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24 Sept. 1896.

Mr. Gilder accepts with  
pleasure the kind in-  
vitation of the Mayor  
for Friday afternoon  
the 25<sup>th</sup>. to meet  
Mr. Gould & Mr. Swan,  
at the Mayor's Office

**THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS**

13 ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK.

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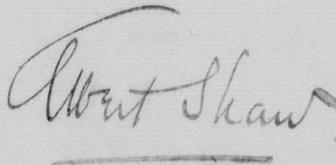
September 24, 1896.

Dear Mayor Strong:

I shall be very glad to come  
to your office with Mr. Gilder and Dr. Gould  
tomorrow afternoon, in accordance with your  
invitation to talk over the desirability of a  
statistical bureau.

With great respect,

Sincerely yours,

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To His Honor Mayor Strong.

Harlem & Westchester  
Clothing Co.

Mens & Boys' Fine Clothing.

Hats & Furnishings.

Cor. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. & 125<sup>th</sup> St.

LEOPOLD WORMSER.



New York, Sept 19 1896

Hon. Mr L. Strong  
Mayor. N.Y. City  
My dear Sir.

I desire to thank you for your opinion regarding the "L" brand ordinance. I have sent my protest to the Board of Alderman, and hope that they will not pass same over your veto. it would be an injustice, in every sense of the word.

Respectfully Yours  
Leopold Wormser.

Office of *D. M. Williams & Co.*

*Importers & Retailers of*

*Dry Goods.*

*125<sup>th</sup> Street & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. New York* Sept. 19, *1896*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir: -

Permit me to thank you for returning without your approval; the ordinance relating to News Stands under "L" Station stairs, passed by the Hon. Board of Aldermen Sept. 3, 1896. We are paying large rent for premises N. W. corner 125th St. and 3rd, Av. and have always tried to keep sidewalks in front of same in a clear and good condition, and consider any ordinance passed that would allow any one to build anything that would hide from view our Show Windows and injure our trade without our consent, an injustice.

Again thanking your Honor very much,

Respectfully,

Your Humble Servant,

*D. M. Williams*

THE REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE  
AND AUCTION ROOM, LIMITED.

NEW YORK Sept. 23rd, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

City Hall, New York City,

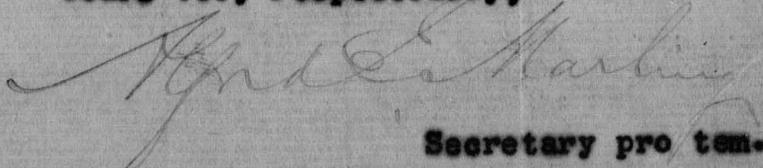
Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Real Estate Exchange and Auction Room, Limited, held yesterday afternoon, the following resolution was unanimously carried:-

"RESOLVED, That this Board are opposed to the granting of any permission to erect stands under the stairways of the present Elevated Railroad Stations, and that if such permission be granted, it should only be with the consent of the property owner in front of whose property such stand is to be erected, and that in no event should such permission be granted for longer periods than one year.

"RESOLVED, That a copy of the above resolution, properly authenticated, be transmitted to His Honor, the Mayor."

Yours very respectfully,



Secretary pro tem.

FRANCIS CRAWFORD & SON,  
BUILDERS

~~591 COLUMBUS AVENUE.~~  
24 E 42 St

TELEPHONE: 2175-38TH ST.

New York, Sept 24 1896

To The Hon Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir

I wish to enter my protest against the injustice of the ordinance which the Board of Aldermen are trying to pass permitting booths under the R.R. Station. I am owner of corner 66 St + Columbus, and have paid heavy assessments for the curbing grading flagging sewerage of the sidewalk &c. And it is a great injustice to permit a man for any business to come in and possess what you have paid for without considering your interests in the matter. I also thank you for the opposition you have given to this ordinance - except the consent of the owner was first obtained. It is confiscation without such a clause.  
Yours Truly  
Francis Crawford

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1895.

To

President Roosevelt and the Police  
Commissioners of New York City -

Gentlemen

In permitting Superintendent Byrnes  
to retire with the money obtained contri-  
-buted to the Order and Regulations of  
the Police Department and in taxing  
the people of New York to the extent  
of \$3000, annually to pension this man  
you - of course - see your justification.

But, to the average mind the  
justice of sending some members of  
the Force to Jail for following - in a  
small degree - the example of their  
Superior in office, and to reward with  
a pension the greater culprit, seems  
obscure.

Would it be asking too much from  
the Commissioners of Police that they  
show the public - through the Press -

where the consistancy lies?

It has been said that no charges were found against Ex-Superintendent Byrnes -

The fact is, that complaints were not listened to, all charges were ignored, or evidence suppressed.

In 1890. I sent from London, England a Registered Letter to the Commissioner of Police of New York City -

In it I requested that investigation be made into the very peculiar methods of this man in a grave matter, and on my return to New York immediately after, I renewed my request.

With what result?

Instead of redress, or even a hearing I was left to the mercy of this man, holding Supreme, unquestioned power.

And then all that the inferiety of a low nature could devise -

working through every kind of Agent, - was attempted, for my destruction.

In his power are those - from wealthy members of society, to the poorest outcast who dare not refuse to perjure themselves at his bidding -

Such evidence would be received (in Secret session) in estimation of his illegal acts, and the verdict arrived at would be "no charges found."

The thanks of the Community are due to W. Lantierback for his brave, determined stand against the "one man Tower"

Had that evil scheme succeeded all opposition to W. Byrnes would have been withdrawn - on any pretext - and the General public would then have felt the iron hand of his fessles - like Cule in the interest of his would Patrons.

Shall the Taxpayers be compelled to add three thousand a year to his

illegally gotten gains?

And for what?

Very Respectfully  
 W<sup>m</sup> Charles W. Lawrence

Philadelphia Pennsylvania

P. S. On May 18<sup>th</sup> 1893. I was compelled  
 - in self defense - to insert the following  
 in the personal column of the New York  
 Herald -

Several times during ten years my  
 signature has been obtained by fraud,  
 trick, and device, and my writing has  
 been imitated for a base purpose.

I therefore request the Public, and  
 Court Judges to accept nothing as  
 from me unless I personally ask  
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Very respectfully

Mrs. Charles W. Lawrence.

January 18th, 1896

Copy

Dear Mrs Lawrence

I did not intend to omit answering your question, when I wrote last - and in reply say that I did not hear one single word of what Mr Williams said to the Judge, as he - Mr Williams - stooped to the rail, and as near to the Judge as he could get -leaning towards him, and speaking in the lowest possible tone as though the intention was to reach only the Ear of the Judge - I believed then and do now, that that was his intention.

It is possible that the nearest Jurymen might have heard, but I deny that it was possible for all to hear, had it been necessary to the Case, I thought it a strange proceeding on the part of Mr Williams, as his Client was entitled to hear all that was said.

At the same moment that Mr Williams went to the rail two exceedingly common looking men arose, and stood directly in front of you and me, so that we could neither see nor hear till you moved your seat considerably. I was much disgusted that Mr Williams needed such men as they looked, as I had not the least doubt that they were there by his wish. I think they were only used to block the way as they did.

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On one point the Lady - "'Mistakes'" the men took their stand in front of me as my Husband took the witness Chair, -and that carries a differant meaning altogether.

Mrs Charles W. Lawrence.

January 27<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Mr. Pulitzer

Copieston of the "World" Newspaper  
Chi

Theodore F. McDonald former Clerk  
of Court of special Sessions is under indictment  
for having stolen over \$5000 of the City money

In May 1893. I inserted a "Personal"  
in the New York Herald.

Your Newspaper at once published a  
remark that the notice was the result of  
Hallucination - ascribing said remark to  
Mr. McDonald.

By what right did you give out his  
words, if his they were - to convey a wrong  
impression to the Public?

I inserted the "Personal" because I had  
been informed that Mr. McDonald was engaged  
in a fraudulent Divorce Case, in which  
my name appeared - the purpose being to

conceal illegal proceedings that had been secretly conducted - on perjured testimony in 1886 and 1889, in which certain people with money and influence were implicated.

Mr. McDonald was to get a good position if he succeeded - he got the position!

The only lawsuit of which I have any knowledge of being a party to was one to collect payment on a Promissory Note for \$2000.

I obtained judgment in Supreme Court for \$3,045.

As for payment of the judgment, that is quite another matter, account of which will appear before the Public later, to some unsuspecting persons.

If you will kindly answer the above question I have a few more to ask -

In 1888. I was stopping at the Glenham Hotel, at that time 55. Fifth Avenue

While there I received an anonymous letter. It stated that a Polish Jew, and Abe Grummel, also a Jew, were engaged in fraudulent proceedings in which I was interested -

A later letter stated that the Polish Jew was proprietor of the "World" newspaper.

At first I took no notice for two reasons - the letter being without name, and the reflection on a form of Religion aroused my contempt.

Later developments however, have given body and color to the charges in those letters therefore if you answer the first question there are others -

The Majesty of the Law, and the dignity

of the Judge on the Bench must be upheld, otherwise what protection has the ordinary citizen against fake money in the hands of a dishonest Lawyer and his "Escaper"

A Judge accepts evidence presented by a Lawyer - he cannot question his integrity

Again I ask by what right you tried to give false impression as to my reasons for inserting the following "Personal" -

"New York Herald - May 18<sup>th</sup> 1893.

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I therefore request the Public, and Court Judges to accept nothing as from me unless I personally acknowledge, and I ask the aid of honest people having knowledge in the matter "

W<sup>th</sup> Charles W. Lawrence

January 27th, 1896.

To

January 27th, 1896

Judge George C. Barrett

Supreme Court

New York

Dear Sir:-

Theodore F. McDonald, former Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions, is under inditement for having stolen over \$5000. City Money.

As the Crime is the natural outcome of a Case that came before you I hope that you will excuse me for calling your attention to the following -

In April 1893. Charles Howard Williams, Attorney, brought suit for me to enforce payment of a Promissory Note.

Theodore F. McDonald was the opposing Counsel - that was the Case as I understood it.

But the very strange manner of conducting it, and the brutal insolence of Mr. McDonald aroused my suspicion that all was not right, and an anonymous letter that I received on my return home, induced me to send you a letter which I registered to ensure your receiving it -- return receipt for which bears date April 28th, 1893.

That I had sufficient cause to warrant my sending it the accompanying copy of letter from the Lady that was with me in Court would seem to indicate.

If any Case other than that to enforce payment of the Note was being tried it was without my knowledge or consent, and could mean only

'Collusion' and Conspiracy to defraud''

In my poor opinion, such action would be an outrage on the dignity of the Court, and an insult to the presiding Judge, as implying that he would countenance Chicanery on the part of the acting Lawyers.

When I appeared before you I was dazed and ill from effect of a Drug administered for the purpose of keeping me out of Court, or of so confusing me that I would not understand the nature of the Villainy that was being enacted.

The Lawyer that I had supposed was to act for me always refused, or evaded to question from my side

I ask you as a Judge of the Supreme Court to help put an end to unprofessional conduct on the part of Lawyers, no matter how high their position, or how great their influence.

If the Courts are to be Manipulated solely in the interests of those having Money and Power, it is time honest Men and Women entered a protest to protect the rights of the poorer Majority.

I have since found out that the whole scene in Court was planned by Ex-Superintendent Byrnes, and a female Blackmailer named Mrs. Bill Angle - whose infamous 'Methods' had been the cause of my Husbands' Ruin - and he was even then completely under their influence.

For years they had both been the means of compelling my Husband to use the Money of H. Webster & Co. to pay their Agents for Perjury.

Mr. McDonald had been 'inveigled' into drinking and Gambling, so that his losses might make of him a criminal tool to be used against me,

All the Facts are in safe, and honest hands.

While I was in the witness Chair in your Court, Mr McDonald - in referring to my own Money "shouted" at me "Where did you get it?"

Mr Williams "objected"

You, as Judge "sustained" the "objection" saying to Mr McDonald "you cannot degrade your own Witness"

My answer would not have "degraded" me, and I will take the liberty of giving it at the end of this letter.

Mr Williams asked me whether Charles W. Lawrence - then present - was my Husband.

I thought it a strange question - in the suit under way - but as I had never been a Party to the severing of the Marriage tie, I answered "Yes"

When my Husband took the Witness Chair, two Men got up and stood directly in front of me.

What my Husband said to you was not true in Fact, though made to appear so by a long and careful preparation by Mrs Angle, and Superintendent Byrnes.

Then Mr Williams asked Mr Lawrence whether I was his Wife, and he answered "Yes"

Ill as I was from effect of the Drug that had been administered to confuse me, I could see that all this was singular - to say the least. but I was too ill to say anything.

Anonymous account was sent me of the narrow escape it was claimed I had had -- that the Men referred to, were keepers in a lunatic Asylum that if I had attempted to ask any inconvenient questions, the papers

had been made out to have me adjudged insane, and removed - hence the letter to you.

Being informed later, that application was to be made to another Judge, I inserted a "'Personal'" in the New York Herald, as a notice to any Judge that might be approached.

In March 1894. I went South to obtain evidence showing where I got the Money I was so impudently questioned about in Court.

The Money came from my first Husband, was made by him through interest in a "'Blockade Runner'" that went between Nassau and Southern Ports during the War.

The Money was sent to me at the Chester House, Mobile, Ala. where I was then living.

My Husband died from Yellow Fever off Nassau during the War.

In 1864. Judge Chester gave up the Chester House, and moved to Brandon, Miss.

Before he left, I bought from him my own Personal Attendant ( at her request, and with her Money) also her Daughter and Husband, and they remained with me - as my servants - till the close of the War - I paying them Wages.

In 1894. I obtained from Mrs Parker, Daughter of Judge Chester, affidavits as to her knowledge of me while I lived in her Father's Hotel as a guest. -Judge Chester was a prominent Mason.

My former serving Woman I traced to Chicago, where she was under the protection of the Pinkertons, and heavily Bribed-

Now people are not Bribed to tell the Truth, but they are for --  
-Perjury.

I send with this, an extract from the letter of Madam Demorest,  
and I ask you - in the interest of Justice and Right - to inform me as  
to the communication made to you by the Lawyer that I had (mistakenly )  
supposed was to act for me.-inform me as to the words that I was pur-  
-posely prevented hearing.

To my requests for explanation from Mr Williams, I receive either  
sarcastic, or impudent replies.

It is not to myself as a Woman without means to compel honest  
dealing that I would alone call attention, but to the Princepal involved  
that concerns the General Public.

Mr Williams says - in effect - "what are you going to do about it"  
Mr William Tweed made that answer to an outraged American people, and  
he got a memorable showing.

The American People will not - knowingly- Permit the Supremé Court  
to be used as Theatre for a "tragic farce"

Very Respectfully

Mrs Charles W. Lawrence

607 Franklin St,

Philadelphia

Penn.

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Mr. Pinkerton

By what right or authority - on what grounds - and on whose complaint, have you used the "Pinkerton Detectives" for years to my detriment?

Owing to the very peculiar methods of Ex-Chief Rymer and yourself, the old established firm of H. Webster & Co. of 98 & 100 Broad St. and 22 & 24. Nassau St. New York. failed in 1887.

The New York Herald of November 25<sup>th</sup> 1887 stated - among the peculiarities of the failure that \$350,000. could not be accounted for.

The greater part of that money went to pay travelling expenses, for some of your employees, who had been commissioned to

create false evidence against me here, and  
 to follow me through Europe with the same  
 end in view - the object being to have my  
 marriage annulled in the interest of others, and  
 to reach the money of the wealthy firm of  
 H. Webster & Co.

As I gave no ground for incriminating  
 evidence, false evidence was created.

Perjury is expensive, and as my husband  
 was obliged to draw on the firm's money to pay  
 for it, the natural consequence followed  
 and on November 20<sup>th</sup> 1887. the result appear-  
 ed in an article entitled "Wreck of H.  
 Webster & Co."

On June 15<sup>th</sup> 1889. the Herald gave  
 account of my return to New York, and of  
 my intention to secure evidence showing

how my husband had been victimized and  
 robbed in the interest of Blackmailers.

Since that time I have been systematically  
 robbed of everything myself through those  
 employed by Estel Chief Byrnes and you.

Honest Detectives are necessary for the  
 protection of the Public -

But the troop of perjurers and "stings" such  
 as used against me, are a menace to  
 decent people, especially to prosperous merchants  
 as is evidenced by the failure of H. Webster & Co.  
 through the Blackmailers calling themselves Detectives

And not the least villainy was the  
suborning of Theodore F. McDonald into  
 gambling, so that his losses might leave  
 him a criminal tool to be used against me

Every business or occupation I engaged

me was broken up, to present my living  
honorably -

Offers of assistance and protection were  
 made on condition that I engage in  
unlawful business - the object being  
 to leave me without standing before the Law  
 - had I accepted .

If I engaged a Lawyer, he was not  
 permitted to act honestly by me, through fear  
 of your Organization, or through a morbid  
 interest in it - and its methods.

Confidence people have been made out  
 of decent men and women, to rid in swindling  
 me .

In 1888. one of your Agents - acting as  
 your mouthpiece - said to me - "None dare  
 attack us, we are too powerful "

He was wrong! I am only a woman, but because the power you boast of is not of honest foundation, but is built up on falsehood, injustice, and oppression, I dare and do attack your methods -

For under your present misuse of power none are safe but those with money for bribes and perjury.

As soon as the full account of the means used against me are before the public, I shall seek redress and indemnity for the infamous persecution to which I have been subjected, in the interest of wounded Crimes

While preparing charges to present to the Leason Committee I was taken dangerously ill with all the symptoms of Cholera prisonis from which it took me months to recover.

By which time Byrnes had escaped the just investigation and cross-examination, that was as much his due as that of any other Officer!

Evidence is in hand showing the illegal methods employed to leave me friendless and moneyless, so that I would be unable to resent, or protect myself from being made a "Scapegoat" to divert attention from the real criminals.

In 1880, a woman who had failed in an attempt to blackmail me said that a Chief of Detectives thought more of her "than a man should of a married woman" and would put the entire Detective Force at her orders.

We have positive proof that this woman - Mr. Bill Angle - has been permitted to use United States Detectives in Europe and here to gratify private spite and malice.

Have you any excuse to offer for the  
evil work of your Agents?

W<sup>ch</sup> Charles W. Lawrence

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1896.

To  
Mr. Strong -  
Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir

I appeal to you as Chief Magistrate  
of New York City, to afford me aid and  
protection - and to endorse my application  
to the District Attorney for investigation  
into certain frauds, and fraudulent acts -  
that are contrary to law, and opposed  
to the best interests of the City and the  
people -

The very strongest Influence will be  
brought to bear to prevent you complying  
with my request - but I urge you, as an  
honest guardian of the rights of the people  
to let no bias have any weight with you

If I cannot prove the charges I shall

make I am ready to take the consequences only, brought disastrous results to myself  
I take the liberty of enclosing with you - I am no coward, and being in the right  
this, the copy of a letter I send to Mr. Pinkerton I persevere -

The reference in it to Mr. McDonald - And as every application I have made -  
former Clerk of Court of special sessions, occurs with the unfavorable result, is on record -  
also in a letter I sent to Mr. Pulitzer of the "World" a copy of which I also enclose. the ultimate result must bring some  
good to others though not to myself.

As this is a case quite out of the ordinary, may I hope that you will give it attention, and aid me in investigating? On second thoughts I decide to send the  
copies of letters mentioned here, in a separate envelope - least the formidable size  
of the communication would seem to you  
During a few years, three even at least - at a first glance - to require too much  
time.

Being grand against the City, and the people, it comes quite within your province to secure me protection while I prove my charges - and I ask you to do so?

Every effort I have made to have the illegal part of affairs investigated, have  
But I ask you to read both the letter to Mr. Pinkerton, and that to Mr. Pulitzer  
And although the path to right and justice is far more intricate and laborious than in the days of wise Solomon, let us hope that honest perseverance is got a

match - in some measure - for topicality and  
chicane.

I will send the copies I mention by next  
mail - please order that you receive  
them unopened -

Very Respectfully  
W<sup>m</sup> Charles W. Lawrence  
509. Franklin St  
Philadelphia  
Penn.

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May 29<sup>th</sup> 1896.

To  
Mayor Strong  
City Hall  
New York City

Dear Sir

Permit me to add a few words to those  
of yesterday -

In 1890. I applied at the District Attorney's  
Office to see Colonel Fellows -

Before I could secure an interview, Judge  
Green Kendrick advised me - if I had  
not "influence" not to waste time with Mr-  
Fellows -

When I expressed doubt of his words, he  
cited an instance, which showed the  
"working" of the District Attorney's Office,  
in such a light that I concluded it would  
be useless to see Mr- Fellows - that is

one reason why I appeal to you, as the  
highest in Authority in New York City, to  
secure me protection pending investigation

If I receive such assurance from you  
I will come to New York, and prose the  
charges I am prepared to make -

I enclose two letters showing - in a  
slight degree - the cause for this application

Very Respectfully  
W<sup>m</sup> Charles W. Lawrence

509. Franklin St  
Philadelphia  
Penn.

P.S. I am aware that this is an unusual  
proceeding, but the circumstances are very  
unusual which must plead as my excuse  
W<sup>m</sup> L.

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Mr. W. L. Strong  
Mayor of New York City.  
Sir

On Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> 1896, I  
addressed you a letter. On the outside  
was a "special" stamp and a notice  
that the letter be opened by you only.

I have heard nothing from it.

On Friday I mailed a letter for you  
with the same notice on the outside  
and a "special"

It contained copy of a letter I had  
sent to Mr. Pinkerton, and of one  
to Mr. Pulitzer of the "World" newspaper.

Three letters explained the situation  
and I asked for your Official aid  
and protection pending investigation  
into flagrant outrages against the Board

I now enclose copy of a letter I  
sent to the District Attorney of New  
York City. I ask you to peruse it.

And again I make the same request  
as in my letter of May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Very Respectfully

Wm Charles W. Lawrence

607. Franklin St

Philadelphia

Penn

P.S. In second thoughts, I enclose  
copy of a letter that I sent to the  
Police Commissioners in July last - it  
speaks for itself.

The consequence to myself of sending  
that very reasonable and just letter  
was that all means of living was stopped  
on false pretences.

Any complainant against that unscrupulous  
Public Official was "gagged" and persecuted  
into silence.

Respectfully,  
Wm Lawrence

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1895.

To

Mr. Sellors

District Attorney for New York City.

Sir

Mr. Theodore F. McDonald, former  
Clerk of Court of Special Sessions, is  
under indictment for having stolen  
over \$5000. City money.

In his case I request that you call  
me as witness for the people, and that  
you notify me in time to appear at  
his trial.

In 1890. I applied at your Office  
for interview, for the purpose of laying  
before you the details of a crime, that  
it came within the province of the

District Attorney & Prosecute.

But I was waylaid by <sup>an</sup> <sup>old</sup> Judge  
Greene <sup>acting in the interest of the Criminals</sup> <sup>Benck</sup> who gave me such  
an account of the "inner working" of  
the District Attorney's Office, and the  
uselessness of wasting time unless I  
had great influence behind me,  
that - discouraged - I left without  
entering a just complaint.

And the Statute of Limitations now  
protects the Criminals of that time.

But new Crimes arising <sup>spring</sup> from  
the old I now ask your aid to bring  
to Justice certain parties for gross  
Violation of the Law.

Having been threatened with bodily

harm should I attempt to make  
complaint, I ask that you send  
me promise of Official aid and  
protection in the event of my coming  
to New York.

By this Mail I appeal to Mayor  
Strong for the same.

As soon as I receive the necessary  
assurance from you both I will  
come to New York.

Should your attention be called to the  
fact that the parties accused are  
your personal Friends, I am sure  
you will say - "Official Duty  
ignores Friendship -"

Kindly have me informed as to the  
necessary formalities to be observed in

making my complaint.

And very greatly Oblege

M<sup>r</sup> Charles W. Lawrence

507. Franklin St  
Philadelphia

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September 25th, 1896.

To

Mayor W. L. Strong,

City Hall,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

On June 11th, of this year, I sent you a registered letter return receipt for which bears date June 12th, 1896..

In it I requested that you extend me Official Aid and support in my Call on the District Attorney, for investigation into certain matters that are a menace to the rights of the General Public.

The immediate need was into the Case of Theodore F. McDonald, at present under indictment for having stolen over \$5000. of the City Money while Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions.

I requested the District Attorney to call me as a witness for the people, as the Position had been given to Mr. McDonald for illegal work against me in a Lawsuit.

I also requested the District Attorney to have search made of the Records for Official proof of a fraudulent Case that was decided in 1889. without my knowledge or consent - decided on false evidence obtained by Bribery or Coercion, and as a bribe for obtaining my signature to documents in said Case, a responsible Position in City Hall was given to the man that obtained such signature by fraud. the name of the man was Nicholas Hayes - he was assisted by a man named Kahna who said he was a Notary.

Every witness in said Case gave false testimony.

To cover up that Crime I was taken into Supreme Court in 1893,--  
taken there under false pretenses by a Lawyer.

In this Case Theodore F. McDonald, earned - by fraudulent work -  
the position of Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions.

I ask that the District Attorney be instructed to secure Official  
proof from the Records in either of these Cases, and to prosecute those  
that were guilty of perjury.

This is the third time that Public Positions of trust have been  
given as a bribe for illegal work done to my detriment, and I ask you--  
-as Chief Magistrate of New York City, to order a rigid investigation  
in the interest of Right and Justice.

I wish to add that for twenty years, Ex-superintendent Byrnes has  
used the men and money of the Police Department to gratify private spite  
and malice in my Case. And he ruined a fine buisness by compelling my  
husband to use the money of the Firm to pay for Bribery in the Case  
that was decided in 1899.

Will you kindly let me know whether you will comply with my request  
as I have waited three months for answer to my former letter?

Very Respectfully

(Mrs. Charles W.) L. K. Lawrence.

607 Franklin St.

Philadelphia

Penn.

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To cover up That Crime, I was taken into Court in 1893, taken there under false pretenses by a Lawyer,

And in this Case of 1893 Theodore F. McDonald earned the Bribe of the position of Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions, by Fraudulent Work.

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Will you kindly let me know whether you will grant my request?

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And he has been protected in his villainy through dishonest influence,

As a result of the very reasonable communication to the Police Commissioners, The said Byrnes has used dishonest and illegal means to continue his infamous persecution of me .

I once more request your Official protection , and your aid for Enquiry-

I enclose copies of letters of mine to Judge Barrett, and the one

above referred to.

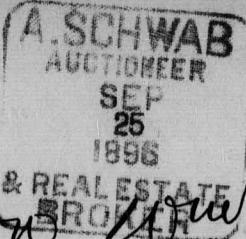
Very Respectfully

*Chas. W. Lawrence*

607 Franklin St.

Philadelphia.

Penn.



234 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York Sept 25. 1896.

Now ~~Mr~~ L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York

Sir,  
The last difficulty in disposing  
off our City Bonds gave me the following  
idea, which might be of service to this  
municipality.

There are in this City thousands  
of corners, the crossings between which  
could be sold at public auction, for the  
granting of the privilege to the purchaser  
to erect an apartment house thereon,  
of say 60 to 65 feet depth, same to  
have a foundation on pillars and  
the height is not to obstruct or  
inconvenience traffic.

Should the purchaser be the owner  
of one or the other of the corner buildings  
adjoining the crossings to be sold, he  
might be privileged to use the entrance  
of the corner property as the entrance  
of the crossing property to be erected  
by him, otherwise the stairway  
to the building to be erected, should  
be built from the sidewalk and to be  
similar to the L. R. R. Stairways.

I would also suggest that  
the space underneath the stairways be

utilized for toilet purposes.

The adoption of the foregoing suggestions would put millions of Dollars to the credit of this City.

As regards Rapid Transit I would build a two "L's", one on the east, and the other, on the north river front, the first floor of each for special Express Trains to stop every 25, 30, or 35 blocks and the second floor for regular trains (including a car for light packages) to make stops every 5<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> block.

For connecting these two river routes, I would advise building a cross "L" on every prominent thoroughfare; this "L" to be higher than those already built, or an underground system on the prominent streets. A Subway will answer.

Privilege of transfer to be included the fare.

The tunnel system I consider will ultimately be the most advantageous and cause of service to the Street Cleaning Dept. in the disposal of refuse.

Might be of service in the transportation of heavy Merchandise

to the river fronts, and will eventually become useful to the Telegraph and Telephone service.

Believe me to be.

Respy. Yours.  
A. Schwal

# HEADQUARTERS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

CORNELIUS VAN COTT,  
Chairman.

*Republican  
County  
Committee.*

GEORGE R. MANCHESTER,  
Secretary.

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, PARLOR G.  
(24th Street Entrance.)

*New York, Sept. 25, 1896.*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
12 West 57th St., City.

*ack*

My dear Sir:-

The campaign Committee of the Republican County Committee respectfully request you to accept the enclosed box for the mass meeting to be held at Carnegie Music Hall, Monday evening, September 28th, at which the Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, and the Hon. Frank S. Black will speak.

The entrance for box-holders will be at 56th St.

Trusting you will honor the assemblage with your presence, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

*G. R. Manchester*  
Secretary.

*C. Van Cott*  
Chairman.

Enc.

RANKIN & KELLOGG,  
ARCHITECTS  
1024 WALNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 25, 1896.

The Mayor,

City of New York.

Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favor of the 4th inst., informing us that as soon as the committee, which has the matter of the City Hall plans in charge, can be got together action will be taken in reference to returning our plans. We beg leave to say that it is of great importance for us to receive these plans as soon as possible, as we desire and expect to exhibit them at an important Architectural Exhibition soon to be held. Should we not receive the plans in time for this Exhibition, our interests will suffer most materially.

As the agreement under which these plans were submitted, stated distinctly that all plans, including those winning prizes, would be promptly returned to their owners, it would seem that the matter of their return would not require much discussion or delay. We would ask, therefore, that the matter receive prompt attention.

Very respectfully yours,

*Rankin & Kellogg*

CHAS. ROHDE, Propr



## HOTEL POMEROY

BROADWAY, COLUMBUS PLAZA, (59<sup>TH</sup> ST.)

DELIGHTFUL LOCATION  
FACING THE GREAT COLUMBUS MONUMENT  
& CENTRAL PARK.  
EASY OF ACCESS FROM ALL PARTS OF CITY.

New York  
Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - 1896

Hon Wm Livingston Day

Sir

I desire to

call your attention to the condition of  
the Circle at Broadway & 59<sup>th</sup> St.

In wet weather there is a sea of mud,  
which is a disgrace to the city, and in  
dry weather we are overwhelmed with  
clouds of dust.

I have been informed that it was proposed  
to remedy this, and that the contract had  
been given out to asphalt the same. If  
this is so, the work should be proceeded  
with at once before bad weather sets in.

I trust you will pardon my addressing you  
on this subject, but knowing you to be a fair  
minded man I give you my excuse for doing so.

Respy Yours  
Chas Rohde

Department of Public Safety  
City of Philadelphia  
City Hall.

Frank M. Ritter  
Director

1 1000  
2 1300  
3 1250  
4 1150  
5 1000

9/26 \_\_\_\_\_ 1896

Hon William L. Strong  
Mayor of New York  
Sir

This Department is desirous of obtaining certain information relative to your city to be used in connection with police matters of our city. If you will kindly favor me with the following data, it will be greatly appreciated.

Population ; Area ; Miles of paved streets ; miles of unpaved streets ; miles of dirt or macadam roads ; <sup>total</sup> Number of patrolmen, grade and salaries.

Thanking you in advance

I remain

Very truly

Frank M Ritter Director

37 Wall Street,

New York, Sept 28th, 1896.

Hon. Wm L. Strong,

New York City.

My Dear Mr Strong,

Only a line to congratulate you on the appointment of our mutual friend Mr Thomas Sturgis, as Fire Commissioner. I feel certain he will make a good record.

Mrs Scrymser remarked this morning, that comparing your administration with that of three years ago, it seemed as if nothing short of a miracle could have secured such an appointment as that of Mr Sturgis.

Yours faithfully,

*James T. Scrymser*



Henkell G. Sherry

New York, Sept. 26, 1896.

Dear Sir:

The Rev. John Watson, D. D., "Ian Maclaren," will make his first appearance in New York City under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York, - proceeds in aid of the charitable fund of the Society, - on Tuesday Evening, October 13th. Will you accept a seat on the platform as one of the Reception Committee? Chauncey M. Depew will preside.

Kindly send reply to Major J. B. Pond,  
Everett House, N. Y., who has kindly consented to look after the business management.

Yours very truly,

J. Kennedy Tob.



216 Edgecomb Ave

Sept 19-96

The Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor of N.Y. City

Dear Sir

Receiving that you are willing to listen to reasonable complaints of tax payers & possibly assist in repairing an injustice, I take the liberty of enclosing a recently received tax bill with a brief statement of my case. This is one of those petty extortions with which the assessors office abounds, and which, while too small to warrant the employment of a lawyer, cause more wide spread disgust among tax payers generally than do all other forms of municipal abuse combined.

That property on Jackson Ave should be assessed at all for the opening of Canedwell Ave is unjust if for no other reason than, that property on Canedwell Ave was not assessed for the opening of Jackson Ave. This is one of those poor rules that dont work both ways. A Competent Engineer in the Board of Assessors office to Whom

(2) I applied for information toed me that the areas covered by these assessments and the amount placed on each lot within that area was fixed by the caprice of the Commissioner in each case. There was no fixed law governing these matters & that equity & common sense had nothing to do with the case - A lawyer whom I consulted toed me that I must pay this bill as the time, within which objections could be legally made, had expired - So I sent my clerk with a check for \$38<sup>21</sup> the face of the bill to pay same. This the collector refused to accept as he said there was also \$6<sup>09</sup>\* interest to be added because bill has not been paid when due - This is even a greater injustice as my clerk has periodically applied at the assessors office with ward & block numbers - with instructions to settle any possible charges against any of my property - No later than last July he was toed by these same parties that there was absolutely nothing standing against this property & it has been impossible to obtain this bill until now. Thus I am asked to pay \$6<sup>09</sup> because of gross negligence in the assessors office on the part of some officer of the city government. When the Collectors attention was called to this

(3) Evidence of mismanagement be  
dismissed the subject with a grain of  
saying he dident pretend to explain it  
and that there was no redress any how.

Hoping that you may take a different  
view of the matter I remain

Very Respectly yours

J Duane

216 Edgecomb Ave  
Sept 26 - 96

Mr Job. E. Hedges.  
Sect. to Mayor.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly let me know by bearer of my complaint of the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst to the Mayor about an assessment on Jackson Ave bet 165 + 166 Sts 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward, has been recd. if anything can be done in the matter. or should I call present my case in person.

If so has the Mayor any regular time at which he hears complaints of this nature.

Very Respectfully  
James Duane

# The East Side House Settlement

Foot of 76th Street, E. R.

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NEW YORK, *Sept-20* 1896

The Honorable W. L. Strong,

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to solicit a favour which granted shall be a distinguished encouragement to the people of this Settlement. It is that you will visit the Entertainment for which I have the honor to tender the enclosed card.

With our Free Circulating Library of 6000 volumes, our Kindergarten, baths, gymnasium, School Extension and other classes, our Fellow Citizen Association, Life Saving Crew, Men's, Women's and Boys' Clubs, we are striving by actual residence and practical friendship with several thousand respectable, wage-earning people, to make this neighborhood a power in the best growth of New York City. From our School Extension Class and gymnasium we have, within six months, sent successfully seven of our men into the Police service, and we shall give that Department eight or ten more officers before January, 1897. A Superintendent and a Foreman of the Department of Street Cleaning, and seven of its drivers and other laborers are among our colleagues. The women of the

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NEW YORK, *Sept 26* 1896

neighborhood recognize our Settlement as a resort where to improve and enjoy themselves, and be protected in friendly association with other women of superior opportunities and culture. For these reasons your approving presence at the entertainment of Friday evening, October 23rd, would be an encouragement highly esteemed by those for whom the pleasure of that evening is planned, and by those who conduct and support the Settlement.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Yours

*Clarence Gordon*  
*Sec. and Resident Manager*

Reception and Ball  
OF THE  
Yorkville Athletic Ass'n,

OF THE EAST SIDE HOUSE,

At Central Opera House,

SIXTY-SEVENTH ST., NEAR THIRD AVE.,

Friday, October 23d, 1896.

Tickets - - ADMITTING GENTLEMAN AND LADY, - - 50 Cents.

Mr. The Hon. W. L. Strong

Introduced by Clarence Gordon

No. 1

New York, July 19, 1896.

To the Board of Street Opening and Improvement,

Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to join with the East Side House Settlement, the Council of Confederate Good Government Clubs, and with residents of the locality and others in recommending the establishment of a small park and public playground between 76th and 78th streets on the East River front.

By consulting Map No.1 of the Report of the Tenement House Commission of 1894 it will be found that close to this locality is a density of population only surpassed in New York by the phenomenally overcrowded lower East Side. Map No.7 shows, by the way, that the center of gravity of population was approaching in 1890, and has probably now reached, this quarter of the city; but what is more to the purpose this map also shows that this particular neighborhood is insufficiently supplied with parks.

The houses here are high and the blocks are narrow and without the green gardens and pleasant courtyards one sees so much of, for instance, in Paris, London and Berlin; the streets, also are comparatively narrow, and generally treeless; all of which

makes small parks and playgrounds especially desirable.

The fact that the designated territory is not built upon is an important consideration. In this case a not heavy expenditure would do a very great amount of good.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,

R. W. Gilder.

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NEW YORK, *September 25* 1896

Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch,

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to submit to you as Chairman of the Committee appointed by his Honor, the Mayor, to report upon the petition for the opening of a Playground opposite our Settlement at the foot of East 76th St., the here inclosed extracts from the Post and Sun of July 1st, and a copy of Mr. R. W. Gilder's letter on the same subject, July 19th. Later, Mr. Gilder spoke before your Board of Street Opening and Improvement in behalf of the same petition, and I had the privilege to re-urge your favorable action thereupon.

I venture to recall the force of our petition in this present manner since I deem its passage most important to the best growth of this portion of the City because of our "density of population only surpassed in New York by the phenomenally overcrowded lower East Side", as stated in Mr. Gilder's letter, and most timely because the land we ask you to preserve for the benefit of the fast increasing population is as yet unimproved and can therefore be now appropriated at comparatively small cost. When buildings

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come to possess it, as they will quickly do, the expense must be as it has been elsewhere in this city where breathing places <sup>have</sup> had to be opened to give the people the light and air necessary to dispel crime and disease. Permit me, too, to emphasize the very strong point of argument No. 4 in the petition; the fact of a popular and well-equipped College Settlement, with a Free Circulating Library of 6000 volumes and nearly 25000 circulation, established now nearly six years, providing baths, gymnasium, kindergarten, classes, clubs etc. for thousands of men, women and children: all these directly opposite the ~~price~~ <sup>price</sup> of bare land which we beg you to preserve for a playground for these people--our neighbors with whom we live. No where can such a combination be insured for the people who absolutely need and deserve what they now enjoy, but who, when the City builds its exterior streets, destroying the present half-acre water front which our Settlement now furnishes and protects for the neighborhood, and when the land we petition for be built upon, must be deprived of the possession

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of an incalculable profit and delight, and our Settlement must lose the most natural opportunity for intercourse and influence with its neighbors. Moreover, will not the City, if our petition be denied, lose a great chance for that practical and humane civics which provides the less fortunate citizens with means of health and pleasure?

I beg your best consideration of our Playground petition,  
and remain respectfully and faithfully yours,

*Clarence Gordon*

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NEW YORK, *Sept-26* 1896

The Honorable W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to submit to you copy of letter to the Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee by your Honor's appointment to report on the petition of the East Side House Settlement, its managers, neighbors and supporting friends, for the opening of a Playground opposite our Settlement at the foot of East 76th St. With this I repeat copies of the enclosures to Mr. Fitch.

The matter is of such great importance that I trust its repetition now to your attention may not be deemed importunate on my part.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Yours,

*Clarence Gordon*  
*Sec. and Resident Manager*

F. W. R. EMERY,  
Book Binder and Paper Ruler.

A specialty made of the preservation of Ancient Records and Books, so that they may be freely handled without injury.  
Sole originator of the process. (Patent pending.) Ask for references if in doubt. Records  
done on the premises, if in sufficient quantity to warrant.

*Taunton, Mass.,* Sept. 27. 189<sup>6</sup>

Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Gentlemen.

Knowing you have in your charge many valuable Records, Papers, Charters, and Books, I beg leave to call your attention, to my process for the preservation of the originals, that that they may be freely handled by the public, for more years than they already have been, and at far less expense than copying; or I can preserve the original after copying

I can refer you to hundreds of volumes I have done, and am still doing for the States of Mass. and R.I.; many Towns and Cities, among them Boston; Newport; Cambridge; Lexington; Newburyport and others.

It is no experiment, but saves money and gives you the original.

I have used this process for several years on State Muster Rolls and Records, for the Honorable Secretary of State, Wm. M. Olin.

Should you be interested, I would gladly come and give estimate of work and show you samples.

Respectfully yours:

New York Sept 26. 1896  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Wm R Strong  
Mayor &c

I called at the  
City Hall on Friday two weeks ago  
to see Ald. Alcott I was met by the  
Sanitor and was not allowed to proceed  
to the Clarks office of the Common  
Council. Being an American Citizen  
I think I have some rights.

I was told if I appeared  
there again I would be forcibly  
ejected

I am an old Union  
Soldier and think that I should  
have the same privilege of any  
other Citizen or Soldier

If you please give me a  
hearing I will state the matter

properly to you

Respectfully your humble Servant  
Patrick Wash  
#6 Cashmere Slip  
2<sup>d</sup> Ashley St



New York, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon. Job E. Hedges  
Key to the Mayor, City Hall.  
Dear Sir:

I herewith return the letter of Patrick Walsh to His Honor the Mayor sent home with your favor of 26<sup>th</sup> inst. I have given it the consideration which your letter to me suggests. I think Mr. Walsh's major propositions are knable and I cheerfully endorse the same.

Respectfully yours,  
Wm. H. Scott



V. I. & M.

Monastery of the Good Shepherd.

East 90th Street,

New York, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1896

To the Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor of the City  
of New York.

Dear Sir -

Words cannot  
express my disappointment  
in not having had  
the pleasure and  
honor of meeting  
you on the occasion  
of your most kind  
and condescending  
visit to our Institution

on yesterday.

The prompt word reached me that your Son, was in the House, I hastened with all the speed possible, as I was at the time in the extreme end of the building.

We are most grateful for your ~~honour~~ kind and prompt attention in having the "Boyston Childs" removed, they left here Sunday Morning to our great relief. He also

thank you most sincerely for the honor conferred on us by your visit, and regret that we had not the happiness of meeting you and taking you through our Institution.

We hope the day is not far distant when we will have this desired pleasure.

With renewed thanks and a heartfelt prayer to the Divine Father.

of all things to  
I bless you and  
yours

I have the  
honor to remain  
with the most  
profound esteem  
and respect.

Yours very  
Gratefully  
Sister M. J. Xavier  
Superior.

Oct 5  
N.Y. Sept 29/96

Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor.

Sir

I appeal to  
Your Honor as Chief Executive  
Officer of this City. I have  
been a resident of this City  
for the past 60 years, and  
a tax payer. Your adminis-  
tration in giving us clean  
streets has never been equaled  
in my time but my complaint  
is the department does not  
remove the ashes & garbage,  
has not been complied with  
in front of Nos 34, 36 & 38.

Greenwich St - for the past week  
& the stench from said garbage,  
will give us plenty of Scarlet fever,  
& small pox in the neighborhood, very  
soon - With great respect

I Remain your friend

Michael Halper  
Ex Captain Police  
31 Greenwich St.

Refer to Col Harris.  
Respectfully for answer

W. H. Strong

*Vermilye & Co.*

*New York.*

Sept. 29, 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

We are to-day informed by the Comptroller of the City, that the balance of the Coupon bonds purchased by us on May 4th, 1896, have been delivered to you for your action, and we respectfully request you to do all in your power to make the delivery of the bonds to us at as early a date as possible.

The delay in making this delivery has been, in our judgment, entirely unwarrantable, and has tended seriously to impair the credit of the City, especially in the eyes of foreign holders, with whom a large majority of the bonds have been placed.

We have, at various times in the past, urged the Comptroller to expedite the delivery, both on behalf of our clients abroad and of ourselves, and both they and we have been exceedingly inconvenienced by the long delay.

The first coupons due upon the bonds are payable on November 1st and, inasmuch as a large portion of them go abroad, as we stated

*Vermilye & Co.*

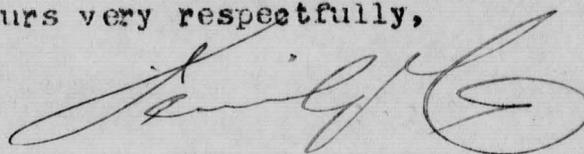
Hon. W.L.S., No. 2.

*New York.*

above, there is now barely time within which foreign purchasers may receive their bonds and return their coupons here for collection by that date.

Trusting that Your Honor will bring this long delay to as speedy a close as possible, we are,

Yours very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "Vermilye & Co.", written in dark ink.

The REVIEW of REVIEWS

13 ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK.

ALBERT SHAW, EDITOR.

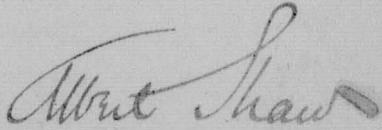
September 29, 1896.

Dear Mr. Strong:

I was greatly disappointed to be unable to be at your office with Mr. Gilder and Dr. Gould the other day to discuss the question of a statistical department with reference to the new charter, but I have been detained at home for some days by a light attack of malarial fever. I shall hope very soon to find you at an hour in the afternoon when you are least likely to be very busy, in order to pay my respects and to have the benefit of some chat with you about several matters.

With great respect,

Sincerely yours,



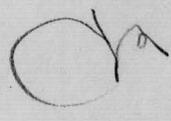
His Honor Mayor Strong,  
City Hall, New York City.

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Consulat-General.  
de France  
a New York.

Edmond Druwaert

New York le Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1896.  
35 South William st.



Dear Sir,

May I call your kindest attention on the following matter which seems most worthy of your sympathetic consideration.

Last December 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 o'clock p.m. a good old man, Pierre Behmer, was crossing 3<sup>d</sup> ave at 33<sup>d</sup> st, N.E corner, when he was run over by a patrol wagon of E. 23<sup>d</sup> st station. The poor fellow had his hipbone broken. He was taken soon after to the Bellevue Hospital by either the same or some other police wagon, later on brought back home 234 E. 33<sup>d</sup> st when his family were able to learn of his sad fate. Although the tenderest care has been taken of him by his two daughters, who are unmarried & cook by profession, he is now unable to walk, he must be constantly attended to & one of the two daughters has to remain at home with the poor invalid losing her opportunities of working out & of so increasing the meager resources of the family.

Of course, the city of New York is too generous & too kindhearted to let those poor people suffer such losses without trying to relieve them somewhat from distress brought involuntarily to them by a wagon belonging to the Municipal Service. As Pierre Behmer, who is now 74 years old, was born, it seems, in France, I have been requested by one of the old daughters to submit the case to your kindest consideration. I know that in every Capital of Europe, appropriations are always ready for such interesting cases. Should it be so in New York I have no doubt that, after inquiries, you would be willing to help those poor people as best you would be allowed to.

Thanking you ever so much for anything you could do in favor of Peter Behmer, I have the honor to be with high consideration,

Your obedient servant  
Edmond Druwaert  
French Consul General.

Honble Mayor Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York  
City Hall.

BLACK & KNEELAND

COUNSELLORS AT LAW AND PROCTORS IN ADMIRALTY.

EDWARD G. BLACK.  
GEORGE A. BLACK.  
LAWRENCE KNEELAND.

44 PINE STREET

CABLE ADDRESS "PROPIIATE"

TELEPHONE 435 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK,

Sept. 30th, 189 6

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

Dear Sir:-

On July 1st, 1893, my clients, Messrs. M. G. & G. A. Wright, made a lease to the Mayor etc., "acting by Michael T. Daly, "Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, said Commissioner "of Public Works acting under authority conferred on him by Chapter 413 "of the Laws of 1892, §6, and by a resolution of the Board of Estimate "and Apportionment of the City of New York, adopted on the 19th day of "June, 1893" of land on the north and south sides of the Harlem River for the temporary bridge at Third Avenue for the term of three years from June 19th, 1893, with the privilege of two renewals of one year each, at the rental of \$13,000. per annum, payable in equal month payments, said rental to commence on the 1st day of July, 1893. Rental has been paid by my clients under this lease up to July 1st, 1896.

On August 6th, my clients received a communication from G. W. Birdsall, Chief Engineer, asking under what terms they would lease to the City of New York the right of way for a temporary bridge and approaches on the northerly side of the Harlem River for the next two years, and on August 11th, I answered on their behalf that they were willing to give a new lease for two years as a substitute for the extension provided for in the original lease, at the same rental, namely, \$13,000. per year, payable monthly, with the same provisions as in present lease against liability &c. The City has continued the use of these approaches and rent for the

months of July, August and September is now due but has not yet been paid, and I am informed by the Comptroller cannot, under the provisions of §181 of the Consolidation Act, be paid until the new lease is executed

On the first of September, I addressed a communication to General Collis, Commissioner of Public Works, calling his attention to this matter, and in reply to same, he sent me a copy of the communication under date of September 3rd, addressed to you, as Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, reciting the various steps taken in this matter advising a renewal of the lease for one year, and urging the immediate action of your Board in the premises. Upon inquiry at the office of the Commissioner of Public Work, I am informed that they have not received any information of any action taken by your Board in the matter. You will readily see that the present situation is a very unsatisfactory one to my clients and that they are desirous of having the status of the City determined speedily, so that they may receive their rent promptly. They have refrained from taking any action which might cause embarrassment to the City in any way, but feel now that they must insist upon a prompt ac-

tion by the City one way or the other in the matter. I will be obliged therefore if you will inform me what the present situation of the matter is and when action by your Board may be expected to be taken.

Very truly yours,

*Geo. A. Black*

Roelker & Felke,  
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,  
Allen Building Fifth & Main Sts.

Frederick G. Roelker  
Ferdinand Felke Jr.

Cincinnati.

Whig Hall

September 30th, 1896

Job E. Hedges, Esqr.,  
New York City,

~~David M. Miller~~

My dear Job:-

For heaven's sake send me some new, fresh, pithy campaign stories. The daily press spoils a story so soon by printing it, and I cannot invent any to save my life. If you think of any just give me an outline and I will put in the padding. I am nearly dead with business and campaigning combined.

Sincerely yours,

Ferdinand Felke Jr

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131 West 26th Street

NEW YORK

Sept 30 1896

The Hon. Wm L. Strong  
Mayor re. &c

Sir,

Your presence is requested  
at the raising of a McKinley Banner  
by the above club on this Friday  
Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 P.M. If you should  
be unable to attend we would  
be glad to have a letter from  
you

Samuel Moran  
President

Walter R. Johnston,  
LATE SURVEYOR OF COMBUSTIBLES OF  
THE N. Y. FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chas. R. Arents,  
ATTORNEY  
TRADESMENS FIRE LLOYDS.

# LITTLE GIANT Fire Extinguisher Company,

ARENTS & JOHNSTON, PROPS.

47 & 49 Liberty Street,



TELEPHONE CALL, 872 CORTLANDT.

*New York,*

Oct. 1, 1886.

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

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as you have signed the bill passed by the Board of Aldermen relative to the purchasing of a sufficient number of Little Giant Fire Extinguishers for protection against fire in the municipal buildings in the City of New York, we are very desirous to have you and the officials of New York City witness a test, and therefore, have made arrangements for the giving of an exhibition of the fire destroying powers of the Little Giant Fire Extinguisher on Friday, Oct. 2d, at 3 P.M. sharp at Tyron Row, in front of the Staats Zeitung Building, opposite City Hall Park. We have chosen this locality trusting that in so doing you will find it convenient to be present. We can assure you that you will be well repaid for the time you may thus devote to a further investigation of the merits of this most successful and modern of fire fighters. We are, Honorable Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

Dic. E.

*Arents and Johnston*  
E.

GEO. B. POST, Architect,  
33, EAST 17TH STREET,  
New York.

(Dictated)M.

1st. October, 1896 .

Dear Sir : -

As Messrs Withers & Dickson are appealing to Mr. Post again for opinion with regard to their design for the City Prison, I beg to call your attention again to Mr. Post's letter of the 1st. July regarding several questions and to remind you that as yet no answer has been received ~~nor~~ any instructions on the subject.

Mr. Post will be obliged for your early consideration of the subject .

Yours very truly,

*Edw. C. Shuman*

To  
His Honor Wm. E. Strong,  
Mayor, City of New York.

*a.p.*  
Mfld. ~~W. & D.~~

OPERA CASTLE  
30 WEST 40TH ST.  
NEW YORK

October 1st, '96

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor.

My Dear Sir: Apropos to recent newspaper reports of over-crowded school-buildings in this city, and of a proposition to erect sixteen new buildings for school purposes, I take the liberty of inquiring (or suggesting) whether it might not be desirable and practicable to try, as an experiment in some districts that is in need of increased accommodation, a change in the system, which would enable two sets of pupils to attend daily, instead of one, as now? I am not so familiar with the details of the present management as to be able to offer such a plan, excepting as a general proposition; but I think that I have seen enough to warrant belief

that, in many cases, the hours of daily attendance might be ~~shorter~~ than now, without practical disadvantage for the pupils; and that it might be possible to effect some economy in the use of ~~the~~ time.

Certainly, the tendency now is to ~~en-~~compass the study of lessons; the writing of exercises; the drawing of maps, &c. out of school hours, and it is by no means seldom that pupils (who either have too many studies, or are slow in acquiring information) get less time for out-of-school life, and for general reading, than is desirable for physical and mental health.

Even if a shortening of time in school ~~made~~ it would lessen, in some degree, the number of studies which could be undertaken at the time, that might be well offset by the better ~~knowledge~~

knowledge ~~of them~~ which would probably result from the greater attention given to them.

It is a common belief that few men succeed in any vocation, who do not concentrate their attention to it, mainly; and how it is possible for a child to master, at once, a number of dissimilar subjects, or acquire ability to use its mental power with best advantage, is certainly not easy to comprehend.

Indeed, the experience of most persons has been that, under the present methods, children get very few definite ideas or facts sufficiently well acquired, to be able to retain them long after the periodical "examination" has passed; and that as regards any mental training, they usually ~~have~~ develop ~~ed~~ a remarkable capacity for forgetting.

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Therefore, I believe that fewer hours; fewer studies; more time for mental digestion, & for developing lungs & legs, would give better results.

It is often the case, I think, that parents regard, primarily, the "going to school" as a convenient means of having their children looked after by somebody, who can relieve them of this duty during most of the day.

Such persons might, very likely, object to shorter hours, and much prefer that the Corporation should build enough school houses to accommodate them.

It might be that some additional assistants would be required on the corps of teachers, and that, for many of them, there would be a reduction in the time which they would be required to give each day. Well, the interest on the money that would be used in case more buildings were erected, would

Probably to far greater than ~~was~~ the increase in pay-roll; and it is most unlikely that a corresponding reduction of pay to effect the shorter hours of work, with, also, corresponding opportunity for recreation, household affairs, or some other employment, which would provide another resource in the event of loss of position in a school, might be acceptable for the teachers.

In the proposed division of pupils into two sections, it might be desirable to assign the forenoon to the older and more advanced, and the afternoon, to the younger ones, so that, in winter, when daylight is short, the final hours might be reserved for such work as requires least use of eyes. (Much liked with the younger children).

Moreover, a long midday recess would not be necessary, and but enough time to avoid confusion such as might attend

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the change of sections.

Another consideration has for many years seemed to me important, and I venture to include it, though it adds something to a letter which may already be quite long enough.

It is entirely plausible that one of the conditions ~~and~~ (if not the chief, one) that brings about derangement of function and disease peculiar to women, may be the very common — indeed, the usual — habit of little girls to go over some lesson before breakfast; to eat their breakfast hurriedly — very likely to eat too little — and to hurry off to school, either because they are a little behind time, or to have a few minutes with play-mates before the school-work commences. To take time for a morning action of the bowels, is avoided, if possible. So, too, is the use of the school privy (somewhat of a misnomer, I suspect). After school, the little time

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for play and out-of-door sports is neglected. Then dinner, and, in the midst of digestion, lessons have to be studied before a child's early bed-time. That constipation <sup>should be</sup> almost invariably with little girls is, therefore, not unaccountable <sup>for</sup>, and it is not pursuing too much, to regard it as the foundation for other troubles later.

If for no other reason than the last mentioned, some change in the present system is desirable. The one I suggest would certainly do much towards preventing this condition.

If I am writing only what has already been considered, and "talking coals to Newcastle," I trust you will pardon me in view of the importance of the matter.

Most Respectfully,

J. H. Asst.



Headquarters, 300 East 30th Street

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Chester A. Arthur Club

20TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

New York, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896

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

Honorable Sir

The members of the Chester A. Arthur Club directed me at their regular meeting held on Thursday evening Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to tender to you their sincere thanks and kind appreciation in the recognition you extended them by appointing one of their members. Mr Thomas Sturgis a Fire Commissioner you have acted wise and honorable in selecting Mr Sturgis for in him can be found every spark of manhood and a true and loyal Republican who will reflect credit upon your administration.

Respectfully

John Hasselberger

Secretary

Philip F. Smith

President

1068 Park Ave. N.Y. City

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896

The Honorable William L. Strong.

Mayor.

Your Honor. I write to ask you for permission to hold Temperance meetings one night a week in the following places :- Washington Square Park near the fountain, Tompkins Square at the band-stand, and City Hall Park.

I shall esteem it a privilege to receive at your hands this permission, which shall not be violated in any particular.

With much respect

J. J. Brooks

Sergeant of Police - retired.

New York Oct, 4<sup>th</sup> 96

To Hon W. L Strong, Mayor

Sir

As a stonemason who <sup>has</sup> served apprenticeship to the most humble but now unremunerative occupation I take the liberty to give your honor some facts you may not be already in possession of in connection with the recent disaster in Madison Avenue Previous to about 15 yrs ago Contractors used do all foundation Masonry themselves But with the great number of Cheap and inferior workmen Coming here from Italy they have discontinued the employment and discarded ~~the~~ irregular mechanic

"They lump or sub contract" this particular work <sup>to them</sup> for three or four Cents per foot Each mason is required to build "120 feet or more per day" to insure his wages which average about 2 dollars for 9 hours work Your honor will see that such work cannot be properly constructed and must be of an inferior kind and is without doubt responsible for the recent disaster Hoping your honor will

Communicate with Superintendent Constable  
"to restrict Contractors subletting work" the  
solidity of which depends the safety and  
protection of human lives

Remain your most humble servant.

John Treacy, Mason  
233 West 66<sup>th</sup> St.

P.S.

No Contractor can deny the above facts

Department of Public Charities.

RANDALL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL AND SCHOOLS,  
and  
INFANT'S HOSPITAL, RANDALL'S ISLAND.

M. C. DUNPHY,  
Superintendent.

NEW YORK, ..... October 5th, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Directly upon leaving your office on Saturday, I went to the office of the Commissioners and informed President Croft, who was the only member of the Board present, that I had laid the whole matter relating to a paid Resident Physician before you and that you had bade me say to the Commissioners that I had invited you to visit Randall's Island and that you had accepted the invitation.

The three Commissioners visited here to-day and went through all the buildings. It was Commissioner Faure's first visit to the Children's Hospital and the Schools.

I hope the Commissioners will now be able to see their way to appoint a paid Medical Officer as I recommended to the Board of Appor-

tionment last year, who will be directly responsible for the Medical management. Commissioner Croft understands the situation, but I only wish that the other two members of the Board had the common sense and practical knowledge that he possesses and brings to bear upon every subject presented for his consideration.

I desire to thank you for the courtesy you extended to me on Saturday and hope to have the honor of a visit from you very soon.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Mary S. Murphy

"L" stairways in New York, the news stands of the metropolis yield relatively as high a rental as a sky-scraper fronting on Broadway.

No business in the city so forcibly exemplifies the money value of cubic inches of space in overcrowded New York. There are about three thousand of these stands in the city, and those the best situated to catch the traffic pay rents that reach into the thousands. The trade is small in individual transactions, but enormous in the aggregate. Here are the twenty best paying news stands and the prices their owners pay for privileges at the respective points:

Stand in Arcade Building.....	\$8,000
Stand in Astor House, including street stand.....	7,500
Stand southeast corner Eighth avenue and Sixteenth street.....	4,000
Stand southwest corner Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street.....	3,500
Stand southwest corner Sixth avenue and Thirty-third street.....	3,500
Stand southwest corner of Broadway and Thirty-fourth street.....	3,500
Stand southwest corner Columbus avenue and Seventy-fifth street....	3,500
Stand opposite Cooper Institute.....	3,500
Stand southeast corner Chambers and Church streets.....	3,000
Stand northwest corner Columbus avenue and One Hundred and Fourth street.....	2,500
Stand northwest corner Columbus avenue and Seventy-second street.	2,500
Stand northwest corner Sixth avenue, near Eighty-second street....	2,500
Stand Columbus avenue, near Eighty-second street.....	2,000
Stand northwest corner Columbus avenue and Ninety-third street...	2,000
Stand northwest corner Sixth avenue and Fourteenth street.....	2,000
Stand northwest corner Sixth avenue and Forty-second street.....	2,000
Stand northeast corner Third avenue and Fourteenth street.....	2,000
Stand southeast corner Park place and Church street.....	2,000
Stand southeast corner Sixth avenue and Thirty-sixth street.....	2,000
Stand northeast corner Amsterdam avenue and Seventy-second street..	2,000
Total .....	\$63,500

It is only of comparatively recent date that the stands commanded such high prices

*Salma -*  
*Boothill*

BOLTON HALL.

WILLIAM H. SCOTT,  
COUNSELOR AT LAW,  
TRINITY BUILDING,  
Rooms 128 and 130, 111 Broadway, N. Y.

October 5, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Office of the Mayor, City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you a slip showing you the rents now obtained for stands under the Elevated Railroad, which I presume is substantially correct. These are on land belonging to the city in the streets named.

Should these rents, in your opinion, go to the city? Excuse my troubling you about the matter again, but I mean to agitate this matter.

Yours truly,

*William H. Scott*

159 West 48<sup>th</sup> St.

Oct. 5, 1896.

To the Hon. W<sup>m</sup> Strong:-

Mayor City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

It is with  
the greatest regret that  
I tender to you my resign-  
ation as Inspector in  
School District XVI.

When the opportunity offered  
to establish myself in  
this neighborhood, I was  
under the impression

That my District extended

to 47<sup>th</sup> Street: when I realized my mistake, matters had gone too far for me to withdraw honorably.

I owe all my education except that received at the Medical College, to the free schools of New York and was more than glad of the opportunity to repay in some measure, the debt I owe to this City. I can only trust that the opportunity may offer at some future day to

continue the work I had begun with such interest.

Being Secretary of my Board, I would respectfully beg that I may continue the work until the next meeting, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, in order to attend to the necessary notifications for that meeting. My resignation to that Board has not been sent in, my change of residence having been so hastily decided upon. If this is possible, it

would enable me to leave  
my post without subjecting  
our Board to the least incon-  
venience.

Very respectfully

Elizabeth Jarrett.

Old residence 422 N. 54

Moved to 159 N. 48

GEO. B. POST, Architect,  
33, EAST 17TH STREET,  
New York.

Dictated- N.

5th Oct. 1896.

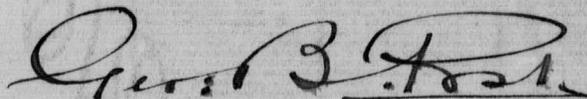
Dear Sir :

I regret extremely that <sup>a</sup> business engagements which makes it necessary for me to leave the city not to return until tomorrow afternoon, renders it impossible for me to call upon you before the meeting of tomorrow of the Board of Apportionment, for if I were able to see you I think I could in a few moments remove the impression which you seem to have received that I do not desire to act as consulting architect in the matter of the Tombs.

My letter of July 1st asked to have my duties defined. The Act under which I was appointed seems in a measure indefinite, and different members of the Board of Apportionment seem to have different views with regard to what my duties might be. I think you will agree with me that this request is reasonable and that such a definition would save all possible misunderstanding with the Board and with Mess. Withers & Dickson.

I am,

Yours very truly,



His Honor, Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,  
City of New York.

1133 Park Avenue.

Hon W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong

Dear Mr Mayor:

I hereby respectfully tender my  
resignation as Commissioner of  
Common Schools.

Thanking you for courtesies  
extended to me I am

Very truly yours

Charles C. Wehrum

October 5.<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Please address my  
letter to Mrs. K. Church  
218-3-40 St  
Avenue to Mrs. K. Church  
Please address my  
letter to Mrs. K. Church  
218-3-40 St  
Avenue to Mrs. K. Church

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Mr. Mayor Strong.  
Dear Sir.

Will you  
kindly do a great favor to a  
native of this city, and notify the  
Gerry Society and the head  
sister up in the New York  
Foundling asylum to please  
produce my child Thomas  
on Wednesday by twelve  
o'clock or show if dead  
where buried. It is to be  
regretted that a people re-  
presenting themselves to be  
just to fall independent of  
sex, religion, creed or color  
should stand by such a  
one-sided fake cringing  
crowd as those employed

by Elbridge Gerry. I  
 have since called at  
 The Gerry Mansion on  
 business of the most  
 vital importance to my-  
 self and child after being  
 bilked by the Superintendent  
 of above said firm. I  
 was referred to the  
 superintendent again Mr.  
 Gerry refusing to see  
 me; allow me dear Sir  
 to say that through the maneuvering  
 of my husbands relatives  
 (and a few of my own)  
 who were to use a slang  
 term jollied by my husbands  
 folks into doing their  
 utmost against my  
 child and husband and  
 I. My husband does

not see it, but if he  
doesn't improve in  
his health, <sup>and does see it</sup> those people  
may have cause to  
regret their interfering  
outrageous conduct. I  
am of a very quiet  
easy going disposition  
but their far things  
which a human being  
with a conscience attached  
to them cannot stand as  
it is God Almighty's  
divine law which has  
been handed down for  
centuries that a mother  
has the right to train  
her child, but I cannot  
find where a civilized  
people can bring it about

I have needed to hear of experience of it  
I can say no or less than no  
I can say no or less than no

that a poor woman has  
no say in regards to  
her own flesh and blood.  
I will go to both the  
Lorry & Sister societies  
on Wednesday if God  
spares me ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> if they  
still refuse to let me  
see my child Thomas &  
I will try get a writ to  
produce him in court. I  
have never studied law  
only have a slight knowledge  
of some of its tricks but  
surely a woman who has  
seen to one child of her own  
for over six years could  
be granted the I think legal  
right to see the other only  
in a while. I will write to them  
both and trust as a favor to my  
baby and me you will oblige me  
Mrs. Kate Ulrich



Georgia Historical Society,

Savannah, Ga.,

Oct. 6, 1896.

To the Hon. Mayor of New York City,  
New York,

Dear Sir:—

Having learned that the City of New York will soon publish the Colonial Records of the State of New York, and that these volumes will be in part distributed to the historical societies of the Country free of cost, I am directed by special resolution of the Georgia Historical Society of Georgia to make application for a copy of the publication. Our library is one of the largest in the South, and our purpose is "to collect, preserve, and disseminate knowledge concerning the history of our own State and of the United States".

I should be glad to have you give such direction to this communication as to secure for it the attention of the proper authorities.

Very Respectfully,

Otis Ashmore,  
Cor. Sec. Ga. Hist. Soc.,  
Savannah, Ga.

BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE

# Harlem Standard,

110 East 125th Street,

Horton Building.

NEW YORK.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Honorable Wm. L. Strong  
My dear Mayor: -

To excuse me in writing to you again in reference to the small sum of \$91.00 which to-day means to me a great deal. Last Oct. you referred this claim to the Corporation Counsel, then I was told to present my claim to the Comptroller who told me that similar claims had hertofore been paid that I should commence suit <sup>etc.</sup> and discontinue ~~the~~ same without costs and then the same would be paid, which I did, although the Comptroller partly recommended the payment the Corporation Counsel

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demurred to the complaint which the Court sustained claiming the Mayor is personally responsible. Of course I do not desire that the Mayor should pay this, but it is not just or equitable that the City of New York should retain this money. I paid on March 20<sup>th</sup> \$150.00 in good faith for a concert licence for the Harlem Athenaeum My licence "Read": "Expires June 20<sup>th</sup> 1895" and upon that agreement I paid this money. On April 27<sup>th</sup> was told to close up. My licence had expired. The Mayor had made a mistake which had not been discovered until then when the Attorney for the Corporation gave his Opinion. Now I gave you a synopsis of my claim and there should be a way for me to get it. Believe me <sup>Yours</sup> ~~Yours~~ Sincerely  
I remain Your obedient servant  
May Bayersdorfer

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NEW YORK, Oct. 6, 1896. 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Strong:-

I wish to express my appreciation and enthusiasm in your recent appointments of Mr. Taft for the Board of Education, W. Bayard Cutting for Civil Service Commissioner, and Mr. Sturgis for Police Commissioner. I know that in the matter of the latter appointment that pressure was brought to bear in behalf of less worthy candidates, and am glad that you maintained so high a standard. I found on my return to the City that a number of men are aspiring to the Board of Education of most unworthy sort, and my various sources of information ~~and~~ tell me that Jasper, Hunt & Company, are, to a large extent, carrying out the policy which might be expected from them. They will need watching and checking and this they never will receive until a body of men have the schools in charge who really mean efficient school management entirely apart from politics. Such an attitude the present majority never will maintain, and I hope that the appointment of Mr. Taft is only a forerunner of real reform in that department. Everywhere I hear of the greatest satisfaction in connection with recent appointments.

Very sincerely yours,

*James B. Reynolds*

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CABLE ADDRESS, RHYTHMUS, N. Y.

October 6, 1896 .

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

My Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am in receipt of your communication concerning Mr. Charles D. Sweeny.

I shall see that his very valuable services, to which you refer, are at once utilized, and steadily up to the time of election.

Many thanks for the apposite suggestion.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Lauterbach*

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120 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St.

Oct. 6/95

To His Honor  
The Mayor

Dear Sir:

On reaching home  
I find your letter  
with the Report of  
the Supervising Engi-  
neer of the Dept.  
of Charities as to

the hull of the "Morrisa  
nia", and I ask your  
pardon for sending  
you an inaccurate  
report, for of course  
the expression that  
"the boat was burned  
to the waters' edge"  
did convey a  
wrong impression, as  
appeared also by

the photographs which  
I showed you this  
morning.

The object, of course,  
was to show that  
the hull was in  
a condition which  
would require con-  
siderable time and  
money to make  
it fit for the purpose  
proposed, and this

appears to be the fact,  
but I am sorry that  
the description was  
in any way open  
to the criticism that  
it was "misleading."

Respectfully yours

J. Lowell  
(Mrs. C. R. Lowell)

Chas. Courton Vapraucey

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New York, Oct 7, 1896.

Hon. Wm L. Strong,  
Your Honor:

During your official term we have not been able to secure the favor and honor of your presence at any of our Club dinners.

We keep trying in the hope that finally our efforts will meet with success.

In the mean time the rank and file of the Club "pound us" for not securing your presence.

As long as you can not make it harmonious with your other engagements to accept our invitation the

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"pounding" process will go on.

Yours respectfully  
J. C. Thomas

~~mail~~

James

No 11 Sylvan Terrace

New York Oct. 7. 1896

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor re

Dear Sir:

My son Charles G. (Jr.)  
is a pupil of School No 46  
(S. w. corner of 156<sup>th</sup> St. and  
St. Nicholas Ave., this City) - His  
class is in the primary annex  
of that school at 155<sup>th</sup> St. just  
west of Amsterdam Avenue.  
Attending that Annex, is a large  
number of Hebrew Orphans, from  
neighboring asylums, many of  
whom are placed in the same  
class and class-room with him.

So far there might be no  
cause for complaint; but, as

These orphans, or charity children wear a uniform dress which distinguishes them as objects of charity, it seems to me that they should not be permitted to attend the same school with children whose parents are able and willing to provide for them - and who wear no such distinguishing dress. My son is not an object of charity and I know of no reason why he should be compelled to associate or be brought in contact with those who are -

That you will endeavor to correct this evil, I do not doubt.

Yours respectfully -  
Chas. G. Haggerty

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Yrs



Albemarle Hotel  
Madison Square, West  
New York.

Nov. 10. L. Strong. Oct. 8, 1896.  
Mayor.

My dear Sir: If agreeable  
to you I will call upon  
you Monday afternoon next,  
Oct. 12, at tea-drinking  
time, bringing with me  
a distinguished Israelitish  
friend from London, Mr.  
Nathaniel Louis Cohen,  
the head of a large fi-  
nancial house, who is  
deeply interested in various  
aspects of Municipal  
Sociology. I am sure you  
will be pleased to meet  
him and I know he will  
esteem it an honor to meet you.

I expect to bring with me  
at the same time the  
draft of a scheme for  
a Municipal Bureau of  
Statistics, which I have  
drawn up and which  
I shall submit to Dr.  
Shaw and Mr. Gilder to-  
morrow, for their sug-  
gestion and revision.

Kindly let me know,  
at this address, if it  
will be convenient for  
you to sanction the  
arrangements mentioned.

Very Sincerely yours,  
E. R. Gould

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SCHWEIZER-AMERIKANISCHER TURN-VERBAND.

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Swiss American Republican Club  
of New York City.

Headquarters:

Golden Eagle Hotel, No. 214 E. 14 St., near 3<sup>d</sup> St.

To the

Hon. Mayor of New York City.

Dear Mr. Strong.

Our Club will have its Flag-Raising, on October 9<sup>th</sup>,  
at the above Headquarters, on Friday evening, at 8.30 p. m.

Having heard of your willingness to kindly assist  
at a few more Republican Flag-Raisings, the undersigned takes  
the liberty to ask you, whether the above Club may also  
depend upon your presence at the hour stated.

A speech then from you would be highly appreciated by the  
Swiss Alpine boys, having made the United States their second Fatherland.

Please accept, and kindly notify

Mr. At. Gruber  
will also be one of  
the Speakers.

Yours very Thankfully  
Henry Hofacker,  
President.  
15 Stuyvesant St.  
New York City

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New York, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1896

To The  
Hon. Mayor of  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Strong...

The kind promise received that  
you will be personally present (if nothing prevents you)  
at our Club's Campaign Flag-Raising, taking place  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday evening 8.30 at our Headquarters, -  
has created great joy amongst the members of  
our Club.

Thanking you again for your kindness,

I remain

Very Respectfully  
Henry Kofacker  
President of the Swiss-American  
Republican Club  
#15 Stuyvesant St.

# Volunteer Life-Saving Corps of New York Inland Waters.

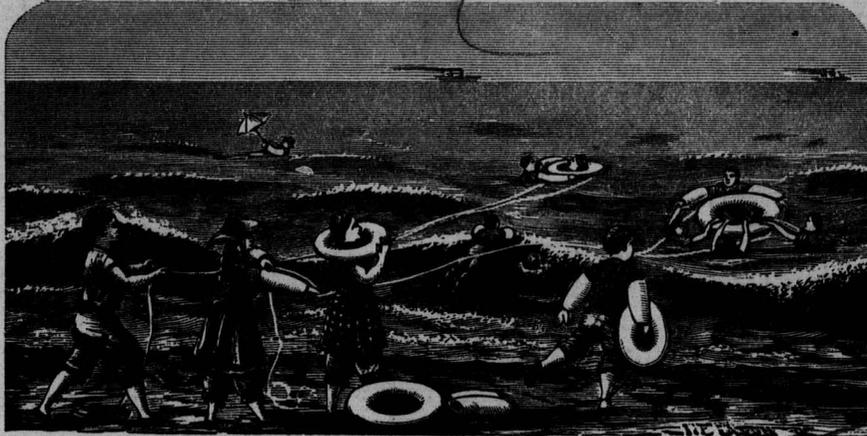
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OFFICES. (N. Y. STATE, WORLD BUILDING, N. Y. CITY.  
LONG ISLAND, BROOKLYN, 60 BROADWAY.

World Building, N. Y. City, Oct 8th 1896.

Hon William L. Strong  
Mayor of New York

Herewith we send the  
Medal to be presented to  
Mr Richard Corfield  
our Successful Life Saver  
at Manhattan Beach  
and Coney Island together  
with some points which  
you may like to have for  
use in the presentation.

It shall be on hand  
at eleven o'clock this A.M.

Very truly yours

J. Wesley Jones  
President

# Volunteer Life-Saving Corps of New York Inland Waters.

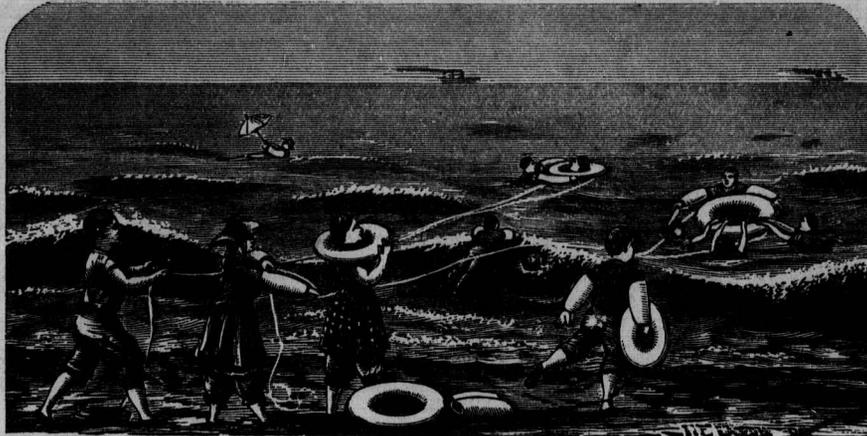
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LONG ISLAND, BROOKLYN, 60 BROADWAY.

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From Wm L Strong  
Mayor of New York  
Dear Sir:

The high honor you did us yesterday is so highly appreciated by our Volunteer Life Savers that they insist upon my asking you to be present at their annual Entertainment at foot of East 84th St. With which they close the Season of 1896. for the Health Board.

The Volunteer Life saving corps will have fine Honorary medals to present for the faithful work of these men in saving the 5-8 lives in our waters in this joint service. Capt Jacob Seelig of the Hell Gate Station will explain the whole arrangement to you. Very truly yours  
J. Wesley Jones

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The Volunteer Life Saving Corps of New York has extended its Life Saving Stations over very many of the most important water fronts of the State, having now about 400 Stations and nearly 4000 men enlisted in its service and it has furnished them as fast as its ~~news~~ <sup>means</sup> will permit, with Life - Saving appliances.

But very much more remains to be done: around New York City, ~~aided~~ by the Health Board it has saved many lives and is in every way worthy of encouragement in its humane work.

It aims to cover every pier of our city with its Life Saving appliances.

One of its great aims is to educate our Sporting Yachtsmen and Boatmen to be ever on the alert to help those follow in distress. To this end the association awards Medals of Honor for all daring acts of Heroism in Saving life. Over sixty of these medals in Silver and Bronze have already been <sup>a</sup>awrded for 1896. and one which we have the ~~name~~ honor and very pleasant duty of conferring today is of gold.

This is presented to Mr. Richard Confield of 254 West 21st. Street, this city, for his heroism in rescuing 9 lives from a watery grave in the last year within the waters of what is to be the Greater New York.

Four of the most noted and dangerous being at Manhattan Beach and the inlets to Jamaica Bay.

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Brokaw Brothers,

Astor Place.

New York, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1896

Mr. J. H. Hedges  
Dear Sir

I would like to have his Honor, the Mayor, grant a permit for the use of fireworks on the night of Oct 14<sup>th</sup> during a parade through the 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly Dist.

We shall use no rockets or cut pieces, Roman candles and colored lights - only.

The parade will be under the supervision of the George Halliard Association

Truly Yours  
W. H. Lyon  
Committee

Line of march

From 5<sup>th</sup> St East River to Lewis St

" Stanton "

" Clinton " & Ave B

" 7<sup>th</sup> "

" Ave C

" Houston St

" Ave D.

" 9<sup>th</sup> St

" Ave E

" 10<sup>th</sup> St

" 1<sup>st</sup> Ave

" 13<sup>th</sup> St

" 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave

" 4<sup>th</sup> St

" Ave J

" 741 5<sup>th</sup> St

# Wage Earners Patriotic League

DOWN-TOWN BRANCH: 25 PARK PLACE

COL. J. E. BLOOM, CHAIRMAN  
J. BULOVA, TREASURER  
FRANK HARRISON, SECRETARY

New York, October 8th, 1896

ADDRESS REPLY TO.....

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
New York.

My dear Sir:---

You are respectfully requested to serve as a member of Honorary Committee of benefit tendered the Wage-Earners Patriotic League, by the Food and Industrial Exposition at Grand Central Palace, New York, on Monday evening, October 19th.

The object is to raise funds to support the efforts made by this non-partisan organization, which has contributed so much towards the honest money cause. The League numbers about two thousand members and is composed almost exclusively of Wage-Earners, and their efforts are confined among that class. They have accomplished very effective work in the interest of sound money, and ask your co-operation to the extent of permitting the use of your name for this occasion. It is needless for me to say that you incur no responsibility or obligation in connection with same.

Hoping to hear from you favorably,

Very truly,

*Daniel Browne*  
Chairman

Committee of Arrangements.

New York Retail Grocers' Union,

General Offices,

Retail Grocers' Hall, 138 & 140 East 57th Street,

Office of the Secretary, 211 W. 41 St.

New York, Oct. 8, 1896

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

Dear Sir,

The new Necessaries Ordinance lately passed by the Board of Aldermen was discussed at our regular meeting on Monday Oct. 5. My I have been directed to inform you that our Association opposes the same, on the ground that the Board of Aldermen have no right to grant permits for the sale of any merchandise on the public streets, and we would therefore respectfully ask your Honor to veto the same.

Very Respectfully

N. F. Henry  
Secretary -