of Transitman to that of Topographical Draftsman, was received, ordered filed and the following resolution offered:

Resolved, That William A. King, at present employed in this Commission as Transitman, be and hereby is transferred to the position of Topographical Draftsman, the Municipal Civil Service Commission having authorized such transfer on January 20, 1910.

Which was adopted.

Communication from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, dated January 20, 1910, in regard to non-payment of bill for services of Inspector in protecting the tracks of said railroad in connection with the building of the Croton Falls Reservoir, was received and referred to the Chief Engineer.

Two bills from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, dated respectively December 3, 1909, and January 4, 1910, amounting each to $82.50, for services of Inspector in protecting tracks of said railroad during the installation of culverts in connection with the building of the Croton Falls Reservoir, were received and referred to the Chief Engineer.

Application of F. T. Hopkins, dated January 19, 1910, for permission to install electric pump on City land to pump water to his residence, in the town of Somers, from spring shown on diagram accompanying such application, was received and referred to the President for reply.

Communication from Walsh, Wallin & Beckwith, attorneys, dated Yonkers, January 24, 1910, requesting that the retaining wall along the aqueduct, near the property of Michael Walsh, be at once repaired, was received and referred to the President for reply.

Circular letter from the Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated January 17, 1910, requesting certain data in regard to authorizations for the issue of corporate stock other than water bonds, over the expenditures of which said Board has or may have jurisdiction, was received and referred to the President.

Circular letter from the Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated January 17, 1910, requesting certain information respecting the status of inactive authorizations of corporate stock, was received and referred to the President.

Circular letter from the Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated January 17, 1910, requesting certain information in regard to public improvements to be initiated in the current year and to be completed in subsequent year or years, with an estimate of the amount to be required in the year 1910, etc., was received and referred to the President for reply.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, March 8, 1910.

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MAR 11 1910
MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor.

Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your communication of March 4th, in which you enclose a letter from Mrs. A. M. Mechan, who has requested permission to purchase the house formerly owned and occupied by her on the line of the property condemned for the purposes of the Croton Falls reservoir.

I am now of the opinion that the proper solution of the difficulty that has arisen, on account of the stand taken by the contractor with reference to such requests as made by Mrs. Mechan, has almost been reached. After a conference the other day with the contractor for the Croton Falls work, this Commission addressed to him a communication, of which the enclosed is a copy.

When the Corporation Counsel has advised as to the method by which this Commission may dispose of houses on property condemned on land necessary for the aqueduct work, this Commission will know

just what steps are necessary to aid Mrs. Mechan and others similarly situated. A request has already been made of the Corporation Counsel for such opinion.

Yours respectfully,

President.

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AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
280 Broadway.

(COPY)

March 3, 1910.

Croton Falls Construction Company,

Brewster, New York.

Dear Sirs:-

Notice is hereby given to you that this Commission claims the absolute right to dispose of buildings, etc., in and about the lands condemned for the purposes of the Croton Falls reservoir.

We, therefore, take the position that if, as provided in the contract, the Engineers of the Commission order you as the contractor to dispose of said property by burning or otherwise, you are under the obligation so to do. If, on the other hand, the Commission sees fit to dispose of any of the buildings on the land on which you are working, it maintains it has the right to do so, and in the manner provided by statute. None of said property is or becomes the property of the contractor, but the contractor may make use of the buildings in a temporary manner only as allowed by the contract, upon permission first granted by this Board.

Numerous requests have been made of this Commission by people who formerly occupied buildings on the line of your construc-

tion that they be permitted to obtain such buildings by purchase or otherwise. This letter is, therefore, sent to you in order that the Commission may be in a position to properly deal with such persons, when equitable and legal considerations warrant such action.

The Commission again wishes to express its appreciation at your co-operation in this matter.

Yours respectfully,

J. NOBLE HAYES,

President.

March 8/10

acct Letter from

Mrs A M McLean

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Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, March 15, 1910.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

A meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners will be held at this office at 4 o'clock p. m. on Friday, March 18, 1910.

Respectfully,

Harry W. Walker

Secretary.

Meeting
Mar 18/1910

Form 72.

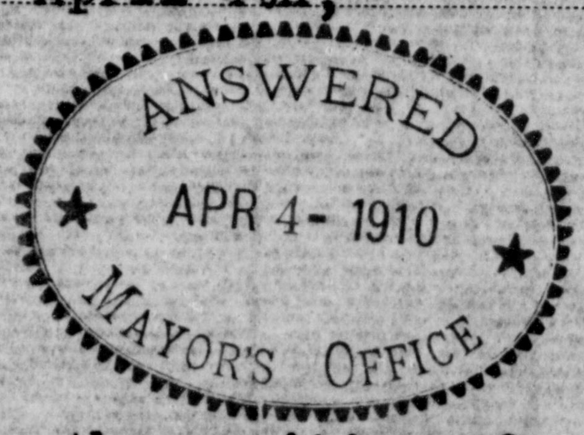
THE CITY OF NEW YORK--AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS,

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

ROOM 213, No. 280 BROADWAY.

WALTER H. SEARS,
CHIEF ENGINEER.

NEW YORK, April 4th, 1910



Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor,
Mayor of the City of New York.

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There is at present a vacancy in the position of Chief Engineer of the Aqueduct Commission. Although the work of the Commission will soon be terminated, a Chief Engineer will, probably, be required to direct the work now in progress, sign estimates, pay-rolls, etc., until the Commission is abolished.

After many years of service, I am, at present, Consulting Engineer of the Aqueduct Commission, being next in rank to the Chief Engineer. I was recommended to you by Mr. A. Augustus Healy and Dock Commissioner Tomkins, and had the honor of an interview with you last December about the Water Supply of New York.

As you are an Aqueduct Commissioner, ex-officio, you may take an interest in the selection of the future Chief Engineer. I shall appreciate it very highly if you should feel that you could recommend me to the Aqueduct Board for that position.

Although I could only hold this office a short time, it would be to my advantage elsewhere.

Referring you to A. Augustus Healy, Calvin Tomkins, J. Hampden Dougherty and Fred. W. Hinrichs, as regards my qualifications for the position in question, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

E. Hegmann

Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, April 8

ANSWERED
APR 8 - 1910
MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Adamson,

Dear Sir:

In the matter of Colonel Edward Duffy of which I wrote, he received yesterday written notice from the Tenement House Commissioner (of which Department he is Secretary) calling for his resignation, and as I have understood from Mr. Crimmins that his Honor desired me to call at the City Hall with the Colonel, I deem it my duty to apprise you with what has occurred.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. A. Harner

Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, April 22, 1910.

Mr. Robert Adamson,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In the preparation and submission to the Municipal Civil Service and the Department of Finance of the pay-roll of the Aqueduct Commissioners it is required that a certificate be placed thereon to the effect that there is on file in this Commission, pursuant to the provisions of law, a certificate or official communication from a duly authorized person authenticating the appointment of such Aqueduct Commissioners.

Will you kindly transmit to this office, at your early convenience, such a certificate or communication signed by a duly authorized person authenticating the appointment of the present Aqueduct Commissioners.

Yours very truly,

Frank H. Warder

Acting Secretary.

Apr 22/1910

Re to appointment
of the Commissioners

Mr. Robert Thompson,
Waterbury, Conn.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find certificate of appointment as a Notary Public for the State of Connecticut, which I trust you will receive in due course of mail.

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Aqueduct Commissioner's Office,

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, May 6, 1910.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the letter addressed to this Commission by Robert Adamson, secretary to the Mayor, referring to the letter received from Anna F. Rooney, complaining of delay on the part of the City in paying for property taken at Brewster for the purposes of the Croton Aqueduct.

In reply I beg to state that from information received from the Department of Finance it appears that no payment was made on account of the Rooney property because of the lack of a report from the Law Department upon such property.

A copy of the Rooney letter has been transmitted to the Corporation Counsel, with a request that he give speedy consideration to all the facts contained therein.

Yours respectfully,

J Noble Hayes

President

May 6/1910

Re-to Letter from
Anna H Rooney
of Brewster-re to
delay in payment

Yours respectfully,

Attorney.

I received herewith your letter of the 4th inst. relative to delay in payment of your account. I am sorry that I was not in the office when your letter arrived, as I would have written you at once. I have been very busy for the past few days and have not had time to look after your account. I will do so at once and will write you fully in regard to the matter.

Thanking you for your favor, I am

Yours very truly,

& *Aqueduct Commissioners' Office,*

Stewart Building, 280 Broadway,

New York, May 20, 1910.

Dear Mr. Adamson:-

I am much obliged to you for your courtesy in suggesting the most available time yesterday, and can almost consider myself in consequence a nonresident-honorary member of the Georgia Society.

Very truly yours,

Chas. St. Vavrier.

Mr. Robert Adamson,

Mayor's office, City.