

J. W. M.

129 WEST 75<sup>th</sup> STREET.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor.

My dear Sir,

Having  
been informed that there  
will be a vacancy in the  
office of School Inspector in  
the 23<sup>d</sup> District, by reason  
of the non-acceptance on  
the part of one of the recent  
appointees, I take the liberty

of suggesting to your Honor  
the name of Dr. Nathan E.  
Drill, of 125 West 77th St., for  
the position. Dr. Drill is a  
young physician of excellent  
family and standing, and  
a member of the "Harmonic"  
Club.

Very Respectfully Yours,  
Jacob Burnack,  
Comm. of Common Schools.

Thursday June Eleventh, 1906.



.....  
OFFICE OF T. I. MADGE,  
1298 & 1300 Broadway,  
NEW YORK  
.....

New York, January 30th. 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have several of your letters before me, in which you state you will give your attention to my request for a place as Assistant Dock Master or Door-Keeper for W.A. Chandler.

These letters are dated months ago, also my interview with you months ago you agreed with me, that I had a right to expect better treatment. Nothing has been done by you in this direction.

I worked one year and spent at least, six thousand dollars of my money to get a change in this City's affairs, and now, find that not one word that you reformers gave to the people has been kept in good faith.

You, yourself spoke at my headquarters in West 28th. St., and many other places and you promised the people a Non-Partisan City Government

You have never kept your word. All the departments in this City are controlled by Republicans.

I am not personally looking for a place, but, this man I speak about

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spent his money and worked hard for you.

I cannot get one man a place after all my efforts. When men who did nothing get everything, the men you appointed to office have no word or never keep it when given, with a few exceptions; I certainly was disgusted with Tamany Rule, but, will say for them-when the men in power gave their word, it was good.

I am done forever with men who advocate your kind of reform and thousands voice my sentiments in this City.

Yours Very Truly,

Thos. L. Madge



New York March 11. th  
1896

Dear Sir

I write to you  
hoping you will consider The favour  
I ask of you I am out of work  
and a married man The occupation  
I follow is going in steam ships  
as fireman oiler or water tender  
My reasons for writing to you is  
This I filled out an application  
5 or 6 months ago in the Civil  
Service labour Bureau office Centre at  
Franklin street for a job as Stoker  
in any of the City Departments or  
Fire Boats now after all the trouble  
I had in going to Engineers that  
I had worked for and going to

To a Real Estate Business Man  
That knew me then to a Notary for  
to swear to the truth of my application  
The job i was sent for to go to

Was to go up to The Island and  
Work for 30. \$ per month and Board  
Now what made me fill the  
Application was This it stated  
in the Blank that i <sup>was</sup> giving to  
Fill that a Stotter was Paid

2 1/2 \$ per day But i cannot fetch  
a Stotter yet it is for this Reason  
That i appeal to your generosity  
That through your influence i might  
Obtain the Position which i made  
Application For hoping you will  
Excuse me for writing i Remain a  
law abiding citizen

Peter Magee

521 West 43 Street

New York City

New York City, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> /96

Hon. Mayor: Strong,  
N. Y. City

Sir,

Being that I forgot to  
enclose the reference of  
the City Mayor of Allentown Pa.,  
in my letter which I did  
send to your Honor this eve.,  
I beg you kindly to accept  
it - in this one; and after  
reading the same - kindly to  
return. - Thanking your Honor  
in advance - for your kindness,  
I am respectfully yours,

(Rev.) Max Magil

73 Bible House  
N. Y. City

American Mission to the Jews.

BRANCH

424 GRAND ST.,

Headquarters, BIBLE HOUSE, N. Y.

New York, Oct. 12, 1896

Hon. Major Strong,  
N. Y. City.

Sir,

I have been for the last  $5\frac{1}{2}$  years in this country,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years in Allentown, Penna, and the rest of the time in this city. - Most all of the time have been engaged in ministerial work, but for the last 6 months have been unable to do my work, because of my throat - having been affected, - and have decided therefore to do some other kind of work. - I do understand bookkeeping, and general office work, and would indeed be very great & thankful to your Honor - if you could assist me - in getting some kind



American Mission to the Jews.

BRANCH

424 GRAND ST.,

Headquarters, BIBLE HOUSE, N. Y.

New York, ..... 189

of a position. — I have prominent  
references from clergymen & businessmen  
can also furnish security if necessary.  
I enclose one reference from the City  
Mayor of Allentown Penna;  
which I hope you'll consider, and  
after reading the same — kindly to  
return. — Am a young man 26 years  
of age, of good appearance, &  
moral character, and well known.  
Trusting, that your Honor —  
will consider these lines — and  
favor me with a reply,

I remain, yours very thankful,

Max Magil

43 Bible House  
New York City

Sept. 23, 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

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Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:—

I was born and raised in this city, and have raised a very large family here.

On Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1896 my oldest daughter Ella passed a Civil Service examination for clerk or bookkeeper, and received a percentage of 86.45. Since that time I see by the newspapers that a young lady from Jersey City has been appointed to such a position, and I most respectfully ask of your Honor if a citizen and tax payer of this city has not got the preference for these local positions according to the law.

I also desire to state that my daughter asked the clerk in the Civil



Service Bureau where she stood upon  
the list as clerk, but he stated there  
was so many different kinds of positions  
mixed up with hers that he could not  
give her the desired information. Is this  
correct Mr. Mayor?

So hoping you may consider this  
note, and praying for an answer as soon as  
possible, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Wm. Martin.

2478-E. 78 St.

City -

William B. Mann,

ROOM 19—18TH FLOOR,

100 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

TELEPHONE, NO. 4275 CORTLANDT.

(AM. SURETY BLDG.)

Sept 22d 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

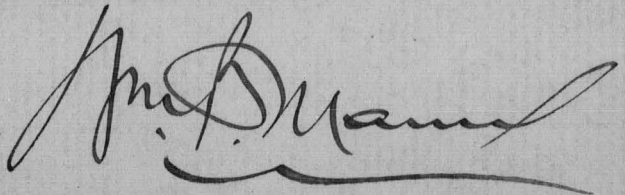
Sir:--

Some time ago, at the suggestion of my friends, I became a candidate for appointment to the Civil Service Commission, the application therefor being now on file in your office, endorsed by, Hon. Daniel G. Rollins, Rev. Morgan Dix,-- Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, Bishop of New York, the Rev. J. Harris Knowles, and I believe also by Mr. John Sabine Smith, as well as others.

Your Honor undoubtedly overlooked this application in selecting a successor to the late E. Randolph Robinson Esq., for I was never accorded an interview in connection with the matter, and I so thoroughly appreciate the action of my friends, that I beg that Your Honor will allow me some explanation, for I feel as though some consideration should be given to the many prominent representatives of the Clergy and Bar who were my sponsors.

Any action taken by Your Honor, in this connection, will be keenly appreciated, by,

Yours Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. B. Mann', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish underneath.



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY.

October 6, 1896

Hatch & Foote

3 Nassau st.

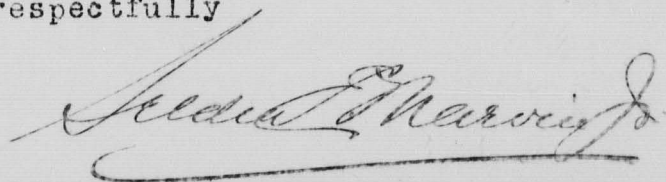
New York city

Gentlemen:

Governor Morton is in receipt of your communication of October 1st in relation to his recommendation for the appointment of one Charles T. Austin as commissioner of deeds for North Carolina, resident in New York city.

I am directed to say that it is the custom of this Chamber in granting such recommendations to applicants for the first time, to require of them letters from the mayors of the cities in which they are resident, stating their fitness to receive such recommendations. If Mr Austin will forward a letter from Mayor Strong, the Governor will be glad to grant your request.

Very respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward T. Harving". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed title "Military secretary".

Military secretary

Paul W. Schurz Mayor etc

Sir: I have known Mr Austin for  
within mentioned for nearly twenty years  
as a clerk of ~~Hotel~~ <sup>Hotel</sup> & ~~Hotel~~ <sup>Hotel</sup>, and thus cheerfully  
commend him to your kind affairs

10/9/96

Edwin Angelus.



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His Honour the Mayor.

Sir:

M<sup>rs</sup> Van Rensselaer

tells me that your  
Honour has written  
to Miss Collins in  
regard to an inspector,  
in place of M<sup>r</sup> Flaccus  
resigned, for the 12<sup>th</sup>  
District in which I  
serve. May I suggest  
the name of M<sup>rs</sup>

Rudolph Schinner who  
lives in East 17<sup>th</sup> Street.  
She has already  
visited public schools  
through Mr. W. E. D.  
Scott's committee of  
the Public Education  
Ass., is deeply  
interested in them and  
has ample time to  
devote to the subject  
as she has no children.  
Mr. Van Pernelaer  
agrees with me as

to her fitness for the position.

Yours respectfully

Susan Arbor Mead.

126 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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10 Willst St NY 12/96

Hon Mayor Strong  
Honored Sir,

I have asked Richard Deever and  
Thos L James to confer with you and  
see if I cannot get a situation of some  
kind & a small amount of money.

I am a sober, God fearing man but have  
had nothing to do for 4 years, my wife  
has been stricken with Paralysis & I have  
not One dollar for nourishment and  
medicine for her, it breaks my heart to  
see her looking so yearningly at me, but my  
hands are tied. this is a Tenement House,  
the Landlord is a hard man they say. I  
have only been here one month, my Rent  
is only \$14, but I have not 14 cents - I am  
a Republican near the new Bridge, cannot  
I have an appointment on that, anything  
but manual labor which I cannot do.

You are a very Good man, I was Book  
Keeper for Cochran Mr Rea & Co, is there  
anything there - I am an old Accountant  
and Mr Deever knows well & has known  
me 30 years - Mr James I have known



40 years - I am over 50 now and at  
one time lived in Africa. It is easy for  
any of you 3 Gentlemen, and by passing  
around the Hat among a few even \$2  
or \$3 each would prove a blessing  
to me and save me much misery.

Kindly provide for me and may  
God Almighty continue to bless you.

Sincerely & Truly

Wm J. Milbank  
10 Willm St  
N.Y.

P.S.

I do not know Mr Deves address.  
Kindly forward his letter and encase  
pencil & must direct outside



LAW OFFICE OF  
ISAAC N. MILLS,  
Mount Vernon, Westchester Co., N. Y.

ISAAC N. MILLS.  
DAVID O. WILLIAMS.  
ARTHUR M. JOHNSON.

Confidential.

April 9th, 1896

Honorable William L. Strong,-  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Mayor,--

This morning I was applied to by a friend of Mr. Seward Baker to write a letter to you commending his qualifications as a man and a lawyer. I did so and sent the letter to the friend. This afternoon I was informed from another source that Mr. Henry C. Henderson was an applicant, or rather that his friends had presented to you his name for appointment as Police Justice in the newly annexed district and that Mr. Baker's name was being presented as the opposing applicant.

While I do not wish to withdraw or retract anything that I said in my letter in regard to Mr. Baker's qualifications, yet I should not have written my letter in his favor to be used before you against Mr. Henderson. Mr. Henderson is a Republican and is certainly equally competent with Mr. Baker, and indeed has had, I think, much more experience in the practice of criminal law than Mr. Baker. As between the two, I should feel it my duty to recommend Mr. Henderson to you.

Very truly yours,

*Isaac N. Mills*

Edward Mitchell  
William Mitchell

Mitchell & Mitchell  
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law  
44 & 46 Wall Street

Telephone 1034 Cortlandt  
Cable Address  
"Mifform" New York

New York Nov. 11, 1896.

To His Honor  
The Mayor:

Dear Sir:

Having signed a  
paper presenting the name of  
Mr. James R. Croes, C.E., for the  
consideration of the Rapid Transit  
Com<sup>n</sup>, as a member of their  
Board, permit me to enclose  
a memo. showing Mr. Croes  
record in relation to Rapid Transit.

Without committing  
myself to the approval of any  
plan hitherto presented I cannot  
help thinking that Mr. Croes technical  
knowledge would make him a  
valuable member of the Board.

Very respectfully Edward Mitchell



## RAPID TRANSIT RECORD.

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In 1877 J. J. R. Croes was Chief Engineer of the Topographical Bureau of the Department of Public Parks, having charge of the laying out of the 23rd and 24th Wards, and on March 21st, 1877, submitted a report on the conditions which should be observed in designing a system of Rapid Transit North of the Harlem River (Doc. 75 D. P. P.) This report was concurred in and signed also by Fred. Law Olmsted. It was the first study of the subject which had been made, and many of its suggestions were followed by the subsequent Rapid Transit Commissions.

In 1879 Mr. Croes was one of the Engineers to the Rapid Transit Commission of April 2, 1879, which organized the West Side and Yonkers R. T. Company.

He was Engineer successively to the Rapid Transit Commissions of Jan. 19, 1880, which organized the East Side and Mount Vernon R. T. Co. Of March 6, 1880, which organized the Suburban Rapid Transit Co. Of June 2, 1880, which organized the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.

From 1883 to 1891 he was the Chief Engineer of the Suburban Rapid Transit Co. and designed, constructed and operated that road from Harlem to Tremont. In 1891 the Railroad was sold to the Manhattan Railroad Co. and he resigned his position.

During the past five years, 1891 to 1896, Mr. Croes has devoted much time and study to the subject of Urban and Suburban traffic and has contributed largely to the discussion of the subject. Several of his papers have been published, among which are the following:

June 1, 1892. A general discussion of the subject in a letter to the Evening Post. Partially reprinted in the Railroad Gazette of June 20.  
Nov. 30, 1892. Lecture at the Troy Polytechnic Institute on "Passenger Traffic in Great Cities". Reprinted in the Railroad Gazette Dec. 16, 1892. This was accompanied by a diagram illustrating the hourly fluctuations of traffic in New York City in a manner never before or since published.

March 17, 1893. Paper on "Speed and Capacity of Rapid Transit Roads in Cities", with diagram showing the results of several hundred observations of the speed of trains on rapid transit railroads. Printed in the R. R. Gazette.

Nov. 2, 1894. A discussion of the distribution of traffic on the rapid transit lines in New York City, illustrated by diagrams showing the actual up and down travel on a typical day. Printed in the R. R. Gazette. Nothing of this kind had been before attempted.

Dec. 20, 1894. A Brief of suggestions of lines of investigation which should be pursued by Rapid Transit Commissioners. In this paper the "canoe-paddle" route, comprising a four track stem line, from Chambers St. to Forty-second St. with a loop around the districts lying above and below those extremes was suggested. This document was transmitted to the Rapid Transit Commission by a number of prominent citizens, with their endorsement.

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - 1896

Mayor Stroug

Dear Sir;

Some time ago  
I wrote you in regard to my Son  
who had applied for a position  
as Park Carpenter. he went  
directly to the Office of the  
street-Cleaning Dept. where  
you advised him to go. Mr  
Gibson told him he could  
give him nothing to do.

He has since applied to the  
Labor Bureau for a second  
application to be filled out.  
and was told the first  
application which is no 46  
would hold good. and



and would be obliged to wait  
till he received word from the  
Trade School. which has been a  
long and weary wait. it is  
almost a year since he  
applied for the Position.

Dear Mr Strong I certainly  
think you have the power to  
exert your influence in  
regard to this matter if you  
wish to do so. can you not  
address to President Mc Millen  
of the Park Dept. a few lines  
asking him to favor my son  
by giving him employment  
at once. he has not succeeded  
in finding employment of  
any consequence since I last  
wrote you. I have borrowed  
and begged until I can  
do so no longer. I am now

absolutely penniless. was  
obliged to move from 593  
Amsterdam Ave as I could  
not pay the rent. in consequence  
of my son's long enforced idleness.

Am in very feeble health and  
not able to help myself in any  
way. so am entirely dependent  
on my son's support. not only  
physically weak but fractured  
my knee by taking a misstep.  
which prevents me from caring  
for myself.

Now dear Mr Strong  
the greatest favor I ask (which  
will cost nothing) will be  
to secure a position in the Park  
for my son. do assure you it  
will be the best Christmas  
present I can receive.

Hoping this will be

Kindly considered and acted  
upon. I remain  
Yours Respectfully

Mrs Mary De La Montaigne  
128 West 109<sup>th</sup> St  
4<sup>th</sup> Flat East.

Clarence De La Montaigne..  
(My Son)



Medical Division  
Bureau of Pensions  
Washington D.C.

Sir,

May 27, 1896

From the New York World I learn that Pres. Gilman is not likely to accept the Superintendency of the Public Schools of New York and as non residents of the City & State appear to be eligible I respectfully present myself as a candidate and herewith submit a short statement of my qualifications for the position. If my application be entertained I will forward testimonials.

1<sup>st</sup> I have had about twelve years experience as a teacher - in Public Schools, as Principal of High Schools and as a College Professor, and was trained as a teacher in the Normal Public & High School of Toronto. One of the most thorough institutions of the kind on this Continent.

2<sup>nd</sup> I am a graduate in Arts of Middlebury College Vt - one of the good old Classical Colleges of New England; in Medicine of the University of Toronto and in Phil.  
-osophy

Philosophy (Ph.D. Examination) of the University of Syracuse N.Y.

3<sup>rd</sup> I am a member of several foreign literan, and scientific societies and am author of several Educational works (designed for the use of High Schools and Colleges) which have been pronounced by the ablest authorities in this Country, to be the best of the kind in the English language.

4<sup>th</sup> I am well known as a writer and an authority both in this Country, and in Europe and Commanding abundant proof of the same.

5<sup>th</sup> I was engaged by the Federal Government as an expert to do special work in the Navy Dept (Nautical Almanac Office) and my record there from 1881 to 1893 is of the highest order.

6<sup>th</sup> During President Cleveland's first Administration I was Civil Service Examiner for all the Scientific Bureaus of the Government at Washington and also held a Chair (Chemistry) in the



- National University - here of which
- President Cleveland was Chancellor
- ex-officio.

7<sup>th</sup> I am now a Medical Examiner in this Bureau where I have a high record for ability and efficiency.

8<sup>th</sup> I am a naturalized American Citizen and can produce my papers at any time if desired to do so.

9<sup>th</sup> I have had a long and successful experience in educational, literary and scientific work - am forty nine years of age, & married.

In conclusion I respectfully refer you to the following named gentlemen all of New York  
Hon: Hugh S. Thompson. New York Librarian.  
Edo: W. Olney Esq. Manager Weekly Messenger  
Corner of Pine & William Sts.

John Tatlock Esq. Assoc. Actuary Mutual  
Life Ins. Co of New York

Prof R. S. Woodward of Columbia Univ?

Hon: H. C. Whitney knew me while he was Sec. of the Navy but I have not met him since

I may also add without prejudice that

in politics I am a democrat.

A reply stating whether or not my  
application will be considered, requested.  
fully solicited

With sentiments of respect

I have the honor  
to be

Sir

Your obt. Servt.

J. Morrison

M.D., Ph.D.

The Mayor  
New York  
N.Y.

to late



New York Dec. 28/96.

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong;  
Mayor of the City.

Dear Sir;

I have been an applicant for the position of foreman of the Street Cleaning Department, and passed the physical examination creditably, and was placed upon the list for employment.

After waiting months for recognition, I made a personal appeal to the Asst Supt. and was politely informed that I was too old.

Now, as it is not a crime for a born american to arrive at the

honorable age of 57 years. I thought that an appeal to you, knowing that a spirit of fairness prevails, I might perhaps accomplish my end.

I have a large family to support, and owing to the fact that, for the last thirty years I have been a steadfast republican working hard, and relentlessly for the party, I thought I might at least get a position as foreman of the department before mentioned.

I am a veteran and am the proud possessor of an honorable

discharge from the service, and in good health, and of good character.

Should you have favor me with an interview I would deem it a great favor, and you could also see that there is merit in my case.

Pardon this imposition and no doubt waste of your valuable time.

I Beg remain

Yours Very Respectful

Horace W. Myers

N<sup>o</sup> 64 Ave. D.





12 East 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Dec. 9, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong;  
Mayor of the City of New York;  
Dear Sir; I

I was born  
in Reade Street on the 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of February 1817, I pay taxes  
on my property to the  
amount of one million of  
dollars; I have never procured  
from the city the value of one  
dollar. I now ask you as  
a great favor, to give

employment to a man capable to fill any position but that of a hod carrier or street cleaner. He is fifty years old, married, and has a daughter fifteen years of age, and has lived in the city 25 years. His business turned a failure and he has been out of employment for over six months, during which time I have stood in the gap. If you will place him in any position, where

he will receive two dollars a day, I will esteem it a great favor. He is a bright man, and a gentleman.

He is no relative of mine and my interest in him is due to the fact that he is an entirely worthy man and has been, like myself, a member of the "Old Guard" for many years.

Very respectfully yours  
Joseph Maylor

NILES & JOHNSON.  
WM. W. NILES, JR.,  
HENRY B. JOHNSON.  
WM. W. NILES,  
OF COUNSEL.  
TELEPHONE No. 2152 CORTLANDT.

11 WALL STREET,  
ROOMS 44, 45, 46, 47.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3d, 1896. 189

Hon. William L. Strong.,

Mayor, etc.

My dear Colonel Strong:-

I think I have at last got just the man for the vacant school inspectorship in my district - the thirty-fifth. He cannot give me a final answer until Thursday of next week. I would consider it a favor, if you have not already made the appointment, if you would let it stand until that day, as I would like very much to present the name to you for your consideration.

Sincerely  
W. W. Niles Jr.



Copy.

No 2 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street,  
New York, July 4. 1896.

Hon C. P. Huntington.

My dear Sir:

As a very old friend  
will you not permit me to trespass for a few moments  
on your valuable time?

In all the years, since we first became acquainted, you  
have known me as a man of fair abilities and stainless  
reputation. I have been fairly prosperous, too, until  
financial reverses swept from me all my modest accumu-  
lations. Since then, I have, for the sake of my family, <sup>tried</sup>  
been manfully <sup>trying</sup> to keep myself afloat; but, now, I am  
utterly shipwrecked.

While I am somewhat afflicted, by lumbago, my  
mentality continues as vigorous as when, in 1856, we  
battled together, in California, for Fremont and Dayton and  
the integrity of our government; and I have done some  
things that attest my capacity. I have written and had  
played and published, with reasonable success, some books  
and dramas; and I have now, ready for production,  
several comedies that have been favorably criticised by  
first class Managers; and yet they refuse to run risks

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on untried productions.

I have also, now in the hands of a publisher of reputation, a Romance; (the materials for which I collected, while I was in the U.S. Consular Service, in Cuba;) The title is -

"The Queen of the Antilles,"

and it will make a printed volume of about 300 pages.

The publisher - the Dillingham Co, of 33 West 23<sup>d</sup> Street - has made me a written proposal, (which I enclose for your inspection,) to publish the book, if I will advance \$300, to defray one half the expense of getting out the first edition. Said advance to be returned after 5000 copies shall have been sold, when I am to be entitled to 15% on the retail price on all sold after the 5000 copies.

The Romance works up a very dramatic story, and it incidentally treats of events that lead up to the present critical condition of affairs in the island of Cuba. If it should prove a success I would be once more on my feet.

Will you, in this my extremity, lend me a helping hand? Time, unfortunately, has garnered all the other friends to whom, in this emergency, I might have applied, and so I am, as it were, indeed a drowning man. \$300 will meet the requirement of the publisher, and, on an additional \$100, I could subsist till the advent of better days.

I can only offer, as security for the loan I suggest,

my pledged word, and my honor, which has been unimpaired during a long and very active life.

very truly Yours,

(Signed, / Joseph. A. Menez.



Copy of letter, with inclosure;  
Joseph. A. Munoz

to

C. P. Huntington.

July 4. 1896

Personal. / - No 2 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street,  
New York, July 13. 1896.

Hon. Mr. L. Strong.

Richfield Springs.

Dear Sir:

Introduced to you,  
by a note from my friend, the Hon. Noah  
Davis, I had an interview with you  
some weeks after your installation. In  
that interview I submitted a general  
request for an appointment, and presented  
for your inspection, documents demon-  
-strating my Services to the Country, and  
to the Republican Party, and my intimacy  
with many of the prominent men of the  
Country, past and present.

You made complimentary comments  
on said documents, and said, if you could  
see how to do it, you would like to appoint  
me as a member of the Police Board. I  
replied that my physical condition was  
somewhat impaired, by lumbago; and  
my financial state was so desperate,

that I would gladly accept any gentlemanly position you might find it convenient to offer me. After much waiting, I concluded not to annoy you with further importunity, and withdrew my papers.

Since then I have devoted myself to literary pursuits, with such discouraging results, however, that I am driven to the verge of desperation.

In this condition, I very recently addressed a letter to my old friend, Mr Collis P. Huntington. A copy of this letter, with Mr H's autographic reply, I herewith enclose for your inspection, and hope that you will do me the favor to peruse the same.

I am aware of the great liberty I am taking, in addressing you at all, but especially at a time when you are seeking relaxation from official cares and midsummer heat; but I am goaded by cruel conditions, which you will scarcely appreciate, unless you can sympathize with statements to Mr Huntington, coupled with my concluding request.



Dare I renew that request to you,  
to enable me to have published a volume  
that may enable me to repay the loan  
asked, and to do much more for me?

And dare I further ask you to appoint  
me to any modest position that may  
enable me to keep the wolf from my door?

with great respect,  
very truly Yours,  
Joseph. A. Ruiz.

Will you kindly preserve for me  
Mr Huntington's letter and enclosure?

New York City Jan 14 1896

Job. E. Hedges Esq  
New York City

Dear Sir and Friend

Pardon me for interrupting you  
and I hope you will read this to the end -

Now as I have no friends in  
this city that can help me get work I want to ask you  
to give me a letter to the Clyde & Co. I want to go to  
Florida and get work in some of the big Hotels or on  
some of the plantations. Since the cold weather has  
set in lately I have suffered intensely as I was put out  
of 204 E 21st furnished room, not being able to find  
work to pay my rent. I have been sleeping at the  
New York Flower and Fruit Mission house 422 E 26 St & they  
now say they can do no more for me. So its best  
for me to get out of the city I would have done  
so long ago but could not obtain transportation.  
I went to Mr Blake & asked for assistance but  
he could not do it only send me to  
the Alms House. I am deaf, an unfortunate  
infirmity indeed but that don't signify  
I should be made a candidate for such  
an abode. I have brains & muscles I know  
how to use both but I can't get the change  
I am ready to do any thing. Go to war if  
necessary! So I can check this starving and  
sleepless reign.

Trusting you will do what you  
can I'll close adding one more line I  
am no hard drinker I never spend money  
for intoxicating liquer. I'm dead sore on  
it.

Yours John E O'Brien

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S. D. Packard



S. S. PACKARD,  
101 EAST 23D STREET,  
NEW YORK.

Twilight Park —  
Catskills —  
NEW YORK, July 5 1896

My dear Hedger —

I have just written  
and shall telegraph to the Mayor  
to put in a good word for  
Commissioner Hunt for Asst  
Superintendent of Schools — It  
may come easy for you to help.  
Also, I know you will

Hunt is an ideal man  
for the place; and will do more  
than any other man to make  
the new law a success —

Give him a lift, and do a  
great thing for the City

Sincerely Yours

Packard

Haines Falls N.Y.

S. S. PACKARD,  
101 EAST 23D STREET,  
NEW YORK.

Twilight Park, Catskills

NEW YORK, July 5 1896

My dear Mayer

I have just learned  
that Commissioner Hunt is pressed  
for a place in the Board of  
School Superintendents, and that  
he will accept if the two places  
of <sup>Asst</sup> Superintendent and Clerk of  
the Board can be had — He  
could not afford to take one  
without the other — You know  
my opinion of him, and I  
know yours. He did not get  
to be Police Magistrate, because  
you felt that he was not cut out  
for the place; but he would  
make an ideal Superintendent.  
I don't know how much

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you have to do with the matter  
but you are Mayor, and that  
is saying much. Don't be afraid  
to say good things for Mr Hunt  
and don't be afraid to act for  
him if you can. He won't go  
back on you as Parker did,  
and he will help to make the  
new law a success. No mistake  
about it.

I shall telegraph you  
so as not to lose time. The  
appointment will be made next  
Wednesday. Put in a word  
for our Ohio man and a hustler.

Very sincerely Yours

Packer.

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Sept 30/96.  
Hon. Wm L. Strong  
Mayor.  
City.

Hon Sir;

Several days ago I called at your office & saw Mr Hedges in regard to assisting G. Bruzzone who is at present an extra sweeper in 23<sup>rd</sup> St, he has been in the service of the United States Navy 9 years - is a good republican, and finds it difficult to support his family as he is very seldom given work, Mr Hedges cheerfully wrote out a card to Capt Gibson, who referred him to his foreman to use his name and get a recommendation to the Dist Superintendent

P. J. O.

The foreman refused to give him the recommendation & told him to go to the Superintendent himself. I called at the office of the Act Commissioner Capt Gibson & was informed that nothing could be done in his behalf unless he got the above stated recommendation. I then called on Mr Robbins whom I was told at the office had charge of employing & transferring men I applied to him for a Transfer in behalf of the above named Veteran, as he could not <sup>spend</sup> 10<sup>¢</sup> car fare every morning & then not get work?

Hon Sir; I am confident you nor Capt Gibson are aware of the Mysteries of the dept, & such can be seen when work is refused to an honorable citizen who has for 9 years been in the active service of the United States Navy, ready to uphold & defend the dignity of the United States.

& more still a black republican), Honorable Sir; I promised Mr Hodges & I promise you that I shall bring you some startling affidavits, I do not intend to make a scandal, for your sake, whom I consider the most estimable gentleman that ever occupied the present chair you hold, and also my beloved republican party, although I would be justified in doing so.

Trusting you will take this to your kind consideration & hoping you will personally endeavor to assist this poor countryman of mine whom I have befriended. I remain believe me.

Most Respectfully Yours.

Joseph A Paglini

Chairman in Election Dist 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly  
Republican Organization

FRANKLIN

New York  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1896

Your Honor Mayor Strong,

I take great pleasure in  
addressing to your honor  
these few lines hoping that  
you will simpitior this  
letter.

Your Honor Mayor Strong  
The writer of this letter is the  
young man that <sup>was</sup> Chairman in  
the Mass meeting during your time  
that you was a Candidate ~~for~~  
for Mayor.

Your Honor do you  
remember when you said to me  
If I am Elected Mayor I want  
you to come down to my Office  
in city hall that you would  
samthing for me.  
so I did not want to come



Down and bother you as I  
was getting along very nicely  
untill a few weeks ago I lost  
my situation. and even my

Father lost his also and the  
family is so large that your  
honour that I ~~can't get anything~~  
can not get along in any way shape  
or form.

so your Honour

I appeal to  
you for help and to give me  
something to do anything will  
do me as long as I am doing  
something there are 5 small  
children in the house and not  
even enough food for them to eat

Your Honour

If you will  
answer as in regards if I  
should come down and see

you on the subject  
or shall you let me know all  
by mail

Hoping you will show  
me some consideration

I still Remain  
Yours Ever Servant

Mr Ralph Pape  
Captian 2<sup>nd</sup> Election District

218 Mott Street  
N Y City

Your Honour

I shall be waiting  
for the answer every moment

University  
of the  
State of New York  
Albany

Brooklyn Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1896

Dear Mayor Strong

I wish to bring to your  
Kind notice, hearer, Miss M. E. Smith, a very  
dear friend. She is looking for the position of  
Assistant Examiner in the Civil Service. I know of  
no more competent person in intelligence and  
uprightness of Character. As you are fearless in your  
official acts, defying <sup>an</sup> reasonable Criticism, I thought  
I could help you in this appointment by assuring  
you of what I know of the lady from personal  
knowledge. She has great intelligence, experience,  
and a solid judgment, with conscientiousness to  
back up all. Her appointment will reflect great  
Credit on those whose good offices will help her to get  
what she is in search of - Very Sincerely and truly  
Your Honor's Sincere friend,  
Sylvester Malone Pastor, Regent.



# THE JOURNAL

EDITORIAL ROOMS,

NEW YORK.

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My Dear Job;

I wish if it lies in your power, you would do something for officer James Donnelly of the City Hall Squad. He is a deserving fellow, whom I have known several years and is seeking promotion. I got Cuzer to send down his papers for the Civil Service, which Donnelly took. I do not believe he or any one else passed the 90% required & that something else is necessary to accomplish it. If you can consistently say a word to the Civil Service Board or anyone of its members in his favor, please to do so. Or if you know any other way to get him through try it. There is no little time left as the percentages are liable to be announced at any moment!

I have been very busy, else should have been in to see you.

Hoping you will do what you can in the matter mentioned, I am, as always

Sincerely your friend  
H. S. Pathe



— C O P Y —

No.39 Troy Ave.,  
Brooklyn, M'ch 5, 1896.

To the Hon. Oscar S. Straus,

My Dear Mr. Straus :

I December last I applied for the position of Inspector under the Commissioners of Charity. The duty of such inspector being the examination of schools, institutions, &c., in order to find out the worthiness of those receiving money for their support from the State. At that time I placed with Mr. Faure, a number of letters of recommendation. Among them was one from yourself, from the Messrs. Harper & Brothers, from Mr. Gilbert Jones, formerly owner of the New York Times, and from the Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. With all these persons, excepting yourself, I had been in business relationship for the last 25 years.

As a Jew was wanted, more particularly for the inspection of the Jewish schools, it was thought by my friends that I might be well fitted for the place. I may say that I have made a study of public charity, and am well acquainted with present conditions. I am, of course, familiar with my Jewish co-religionists. ~~But~~ quite irrespective of creeds, I would do my best to act impartially. As I am paintaking



and industrious I see no reason why I would not make an efficient inspector .

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Barnet Phillips .

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*New York,*

*March 9, 1896.*

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Col. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My Dear Mr. Mayor :

There are to be several appointments under the Charity Commissioners for the position of inspector to examine schools and institutions. I have been told it is the intention of the Commissioners to select an Israelite for one of these inspectorships. I desire to recommend for such appointment a gentleman I have known for many years who is in character and attainments eminently qualified to fill the position. His name is Mr. Barnet Phillips, for many years connected with "Harpers Weekly" and the "New York Times." He is a man who has made a special study of matters connected with charity. He has observed well, and written with force and ability upon the subject. There are many prominent people in this City who know Mr. Phillips well, and would be glad to recommend him for this position.

I do not know whether these appointments are made by



you, or by the Commissioners of Charity, but I would deem it a great favor, and I am confident you would do a public service if Mr. Phillips would be appointed to this position. I can with the utmost confidence vouch for him in every particular.

I beg to enclose a copy of a letter written to me at my request by Mr. Phillips, which contains some further information regarding him.

I have the honor to be

Very truly yours,

Oscar S. Straus

New York Oct 2/96

To The Hon Mayor Strong  
City of New York  
Dear Sir

I take the liberty to inform you that I have been employed by the Department Street Improvement since last April and was laid off last week. I have a sick wife at home who is at present attended to by Dr Brugman, have 2 children and am a poor man. You can see by my <sup>recomendation</sup> ~~recomendation~~ that I am a reliable man and think I ought to have work



I also wish to inform you  
that men of Property are kept  
on in preference to poor men  
that need it badly. Men that  
are worth Property to the value  
of 25.000 to 40.000 which I can  
prove. Hoping that you will  
give this your attention and  
further a poor man's cause,  
I am

Yours Respectfully  
Paul P. Pope

~~474~~ 447

Rocking Ave.  
New York

P.S. Please return me my  
recommendation by return mail  
and oblige

Oct 5/96.

Since writing this my sick child  
has died and this makes the fifth.



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CHARLES PUTZEL,  
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253 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK, December 29th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, &c.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Inspectors of the 24th School District, at a meeting last night, authorized me as its Chairman to request you to appoint Mr. Robert E. Sickels, of the firm of Sickels, Sweet & Lyon, this City (a very prominent man in business and social circles) to succeed Dr. E. Sanders, who removed from our District, and who would be pleased to have Mr. Sickels succeed him.

Mr. Sickels is the unanimous choice of all the Inspectors.

Trusting that you will appoint Mr. Sickels, who resides corner of Fifth Avenue and 85th Street (in the District), I am, in behalf of our Board,

Very respectfully yours,

*Charles Putzel*  
Chairman



SIXTH DISTRICT  
CITY MAGISTRATES' COURT.  
NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon William L. Strong

Dear Mr Mayor:—

I should be very happy when the time arrives if we could have your valuable support for Mr James W. Perry for appointment as U.S. Dist. Atty. Mr Perry is of the firm of Knevals & Perry of which firm President Arthur was a member. Mr Perry is fully qualified, his standing at the bar is all that could be desired. He has always been an active republican in the same district with me for upwards of twenty years.

and was a prominent candidate for Senator and Congressman retiring in favor of Senator Paver & Congressman Phaman respectively. I believe he would have been successful in securing one or the other of these nominations had he not finally declined the use of his name, in the interest of the gentlemen mentioned.

Mr Perry's high standing in my section of the city is so prominent that whenever a strong candidate is desired he is invariably mentioned.

Mr Perry is a member of the Union League and Republican Clubs and has for many years been a delegate to the

Republican County Committee. I can think of no one that would accept the place that would give more generally satisfaction than the appointment of Mr Perry.

Yours

Yours with great respect  
H. A. Mummer



CITY OF NEW YORK.  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY HALL.

Sept. 23/96

Hon. Wm. L. Strong  
Mayor of New York City

My dear sir:

The residents of the North  
Side expect that you select some  
prominent, and fit person from their  
district, as successor to the late Hon.  
Austin E. Ford.

Hoping you will, again  
honor us. I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely  
Rufus R. Randall

35 Wall Street,  
New York City.

February 3rd, 1896.

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

Dear Sir :-

I hereby make application for the stenographic work in the matter of the investigation of the charges against ex-Public Works Commissioner Brookfield and Private Secretary Job E. Hedges. I did all of the confidential work and reported the public meetings of the "Committee of Seventy" in the campaign of 1894 and my work was entirely satisfactory.

If entrusted with the work of this investigation I will guarantee to perform it in a manner which will meet with your entire approval.

Your kind consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Very respectfully,

*Ella Rawls.*

1<sup>st</sup> mo, 11<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

Dear Sir:

Brig. Gen. W. A. de Sillo-  
waye, an old hero of the civil  
war, who on May 13, 1863 saved  
President Lincoln from cap-  
ture, is stopping at #1919  
Franklin Avenue, New  
York, near Tremont Avenue.  
He has no employment, and  
no one seems to want him  
as he is getting to be an old  
man, though he is steady  
and temperate and can  
furnish good references.



from those who have heretofore employed him, and his wife suffers daily. He is in great need of suitable clothing, and is nearly barefoot

He and his wife are educated and refined people. His mother was a sister of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, and hence he is related to Oliver H. P. Belmont and his brother Hon. Perry Belmont, but they have never done anything for him. If he could get employment he and his wife could get along nicely on what he could earn. He is a printer by

trade, and can turn his hand to most anything, that is honest, as indoor work.

Mr. J. H. Lee has kindly given them a home for several weeks, but as he has a family to care for and Mr. L. gets small wages, he <sup>at 60¢ a day</sup> feels that he ~~is~~ should be earning a living for himself and wife. Cannot you assist him to find employment so that he can get clothing and boots so as to have dry feet and earn a living for himself and wife? If you can assist him to get work he would be very grateful

as well as the writer of this  
Yours respectfully  
S. C. Reed,  
Greenpoint.

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—: THE :—  
NEW YORK CATHOLIC PROTECTOR,  
OFFICE:

415 Broome Street,

New York, March 4 1896.

Hon W.L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York  
Dear Sir

Mrs Shaughnessy who has been  
cleaning your office for years  
& about whom I wrote your  
Honor some weeks ago called  
at General Collis' office today  
& saw a Mr Grimes -

She informs me he told her he  
could do nothing whatever for  
her, that there were over a hundred  
ahead of her for work, and that  
her plan was to go to the Labor  
Bureau in the New Court and Register  
there for work,

I deem it proper to let your  
Honor know the result of your  
letter to General Collis,

She desires me to thank your Honor



for your attention to her request  
and the poor woman seems to  
doubt that Com<sup>r</sup>. Ollis knows  
about your interest in her case at all

Before finishing this letter I avail  
myself of the chance to thank you for  
your kind offices in answer to my  
letter on behalf of this poor woman &  
beg leave to remain.

Your obedient servant.

Timothy Riordan

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Dear Sir:-

I trust I may not be taking too great a liberty  
in thus addressing you, and knowing how much your time is  
occupied, will take up as little of it as I can.

What I wish to ask is, your very kind assistance  
to procure for me an appointment as official stenographer  
on any of the City's Commissions.

While I have had a considerable amount of experience  
in all branches of my work, I do not know just how to pro-  
ceed to procure a commission. I have no political influ-  
ence at all, but I have the ability to do first class work  
in every respect.

Occasionally we get a commission at second hand,  
doing all the work for about one third of the sum paid by  
the City in stenographer's fees.

If successful in securing a first appointment I  
feel reasonably sure a second would follow.

A word from you would undoubtedly be of great  
assistance to me and I hope you will give it in my behalf.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I have  
the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

*William L. Rogers*



44 Bradhurst Ave., Harlem, N. Y. C.

March 17, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I had the pleasure some time ago of hearing you address a meeting in Carnegie Hall in the movement made on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Ballington Booth, and heard you relate your experiences with the Poke Bonnets, and how the ladies secured their licenses to preach through your kindness. Now Mr. Mayor, I wear no Poke Bonnet else I would approach the City Hall, and seek an interview to ask the favor I hope you will be able to grant me. I have been trying for some time to obtain a position as stenographer and typewriter but have been so far been unsuccessful, and feel very much discouraged therefor, as it seems every advertisement I answer it is this way " I'll take your name and address, and let you know, or I will



( Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor. 2. )

send you a telegram" I never hear from them, and so spend a great deal of time and money. I have had seven months experience in a Commercial House, and in most places they want someone who has had several years experience, and will not even give me a trial. And this is the reason I write to you, as I think you have a kind heart and friends that may want someone in my line. I have done some work for the Republican Club of New York City, through the kindness of Mr. Adlebert Steele, who is now Deputy Commissioner, in this city. I can give the best of references as to character, from my Pastor, the Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, D. D. of 419 W. 145th St. N. Y.

Hoping that you will remember me, I remain,

Very respectfully,

Helen Russell.

New York, Jan. 4th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I have respectfully to submit  
for your consideration the following statement.

I passed an examination last April for Labor Clerk ,  
receiving over 90 per cent.

I now observe that the duties of that Bureau are performed by two (2) Clerks who did not enter the examination, and I conscientiously believe that I am entitled to an appointment.

I visited your office to day, and observed the impartiality and justice of your decisions., In the cases of the Poor against Pawnbrokers.

I apologize for my annoyance and sincerely hope that you will aid me in obtaining employment.

Very respectfully

*Francis P. Ryan*

Rooms 71 & 72, 271 Broadway, N.Y.

I lost part of <sup>my</sup> right arm in a railroad  
accident; and sincerely hope you will  
aid me.

Respectfully  
J. P. R.



June 8<sup>th</sup> 1906

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

Sir:-

I respectfully submit for your consideration the following statement:-

I remained on the eligible list for nine (9) months previously receiving the inclosed certificate from the Board established by you, and was prevented from entering the additional examination.

I ask you to read the inclosed letters, and request that you will aid me in obtaining an appointment as detailed laborer in any department.

I have only one arm and the struggle is very hard

Respectfully yours,  
Frank P. Ryan

Room 41,  
241 Bway.

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OF  
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59 WALL STREET.

P. TECUMSEH SHERMAN,  
STEPHEN B. STANTON.

NEW YORK, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1896.

John E. Hedges Esq.  
Scrib.

Dear Sir:

I have been delayed in answering your recent note informing me that the Mayor desired another name submitted for the vacancy in the Board of Inspectors of the 12<sup>th</sup> School District, by the fact <sup>that</sup> many people have been out of town.

I desire to suggest the name of Mr. Rudolph E. Schinner of 241 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. He is a music publisher of Union Square, is much interested in the schools, a

friend of Mr. Davis (Superintendent) and will accept. I am not personally acquainted with Mr. Schinner, but Mrs. Mead, our Secy, strongly recommends him.

Yours respectfully  
P. T. Sherman.

P.S. If that vacant Fire Commissionership is going begging, how would I do? Don't treat this as an application -

P. T. S.



STEPHEN B. STANTON.  
P. TECUMSEH SHERMAN.

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TELEPHONE NO. 1399 BROAD.  
CABLE ADDRESS, "AEGIUM," NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17th. 1896.

Job. E. Hedges Esq.

Sec'y.

My dear Mr. Hedges.

At a meeting of the inspectors for the 12th. school district held yesterday, we were informed by Mr. W. T. Lee, of 128 E. 27th. St. that he had sent in his resignation as a school inspector in our district to the Mayor. I am instructed by the other remaining inspectors, and take great pleasure myself to recommend to the Mayor that Mr. Joe Evans be appointed to fill the vacancy. You may remember that Mr. Evans was appointed last Spring but was abroad at the time, and remained away so long that his Honor the Mayor appointed some one else in his place. I know that Mr. Evans was disappointed in losing the position, and I hear that he gave some time abroad to studying the various schools; at any rate he is interested in the schools, and would give a great deal of time and attention to them if appointed inspector.

If you will submit this suggestion to his Honor, the Mayor, I will be obliged.

Yours sincerely

*Joe Evans*  
*102 E 26*

*W. T. Lee*  
*W. T. Lee*  
Chairman, Board of Inspectors,  
12th. School Inspection District.



National Bank of Commerce in New York.

May 28. 1896

Hon W. L. Strong

Dear Sir Mayor

I understand  
the name of Adrian  
J. Kierman has been  
suggested to you for  
School Inspector for the  
Sixteenth School District,  
in place of Cornelius  
O'Reilly, who was ap-  
pointed, but declined  
to serve.

I beg to say, I know

Mr Kieruan well, as  
an able and con-  
scientious young lawyer  
of estimable character;  
he is Secretary of the  
Catholic Club.

I heartily re-  
commend his appoint-  
ment —

Very respectfully

J. W. Sherman

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New York, November 7, 1896.

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:

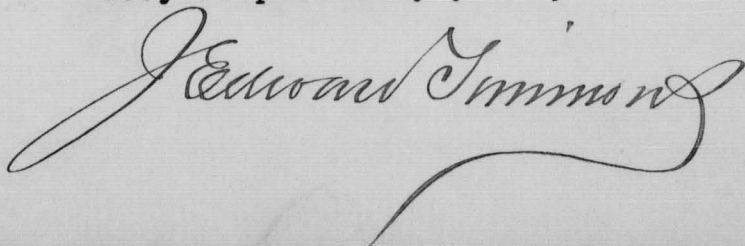
I am surprised to hear that a movement is on foot to induce you not to re-appoint as a Commissioner of Education the Hon. Joseph J. Little, who has rendered such an efficient service to the schools during the past few years.

Mr. Little, as you know, is one of our most respected citizens, and in all that he has done in connection with our great educational system, I am sure that he has been moved by a conscientious desire to accomplish that which was most beneficial to the city's interest. As Chairman of the Building Committee his services have been of inestimable value, and I cannot but believe that his retirement from the Board of Education will deprive our school system of one of its most ardent friends and efficient supporters.

As an old Commissioner, who gave the best ten years of his life to the schools of this city, I respectfully request that you confer upon Mr. Little the honor of a re-appointment and thereby retain in the service of the city a thoroughly competent Commissioner and a most honorable and upright gentleman.

Believe me,

Very respectfully yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Edward Simmons". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.



The Fourth National Bank,  
14 Nassau St.

J. EDWARD SIMMONS, President  
JAMES G. CANNON, Vice President  
C. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

New York, November 9, 1896.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I acknowledge the receipt of your kind favor of the 7th inst., and am gratified to know that the public schools of New York are not to be deprived of the services of Commissioner Little, who has demonstrated his great usefulness to our educational system.

Thanking you for your courteous consideration, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

*J. Edward Simmons*

No 366 Broome St.  
New York Sept 30.

Hon Mayor Strong.

In reply to your  
communication of the  
29<sup>th</sup> inst. I would sug-  
gest Mr Joseph Oliver  
204 Elm St., to fill  
the vacancy caused  
by Mr Freygang's resig-  
nation, as an Inspector  
of Common Schools for  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> School District

In every way Mr Oliver  
is thoroughly qualified  
for the position, having  
served as a trustee for  
many years in the  
14<sup>th</sup> Ward.

For further references  
I can refer you to  
Commissioner Charles Hubbell.

Very respectfully yours  
Wm Charles Smith  
Inspector 3<sup>rd</sup> District



LAW OFFICE OF  
W. STEBBINS SMITH,  
743 East 167th Street.

*New York*, November 12, 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor &c.,

Honored Sir:-

I desire to call your favorable attention and consideration for the appointment of Israel C. Jones Esq. as one of the School Commissioners to be appointed by Your Honor.

Mr. Jones has held the position of Superintendant of the House of Refuge at Randall's Island for many years, and has an extensive and practical knowledge of School matters in this City, State and elsewhere, and takes great interest in all matters touching our Public Schools. He is now a retired gentleman and is well known as a citizen, who would bring additional dignity, experience and business principles in our Board of Education in addition to the already excellent appointments you have made. It would require but a short interview with him for you to be impressed with all that I have said.

I urge his appointment because I have a lively sense of the necessity of broad, liberal minded and experienced Gentlemen in the Board.

I remain yours very respectfully,

*W. Stebbins Smith*

School Inspector of the 33d District.



#  
2454 P<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

New York City Oct 2<sup>d</sup>/96  
To the Hon. Mayor  
of New York City }

Honored Sir,

I write you  
for information relative to Appli-  
cants for employment in the city de-  
partments. About June 1895 I filed my  
Application for employment as a Practical  
Painter; in June 1896 I passed Exam-  
ination, receiving 92% About Sept 29<sup>th</sup>/96  
I was notified to call in person at once,  
which I did; and was informed that  
there was a Position for a Painter, in the  
Department of Charities and Corrections  
at a Salary of \$10.00 per Week - or 40.00 per  
Month

Now, Your Honor I am a Prac-  
tical Painter; a Veteran of the late war.  
I have received a High percentage from the  
Civil Service Examiners and am offered  
the Sum of Ten Dollars per Week, in-  
stead of the Standard Wages of \$3.50  
per day or 21.00 per Week I have  
always believed and have been in-  
formed that the Standard Wages of



Was always paid Mechanics employed in the City  
Departments, if so, Will you kindly  
inform me Why, That department  
of Charities should pay less than  
the standard rate of wages to Mechanics,  
Ten dollars per week is not even laborers  
wages - I would most respectfully  
state that my information comes  
from the Labor Bureau, Hence it  
is reliable

Yours Very Respectfully  
James Stafford



1896

The Republican Club of the City of New York. 95

450 FIFTH AVENUE.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

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New York June 13th. 1896.

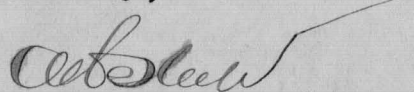
Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a petition from a few of the prominent republicans of this city, whose names you will readily recognize, asking the appointment of C. P. Devare to office of school inspector, in the event of a vacancy occurring in any place in this city. I have given some thought to this application, and I have no doubt this appointment would result very beneficially to the schools of this city. Mr. Devare is a man of very high attainments and is an expert in the teachings and discipline in the public schools.

I am going out of the city, to be gone for four or five days, otherwise I would present this myself. I send it by Mr. Frederick, stenographer to the Campaign Committee.

Yours faithfully,



Enclosure.

CHARLES G. STEVENSON,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR,  
DREXEL BUILDING,  
29 WALL STREET.

TELEPHONE NO. 1006 CORTLANDT.

ROOM 87. ELEVATOR 3 BROAD ST.

NEW YORK.

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1896

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

I write to make a complaint  
against Edward L. Gridley, one of the City  
Marshals.

I sent him an execution last December  
on a judgment obtained in the 7<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
Court in favor of John A. Malmborg against  
Philip Smith of the Northwest corner of  
78<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Smith informs me that he paid  
the judgment soon afterwards, either to  
Mr. Gridley or to his deputy.

I have written to Mr. Gridley twice,  
but can get no answer to my letters.

The amount of the judgment is small,  
only \$17.- or \$18.-; but I deem it my duty to  
let you know that he is acting in such a  
manner, and in the interest of my client,  
to ask your aid in compelling him to pay  
over the amount collected.

Very respectfully,  
Charles G. Stevenson



*ms*

Office of the  
Grand Master of Masons,  
in the State of New York.

John Stewart.

Grand Master.

Masonic Hall, New York

October 20<sup>th</sup> 1899

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir :- Pursuant to your suggestion, I write reminding you of the case of Roundsman John Budd, a deserving officer in whose behalf I have written President Roosevelt. A word of approval from you will I am sure advance the interest of this efficient and faithful public servant.

Very truly yours,

*John Stewart*



*William R. Stewart,*

*54 William Street, New York.*

*Post Office Box 258.  
Telephone 3269 Cortlandt.*

✓  
November 9, 1888

His Honor, William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Mayor Strong,

I send you by the bearer the paper endorsing my nephew, Mr. Henry G. Trevor, of 6 East 45th Street, for the position of Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-elect which you were kind enough to say you would sign. Mr. Trevor appreciates your promise and will be glad to have your name on the first page in the column signed already by General Porter, Mr. Depew, and others. As he desires to use the paper this afternoon, I will thank you to sign, and return it by the bearer.

Yours very truly,

*W. R. Stewart*

1 enclosure.

New York, Sept. 27 1896

Hon. William A. Strong.

Mayor of New York City -  
Respected Sir -

Having read in to day's Herald that there was an insufficiency of help in the Department of Building Inspection, & as I have for a long time been desirous of becoming an Inspector or Ass. Inspector of said Department I herewith make application for the position of Inspector. As I do not know to whom to apply I file my application to your Honorable Body. I kindly ask you to refer the same to the proper authorities. I am a married man, 34 years of age & can furnish first-class reference as to my character past & present. I would do all in my power to do justice to the position & promote the interests of the Department & the safety & welfare of the people of N. Y. City as I am not influenced by any party or interested person but apply for the position as I am desirous of doing justice to a Department which should employ honest & energetic men.

Trusting you will favorably consider my application & assist me in any possible way  
I Remain

Your humble servant

Raphael Strauss 520 E 84 St





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THE FINEST HOTEL IN  
AMERICA FOR WORKINGMEN.

New York, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1896

Dear Sir.

I take the pleasure of writing to you to see if you could possibly do anything for me I am the Father of two children who with their mother are now in the County Poorhouse this is the first time I have ever been in such a predicament and I assure you it will be the last I would like to go housekeeping again but being out of work I seem to have lost all ambition and am drifting further away all the time I am no loafer but a man that has always worked hard for a living and can furnish the best of recommendations from my trade but I would not like to be exposed as it may hurt my reputation if I could but once get started in a home every thing





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New York, ..... 189

would run smoothe again I could get  
things on installment but I am not working  
and it would require money for rents and living  
but I am honest enough to pay back any thing  
that would be done for me if it lays in your  
power to do any thing towards getting me started  
in a home again why let my wife know Mrs  
Esther Sweeney Of Nursery Randalls Island N.Y.  
and I promise you faithfully I will pay you  
back dollas for dollas and will never forget  
your kindness my trade ought to be busy Just now  
but it takes so long to get on my feet that I lose  
all courage I have always earned a nice  
living but was always foolish with my money  
but this time I have learned a lesson that I  
will never forget Hoping to hear from you I remain  
Your humble servant John Sweeney

WALTON FERGUSON, JR.,  
PRESIDENT.

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N. Y. Office, No. 126 LIBERTY STREET,

WORKS:  
BOUND BROOK, N. J.

New York,

March 11<sup>th</sup> 95.

Hon. Wm L. Strong  
New York City

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you & herewith enclose my references, among them you will find one from Mr. Thos K. Hanna of Kansas City with whom you are personally acquainted. I am in search of employment as the above firm with whom I am now connected are about to curtail their expenses & one of the Officers will do my work thus leaving me without a position. I was formerly employed with this firm but left them when they shut down & was afterwards employed by the Saml. Hurlbut Co 135 Wooster St. while with them they made me Secty of their Co. but having flattering offers from the above Co. I left them. Thinking there are vacancies in some of the different Departments. I address you in the hope it will be the means of



securing a position. I have been a Bookkeeper  
for twelve years or more. & consider my  
self capable of keeping any set of books.  
No doubt a quick & accurate man can be  
of service to the City. Kindly return  
my references. & if there is a prospect  
of any vacancy. I would be pleased  
to have a personal interview.

Yours Respectfully  
Waldo Buckorn  
J. Ives Merrill Mfg Co  
City



N Y Jan 14/96

To His Honor the Mayor

My Dear Sir

Some time ago  
my Aunt (the bearer)  
of this note called  
at your home asking  
if you would kindly  
speak to the Com. of St. E.  
Warren & in reference to  
a better position, which  
as a foreman of a section

I know I can fill  
the position to fully  
satisfy my superior  
officers. I trust you will  
not think that I am  
bothering you but I am  
awfully anxious to make  
my home brighter to  
my Father than it has  
been for the last 2 years  
and I feel sure a word  
from you to the Comm  
missioner will be useful  
to me. again I ask you  
to excuse me for importu-  
guing on good nature but  
it is all for the sake of  
my Father that I ask  
you to help me gain the

position desired  
and I only hope that  
in the near future  
I will hear from my  
superior calling me  
to fill a vacancy my  
Sst Jpt Mr H. Griest  
is very much pleased  
with my work and is  
only too glad to help me  
out at any time

Respectfully Yours

Edw M Tappey Jr.

Detailed 311 N 134th St  
St section City



Answer

Cham. School No. 45,

May 20, 1896.

My dear Mayor Strong,

A friend  
of mine, Judge Hermann  
Botte, 3 N. Chambers Street,  
is at present one of the  
Trustees of the Fourth Ward,  
and I most sincerely hope  
that Your Honor has his  
name on your list for  
appointment as an Inspector.

His honesty of purpose  
and devotion to the schools  
has endeared him to all-

the children rush up to him  
as he passes along the street,  
as if he were a father to  
them all. Long ago I was  
aware of the fact that he  
considered it a greater honor  
to be a school officer than  
to be made a Judge.

I am certain that you  
will add to the efficiency  
of the schools by appointing  
him and I shall very  
much appreciate the honor  
conferred on him.

Very sincerely yours,  
Mary E. Tate.

30 over

Order Hand  
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18 E 109

*personal*

FREDERIC TAYLOR & Co.

BANKERS & BROKERS.

84 BROADWAY,

WM. EVANS, JR.  
MEMBER N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, Dec 1 1896

My dear Colonel.

Will you let me say to you, that though I have never sought, nor been willing to hold, public office, I would be glad, (that is, of course, if you should see fit to do so,) to have you suggest my name in connection with the vacant rapid-transit

Commissionership.

I have long been much interested in, and a close student of, the transit problem; and if chosen for the work I would try to be of help in solution of the problem.

Very truly  
Fred. Taylor.

Col W. L. Strong.



Act

9 West Ninth Street,

November 10th, 1896.

To

Honorable William L. Streng,

Mayor of New York City,

Dear Sir,

It is with great regret that I find myself compelled to resign my office as one of the Inspectors of Schools in the Ninth District. I find that my health is not strong enough to permit me to do the work as it should be done; and family reasons may oblige me to be absent from New York during a part of the winter. Therefore it seems to be my duty to resign my place to some one who can carry on its important tasks more diligently and systematically, although I ~~have~~ feel it a great personal sacrifice ~~to~~ thus to cut myself off from interests which have steadily grown more and more important to me since the time of my first appointment, eighteen months ago.

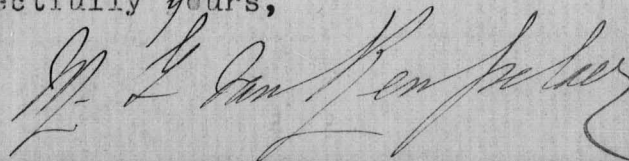
Should you have no one in mind as a good person to fill the place thus left vacant, may I suggest the name of Mr. Charles Wisner, whose address is 18 West Twelfth Street? He is engaged in business but has sufficient leisure to attend conscien—

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tiously and thoroughly to the work of a school district. He has long been interested in all matters relating to the condition of the people of the city, and is familiar with our social conditions, and with the needs and characters of our poorer classes, to a rather exceptional degree. He happens to have been much among those in the neighborhood of Marion and Mott streets where two of the schools included in our district stand. Mr. Wisner is furthermore a man of cultivation, of much energy as well as conscientiousness, of genial manner and great tact, but of firmness and independence also. Taking all his qualifications together he seems to me as well fitted for just this post as any one whom I have ever known in New York. I think Miss Collins would approve of his nomination (as there will still be another woman inspector, Mrs. Beach, in the district); for she is well acquainted with his family and, I think, with Mr. Wisner himself; and they are all active workers in the paths where Miss Collins herself has been so wisely energetic.

Expressing once more my great regret at giving up the place, and thanking you for the confidence you showed in appointing me to it, I am, Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. L. Van Hook", written in a cursive style.

41 West Eleventh St.

Nov. 11. 1896

To Hon. Wm. J. Strong,  
Mayor &  
Sir

Mrs. van Rensselaer tells me  
she has been compelled to  
resign her position as School  
Inspector. Also that she sug-  
gested Mr. Charles Thoresen as  
a good person to take her place.  
May I say that it seems to  
me an excellent suggestion?  
We have known Mr. Thoresen's



family for a long long time,  
and have always regarded  
them as honorable, intelligent  
people, without selfish aims.  
This gentleman, the youngest  
of the family, shares their  
interest in his fellows, and  
has done service among boys  
for years. Perhaps the best  
plea is that he is not ex-  
tremely occupied with his  
own business, & is willing to  
take this place.

Respectfully yours  
Ellen Collins  
Inspector 9th Dist.

Mr. Mayor — July 9/96

Mr. Owen called on me  
last evening + requested me  
to ask you to appoint —  
Mr. Robt. Mayniche  
an architect — who lives  
at 1327 Madison Ave —  
a School Inspector for  
the XXVIII District —

I know Mr. Mayniche  
personally + regard him  
in every way an excellent  
man for this position —

Yours  
J. C. Ware

N.Y. City June 9/96

Kau.

M<sup>r</sup> H. Strong

Dear Sir:

If I am not asking too much could you consistently have me appointed in some department. am a thoroughly experienced Accountant.

Have been for four years and until I moved to the City. Captain of the 11<sup>th</sup> Election district of the town of Jamaica L. I., also member of the Republican town Committee.

Am thirty two years of age, and married and confess it is absolutely necessary that I be employed. by complying with my request you would be rendering to me the greatest service than you may imagine.

Have never asked a similar favor before and can understand how often you may be willing to making the same request



but hope you may grant me some consideration in lieu of my wife and child and you could please us so much as well as the cause of complete happiness.

Refer you to Mess. Felder & Fehre, closely connected with Corbin Banking Co, Cor. John Broadway as to my Character and ability.

Hoping you may see a way to grant my most earnest request I remain Sir

Yours Very Truly

A. P. Weidman  
138 West 96<sup>th</sup>  
City

N.Y. City June 12/96

Job. E. Hedger Esq.  
Dear Sir:-

I thank you kindly  
for prompt reply to my letter to the  
Mayor. I had presumed he might have  
gone so far as to advise me as to  
what Department in particular I might  
be liable to receive recognition, over  
and above some other.

I am aware you are called upon  
to fill all sorts of requests. but if you  
will give me any further advice, or  
assistance as to what department I  
might be successful I assure <sup>you</sup> I will  
be more than grateful

Thanking you in advance I remain

Yours truly

A. E. Weidman  
138 West 96<sup>th</sup> St.  
City.



NUMBER ONE BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.

August 5th, 1896.

His Honor

Colonel Strong,

Mayor of New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

A noble girl, who prefers to be called a Business Woman, is seeking the position in the Board of Health known as Mercantile Inspector, of whom some 13 are to be appointed before the end of the month.

Her name is Caroline Whitcher, 19 W. 38th St., and she is known to me as entirely worthy and able. She has the warmest commendations from most respectable citizens, and will beyond doubt meet the most exacting requirements of the Civil Service examination.

Yet she may need some more potent influence than real merit commands, and I venture to ask your kindly word on her behalf because you know I would not take this liberty unless it was all right.

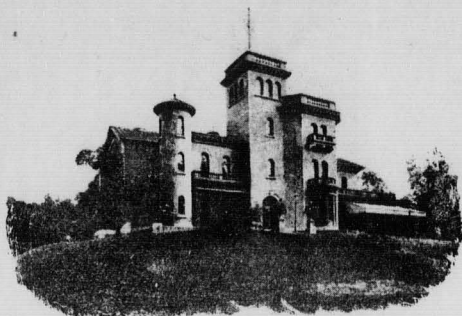
Now, my best of friends, it would help me greatly to serve Miss Whitcher and at the same time put into the public service an admirable official that would do credit to your administration.

Hence I take the very great liberty of asking you to pencil a memo. favorable to her on the bottom of this and send it to President Wilson, if that is entirely proper.

Faithfully yours,

*Evelyn Wilson*





TIMOTHY L. WOODRUFF, COMMISSIONER.

*Department of Parks.*

*Litchfield Mansion.*

*Prospect Park,*

*Brooklyn,* Sept. 25, 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City,

City Hall, New York,

My dear Mayor Strong:-

Mr. George T. Patterson is a candidate for the position of Fire Commissioner of New York City, and I take great pleasure in writing you in his behalf. I understand from many who are in position to pass competent judgment that he is the best equipped man for the position that can be found. He has been engaged in the Fire Insurance business in New York for nearly thirty years, and I know his reputation is very high. If you will give his application your careful, and I hope favorable, consideration, you will confer a very great favor upon,

Yours very truly,

*Timothy L. Woodruff*

# Department of Street Cleaning.

City of New York,

~~Criminal Court Building,~~

~~Cortie, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.~~



S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, Sep't 28th, 1895. 189

Thos. Graham, Esq.,

1236 Madison Avenue, City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 27th instant, in behalf of Mr. Walter Webb, who is an applicant for the position of Foreman in this Department, is received.

There is no vacancy now for such a position, and probably will not be for a long time to come. However, your letter will be placed on file with his application.

Yours truly,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.



To The Honorable George E. Waring Jr  
Commissioner of Street Cleaning Department  
New York City.

We the undersigned Assemblymen  
Aldermen, Professional Men, Tradesmen  
and others of the City of New York take  
pleasure in recommending Walter Wells  
of 528 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street for the appointment  
of Inspector, or Foreman, of a Street Cleaning  
District. We believe him to be in every way  
fitted for such position being a man of  
strict integrity, sobriety and Education.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1895.

George A. Owens 4<sup>th</sup> Dist. - Senator  
John F. McDermott. Assemblyman 9<sup>th</sup> Dist  
Chas. J. Adams Do 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.  
Henry Blues Linen Merchant 19<sup>th</sup> Ward  
James H. Bache M. D.  
Robt H. Simpson, Cashier  
Metropolitan Street Railway Company  
Thos. M. Ryan 415 West 34<sup>th</sup> St  
Ellou Hughes & Co

Thos. Ritzer Grain Dealer  
President Grain Dealers Company New York

Abram Horton. Gallatin Hotel Bk  
42 Wall St.



Inclosures 2

318 W 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
City Nov<sup>r</sup> 4. 1895

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I think it  
right to call your attention to a  
man worthy of being appointed to  
a position in some Department.

He has made application for the  
Sheet Cleaning Department, and I  
enclose you Capt<sup>m</sup> Gibson's reply.

Something should be given Mr Webb  
at once as an acknowledgement of  
his services to Republicanism.

He has worked hard & assiduously  
in the Republican interest & if the  
15<sup>th</sup> Senatorial & 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
are won for the Republican Candidates

Mr. Webb may be thanked for the result. He is forming an Association of young Republican blood which by the Presidential Election will number nearly 1000 thou. I also enclose you a recommendation to Col Waring which perhaps you will see the Col. with. Surely some position should be found for Webb.

He would be content as Harkness Foreman if a Foreman's position can not be given him. He is an Educated Man (University B.A.)

May I ask you to interest yourself for him and to let me hear from you at your early convenience.

Yours truly  
Jacob Hoff

The Honorable Wm L. Strong Mayor New York City

318 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
City Nov. 6. 1895

Dear Mr Mayor /

In writing you  
on 4<sup>th</sup> with recommendation on  
behalf of Mr Walker Webb I stated  
that if the 14<sup>th</sup> Senatorial Republican  
Candidate was returned Mr. Webb  
should be thanked. This was my  
mistake. I should have said the  
15<sup>th</sup> Senatorial. You see that Mr.  
Pape, the Republican was elected, and  
that mainly through the indefatigable  
efforts of Mr Webb.

Mr. Webb also assisted Mr. Adler  
the successful (Republican) Candidate



for Assembly in the 8<sup>th</sup> District.

You will notice that Mr. Adler signed the recommendation I sent to you.

I think it right to inform you that there are now to my knowledge 2 Foremen on the Street Cleaning Department better friends of the Republican Cause, and who worked for Tammany and are subscribing money to Tammany for Campaign purposes.

Their names are Thomas Burke and, Mr. Baumbrink.

Mrs Sincerely  
Jacobs Hoff

The Honorable Wm L. Strong

318 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

City June 17<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Dear Mayor

On H<sup>d</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup> last I  
wrote you enclosing recommendation  
by leaving Traskin, Republican  
Senator, Assemblyman and others  
on behalf of Mr Walter Webb  
for appointment as Foreman or  
Assistant Foreman of Sheet Pleading  
Department, and asking your kind  
influence on his behalf with  
Ed: Waring. I also enclosed your  
Letter

Letter from Deputy Commissioner  
(Capt.) Gibson relative to Mr Webb.

I wrote you further with  
additional information on the  
8th Nov.. As I have not so  
much as received your  
acknowledgment of the letters  
and documents I cannot think  
that they have come to your  
hands hence my writing to you  
to your private residence.

The letters and documents were  
sent to you to the City Hall.

Will you please make inquiries  
for them at once and greatly oblige  
and

lend your influence with Col.  
Waring on Mr Webb's behalf  
as he is thoroughly deserving  
of the same.

Should you decline to assist  
Mr Webb kindly return me  
Capt Gibson's letter and the  
recommendation.

If not too late I wish  
you a happy and prosperous  
New Year.

Sincerely yours  
Jacob Stoff



Walter Webb  
Lechman & Foreman  
St. Clearing Dept.

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The Honorable <sup>Gen</sup> L. Strong  
The Mayor's Parlor  
City Hall  
City





Strictly  
Personal

248 Bleeker Street  
City May 11. 1896.

Dear Mr Hedges

In January last  
you wrote Mr Hoff that you had found  
the testimonials that he had sent <sup>to</sup> ~~you~~  
the Mayor on behalf of Mr. Walter Webb.

You also stated your willingness to send  
them across to the Street Cleaning Department  
on hearing from Mr Hoff. Mr Hoff  
did not write you again having died  
suddenly hence the matter has remained



in abeyance. May I ask you to look  
up the papers and personally see Col  
Warney with them at once and urge him  
to give Mr Webb a position without delay

Mr Webb is deserving of a position.

He is a staunch Republican of the Maypo  
type, has great weight in the 17<sup>th</sup> Senatorial  
and 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly District and can  
carry victory for the Candidates he supports  
there. We shall need many such as  
him in November next. I have sent  
29 influential testimonials to Col Warney  
on behalf of Mr Webb and wish for your  
personal influence with the Col to ensure  
success. Please do this favor for Mr  
Webb and greatly oblige

Yours very faithfully

John Hedger Esq. M. Kitchin

248 Bleeker Street

City May 25. 96.

Dear Mayor,

It may be in your recollection that Mr. Hoff wrote you in November last desiring your influence on behalf of Mr. Walter Webb with Colonel Waring, and I believe through your kind intercession Mr. Webb was put on the Eligible list for Freeman. That is as far as Mr. Webb has got. A Man like Mr. Webb deserves more. He ought to be given a position

position as Foreman without any further delay. He is a staunch and true Republican of your own type, and fought an up hill fight for Senator Dape in November last in the 17<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District against Tammany and brought Mr. Dape out successful. He is now out heart and soul for Major McKinley.

Give him some slight encouragement by obtaining for him the humble position he seeks.

We shall require many such Men as Mr. Webb in November next and their services ought to be recognized.

I enclose you Copy Testimonials on Mr. Webb's behalf. The Originals have been sent to the Colonel. These are in addition to those sent you in November

November by Mr. Hoff.

Please see Col. Waring yourself for Mr. Webb and get the Col. to appoint him right away.

He deserves it.

Naturally & Fully Yours  
Geo. R. R. R.

The Honorable W. L. Thayer  
N. Y. City



To The Honorable George E. Waring Junr.  
Commissioner Department Street Cleaning

We the undersigned Senators Assemblymen  
Coroner and others respectfully ask you to appoint  
Walter Webb of 528 W 47<sup>th</sup> Street to the position  
of Foreman or Assistant Foreman.

He is a Man of good education, sober and  
of strict integrity.

Louis Davidson 33 <sup>rd</sup> Dist	Louis Kunzinger, Senator 16 <sup>th</sup> Dist
John B. Fitzgerald 24 Dist	Frank D. Pavey " 15 <sup>th</sup> "
Thomas F. Meyer	Thos F. Grady " 14 <sup>th</sup> "
D. E. Finn 1 <sup>st</sup> Dist	Saml J. Foley " 12 <sup>th</sup> "
J. J. Andrews	Charles L. Guy " 21 "
Wm H. Dobbs. Coroner -	John F. Ahearn " 10 <sup>th</sup> "
Wm Costigan #15 W. 34 <sup>th</sup> St	Arthur C. Butts " 35 <sup>th</sup> "
Clerk 8 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court	Joseph A. Ginder
Frank J. Goodwin	John M. Delmour 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Alderman 13 <sup>th</sup> Dist	James A. Donnelly #1 <sup>st</sup> N.Y.
John Jeroloman	J. J. Trainor 13 <sup>th</sup> Dist
President Board of Aldermen.	Wm J. Green 28 <sup>th</sup> N.Y. "
	Benjamin Hoffman 448 5 <sup>th</sup> St
	Daniel S. F.H. Coy 156 E 49.
	George W. Meyer Jr. 409 E 84
	Jacob Fritz 14 <sup>th</sup> Dist
	Edward H. Hart 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dist
	James F. Maccabe 9 <sup>th</sup> Dist
	Thomas F. Donnelly 32 N.Y. Co
	Joseph Schulum 12 <sup>th</sup> Dist

423 East 9. Street  
New York, Sept. 9. 1896.

Hon. Mayor Strong  
City Hall

I had offered  
my services for the populari-  
zing of Statistics  
already to Mayor Gilroy,  
because one of my correspond-  
ents, Sir John Lubbock  
had given the figures of  
the leading municipalities  
of the world, showing the  
part politics played in

that of New York. I had  
also called upon the City  
librarian (Tammam) "the  
last half hour he was in"  
& his successor.

As there is question of  
establishing a Statistical  
Bureau, I wish you  
would kindly refer my  
application for employment  
there to Dr. E. R. L. Gould  
who is mentioned in  
connection with it, &  
who knows the Columbia  
College professors able to  
judge my work. -



It took your election  
as a revival of public  
conscience & I hope that  
I shall have better chances  
than I have had hitherto.

Particulars on my  
antecedents may be had  
from my first employers  
in this country, 5 years ago,  
Messrs. Mouquin, 20 Ann  
Str. -

Yours very respectfully  
Jacob J. Zimmerli  
Expert diagrammist