

LAW OFFICE OF  
GEORGE R. VAN DUSEN,  
NO. 750 DREXEL BUILDING.

TELEPHONE NO. 1396.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21st, 1896.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.

Office of The Mayor,  
City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

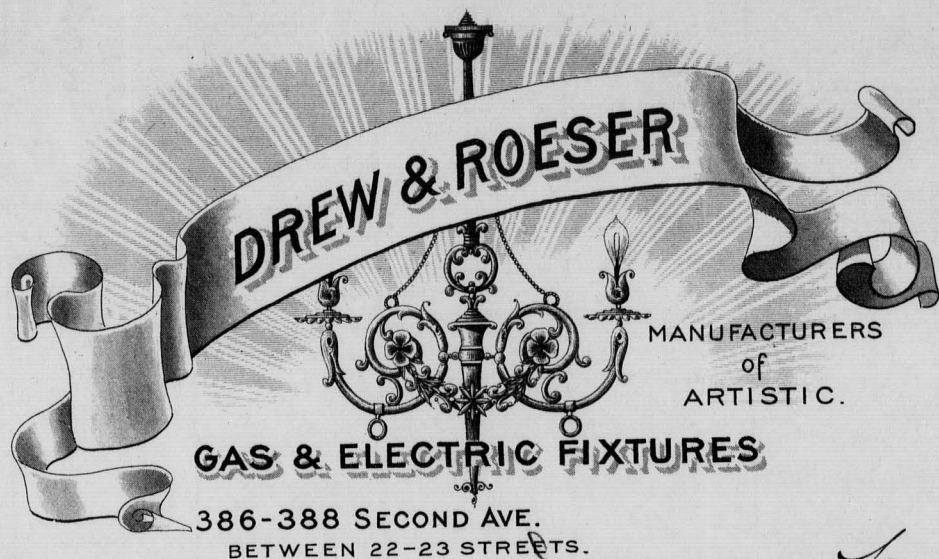
I have been informed that ~~the~~ copies of the Dutch Records of Old New York are, or are about to be, printed and that distribution of a number of them will be made by the Mayor. I should like to ask, on behalf of the Netherlands Society of this city, of which I am Secretary, and also for myself, a copy, if other demands will permit.

Very truly yours,

*Geo. R. Van Dusen*  
Princeton '77.

H. P. DREW.

C. ROESER.



New York November 4<sup>th</sup> 1896

Honorable Wm. L. Strong.

Mayor City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I take this liberty to write to you regarding an every day occurrence in front of opposite my home 355 West 46<sup>th</sup> St. My Father in Law who is seriously ill, is annoyed by this nuisance very much, and my reason for writing to you is to ask if you could advise me, whom I could call to see or write to regarding the possibility of stopping it. Every morning from 3 am to 6<sup>30</sup> am, and again every evening from 6 to 8<sup>30</sup> p.m. there is a constant shuffling of wagons, and unnecessary loud talking, and then again on Sunday morning from 6 to 8 am and 10 to 12 am. Can this nuisance not be stopped? You will greatly oblige me by looking into this matter, and advise me, to whom I could call and see or write to.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours Very Truly  
Christian Roeser.  
Address 355 W. 46<sup>th</sup> St.



JOSEPH KRAUS.  
PRESIDENT.

FRANK R. LEWIN.  
SECY. & TREAS.



OFFICE & FACTORY Corner 71<sup>st</sup> St. and Ave. A.

*New York,* Dec. 7/96. 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor, N.Y. City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have lodged several complaints against the enclosed bills to the Water Department, without any results. They have refused to look into this matter, stating that the neglect of the owner, in not keeping his faucets in order, is a penalty of large water bills. In this case their decision is a wrong one.

The property in question on these two bills is #1325 and 1327 Ave. A. #1325 is an apartment house occupied by families and two stores, while #1327 being the S.W. Corner of 71st Street & Ave. A., is used for our business as cigar-factory entirely. The water supply on #1327 gave out, and to locate the trouble was a matter of quite long delay, and we decided instead of being bothered and hampered in our business, we would supply #1327 the corner, from our next door building, #1325, and in that way connected in the cellar of 1327 the large supply pipe from 1325. Hence the meter in #1325 for some time supplied the two dwellings, and that of course taxed this meter to its capacity, and suddenly made it run twice as fast in order to supply the demand of the two buildings.

While this was going on, a meter inspector came around to take the index, but finding the meter out of order and not registering, they simply struck an average of that large consumption of water, and sent us a bill for no less than \$373.40 for that building, and this is exorbitant.

The cause of the blocking up of the water in 1327 was a fish in the water-pipes, and that supply from 1325 was then cut off, and 1325 supplied regularly from its own meter again.

Now then, when we received the bill, we lodged a complaint that same was exorbitant. They sent an inspector up here to inspect the plumbing work. This inspector reported that he found some closets in #1325 leaking. A month after this bill was rendered, this man comes up and inspects the plumbing, and they say that the leak found then, at that time, must have been there before, and that should be the penalty for high water



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rates. In answer to that we must state that we furnished your department with bills of our plumber, who is being paid regularly every month; who comes here and does the work all year round, and who is reliable, responsible and respectable. His name is Frank Eberhardt of corner 76th Street & First Ave., and in spite of all these protests they refused to look into this matter, and say we must pay the bills as they stand.

Now a word to you, dear sir. You are a merchant, and have a large interest in the mercantile community. You evidently are well acquainted with the system that every reliable house has adopted in the establishment, and we have that. No leaks are found in 1327; the factory fire department examiners pronounced it thorough; the factory inspectors, all thorough; the Board of Health all perfect. We have tried the same with 1325 Ave A, but there we have trouble to contend with, which neither you nor anybody in the Department of Public Works is acquainted with. There are sixteen Bohemian and Polish families living there, and you can try as much as you please to keep those people in order, and they simply will not do it. They knock everything clean to pieces, and they are not orderly. We are powerless to do anything with them; but do the best we can. Now this leak in 1325 was a new one; a leak that just sprang up when the officer came around to examine them. We ought not be charged for a leak a year after, when we have the bills to prove that all these closets and faucets and everything was inspected and put in proper shape each and every month.

We hope you will take this matter up and give it due consideration, for it is a small amount for the city to pocket, and quite a large amount for me to stand.

Awaiting your esteemed decision in the matter, we remain  
Respectfully yours,

*Joseph Kraus*



CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

December 8th, 1896.

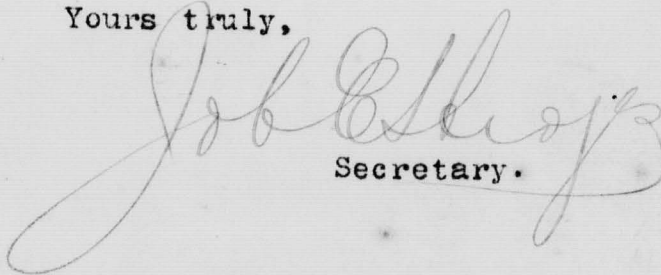
Mr. Columbus O. Johnson,

Water Register:

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to hand you the enclosed communications from Kraus & Lewin Company, 71st street and Avenue A, with the request that you give the matter careful consideration and report thereon to this office.

Yours truly,

  
Secretary.



San. Francisco, Cal

Dec. 16, 1896

To His Honor

The Mayor of

New York, City.

Dear Sir

I trust you  
will excuse me for addressing you  
as I am in need, My Wife is Confined  
in Insane Asylum. I have three  
Children to support, and My right  
Arm is disabled so that I can  
perform no manual labor, James  
Gaffney now in New York City  
has deliberately Swindled me out of  
Fifteen Hundred Dollars, under  
false pretence of payment he

prevented me from placing my claim  
before the Probate Court. for Nursing  
his Uncle for two Years during which  
time he was entirely helpless, and  
suffering from a ~~bad~~ <sup>loathsome</sup> disease.  
Which brought him in blindness  
And we had to lead him and  
<sup>bring</sup> him all around Myself and  
my Children had to attend  
him day and night, he had  
money, and being my

Wife Second Cousin he always  
assured us that he would see  
to it that we were well paid.  
when he died, Mr Gaffney  
assured us that it was entirely  
unnecessary for us to file any  
claim, as he would see to it  
that we would be well paid  
but day after he got the Money

Part 2  
he left for ~~the~~ New York City  
Money and all, This was about  
Three Years ago, and we have  
never heard from him since  
But we are informed he is doing  
business at ~~the~~ + I will give  
you addresses on the other Paper  
in your City Charlie Gaffney  
is excuse from all this trouble  
While his brother James Gaffney  
attending to all his business and  
promise faithfully in the  
Secretary of the will house M.  
Smith 241 Page St San Francis  
co Cal To see that every thing  
was done to all. satisfactly with  
out any ~~too~~ trouble of law,  
Even one hundred dollars which  
the Uncle himself promise me



before The Secretary of will  
M. Smith for a present for  
a gold watch and chain  
which I should wear for a  
remembering of him and I  
never got it This is what  
James Gaffney did after his  
Uncle death

Any thing that  
You can do for us we  
will be duty appreciated

Yours, Respectfully  
J. Hoff

No 8 Eldridge st  
bet 7-8 and bet Harrison  
and Bryant  
San Francisco Cal,

Part 3

I will give you the addresses  
of the two Brother

James F. Gaffney a Plumber  
h 12 East 110.

Charlie F. Gaffney a Plumber  
66 W. 33rd, h ~~366~~ 366 E, 32nd st  
New York City

his Mule name is  
James Gallego



350 Madison Ave

New York Dec 17/96.

W L Strong Esq  
My Dear Sir

I understand there is an ordinance against  
putting salt on the Car tracks: It is gotten  
around by mixing with sand. The police say they  
don't notice any salt etc.

But the children as well as the aged  
have to feel the effects of this intensified  
Cold and suffer accordingly.

I have taken the  
liberty to write you as I did not know  
the proper authority to appeal to in order  
to have this law enforced.

Sincerely,  
Yours

P J Taggart.

New York Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 96

135 E. 83<sup>rd</sup> St

Northeast Cor. 4<sup>th</sup> St

Hon Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

I have been very much  
annoyed by an Officer  
on the beat asking me  
to have my carriage  
step removed this I do  
not understand and regret  
to have to trouble you

but must find out the  
meaning of it - my step is  
used as an advertisement  
in my business is an  
expensive one and has  
never done any one harm  
I have had it for many  
years & do not see why  
I should be told to  
remove it - I shall  
not do so before I  
find out from



your I do hope this will not have  
to be done as it - will be a very heavy  
loss to me Kindly allow me to  
let it remain I help me in the  
maths very Respectfully  
Yours

L. M. Morris Gentry.

DUNHAM, BUCKLEY & CO.,  
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P. O. BOX 147

340, 342 &amp; 344 Broadway,

New York, Dec 17 1896

Mayor Thompson

Dear Sir

The sidewalks on Leonard St. from Hudson to West Broadway are continually occupied by wagons and trucks and pedestrians are compelled to walk in the middle of the street the entire length of the block, which is disagreeable enough in ordinary weather, but it is an outrage to be compelled to do so in weather like this when this particular street is filled with snow and slush a foot deep. The trucks occupy the sidewalks on both sides of the street almost the entire day and have done it for so many years that the truckman seem to think that the sidewalks are for trucks and horses and not for the use

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P. O. BOX #47.

340, 342 & 344 Broadway,

New York, ..... 189.....

of pedestrians - They get on the  
sidewalks and stay there, whether they  
are loading or not. There is a  
Police station right on the block, but  
the Police do not seem to attempt  
to have the law enforced and the  
sidewalks kept clear.

If your  
Honor will please have this matter  
investigated by the proper authorities  
you will confer a favor on  
many citizens who are obliged  
to use this street twice a day  
in going to and from business

C. F. Day.

WEST 64th ST.

New York, December 17<sup>th</sup> 1896

Honorable William L. Strong  
Mayor New York City

Honorable Sir.

We wrote to you on October 30<sup>th</sup> in reference to the Sidewalk at 64<sup>th</sup> Street, West of West End Avenue leading to the railing dividing the Railroad from the Street. The Pathway if it can be termed under that appellation, is in a disgraceful condition. Its height varies from one foot to four feet above the curb. High clumps of earth and large stones prevail, the Pedestrians having recourse to the Street. Were the Pathway in decent order or anything like an even surface the snow at present existing could be easily cleared. There is a vacant lot on the South Side of the Street with no footpath beside it. Practically speaking this portion of the Street has no Pathway at either side, were we to have, even one, we would be satisfied. May we crave your protection in the matter, and order that the evil be removed. Respectable people are surely entitled to a respectable



locality. we sincerely trust that we shall have a  
sidewalk before the winter is entirely at its worst.

We are Honorable Sir  
Respectfully Yours  
Residents.

- - West-Side - -

# Tax-Payers Association,

[Incorporated]

No. 267 West 34th Street,

New York, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1896

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

Sir

Above association would call your attention to a glaring neglect on part of the Employees of the Dep't of Public Works but principally the Police Depar't.

The streets intersecting 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, where at present new water mains are being laid, should be provided East and West with suitable signs, warning owners and drivers of vehicles that there is No Thoroughfare.

In some instances, where the Depar't of Public Works did its duty in putting up such signs, we find that the Police is too unconcerned in stopping boys from removing or destroying such signs, thereby causing much annoyance, loss of time, and in some instances, damage to vehicles.

Respectfully

E. Kunzli  
Sec'y

Gustav Schuler  
Presdt

Nov 6. 51<sup>st</sup> Fr

New York Nov 96  
Hon. Wm L. Strong

Respected Sir

An article in this Evening's paper informs the public that the Police Board, will oppose the bill passed by the Legislature to pay the Election officers whose money was withheld for<sup>not</sup> in every respect complying with the law - I am, unfortunately, one of those who had not received his pay & do not know why - No charges were preferred against me



or my work, & no explanations made -

If there is a charge of any kind, I am sure it is at most a legal technicality or some oversight, & who among us is not likely to make a mistake - Does your Honor, to whom this matter will be referred believe that a man should be deprived of his pay after working honestly & faithfully, doing everything to the best of his ability & knowledge -

I am sure that, in justice to those who did five days hard & fatiguing work, you

will approve of the  
bill as passed by  
the Legislature -

Yours very truly  
A. Suffer

A. M. Koles



TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
NEW YORK.

Honorable Sir;

Allow me please to bring before you this my grievance caused by a recent act of the Honorable board of Aldermen of this City; in accordance with the law regulating the privileges of news-dealers on the L. stations, I, a citizen of the U.S. and present owner of news stand at *N. W. of 42nd St x 6th Ave.* have regularly and lawfully applied to the Hon. Board of Aldermen to grant me the continuation of privilege of selling news papers at the designated place. My application however was ignored and my appeal left unnoticed without any consideration; I therefore appeal to Your Honor to do justice in this case and deny the privilege the person ~~who~~ spent neither finances nor efforts in bringing the news stand to its present proper condition; besides, the lessee of building, facing that stand, grants the privilege exclusively to me and consents not to any transfer whatsoever; in hope that Your Honor will try to prevent the act of depriving a family of its only means to gain their natural subsistence, I beg to remain yours most obedient,

*Abe M. Kuntz*  
*33 W-44<sup>th</sup> St*  
*NY*



Jan 5/94. 2000  
Nov 23/94 3000  
Mar 23 1000  
Dec 27 95 1200

Hon William L. Strong:-

Mayor.

Dear Sir

I a police officers poor widow.

A gentleman has requested me to write you a letter stating those facts of truth.

Commissioner Grant has been trying to take away my pension he has called my case before the board on Dec 27. 1895 and have them reduce my pension from twenty five to ten dollars

I wrote Mr Roosevelt a letter requesting him to kindly leave my pension as it was the only means of support I had which he kindly did.

On March 13, Mr Roosevelt, Mr Grant and the other two gentlemen conceded to leave my pension as it was when they went in the department my papers are filed on that date also doctors certificate Dr Emerson of Madison Ave <sup>trouble</sup> required <sup>operative</sup> treatment I am fifty-five years old and not able to work

Your Honor I am a lone widow without a husband or a child or a home and I have been terribly



wronged, when I went down on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April my pension was alright, I met with a serious accident. I fell on the ice and broke my arm. I asked Mr Gott to sign my name as my hand was sore, after so doing he took my check out of my hand, asked his father something, I don't know what. he then said Mr Grant would have to tell him that my pension was made alright after December before he could give me my check I told him that the gentlemen had left me my pension as it was and I have not received the balance which is forty five dollars.

I wrote to Mr Grant and told I owed rent, grocery and butchers bill and other expenses since last winter when I was sick and had no reply since and when I do receive my pension I always pay all I owe, and that was the day you reinstated him for his full term.

I hope that your honor will kindly see that Mr Grant will please make my pension for the next quarter alright and he will allow Mr Gott to give me the balance of my check which is forty-five dollars as I only received thirty dollars I protested against any of my pension being reduced as I am entitled to my full pension as I am in great need of assistance, and I did not receive the one thousand dollars

out of the pension fund when my husband died, My husband was in his twelfth year of his service and when he first joined the force he almost lost his life he got a terrible beating by six men he was knocked and kicked in the stomach in the very act of taking his prisoners to the station house, on the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> St + Ave A, he was set upon by the crowd and almost killed, from the effects which he never got over until the time of his death. he died of Ulcer of the stomach and hemorrhages.

Your honor he threw up all the blood in his body while I was holding him in my arms I never got over the fright myself since I think it is terrible of Mr Grant to hold my little support from me, the other three gentlemen has granted it to me and it is in his hands and he won't give it to me there is nobody else has as good a right to get what my dear husband has earned for me as his own wife.

Now your Honor I write you this letter to ask this favor of you If you will be pleased to get this request from Mr Grant I know he will not refuse your honor anything you ask and I hope that the blessing of God will be



always with you and your family  
for you know the poor widows & orphans  
are our dear Lord's family and what you  
do for me you do for him:-

Many a time I prayed for Mr Roosevelt  
he has been very kind and he told a  
gentleman that he would have is  
called before the Board to leave me  
my pension as it was when they went  
in to the department. That was decided  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> March and my next pension  
I will get on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July

Hoping your Honor will grant  
me my request I am yours very  
respectfully,

Officer Galligan's widow of the  
18<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

Mrs M Galligan

% Mr Joseph Kuffe  
247 East 30<sup>th</sup> St  
City

**NORTH SIDE BOARD OF TRADE,**  
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267 Alexander Avenue.

New York, January 14th. 1896. 189

Ernest Hall Esq.

1087 Boston Avenue.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed resolutions were adopted at the meeting of  
the North Side Board of Trade on Monday January 13th. 1896 and the  
following special committee appointed to present them to His Honor  
the Mayor.

**C O M M I T T E E .**

John H. Knoeppel, Chairman

Ernest Hall

John C. De La Vergne

James L. Wells and W. W. Niles Jr.

Very Respectfully Yours,

*O. G. Angle*  
Secretary.



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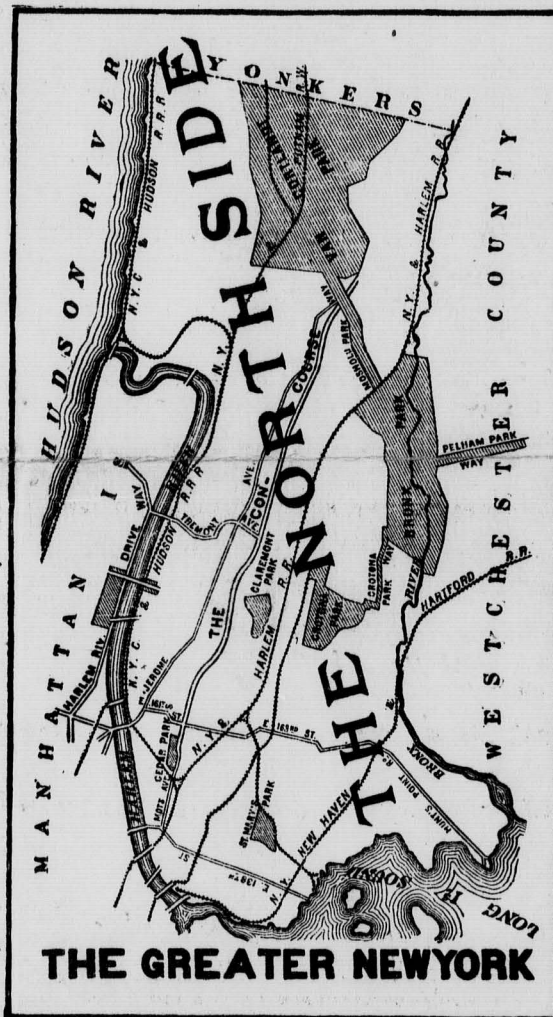
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New York January 14th.1906.

WHEREAS, the question as to the injustice and invalidity of the franchise granted by the Common Council of 1892 to the Union Railway Company over twenty-nine miles of streets and Avenues in the 23rd.& 24th.Wards is being publicly discussed and considered,and

WHEREAS, it is claimed that the property owners of these two wards as well as the city at large,are wrongfully and unlawfully deprived of large pecuniary interests by the special immunities and privileges granted to said company,and

WHEREAS, one of the accompanying reports of the railroad committee of the Board of Aldermen seeks to effect a ratification of said grant and provides for a bond of \$50.000,for which we believe there is no authority in law,and which said Board has no power to exact and which therefore cannot be enforced,and

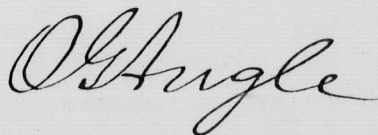
WHEREAS, it is for the best interests of all parties concerned, especially the property owners of these wards,that all questions as to this grant should be finally and permanently determined and that the rights of the city and the property owners should be protected and enforced,especially as it is alleged that the immunities and privileges referred to wrongfully impose upon property owners of these wards a sum of over \$700,000, in the aggregate, which should properly be assessed on the said railroad for its share of paving and repairing the streets and

avenues, from which it is claimed said railroad is wrongfully exempted and that it is also exempted from other requirements of the railroad law to the loss and detriment of the City, therefore

RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of New York is hereby respectfully petitioned to submit the whole question to the Counsel to the Corporation with a request that he take immediate steps in the matter embodied in the preamble hereto annexed, and such other matters as appertain thereto by instituting such legal proceedings as may be necessary to enforce the rights of the city and of the property owners of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth wards and to finally and permanently settle the question, to the end that the said railroad may be constructed in pursuance of law and that justice may be speedily done to all parties concerned, and further

RESOLVED, That a special committee of five members be appointed to present these resolutions to His Honor the Mayor.

Attest,



Secretary



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267 Alexander Avenue.

New York, February 11th. 1896

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

Dear Sir:-

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the monthly meeting of the North Side Board of Trade on Monday February 10th. 1896.

WHEREAS, Superintendent Stevenson Constable of the Department of Buildings has under consideration and recommended to the Mayor, a plan to facilitate building enterprises of the North Side, by establishing a branch office of his department in the vicinity of 3rd Avenue and 138th Street, and

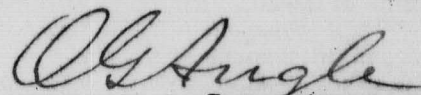
WHEREAS, thereby the existing inconvenience to builders and owners of property would be greatly obviated and the general good of the North Side promoted, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the North Side Board of Trade in the City of New York hereby commends the aforesaid plan, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded through the Secretary to the Mayor and Superintendent Constable and a committee of three appointed with full power to co-operate with the Superintendent of the Department of Buildings, and otherwise advance the plan in question until it becomes an accomplished fact.

The President Mr. John C. De La Vergne appointed as such Committee Messrs John De Hart, Albert E. Davis and Robert Wallace.

Very Respectfully Yours,

  
Secretary.



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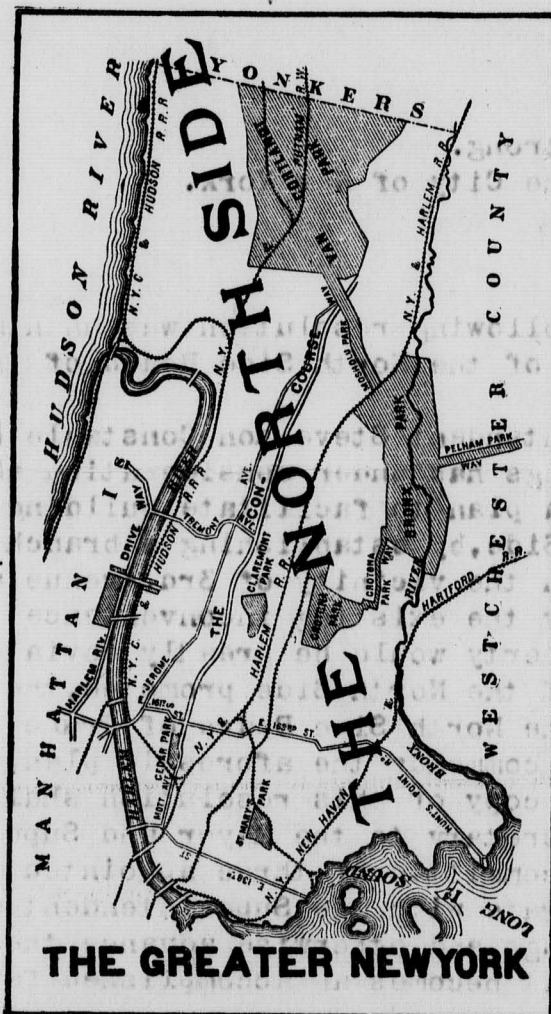
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Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor "City of New York"

Dear Sir;-

The enclosed Resolution was unanimously adopted at the  
meeting of the North Side Board of Trade, held on Monday March  
9th. 1896.

Very respectfully yours,

*O. G. Angle*  
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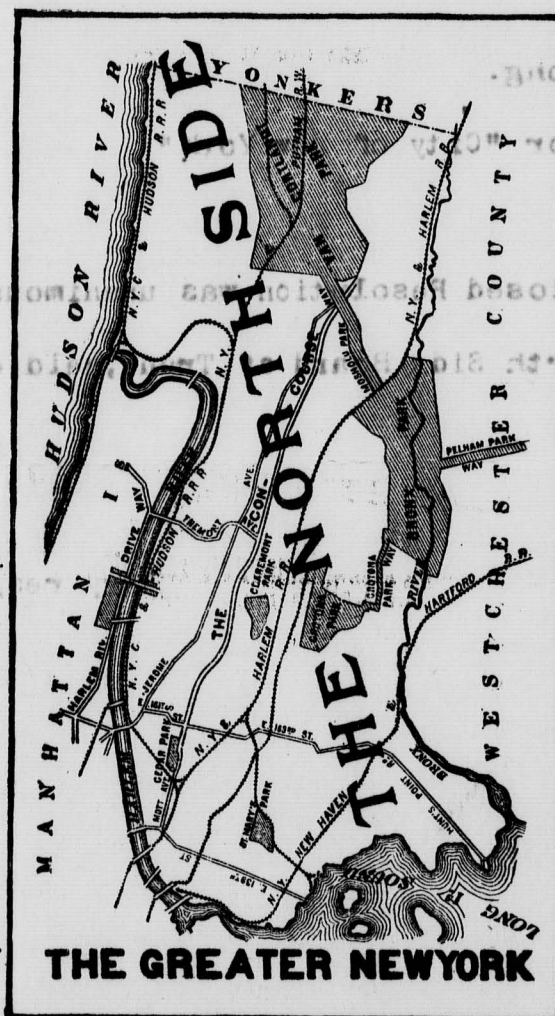
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WHEREAS,- There are before the Legislature at Albany two bills affecting our New York School System, one of which bills, known as the "Pavey School Bill" abolishes the office of School Trustee, and the other bill, known as the "Strauss School Bill" re-districts the City into districts containing but four or five schools and retains the School Trustee, who must live in the district which he represents and,-

WHEREAS,- The Board of Education as now constituted, consisting of twenty-one members, has but one member living in the North Side, although this section of the City is more than two-thirds of the whole City in area and is the section in which most of the growth of New York City must come and in which a majority of the school houses must be built during the next twenty-five years, and,-

WHEREAS,- Many of the City Departments have found it necessary to establish, in the North Side, branch offices under the care of experienced officers, and other Departments are making preparations for doing the same thing, in order to transact the City's business economically and with the greatest convenience to the citizens of the great North Side, and,-

WHEREAS,- It would be impossible for the North Side to secure proper and adequate school accommodations if the business were entirely vested in an unpaid Board of Education not living in nor acquainted with the needs of the North Side; neither would it be possible for a citizen of the North Side to right a wrong or secure justice and right for himself or his children should all power be vested in the Board of Education, and,-

WHEREAS,- The members of the Boards of Trustees of the North Side have been and are now, men of the highest standing and of irreproachable reputation in this part of the City, therefore be it,-

RESOLVED,- That we view, with the greatest alarm, any attempt to abolish the office of School Trustee and to centralize the power in the Board of Education as threatening the very existence of our Free School System, and as especially threatening the progress and growth of the North Side, because people will not purchase or rent property where there are not good school accommodations.

RESOLVED,- That we urge our Representatives in the Senate and Assembly at Albany to do all in their power to defeat any school legislation which interferes with or abolishes the office of School Trustee.

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Job E. Hedges Esq.

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

The Board of Trade will appreciate it very much if you will kindly send advance notice of hearing on "Page-Pavey" School Bill.

The City Record does not reach me till 4 P.M. after hearings are passed and I would esteem it very much if you will do me a personal favor in this instance and cause notice to be sent to me that I may notify the Board in time.

Very Respectfully Yours,

*O. G. Angle*  
Secretary.



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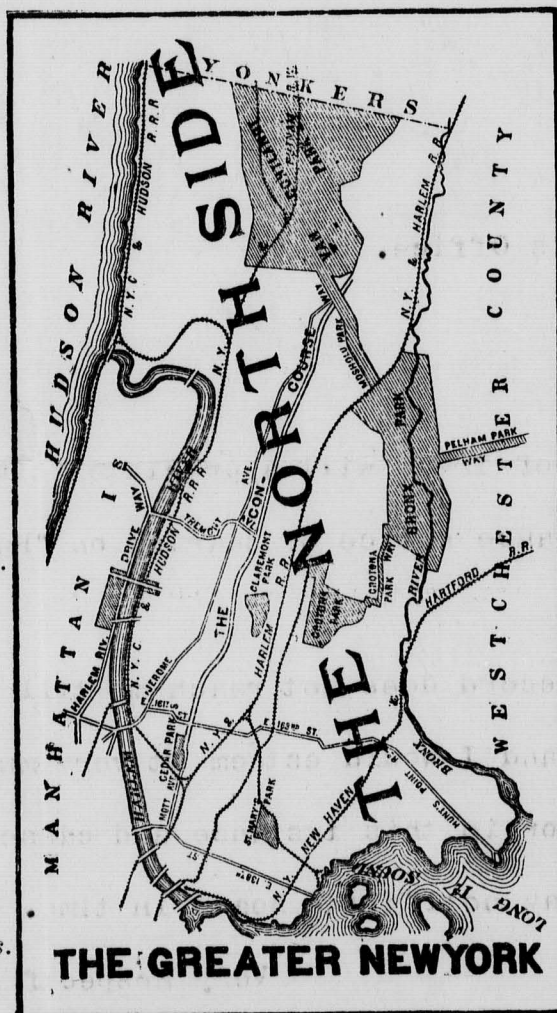
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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the meeting of the North Side Board of Trade on Monday June 8th. 1896.

RESOLVED, that the thanks of the North Side Board of Trade be extended to Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor of the City of New York, for the very satisfactory hearing given to the Executive Committee on Tuesday last in relation to the immediate improvement of the present Elevated Rail Road System and the early extension of the lines to other parts of the 23rd. & 24th. Wards.

RESOLVED, that we especially commend the assurance given us by the Mayor and since announced by him at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Rapid Transit Commission, that so long as he had any authority or control the Elevated Rail Roads must do their building above the Harlem River before they began work on their new structures in the lower part of the City, and that what the people wanted was the construction of lines that would open up new territory and improve the value of property, thereby increasing its taxable value to the City.

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mayor Strong, the members of the Rapid Transit Commission and to George Gould and Russell Sage.

Very respectfully,

*O. G. Angle*  
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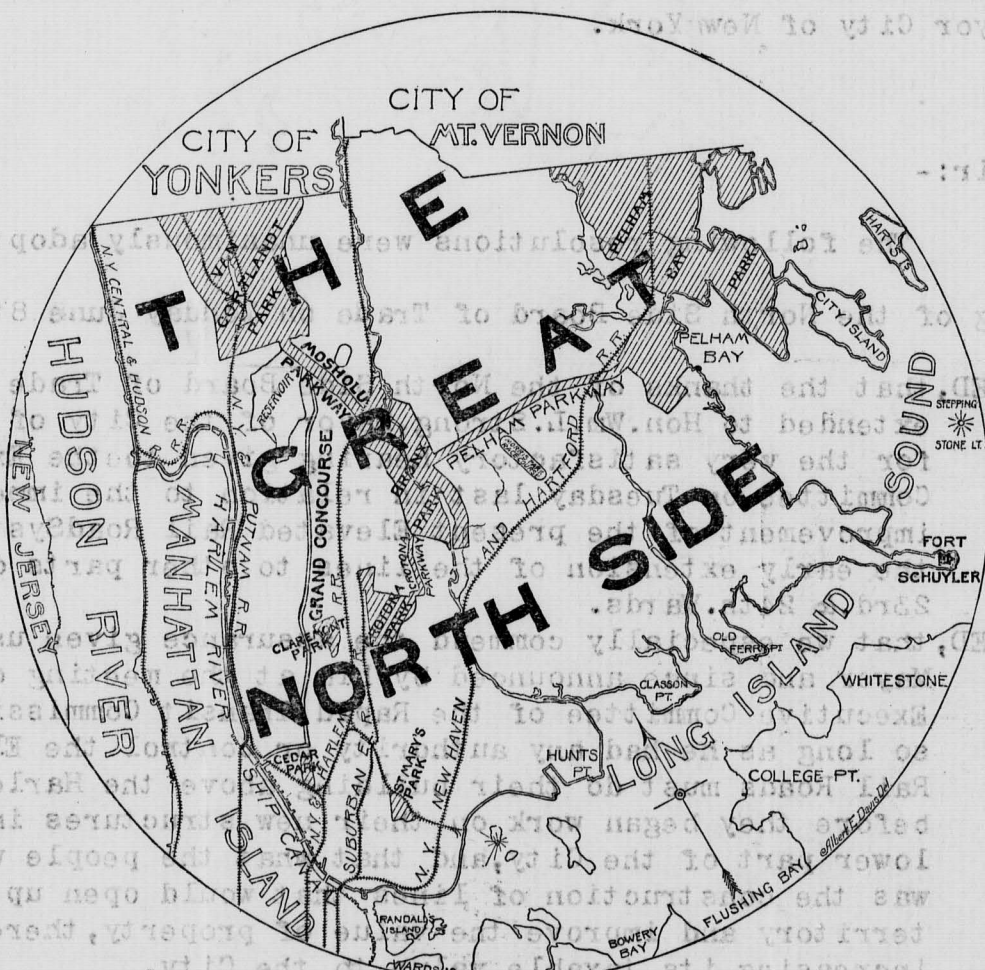
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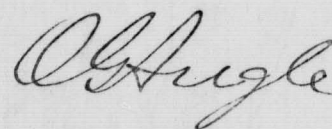
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Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir;-

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Very respectfully yours,



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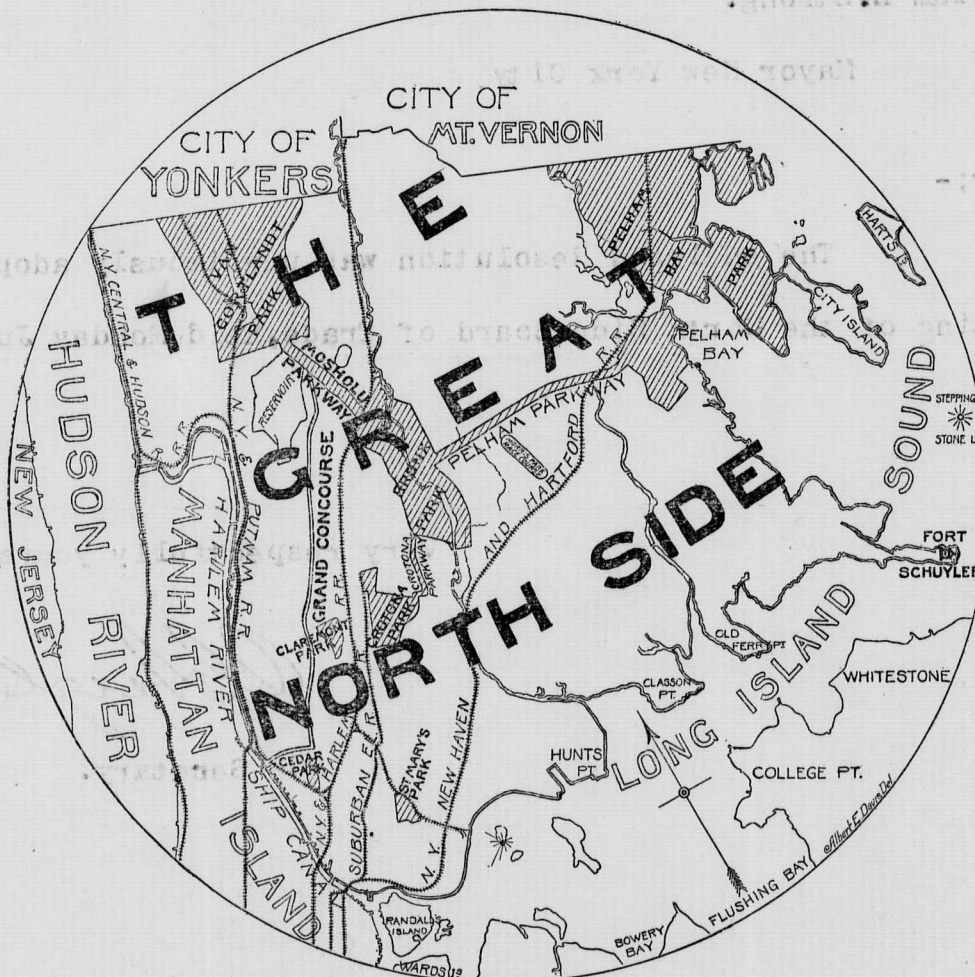
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WHEREAS, the New York Zoological Society, after a careful examination, with expert advice, of all of the Parks of the North Side, has decided unanimously that Bronx Park is the ideal site for its purpose; and has made application, according to its charter to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the allotment to it of 261 acres comprising the Southerly end of this park for the establishment of a Zoological Garden, from the following considerations:

The area in question is a tract of unimproved land, partly timbered and partly meadow, through which flows the Bronx River, the situation contour and forestry combining to give the much desired evenness of temperature not possessed by any of the other available sites.

There are sufficient open areas to obviate the necessity of cutting down the trees for the erection of the buildings, which are still well screened from the avenues; and there are four natural basins, in which ponds for the ~~XXXXXXX~~ collections, and landscape effects can be constructed. The natural features are such as to give with little alteration, the semblance of the native haunts of the wild animals to be here collected.

It is furthermore understood that nearly all of the tract of the park lying East of Boston Avenue and particularly both shores of the Bronx River, is to be left open for the unrestricted use and passage of the visitors who come to the park, so that in reality only an out of the way corner seldom visited at present, will be used, without detriment to the free enjoyment of the main thoroughfares by the people. It is also insisted upon by the Society that no part of the rest of the tract is to be sequestered from the public; but rather the establishment here of the Zoological Garden, in connection with the Botanical Garden at the North end, will make Bronx Park the most popular of all the resorts within the City.

It is most fitting and sensible that these two gardens should be near each other instead of in widely separated parks so that both may be seen in one visit; and it is equally desirable that this location be chosen, as it is one of the most accessible, and perhaps nearest the center, of any in the North Side. Being at present near the terminus of trolley car lines from the North and South, it will soon receive also a line from the West, and when the projected extension of the elevated roads is made, it will be at the terminus of the West Farms branch.

In view of these considerations, which render it sufficiently evident that the lower end of Bronx Park is the most available and appropriate site for the Zoological Garden, it is



RESOLVED, that the North Side Board of Trade, representing in this matter the sentiment of the people in all parts of this district respectfully recommend and urge that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund allot and appropriate according to law, to the New York Zoological Society all that portion of Bronx Park which lies South of Pelham Avenue to be improved and used as a public Zoological Garden; and

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Mayor, and the Commissioners of Parks, of this City.

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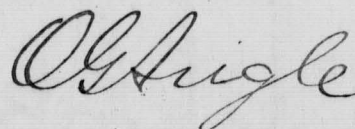
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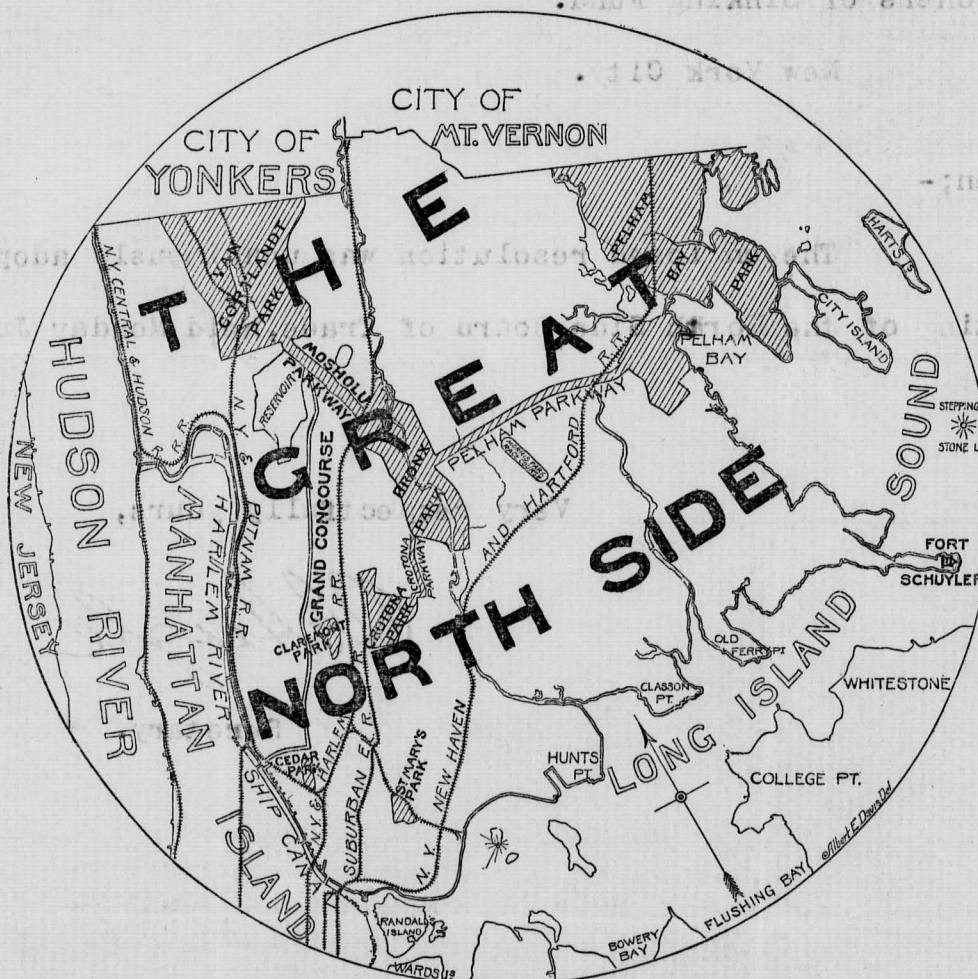
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WHEREAS, the New York Zoological Society, after a careful examination, with expert advice, of all of the Parks of the North Side, has decided unanimously that Bronx Park is the ideal site for its purpose; and has made application, according to its charter to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the allotment to it of 261 acres comprising the Southerly end of this park for the establishment of a Zoological Garden, from the following considerations:

The area in question is a tract of unimproved land, partly timbered and partly meadow, through which flows the Bronx River, the situation contour and forestry combining to give the much desired evenness of temperature not possessed by any of the other available sites.

There are sufficient open areas to obviate the necessity of cutting down the trees for the erection of the buildings, which are still well screened from the avenues; and there are four natural basins, in which ponds for the ~~XXXXXXX~~ collections, and landscape effects can be constructed. The natural features are such as to give with little alteration, the semblance of the native haunts of the wild animals to be here collected.

It is furthermore understood that nearly all of the tract of the park lying East of Boston Avenue and particularly both shores of the Bronx River, is to be left open for the unrestricted use and passage of the visitors who come to the park, so that in reality only an out of the way corner seldom visited at present, will be used, without detriment to the free enjoyment of the main thoroughfares by the people. It is also insisted upon by the Society that no part of the rest of the tract is to be sequestered from the public; but rather the establishment here of the Zoological Garden, in connection with the Botanical Garden at the North end, will make Bronx Park the most popular of all the resorts within the City.

It is most fitting and sensible that these two gardens should be near each other instead of in widely separated parks so that both may be seen in one visit; and it is equally desirable that this location be chosen, as it is one of the most accessible, and perhaps nearest the center, of any in the North Side. Being at present near the terminus of trolley car lines from the North and South, it will soon receive also a line from the West, and when the projected extension of the elevated roads is made, it will be at the terminus of the West Farms branch.

In view of these considerations, which render it sufficiently evident that the lower end of Bronx Park is the most available and appropriate site for the Zoological Garden, it is



RESOLVED, that the North Side Board of Trade, representing in this matter the sentiment of the people in all parts of this district respectfully recommend and urge that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund allot and appropriate according to law, to the New York Zoological Society all that portion of Bronx Park which lies South of Pelham Avenue to be improved and used as a public Zoological Garden; and

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Mayor, and the Commissioners of Parks, of this City.

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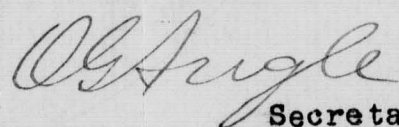
Tree Planting Association,  
of the City of New York.

Gentlemen:-

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the  
meeting of the North Side Board of Trade on Monday July 13th. 1896.

RESOLVED, that the North Side Board of Trade heartily concurs in  
the aims and objects of the Tree Planting Association of  
the City of New York and requests the co-operation of  
that society in securing appropriations for the planting  
of trees along North Side thoroughfares as they are  
regulated and graded as well as on our completed streets  
and Avenues.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Secretary.



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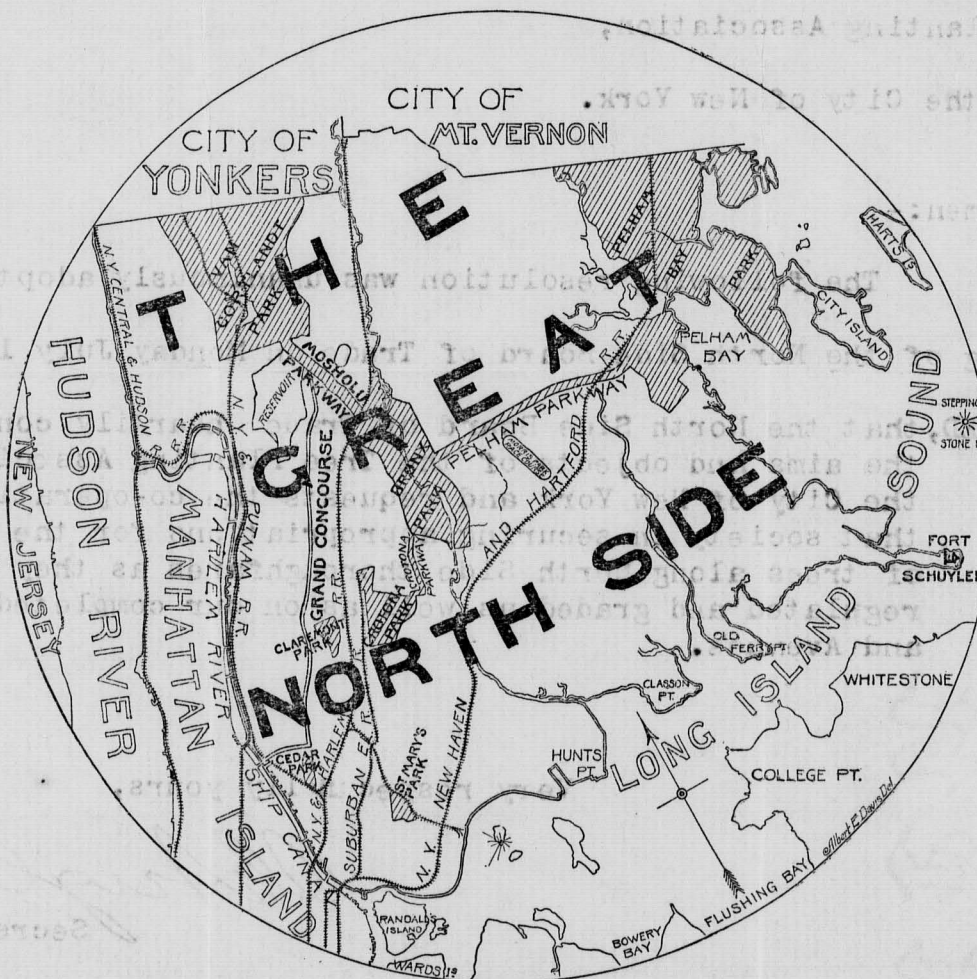
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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the last regular meeting of the North Side Board of Trade on Monday September 14th. 1896.

WHEREAS, the Sub-Committee of the Greater New York Commission has prepared a proposed charter to be submitted to the next Legislature, in which, among other things, it is recommended that the Department of Street Improvements for the 23rd. and 24th. Wards of the City of New York, be abolished and the same vested in the Department of Public Works, which latter department is to appoint a Deputy Commissioner for said wards, and

WHEREAS, said Sub-committee has further proposed that said wards shall be called and known as the Borough of the Bronx and

WHEREAS, the rapid and constant improvements made in said wards since the passage of the act creating said Department of Street Improvements, has made itself evident that the wealth and population of said district has materially increased and

WHEREAS, this organization was formed for the purpose of developing and advancing the district north of the Harlem River, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the North Side Board of Trade is opposed to and hereby disproves of said proposed changes as detrimental to and as retarding the interests of said district, and it hereby pledges itself to use every fair and honorable means possible to defeat such proposed changes, and to endeavor to concentrate all objecting forces and any and all other organizations to unite with us for the purpose of concerted action in the respects indicated.

RESOLVED, that said Sub-Committee be and it is hereby again requested to send to this organization and proposed charter affecting the 23rd. and 24th. Wards of the City of New York.

Very respectfully yours,

*O. G. Angle*  
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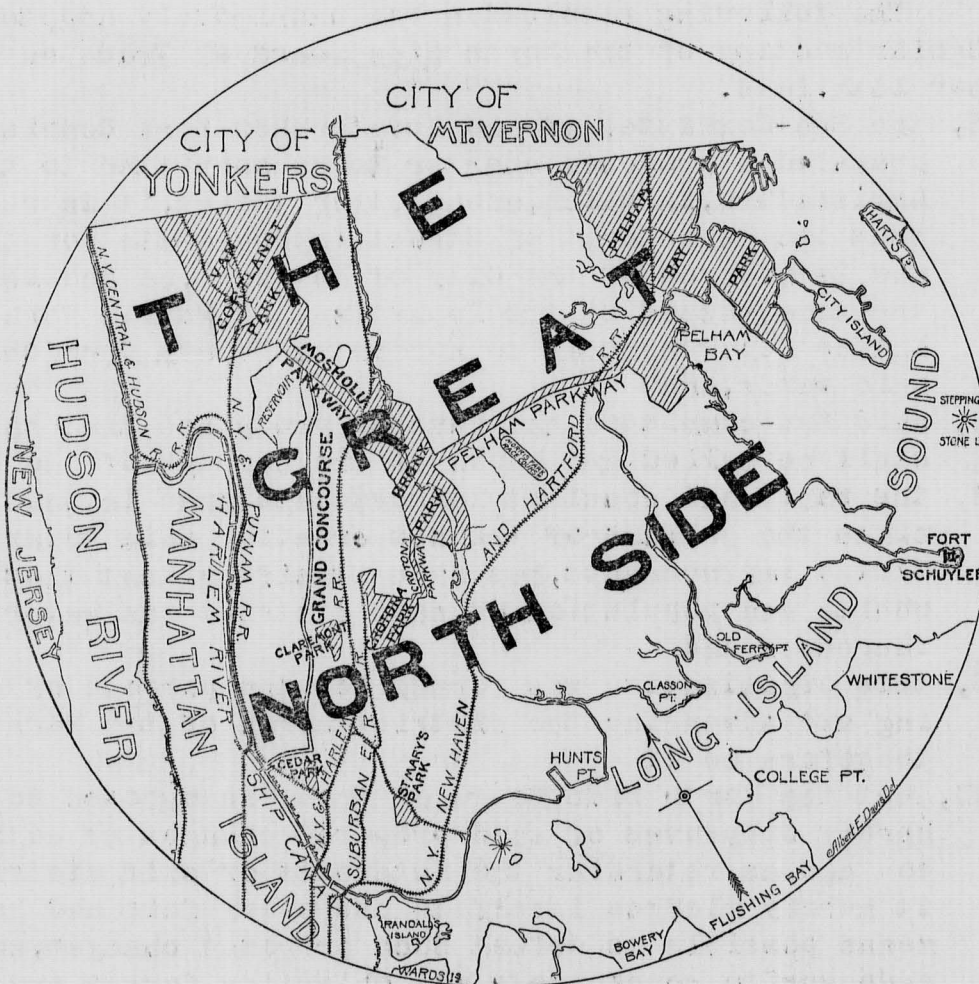
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New York, October 15th. 1896 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the North Side Board of Trade on Monday October 12th.

WHEREAS, the 23rd. and 24th. Wards constitute two-thirds of the territory of New York City now under control of the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, the population of said wards is rapidly increasing, owing to improvements which are being made in various parts of the North Side, and

WHEREAS, this district is now represented in the Board of Education by only one Commissioner of Education and owing to the conditions above described the educational interests of the North Side need more special and particular attention than most other parts of New York City, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in the opinion of the North Side Board of Trade justice to these wards and a proper care for the educational interests of the North Side demand that another Commissioner of Education be appointed by his Honor Mayor Strong from this district.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to his Honor Mayor Strong.

Very respectfully,



Secretary.



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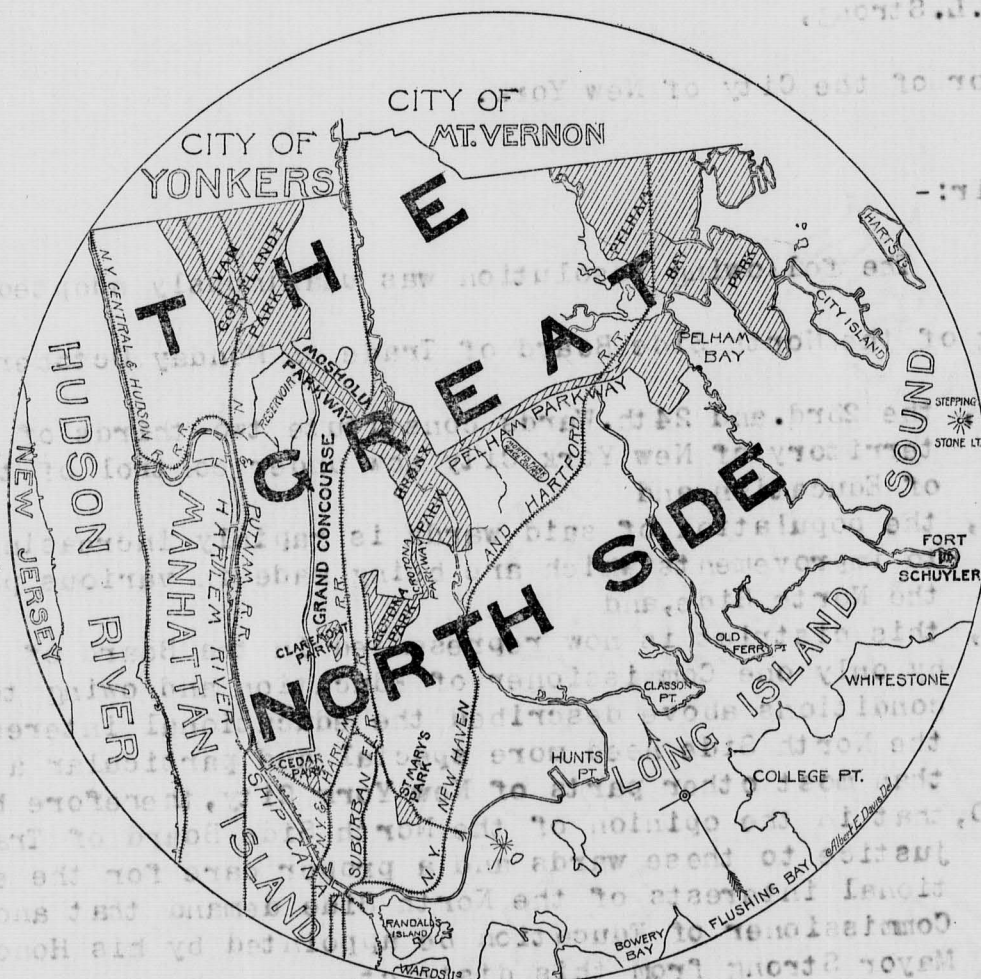
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To the Honorable  
Board of Estimate and Apportionment

Dear Sir:-

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of  
the North Side Board of Trade on Monday October 12th. 1896.

**WHEREAS,** the recent annexation of additional territory to the North  
Side of the City of New York has added greatly to the  
number and length of streets and avenues to be legally  
opened and maintained also requiring additional office  
work, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the North Side Board of Trade use every effort to  
aid Commissioner Haffen in securing the full amount of  
estimates for year 1897.

**RESOLVED,** that a committee of eleven of the North Side Board of  
Trade be appointed to be present at the meeting of the  
Board of Estimate and Apportionment to be held in the  
Mayor's office on the 21st. of this month for the purpose  
of urging said Board the necessity of appropriating the  
sums of money asked for the year 1897 by the Commissioner  
of Street Improvements of the 23rd. and 24th. Wards to carry  
on the work in said wards and the newly annexed territory.  
Said Committee to be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair appointed the following Special Committee.

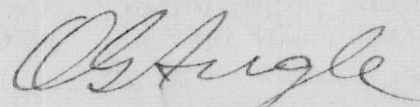
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A resolution was also adopted that the above Special Committee  
ask for an appropriation for the maintenance of the Department of  
Buildings on the North Side.

Very respectfully,

  
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Mayor City of New York.

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WHEREAS, under date of March 2nd. 1896, the Committee on Bridges  
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Bridges with the request that they inspect the drawings  
and plans also take suitable action to bring to the  
attention of the Mayor, the Commissioners of Public Works  
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for the early construction of the Willis Avenue bridge as  
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Very respectfully,



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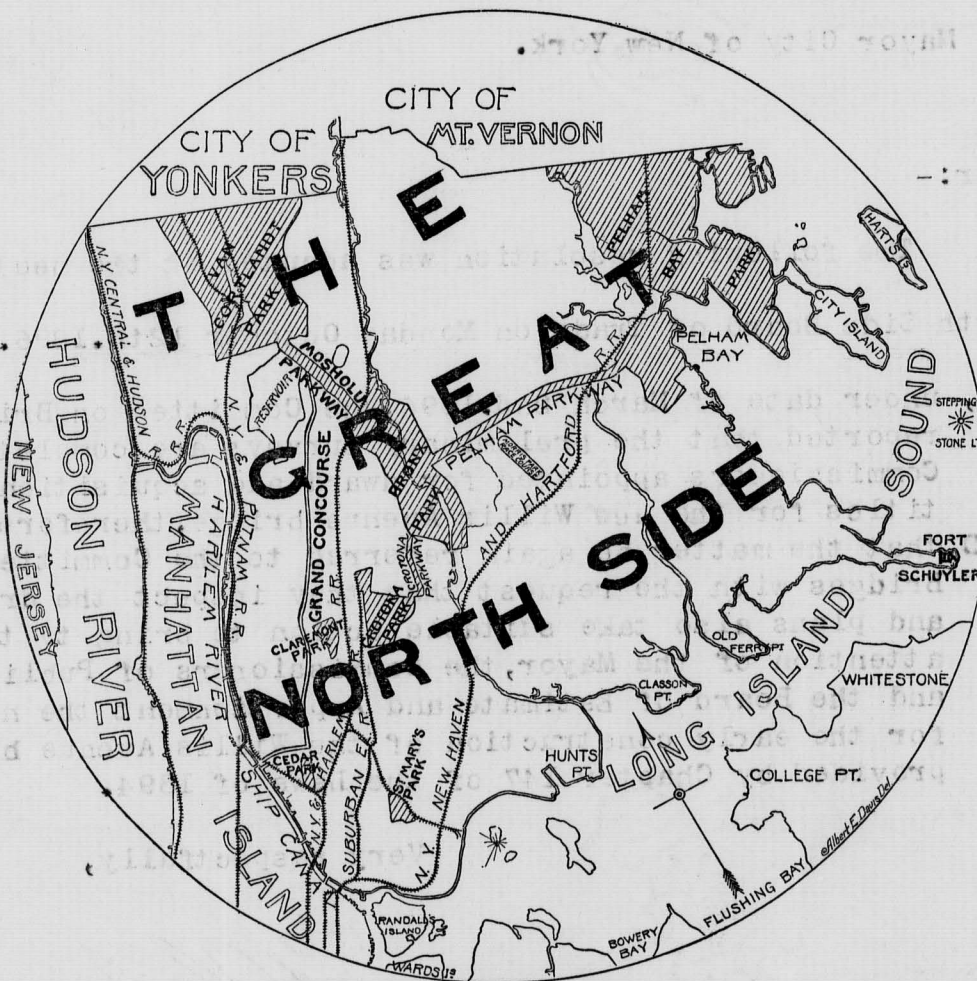
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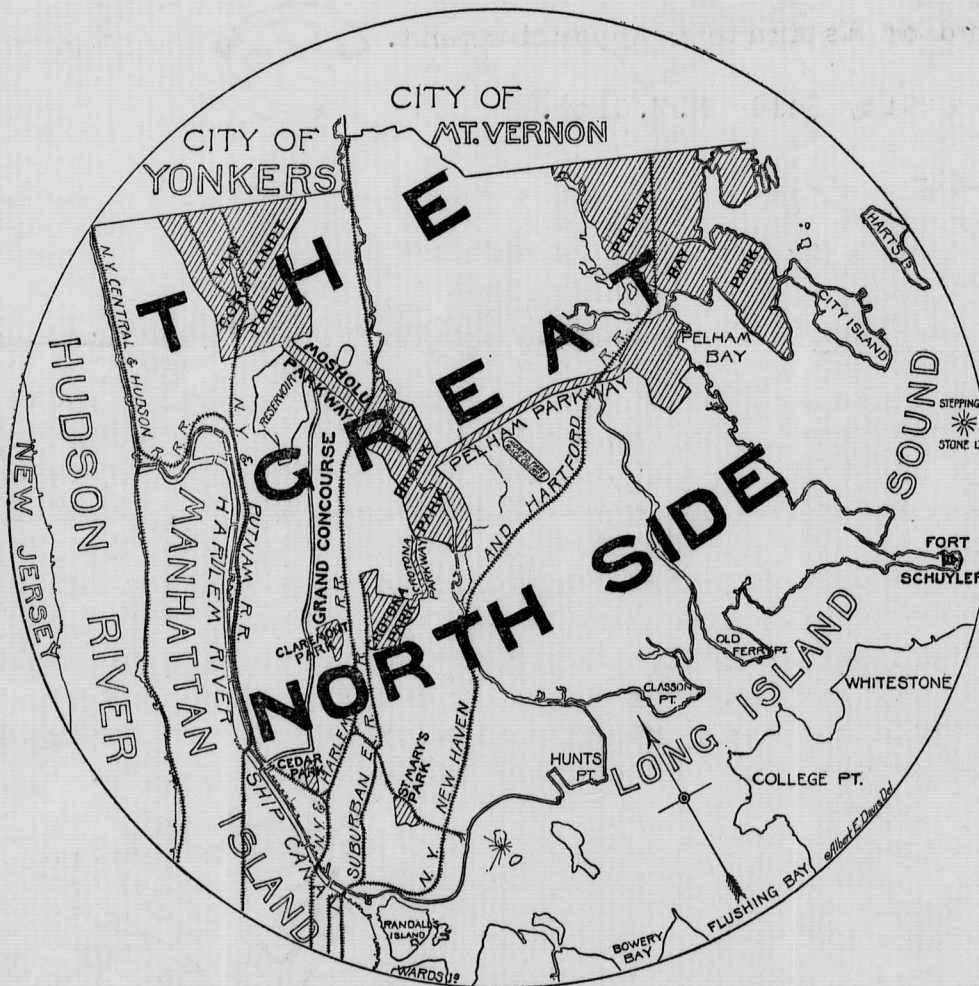
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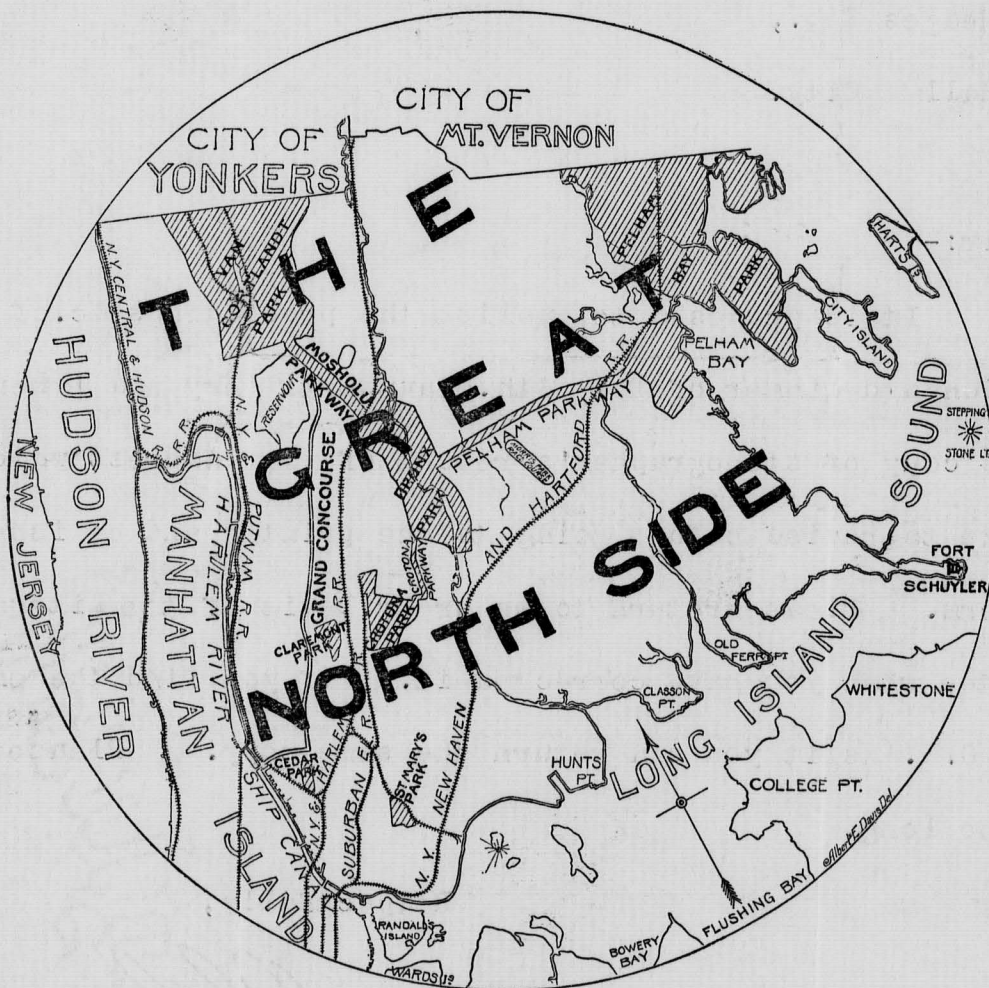
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NEW YORK, Dec. 22nd. 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully ask for a hearing on the complaint brought against me by the Police of the Eldridge Street Station and upon which you suspended my Concert Hall license. During the period I have kept the place, not a single complaint has been made against me, and this last affair I think you will find, upon investigation, is the outcome of over-zealousness on the part of a police officer, who, inspired by the false statements in sensational newspapers, wanted to make a record for himself.

I think I can prove to your satisfaction that I am more sinned against than sinning. It is a hardship for me to suspend business and I hope you will give me an early opportunity to face my accuser and prove my innocence.

Yours very truly,

*Solomon Wechsman.*

*Bureau*



67 Liberty St.

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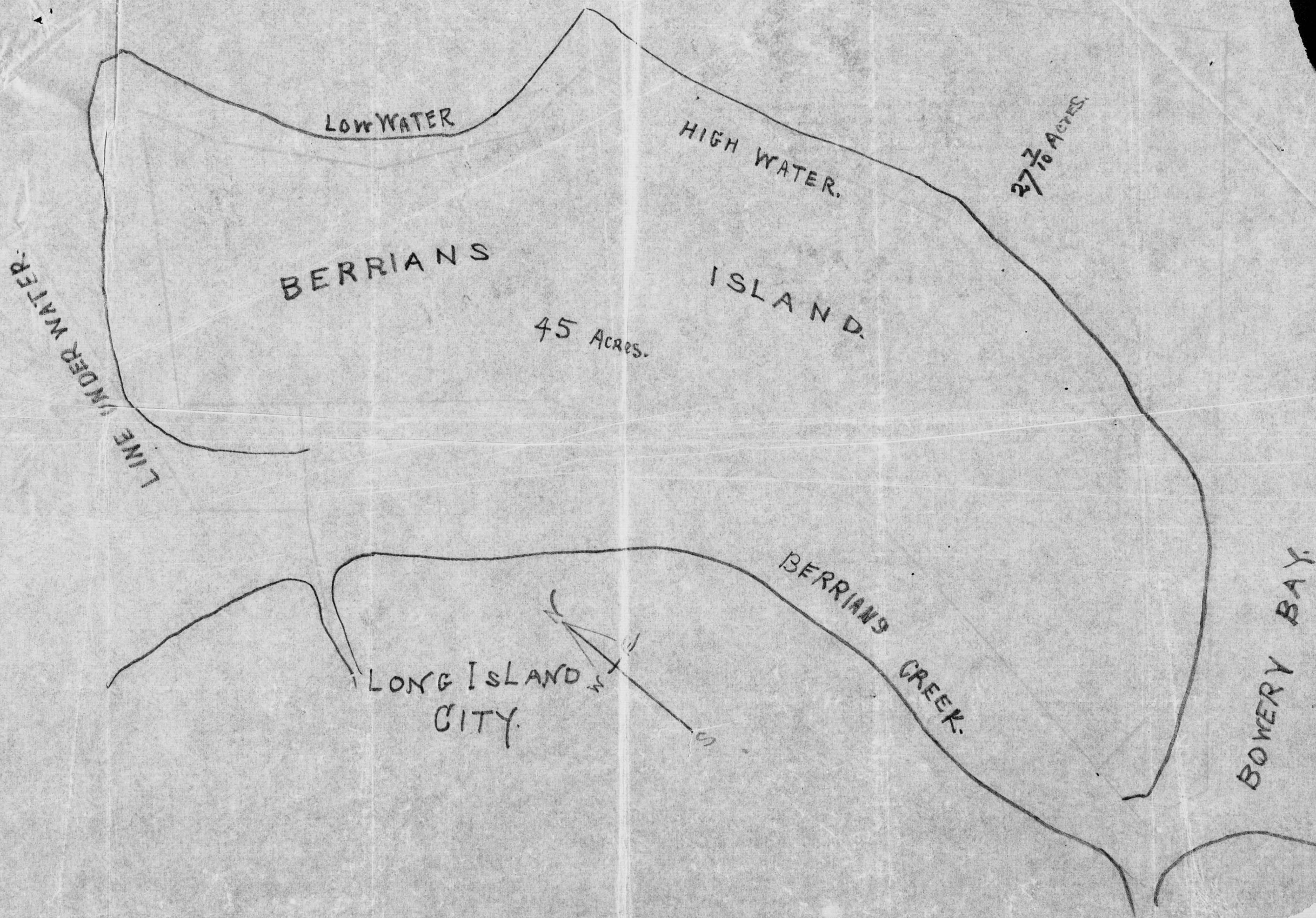
Dear Sir:

I enclose sketch of Berrians Island, in <sup>(area)</sup> ~~area~~  $72 \frac{7}{10}$  acres, which is offered for sale at \$175,000, Being the only island in the market around N. Y. City boundaries, This seems a bargain in every way.

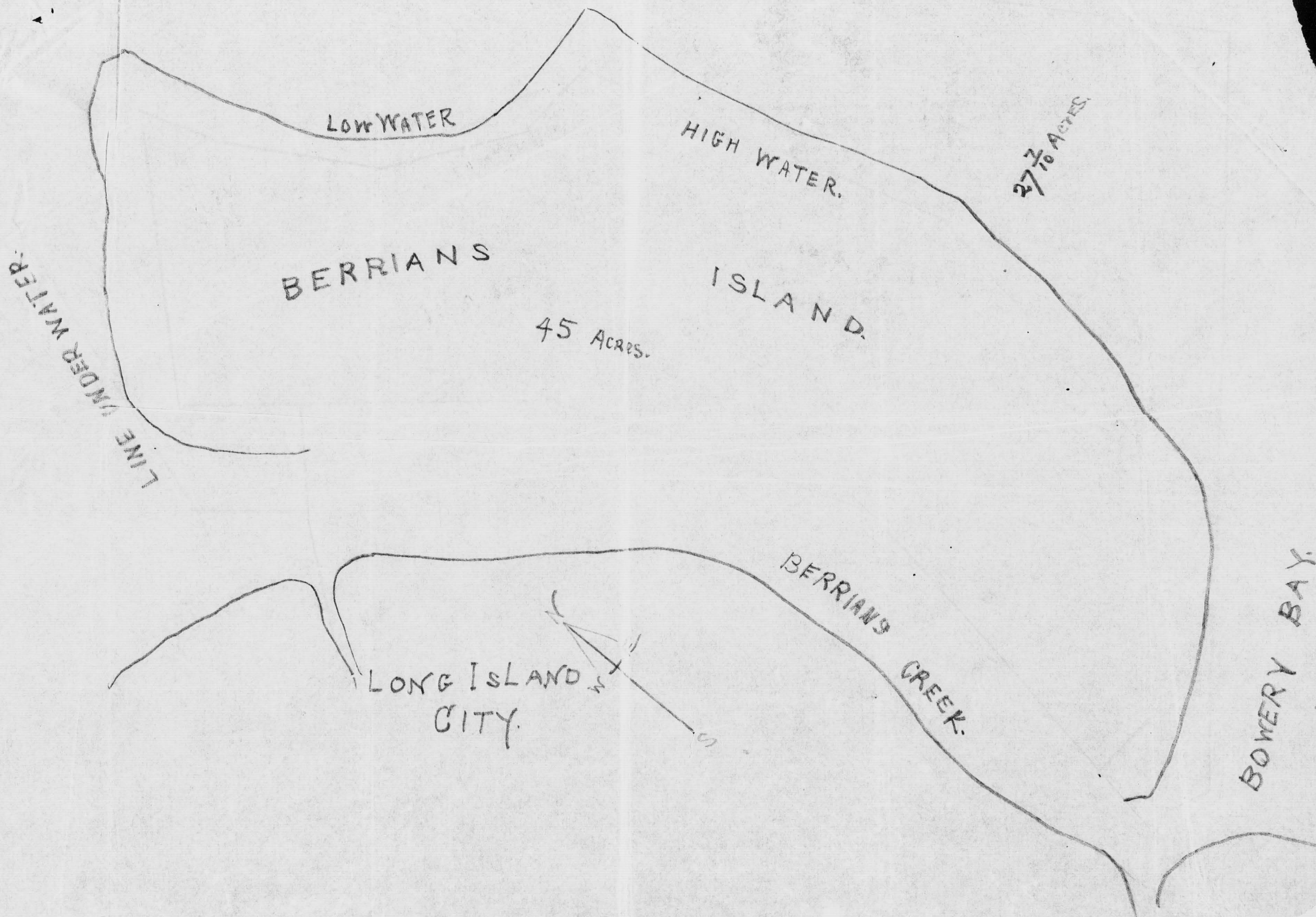
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C i t y .

My dear Mr Mayor:

I have your note of yesterday's date, informing me that \$3,000 had been set down provisionally for the Cathedral Free Circulating Library; I hasten to thank you for your prompt and courteous consideration of the application. I feel that the money would be well placed if in December the Board should <sup>reconfirm</sup> ~~confirm~~ this appropriation.

Trusting you are well, and with best wishes, I am,

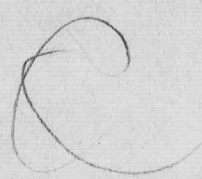
Yours very truly,

*W R Grace*

*Don't let the Board wipe the 3000 out*

*Ans*





New York, December 18, 1896

To The Honorable, The Board of Estimate and  
Apportionment of the City of New York.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Aguilar Free Circulating Library present to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment this statement requesting them to grant for the year 1897 the full amount authorized by the statute. This amount, at the rate of ten cents per volume circulated, according to the certificate of approved circulation, would be \$31,500, as the circulation for the year ending September 1st was 319,000, an increase of 50,000 over the previous year.

The attention of your honorable body is respectfully called to the fact that since the date of the last appropriation a new branch has been started at 176 East 110th street, a most densely populated section of the city, and that since its opening on May 1st the average number of books circulated per month has been about 7,000, and new and larger quarters have also been provided for another branch at 616 East Fifth street.

These additional libraries were opened largely upon

the belief that your honorable body would approve of the extension of our work and give a larger grant in consequence of this extension. Did the library possess larger means it could extend these branches, as the number of books on the shelves is entirely inadequate to the demand. This can be shown by the fact that since September 1st there has been a constant increase in the circulation at all the branches.

These facts are presented to your honorable body because of our belief that a free library is as necessary to the proper education of the community as a free school. Good reading is one of the most potent influences in the making of good character, and good character is the basis of good citizenship.

A comparison of the total amount of money appropriated for public libraries and for public library work in our city with what is appropriated in other cities will show that New York is far behind in this regard.

It will be noticed that the location of our libraries is such that it brings them close to the people that most need the influence of good reading. In the vicinity of 197 East Broadway, where one of the libraries is located, a large number of the residents are immigrants. At this library,



during the year ending October 1st, more than 166,000 books were circulated, a very large percentage of which were books relating to American History and Biography. In this quarter this library is largely aiding in training the residents in a knowledge of American ideas. The other libraries are located at 616 East Fifth street, where with 3,000 books a circulation of over 30,000 was reached last year. At 113 East 59th street more than 100,000 volumes were circulated last year, and as has been stated, the average circulation at 176 East 110th street has been over 7,000 since the first of May. At all these branches care is taken to secure the co-operation of the public school teachers, so that the library and the school work hand in hand.

Our libraries have been started and largely supported by private help. With the growth of our work it is found more difficult to get adequate means and as the work is of a purely public character and has received the approval of the library authorities we earnestly hope that the request we have made will be granted. There are many needs that must be met for the improvement of our libraries,--more books, printed catalogues, larger quarters, increased numbers of reference

books and more librarians. If the full amount that your Board is permitted to give is granted, the public will be the gainer.

We beg also to call the attention of your honorable body to the appropriations granted by other cities for free libraries.

The Boston Public Library, with a home circulation of about 850,000, for 1895, received a city grant of \$175,000. The Chicago Public Library, with a circulation of 1,150,000, received from the city \$124,000. The St Louis Public Library, circulating 331,000, received \$60,000. The Cleveland Public Library, circulating 595,000, received \$60,000.

These comparisons will serve to show that the great City of New York which should stand as an example of intellectual activity throughout the world, is behind many of the larger cities in this country in so important a matter as free circulating libraries.

Feeling sure of your strong desire to place New York in the foremost rank in the matter of the education of the masses, we confidently appeal to you that your Board grant the free libraries of New York the full quota which you would be empowered to allow, and we are convinced that the people of our great metropolis would certainly approve of your action with the



keenest satisfaction.

With great respect, we are,

Very truly yours,

Sam Greenbaum

David Leventritt.

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New York, December 22, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York,  
City Hall, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I trust you will pardon my trespassing on your time, which I know is very valuable just now, if I call your attention to the pressing needs of the free circulating libraries of this City.

I beg to enclose a petition which has been signed by all the directors of the Aguilar Free Library Society who are in town, and I bespeak your most earnest consideration of the facts set forth therein.

The work done by the New York Free Circulating Library and the library which I have the honor to represent is of so important and wide-spread a character that I feel convinced that it is only necessary to press the matter to your attention in order to secure your sympathy and co-operation.

There is only one fact that I wish to add to what is contained in the petition. This fact was ascertained a few days ago. The Philadelphia Library, of the City of Philadelphia, is a private corporation somewhat similar to the New York Free Circulating and the Aguilar Library, and last year



(W. L. S.--2)

the City of Philadelphia allowed it \$90,000 a year, although its circulation amounted only to 1,300,000 volumes, and in addition to that the City of Philadelphia also advanced to it a million dollars for the purchase of buildings.

Our libraries have not called upon the City for any support so far as the buildings are concerned, but simply ask for assistance towards the actual maintenance of the library.

Thanking you in advance for the attention which you will bestow upon this matter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Enc.)

*Samuel Greenbaum*  
*Pres. American Free Library Socy*

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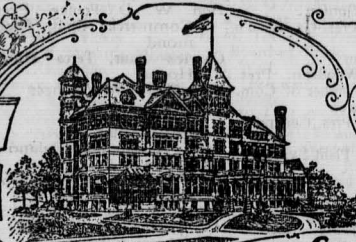
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Mr. W. L. Strong,

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, 1896.

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Dear Sir:-

The Commercial Travelers' Fair, now being held at Madison Square Garden, will net little or no profit, and as Col. A. B. de Frece who has devoted eight months of unremitting toil to the promoting and organizing of this Fair upon a commission based upon the net results will receive no recompense for his labor, I wish to raise a testimonial fund to be presented to him next Saturday night and thinking you would like to contribute to such a fund I take the liberty of requesting you to send me your check for as liberal contribution as you can find it in your heart to send. This has been sent to only such few gentlemen who have been selected as well wishers and good friends of the Colonel.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

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# GREAT TERRESTRIAL GLOBE.

"WAVERLEY," NEWLANDS PARK, SYDENHAM,

PATENTEE,  
T. RUDDIMAN JOHNSTON,  
F.R.G.S.

London, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1896

Sir

May I request your worship to look at the papers sent in separate  
wrappers, relating to Great Terrestrial Globes, in the hope that you or some of  
your friends, will take an interest in the erection of a Globe in the City of  
New York, where it would prove of so much educational value to all classes

The geographical portion of the Globe with the interior platform, could be  
made very cheaply, either here, and forwarded, there being no customs duty on  
original drawings - or I shall be very glad to again visit your country, and  
superintend the making of it there. The cost of the building which could  
be used for many other purposes, would require to be ascertained on the spot.

I have every belief that the total cost of such a novel project, would  
be returned in a couple of years, if the exhibition were properly managed.

I am Sir

Yours very truly  
T. Ruddiman Johnston

The Right Worshipful  
The Mayor of New York.

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The Industrial

HELPING MEN TO  
HELP THEMSELVES.

Christian Alliance,

170 BLEECKER STREET,

New York, Dec. 23d 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

CITY HALL.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

At this season it has been your generous custom to remember the needs of the Alliance. This has been by far the hardest year financially since this work was founded five years ago. We are preparing to issue (we hope as early as January 15th) a complete history of the Alliance from the beginning, including all statistics, detailed statements of accounts, etc., etc., and we naturally want to make the best showing possible. At the ~~beginning~~ <sup>close</sup> of our first year we had a deficit of something above \$2800.00. We do not want to make a worse

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showing at the end of this year; ---, if possible,  
a better.

Knowing that you will do the best possible for  
us at this time, please believe me with sincerest  
Christmas greetings to you and your family

Faithfully your friend,

*Arthur W. Milburn*  
Secretary.

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## The Industrial Christian Alliance,

170 Bleecker Street, New York.

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THE Industrial Christian Alliance maintains at 170 Bleecker street a temporary industrial Christian home for men—the only place in the City of New York to which the homeless and friendless man, without respect to race or creed, who desires to amend his life and who is willing to work, may come unrecommended save by his needs and find a friendly greeting, a home, food, clothing, employment, and every necessary material and moral aid to fit him to again go out into the world and battle for himself.

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W. R. HEARST

New York, Dec. 23, 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York,

Dear Sir:-

<sup>five</sup>  
~~Four~~ very celebrated singers have expressed a willingness to sing on the street to-morrow, for charity. This is one of many ways, by means of which The JOURNAL hopes to relieve several cases of extreme destitution at Christmas time. You will confer a very great favor on this paper, and on Mr. Hearst, personally, by issuing the necessary permits for them to sing for a few moments to-morrow afternoon.

The names of the singers are, Louise Beaudet, Vernona Jarbeau, Madge Lessing, Yvette Guilbert and Josephine Hall.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Marshall.*



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NEW YORK, .....December 24th,.....1896.

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"RYRAPORT, NEW YORK."

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

Dear Sir:--

As you are probably, aware a mass meeting was held sometime ago at the Real Estate Exchange, by the Association for the purpose of securing the erection of a new Register's office or hall of records.

An Executive Committee was appointed of which John D. Crimmins Esq., is Chairman, - he is also President of the Association.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, on Wednesday last, the following Committee was appointed: John D. Crimmins, Stanwood Menken, Douglas Robinson (chairman), John F. Doyle, Edwin W. Coggeshall, Ferdinand Shack and William C. Orr, to call on you and explain the object we have in view; and also to lay before you the Bill which it is proposed to have presented at the meeting of the Legislature.

It was suggested that I write to you and ask you whether it would be convenient for you to receive us on Monday morning next at ten o'clock, at your office. We will not take more than five or ten minutes of your valuable time, and it is merely to explain to you, in advance, the purpose we have in view and the great necessity of such a hall, as is proposed, to all the citizens of New York. We wish to ask you to consider this Bill we propose, in advance, so that we may, at least, do nothing contrary to your wishes in the matter.

Yours respectfully,

*Douglas Robinson*

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NEW YORK, December 24th, 189 6

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"RYRAPORT, NEW YORK."

Job E. Hedges Esq.  
Secretary.  
Dear Sir:--

On receipt of your letter telling me of the Mayor's suggestion that my Committee should call on him on Saturday morning, instead of Monday. I would gladly take the suggestion, as far as I am concerned personally it would be all right, but I find that it is impossible for me to communicate with the other members of the Committee, in time, and some of them will not be in town on Saturday, I feel sure.

I must let the present plan go forward and we will meet as we arranged at Mr. Wm. C. Orr's office, in the Emigrant Savings Bank building on Monday at 9:45, and then be at the Mayor's office at ten o'clock and run our chances of being able to see him. If he cannot see us at that time, perhaps you would be kind enough to find out when he could see us, so that I might then and there notify the members of my Committee of the appointment. If the Mayor could see us at ten o'clock I can assure it would not take us more than five or ten minutes to explain our mission.

Very respectfully yours,

*Douglas Robinson*



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New York, Dec. 25th 1896 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York,

Sir:-

The writer had the honor of calling upon you yesterday at Mr. Conried's request relative to a permit for the boy Huberman, to play at the Metropolitan Opera House next Sunday and the Sunday following and as you directed, later called upon Mr Gerry.

The latter gentleman requested a formal application, which we made, and stated that the Society which he represented would probably formally object and that the matter would come up before you tomorrow morning. He further said that the objection would be made as a matter of principle and not from any personal feeling in the matter.

Comformably thereto and also as you requested, we will have the pleasure of calling upon you tomorrow morning in relation to it.

Very respectfully yours,

*R. E. Johnston & Co.*

N<sup>o</sup> 13 Park Place City December 25<sup>th</sup> 1896

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

Sir:

I had the honor to write to you for a License to Elizabeth Helz, for peddling Groceries in this City. She is the widow of a Veteran from the last <sup>war</sup>, who served 5 years from 1861 up to 1863, has received an honorable discharge Certificate on which are certified 12 battles in which he had been engaged and died. His said widow shall have a License for the above purpose and has been informed, that as a widow of a Veteran from last war she was entitled to such a license gratis and I find, that the clerk at the Clerk in the County Clerks Office, who has to make out such licenses refuses to give it to the widow of a Volunteer. I wish to help this poor widow, knowing her and having known her husband and having performed their marriage as the pastor of the German Evangelical Church at Bloomingdale N.Y.C. and having been a Chaplain of the N.Y.S. Volunteers of 1861, I very respectfully pray, to ordain, that such a License be made out to this Widow gratis. Her husband's name was Louis Helz, he was a private of the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Artillery and she keeps a small Grocery Store at N<sup>o</sup> 434 West 39<sup>th</sup> Street N.Y.C. is known to me as a very respectable and industrious widow and mother of family. In giving so. I showed the honorable Discharge Certificate of said husband to the Clerk in the



in the County Clerk's Office here, who has to make out  
such licenses and refused to do it unless you order him  
to do it. I pray also to have me informed on the matter  
and have the honor to be

Yours very respectfully  
Dr. Rudolph Wiczorek.

L.G.

**Albert E. Davis**  
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Office :

TWENTY-FIVE-FIFTY-EIGHT THIRD AVENUE.

North of 138th Street.

Member of the North Side Board of Trade.

New York, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor, City of N. Y.

Dear Sir - As a supporter of your administration and one who has worked for it in season & out at every district convention and as delegate to the county convention for principle's sake, asking no personal favors in return, I cannot refrain from expressing my disappointment at the manner in which you have trifled with the interests of this section in the matter of the most Heaven can send assistance. With the official condemnation of the Board of Health and the Commr. of Street Improvements both after personal investigation and public hearings you had ample warrant for prompt and decisive action without any further hearings. But the way the so-called hearings have been postponed for one reason or another subjecting the people up here to loss of time and inconvenience in traveling 8 miles to Greenwich, then putting them off, then appointing a time for a final hearing and canceling it without explanation. Makes a mockery of "reform". It is not in the public interest.

Very Respectfully  
Albert E. Davis

"Ah, to build, to build!"  
That is the noblest art of all the arts. - LONGFELLOW.



OFFICE OF  
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—AND—  
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TELEPHONE, HARLEM 40.

New York Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. Mayor Strong  
Or Sir

The matter of the North Haven Canal is to come up before your board on Monday - I feel very positive that you would disapprove of its crossing 138<sup>th</sup> - If you were posted as to the great amount of sewage that of late years is emptying in the Harlem River from the upper district of the city - The ebb and flow of the tides carries it away -

I assure you that the flood tide carries a great quantity of this foul matter in the canal and the Gate at the mouth of the canal causes a trap so that every year it will become still a greater nuisance

There are many other good reasons why Commissioner Hoppers plan should be adopted, that is the Canal be filled in above 138<sup>th</sup> -

I am an owner of property for over 30 years on 3<sup>rd</sup> Av. and 138<sup>th</sup> and feel a very great interest in this matter -

Yours Respectfully  
George Carr  
676 E 136<sup>th</sup>

230. W. 82nd St. Oct. 1896

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to certify that I have known Mrs. Olivia Ballou Day of New York City several years personally, and as a lady, of integrity, capacity and culture preeminently. Her maiden name is Ballou and she is a cousin of Adin and Hosea Ballou of Mass. who are widely renowned and as to their mortal bodies, ~~under~~ under monument in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, and as Founders of the Universalist Church.

The undersigned had an acquaintance with Hon. Horace Mann of Mass. and knew much of his intellectual force, purely spiritual character, and unselfish, yes, heroic devotion on behalf of the Commonwealth, which honored him, as architect, for its educational systems and philanthropically looking to man's full enfranchisement, all of which, placed him, as an educator, without a superior in our land, Miss. Olivia Ballou has the advantage of knowing Mr. Mann from her childhood, as he was a near neighbor and intimate with all of ~~the~~ family, he became her warm friend, and when he was called to the Presidency of Antioch College, in Ohio, he forthwith, summoned her, to take there, the Professorship of Mathematics, Latin, Ancient and Modern History and she filled that capacity, until her resignation therefrom, on account of Mr. Mann's death.

I esteem Mrs. Olivia Ballou Day. as well worthy the confidence and patronage of all, whether considering her as a teacher, or for any other avocation, wherein she is disposed To enlist.

Resp'y.  
H.C. Stephens.



NEW YORK, ~~OTHER SIDE.~~

1896.

The Hon. 61

DEAR SIR—My choice for United States Senator is

JOSEPH H. CHOATE.

I am one of your Republican constituents, and I desire  
you to vote for Mr. CHOATE for that office from the first  
ballot to the last.

Respectfully yours,

*Republican Voter.*

OTHER SIDE.

340 W. 59<sup>th</sup> St.  
N. Y. City.  
Dec. 25 - '96.

Dear Sir.

I read Robert  
Cutting's letter to you,  
published in the Daily Paper,  
apologizing for the non-  
application for help -  
at the <sup>city</sup> public charity  
buildings - of the great  
army of suicides - daily  
going to their eternal  
rest. I gladly bidding  
an eternal good-bye to  
"the cold charity of the purse



proud. hardened, luxurious, self-conceited, worldly-ambitious, vain, tyrannical, unfast, unchristian, unwise, Nabobs of this wicked world! Only the weaklings know what they are! I have been in sympathy with the sufferers all my life & I know their thoughts & feelings. The very poor mother will kill her little ones or all die together of starvation, sooner than be parted. They fear Garry's society & shall suffer on - your city missionaries are too retiring - they do not get at the sick pulse - & the poor are left to die alone. The dying poor have not the physical strength, nor the bold, don't care courage to attack the Forts of Charity. The humility, simplicity, self-abnegation, lowliness of mind, & kindness of <sup>the</sup> Christ <sup>spirit</sup> is wanting - among <sup>these</sup> His representatives! Love is lacking! "Love thy neighbor as thyself" can't be practised! so the best & purest <sup>the</sup> noblest spirits among us - after having expended all <sup>the</sup> life energies - in doing their duty to their neighbors, to humanity & to God - die suicides - alone & unknown! One example, the noble, Linda Gilbert - who followed the

Great Matter - in all this  
& not one word is mentioned  
of her beautiful, loving pr  
life. She is said to <sup>have</sup> died  
I knew her intimately. She  
her life, soul & body. for the  
humblest - who will fill her  
place? A million such  
could not fill the gaps -  
of the poor unfortunates -  
who live in perdition -  
I have on my hands  
now - a middle aged lady  
divorced from a bad husband  
who needs - clothing, money  
&c. - an educated, high  
toned character (Christian)  
she would not record her  
relatives &c &c - "Go to strangers  
for charity, to friends for  
advice & to relatives for nothing"



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If you know of any  
real Christian - among  
the 400 - who would  
aid - in charities of  
this kind. I shall  
be only too glad - to  
inform them, & I  
will explain for them.

Kindly address B

W<sup>m</sup> D. Day -

4<sup>th</sup> flat -

340 West 59<sup>th</sup> St -

This is private & confidential

I will enclose the remarks of  
a gentleman of this city - who  
knew personally Horace Mann  
in Mass. & has been a friend  
for years - of ours.

He was city mission-  
ary & had Christian  
women - able to back  
me - to grand niece  
of Count Pulaski.  
nor any other dis-  
heartened one - would  
die of want & friend-  
lessness -

Is a disgrace to our  
civilization,



NOTE DATE OF FAIR - DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

Honorary Fair Committee



PRESIDENT,  
**HON. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.**  
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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor,

City.

My dear Mayor:-

While I was entertaining a small party at luncheon this afternoon your messenger handed me your kind note of even date, enclosing check on the Central Nat'l Bank for \$100, the same being the amount which you so generously bid when you were so kindly acting as auctioneer for the doll dressed by the wife of President-elect McKinley.

I returned by your messenger a hasty pencil acknowledgment of the receipt of the cash.

In behalf of the C.T.H.A. of A. and the Management of the C.T. Fair, I desire to thus formally express to you as I did personally the sincere appreciation and gratitude of all parties interested for this most generous offering to a worthy object. If at any time I can reciprocate, be sure that I am yours to command.

With sincere regards and wishing you the compliments of the season,

Yours truly,

Dic. G. E. G. (N)

Ashland Ohio  
Dec 26, 1895

Hon. Wm Strong  
Dear Friend

The Ladies and Citizens  
of Ohio feel Proud that a Son of  
Our State should be Honored  
by being Elected Mayor of the  
Great City of New York, It is  
with Pleasure that I call to  
mind the Friends of my early life  
When the World was before us  
with all its hopes and anticipations  
amongst the number was that  
of Mrs Wm Strong of Wooster  
Ohio, then a handsome enterpr-  
ising young man. Probably you  
may remember the name of  
Caroline Carr my Maiden Name  
! Oh Great changes have taken place



Since then I want to ask a  
Favor of you. My dear Strong  
My Dear lamented Husband Brig  
Gen Willard Slocum a brave  
Gallant Officer in the late civil  
War died on the 23. of September  
1894. Senator John Sherman has  
introduced a Bill in the Senate  
the Prayer of which, to Grant to the  
Widow, Caroline A. Slocum a  
Pension of \$125. a month. You  
will confer a Great Favor if you will  
use your Influence with Senators Hill  
and his Colleagues to support the Bill  
when it comes up in the Senate. I  
also want your Influence with  
the Members from N.Y. to use their  
aid and support in the passage of  
the Bill in the House. My kind  
friendly interest that your Honor  
will take in the matter will  
be most heartily appreciated  
With kind regards Mrs W. Slocum

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NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

TELEPHONE, HARLEM 765.

New York, N. Y.,

Dec 26 1896

John Hedges Esq

Dear Sir

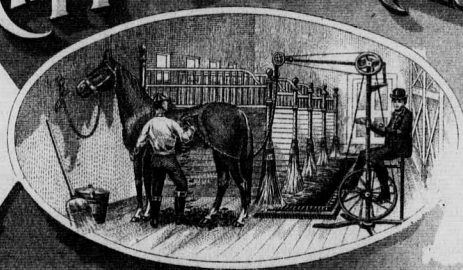
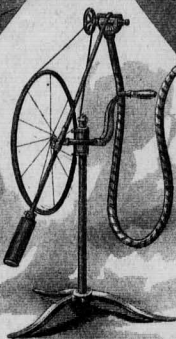
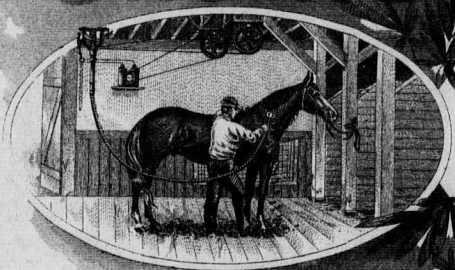
On Nov 23d

last I sent a letter to Mayor  
Strong in regard to Mott Haven  
Council - Would you kindly  
inform me whether the  
Mayor received said letter -  
The Board of Street Opening inform  
me the Meeting appointed to take  
place at the Mayors office  
28th inst. in regard to Mott  
Haven Council - will not take place  
by order of the Mayor " If adjourned I would  
like further as I engaged an Attorney to represent  
my interests Truly - Geo W Raymond



THE *Gillette*

Clipping Machine



110, 112, 114 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street,

New York, DEC 26<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. Mr. Strong

Dear Sir -

Now that the site for the N.Y. Public Library is settled I wish to suggest the erection of a building to cover the entire square, on the roof of which would be a park - The library could occupy the Fifth Ave side and the balance suited to book concerns I wrote the papers some time ago when this site was proposed and it was considered a favorable plan - Trusting you will suggest same to the board of managers I am  
Yours respectfully  
Ed. N. Gillette.

Indianapolis Ind  
Dec 28, <sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon Wm L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York,  
Esteemed Sir:

From a recent request of our mutual friend and patriot Miss Margt P. Pascal Principal of Rhineland School of the Childrens Aid Society, I have the honor to mail to your address under another seal a copy of the original "Patriotic Primer for the Little Citizen as published by the late Col Geo J. Balch of your city; and a revised edition published by me.

Please accept the patriotic little volume with my sincere good wishes; When you have made a careful examination of its pages, and should find it has merit for the purpose it was written, I will feel highly honored with any favorable endorsement you might see proper to give it.

Since 1893 the primer has been introduced



into forty States by the Womens Relief Corps.  
and successfully used by many thousand  
teachers in the schools.

Nearly 7,000,000. Little American Citizens are  
using the "American Patriotic Salute" to the flag  
in the opening exercises of the schools, and the  
number is gradually increasing.

More than 126,000 American flags have been  
unfurled over and in the schools since 1890.

The interest in patriotic teaching is increasing  
very rapidly and confined to the noble women  
of our country.

Rhineland School of your city was the first  
to introduce the method, and Miss Pascal  
the originator who developed the work and give  
the movement prestige.

Trusting I may have the honor of hearing  
from you at your early convenience, I beg to  
remain with high esteem your patriotic friend

Sincerely

Wallace Foster

ADRIAN T. KIERNAN,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
27 PINE STREET.

NEW YORK, Dec 28/96

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor &c.

Dear Sir:

Last spring, I was  
appointed by you, as an  
Inspector of Common Schools  
for the 16<sup>th</sup> District, but I  
find that I have not the  
leisure nor the inclination  
to attend to the duties of  
that position any longer.

I, therefore, respectfully  
hand you my resignation  
as such Inspector, to take



ADRIAN T. KIERNAN,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

27 PINE STREET,

NEW YORK, .....

W.L. 842.

immediately.

I remain

Yours respectfully,

Adrian T. Kiernan



# Mayors Office

ROCHESTER, N.Y. Dec 28 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong

Dear Sir

Will you please to  
have your clerk send me a telegram  
upon receipt of this letter, stating  
the period of time allowed  
property owners to pay for  
local improvements such as  
street paving and grating oblige.

Yours Truly

W. L. Barber

Mayor

Property owners have

generally sixty days after <sup>imposition of assessment</sup> ~~confirmation~~  
within which to pay without interest. After interest at 7 per  
cent. <sup>from time of assessment</sup> if not paid within three years  
property sold & subsequently lease  
delivered & purchased



AMONG THE WORKS BUILT BY US ARE  
THE PIERS OR FOUNDATIONS FOR  
THE FOLLOWING LARGE BRIDGES, OVER THE

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT	FT. MADISON, IOWA.
"	KEITHSBURG, IOWA.
MISSOURI	KANSAS CITY, MO.
"	SIBLEY, MO.
"	PLATTSBROUGH, NEB.
"	GLASSBORO, MO.
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"	SIoux CITY, IA.
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OHIO	CINCINNATI, O.
"	LOUISVILLE, KY.
SCHUYLKILL	PHILADELPHIA, PA.
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December 29, 1896. 189

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

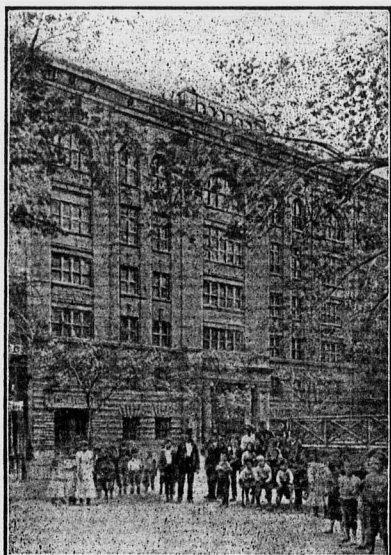
Dear Sir:

In the matter of the laying out of streets in the region west of Kingsbridge Road and immediately south of 181st Street, I beg to say that I am the owner of some 16 lots west of the Fort Washington Avenue at 168th Street, and also, jointly with relatives, of some 23 lots on the east side of Fort Washington Avenue at the same point. *all just south of Ward Estate.*

While the plan does not meet with my approval, owing to the fact that I believe Haven Avenue could have been better located and should have been extended further south than I understand is at present contemplated, I still wish to express myself to your honor as believing that it will be wise to conform to the map as now prepared rather than delay the contemplated improvements in that neighborhood.

Very respectfully,

*Charles Sooy Smith*



63 PARK STREET.

THE ORIGINAL,



MISSION.

SITE OF OLD BREWERY.

ESTABLISHED, 1850.

A. K. SANFORD, D. D.  
SUPERINTENDENT.

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H. B. SKIDMORE,  
TREASURER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 1896.

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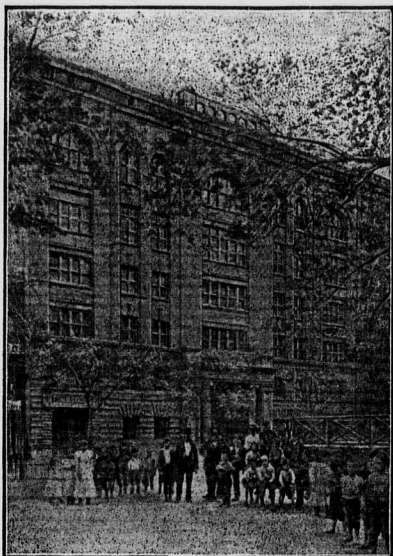
Knowing your desire to have public baths, and some of the opposition to different sites proposed for them, I would like to suggest that "Paradise Park" in the Five Points would be just adapted for such a purpose.

The new "Mulberry Park" now supplies all the needed recreation ground, and this little patch of a park is now left uncared for and dirty, without any one to sweep or guard it: so it would be a gain to have it properly occupied, and by location and in size, it seems to me to be specially adapted for a public bathing place. As then used to be a fountain it has water pipes &c. also.

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Faithfully,

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**Albert E. Davis**  
**ARCHITECT**

Office:  
TWENTY-FIVE-FIFTY-EIGHT THIRD AVENUE.  
North of 138th Street.

Member of the North Side Board of Trade.

New York,

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir—Will you please advise me when Commr. Hoaffens resolution to open Canal Place will be acted upon? The opinion is prevalent up here that Sheehan's object in securing a postponement was to delay action until the Legislature meets, when it is said a bill will be introduced requiring the City to purchase dredge and maintain the Canal and purchase the western frontage from 138th St. to 144th St. between the Canal and the Railroad for the erection of a public market involving the expenditure of close on to a million dollars of the public money. And all this in the face of the fact that after a public hearing up here and another before Mayor Gilroy it was deemed for the public interest to close the Canal and establish a street in its stead. Mr. Mayer (Sheehan's client) was represented at both of these hearings and it is fair to assume that all that could be said was said.

Ah, to build, to build!

That is the noblest art of all the arts."—LONGFELLOW.

Very Respectfully Yours  
Albert E. Davis



**Board of Managers**  
OF THE  
**New York Botanical Garden.**

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF.

41 East 49th St., New York.

Dec. 31st, 1896. 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the New York Botanical Garden will be held on Monday, Jan. 11th, 1897, at 4:30 P. M., in the Trustees' Room of Columbia University, Hamilton Hall, 49th St. and Madison Ave., after the adjournment of the annual meeting of the corporation.

The architects' drawings for the buildings with specifications will be submitted, the Director-in-Chief will present his annual report, and reports will be received from officers and outstanding committees.

Yours very respectfully,

*N. L. Britton*

Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

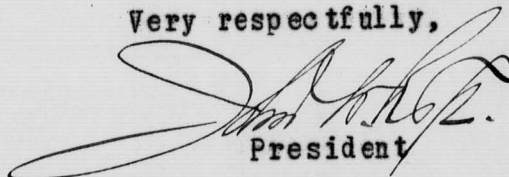
WASHINGTON, December 31, 189 6

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

Sir:

If there are any legal restrictions upon the crying of newspapers on the streets of your city on Sunday, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia would be much obliged to you if you would furnish them with a copy of the law or regulations upon the subject.

Very respectfully,



President

Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia.



CONSULADO GENERAL DEL ECUADOR,  
24 STATE STREET,  
NEW YORK.

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> / 1896

Octubre 7, 1896.

Sir:

The undersigned, Consul General of Ecuador, trusting in your liberality, cordially asks of you to kindly contribute to the general subscription raised by this Consulate in favor of the city of Guayaquil (Ecuador, I.A.) almost totally destroyed by the big fire which has swept away more than two thousand houses, with an estimated loss of \$80,000,000, and leaving 35,000 people without homes and without clothes.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity to the presently afflicted people of Guayaquil,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Miguel Valverde  
Consul General.



State of New York,  
Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Albany, \_\_\_\_\_ 189

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,  
Commissioner.

- FREE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT OFFICE. -

331 East 14th Street, New York City.

.L.....

We desire to call your attention to the establishment of  
"The New York State Free Employment Bureau," under Chapter 982,  
laws of 1896.

The Bureau is now in operation, and we have upon our books  
domestics, male and female, hotel help, farm hands, drivers, office  
boys, clerks, bookkeepers, coachmen, hostlers, etc., etc.

OFFICE HOURS.

The office is open daily from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.,  
except Saturdays, when it is open from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 M.

MAIL ORDERS.

If those desiring help will kindly send us by mail a  
description of the help wanted a day or two before they call,  
we will have the most desirable applicants on hand.

There is no charge whatever attached to the Bureau; we  
furnish the employers with the help desired absolutely without  
any charge. The Bureau is free to the employer and employe  
alike.

Employers of labor will find it to their advantage to  
place their orders with this Bureau.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. BEALIN,

Superintendent.

Telephone Call 345 18th St.



# LOYAL REPUBLICAN CLUB,

OF HARLEM,

172 East 128th Street.

New York, July 27, 1896.

We beg herewith to present to you a copy of Report submitted to, and Resolutions adopted by the above named Club; with request that you kindly take such action towards furthering the object contemplated, as the importance thereof demands; and that you favor us with your views and conclusions at as early a date as possible.

Very respectfully,

ROBERT NEVINS,  
President.

JOSEPH E. SAVAGE,  
Secretary.



NEW YORK, July 9th, 1896.

TO THE LOYAL REPUBLICAN CLUB OF HARLEM:

On June 26th ult. the following Preamble and Resolutions were referred to the undersigned, the Committee on Political Affairs.

"Whereas, the tendency to gain control of Party Organizations by unfair and dishonest means, has been proven by unmistakable and uncontrovertible evidence, and

"Whereas, the very foundation of our Political Institutions are shaken and wrecked by the exercise of the power of might against justice and right, as has been practised by scheming and unscrupulous politicians; to an extent almost incredible, and

"Whereas, the unfortunate factional differences now existing in the Republican Organization of this County, the intensity of the strife, the bitter feeling between the opposing elements, and the injury such condition of affairs inflicts upon the Republican Party generally—conditions entirely due to the unpar-donable tactics pursued by designing, selfish and dishonorable political workers, therefore

"Resolved, that in order to insure to an honest majority the rights it is entitled to, legislative aid is absolutely essential; that a code of rules clearly defining—without ambiguity—every parliamentary step, at Political Enrollments, Primaries, Caucuses, Conventions, etc., with extremely heavy penalties for violations thereof, is required; that until the hand of the law is laid upon the shoulder of every Citizen who contemplates participation at political meetings or gatherings, and attention is directed to the necessity of moving cautiously along clearly defined lines and within positively prescribed rules, no redress or remedy against existing evils can be expected or hoped for.

"Resolved, that the Committee on Political Affairs be, and it is hereby instructed, to prepare and recommend some plan for the consideration of the Legislature of this State, by which Enrollments, Primary Elections, Caucuses and Conventions will hereafter be conducted in a manner to insure confidence and respect; and be entirely free from the disgraceful scenes and methods which have characterized political contests in the recent past.

We have carefully examined the foregoing, given proper consideration to the possible effect of their adoption and the probable results to be attained thereby.

No arguments are necessary to emphasize the enormity of offences recently committed in most of the Assembly Districts of this County by unscrupulous political leaders and would-be leaders. The padding of the rolls of our Election District Associations, the voting at Primaries by thousands who are not Republicans and by many on fictitious names, the large and false representation (in consequence) at Conventions, the packing of Convention Halls, the unparliamentary methods of gaining control of the temporary organization of Conventions for ulterior purposes, the throwing out of legally elected delegates and seating those who were defeated, and the high-handed, daring and unlawful proceedings generally, which have recently characterized political work in this city, have been so conspicuously and clearly pointed out in various ways, and referred to by the Press of our Country, besides being proven by unmistakable evidence, that it would be the height of folly and a waste of time, to attempt any argument tending to elaborate thereon to any degree.

The facts (generally admitted) are before us, and the evils complained of, are, like a poisonous cancer, eating into our very political existence. A remedy must be applied, and that remedy, it seems to us, can only come from the law making power, as recommended in the resolutions which have been referred to us.

We care not who the guilty parties are. We charge not that one faction is entirely guilty, and claim the other is altogether innocent. We know that thorough honesty in political work has never been claimed by any party or faction of party. We deplore the fact that dishonesty has grown to such an extent, and the laws of decency and right have been so defiantly ignored and violated, that legislative aid is an *absolute necessity*.

The good effect of action on the part of this Club as contemplated, may not be felt immediately. The results desired to be attained, may not be accomplished at once. But agitation of the right kind properly directed, incessantly continued and honestly and fearlessly intensified by honorable means and methods, will in time bring about the much desired attention of the law making and law governing powers, as to cause a halt of those who will persist in wrong doing; and will secure for the law abiding Citizen the rights he is entitled to.

We know that it is claimed by some that the Courts are already called on too often to interfere with our political machinery; and by others, that existing statutes are ample for our protection. The law should be so clear and minute in detail, that its intercession would not become necessary, that its full meaning would be understood by every one and its power thoroughly appreciated. Ambiguity should be removed, omissions provided and directions as to every parliamentary step be clear and explicit.

No Political Organization or Party should be permitted to make its own rules, which allow of different construction;—according to the power it possesses or desires. No body of men ought to be allowed to shield themselves behind the pretense of certain forms, practices or customs. The elective franchise is too important to be trifled with, the rights of the voters are too sacred to permit of the usurpation of power by an arbitrary majority or an unscrupulous minority.

Only by a code of rules as suggested, can all our rights be maintained. We call to mind the possibilities of and the actual frauds committed in this city at our annual elections, years ago. We refer with pleasure to the constant remedies applied by our legislature, and to the existing laws on our statute books, which make honesty at elections a certainty and fraud and dishonesty impossible. We have in mind the code of laws and rules which are provided for our Election Officers; how clearly they define every duty, how frequently they are referred to by the halting and doubting Election Official, and how thoroughly satisfied is the voter that no one can rob him of his rights; and how readily he can maintain them if an attempt to rob him, is made by any one.

Not only should a code demand that the laws of enrollment shall be strictly adhered to, and within what limits such laws shall be provided; but how caucuses are to be called and held, how Primaries are to be conducted, how Conventions are to be organized and controlled, who shall call them to order, how to be called to order, and how each order of business shall be respected and carried out. Witnesses before Committees or Credentials or Contested Seats, and all others called on to testify in any form or manner should be required to do so under oath. Blank forms should be provided for proper authentication, their importance pointed out and their use directed. Filing of official papers with the County Clerk showing what has been done and how done, should be an absolute necessity; and for violation of any of these rules, or neglect of their strict enforcement, the offenders should be punishable by heavy fines and possible imprisonment.

In view of these conclusions, we offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions as referred to us, be and the same are hereby adopted by this Club.

*Resolved*, That in order to create a general interest in this subject, copies of this report be transmitted to the respective political Clubs of this city, of all Parties.

*Resolved*, That all Political Organizations and Citizens generally, be requested to communicate with our Committee on Political Affairs, setting forth their views on the subject of the foregoing report, pointing out defects in existing law, showing where and how the evils complained of can be continued thereunder, and recommending forms, method, rules and laws by which the proper remedies can be applied.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Report be transmitted to each member of the Legislature in the hope that some one or more thereof will take up this battle for honesty and purity in politics, and either introduce the necessary legislation that will provide what we ask for direct, or call for an Investigating Committee to meet in this city and examine into the recent past political history, in order to obtain the requisite data, for appropriate legislative action.

FRANK K. BOWERS,  
PHILIP BAER,  
WILLIAM H. McDOWELL,  
ELIAS GOODMAN,  
J. F. KEYSER,  
W. H. BREISACHER,  
HOWARD WHITNEY,

Committee  
on  
Political Affairs.



Not having a complete list of all the Political Clubs of this City, we take the liberty of requesting you to kindly direct attention to our meeting of January 8th ; and with our compliments, invite the attendance of Committees of such Organizations in your district and elsewhere, as within your knowledge do not receive official notice from us. We want all Clubs, whether Republican, Democratic, Good Government or others to be represented. Our meeting will be Political but non-partisan.

Respectfully,

THE COMMITTEE.

**KINDLY SEND THIS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.**

NEW YORK, ..... 1897.

*Committee on Political Affairs, Loyal Republican Club of Harlem, 172 E. 128th St.*

You are hereby notified that the following Gentlemen have been appointed to represent our Organization at your meeting to be held January 8th, 1897, for the purpose of furthering the effort for legislation that will insure honest Primaries, Conventions, etc.

.....  
*Secretary.*

Name of Organization, .....

Address of Organization, .....

.....  
*(Mention whether Republican, Democratic or Non-Partisan.)*

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**COMMITTEE.**

Name, .....

*If President please mention it.*

Address, .....

Name, .....

Address, .....

Name, .....

Address, .....



# Loyal Republican Club of Harlem,

172 EAST 128th STREET,

*New York*, January 1st, 1897.

President.....

Dear Sir:

The enclosed circular letter explains itself. The subject to which it refers has created considerable interest. Political organizations and prominent men of all Parties have commended our purpose and indicated a willingness to further the project contemplated. It is a matter in which your organization can and should take part. No Club or Association of a political character, no Party or faction of Party and no member of either, whether prominent in the counsels of Party or not, ought to withhold support of this measure. It appeals to the best sentiments of all honest men and is proposed in the interest of no particular class, party or body of individuals. All can and ought to unite on this broad platform of honesty, purity and integrity; and by a union of all those who are willing to submit to the will of the majority, the object sought to be accomplished, can be attained.

On Friday evening, January 8th, at 8 o'clock, a meeting of representatives of Political Organizations in this City, will be held at the above mentioned Club Rooms; to which you are earnestly invited. It is requested that you attend in person if possible, together with two other members of your Association; or if you cannot attend, that you appoint a committee of three to meet with us.

Committees attending will not be obligated to commit their respective organizations to any course in this matter; but will be able to first report all contemplated action, ere definite steps are taken; and thus receive such instructions and power, as circumstances may warrant.

Kindly advise us at once, on enclosed blank, whether we will be favored with representatives of your Association and oblige

Yours truly,

FRANK K. BOWERS,  
PHILIP BAER,  
WILLIAM H. McDOWELL,  
ELIAS GOODMAN,

J. F. KEYSER,  
W. H. BREISACHER,  
HOWARD WHITNEY,  
ROBERT NEVINS, Pres't  
ex officio.

Committee  
on  
Political  
Affairs.

We would be pleased to receive communications from your Club and from individual members thereof, containing views, comments and suggestions on the subject to which enclosed circular refers.

N.Y.C.

Jan 30/97

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Dear Sir

About two years ago I took the liberty to ask your consideration of some plans of mine to clean our streets thoroughly and at a reduced cost. You declined to consider them yourself & referred me to Col. Waring. I have travelled over 17 states in our own country & in England, Germany, Austria, Italy & France and should have during your administration been glad to submit for your approval or rejection suggestions in the direction mentioned



I have a practice which<sup>2</sup>  
pays me well. being a  
specialist in obstetrics  
and therefore no office  
seeker for money but  
26 years residence in  
this city has~~ed~~ always given  
me an affection for this  
town and for those  
reasons I addressed  
you about 2 years  
ago and received a  
refusal. - Retrospect con-  
tain more wisdom than  
prospective ideas and  
for those reasons 2 years  
of municipal experience  
and disappointment may  
encourage you now to listen  
to me

As you are specially overwhelmed with a large daily mail. I will for these same reasons <sup>again</sup> address this to your residence. So. Soliciting your kind Consideration Confidentially of my plans. Greater New York is a certainty but it will simply be a great big Merfrow Village. Compared with the Cities of London. Berlin Vienna. Rome & Paris As any educated traveler knows and realizes and it is because I wish our town to grow into a city that I have taken the liberty to write you a 2nd time and solicit an answer from you



You may be called to  
 evaluate this Greater New  
 York town into a city  
 or the maladministration  
 of nearly every dept with  
 hardly an exception  
 not excluding our  
 judiciary, since you  
 entered office may deprive  
 you of the opportunity but  
 you can rest assured  
 that 3 Bears history of  
 and present municipal  
 depts will defeat any  
 well intentioned reparation  
 You may have well charge  
 in nearly every department and made  
 I care nothing for parties  
 only for good for whether  
 City State or National  
 Yours Respectfully  
 S. B. Clark M. D.

— OFFICE OF THE —

# Third Avenue Railroad Company,

THIRD AVENUE, 65TH & 66TH STREETS.

ALBERT J. ELIAS, PRESIDENT.  
HENRY HART, VICE-PRESIDENT.  
ALFRED LAZARUS, SECRETARY.  
JOHN BEAVER, TREASURER.

NEW YORK, January 4th. 1897.

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

Dear Sir:--

Permission is hereby applied for on behalf of the  
Third Avenue Railroad Company, to use such snow ploughs, sweeping  
machines and other similar instruments as may be necessary on and  
over the tracks and lines occupied and used by this Company for  
the year Eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Yours truly,

*Albert J. Elias*  
-----  
PRESIDENT.



. . PARK AVENUE PROPERTY OWNERS . .  
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

WM. A. SOLES, President.

R. J. STANTON, M.D. 1691 Park Avenue.

G. H. PECK, Secretary.

1691 Park Avenue.  
221 E. 116 St.

Bureau  
gen.

New York, Jan. 4 1897

Hon. William L. Strong.  
Mayor &c.

My Dear Sir:

I have been instructed by the Park Ave Property Owners Protective Assn, (whose secretary I have the honor to be) to communicate with your Honor calling your attention to two bills which have been recently passed by the Board of Alderman. One of these bills recommends the lighting of Park Ave with electricity. The other bill recommends the paving of the same avenue with asphalt from 102<sup>nd</sup> St to the Harlem River. That these two improvements are urgently needed is apparent to all who reside upon or whose business takes them upon the avenue and it is the earnest wish of this association that your Honor may see your way clear to approve of both of these bills by affixing your signature to them when brought before you. Hoping that a knowledge of the wishes and views of this Assn may prove a benefit and an aid to you in deciding in the matter I remain

Respectfully Yours.

R. J. Stanton M.D. Secy  
221 E. 116 St.

THE LEAGUE FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION,  
23 WEST 44TH ST. NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Address -  
The Bayard,  
54<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway.

Col. Jos. M. Hedges,  
Secretary.

My dear Col. Hedges,

Will you kindly use your  
interests in securing, if possible, one  
of the early copies of the Charter  
for Greater New York? & greatly favor  
the large body of ladies, whom I  
have the honor to represent as  
Chairman of the City Section.  
Thanking you for previous courtesies,

Sincerely yours,  
(Mrs.) M. M. Greeley.  
Chairman.

Jan'y. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1897.



OFFICE OF  
FRANK TILFORD,

1412 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK.

Hon. Wm.L.Strong:-

Mayor, New York City:-

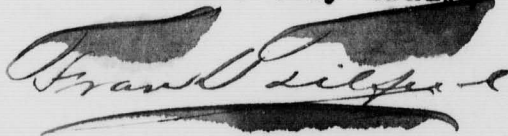
My dear sir:-

I am desirous of having Wm.C.Rader the applicant mentioned on the enclosed, re-appointed as a Notary Public and would esteem it a favor if you will kindly affix your signature of recommendation to the application and return same to me.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy,

I am,

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Tilford", with a horizontal flourish underneath.

Jan. 4th, 1897.

General Offices of the

*American Air Power Co.*

AIR POWER FOR SURFACE AND ELEVATED RAILWAYS  
AND  
INDUSTRIAL USES.

E. A. WILLARD,  
PRESIDENT.  
EDWARD COMSTOCK,  
VICE PRESIDENT.  
HENRY MARQUAND,  
TREASURER.

SAMUEL LEE,  
SECRETARY.  
HENRY D. COOKE,  
GENERAL MANAGER.  
E. E. PETTEE,  
ENGINEER.

*160 Broadway,*

*New York,*

January 4, 1897

CABLE ADDRESS:  
AIR POWER-NEW YORK.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

Our demonstration of the superiority of Compressed Air for street car service is now so complete---our two cars having run over 18,000 miles and carried 112,000 passengers on the 125th St. Line---that I am especially desirous that you should personally know about this great power, and I write to ask you if you will name some morning when it will be convenient for you to go up and have a ride on the cars with the Corporation Counsel, the Commissioner of Public Works, and one or two other prominent officials. I understand that the morning will be most convenient for you, and if you will let me know on what date you can go, I will arrange with these gentlemen to meet you.

The great advantage to the City of New York of having Compressed Air, that will run independent motors, easily handled, stopped and started so readily, and that will prevent the digging up of the streets as by underground electricity and cable, is so apparent that I am very anxious you should see the matter personally. By our system the entire space underneath the paving stones will be available for City use for any such pipes as they may desire to lay.

Trusting that I may receive a favorable reply, from you, I am,

Yours very respectfully,  
*E. A. Willard* President





*New York,* January 4th 189

Hon Willaim L. Strong.

Dear Sir.

I am instructed by ~~our~~ Counsel of this Company to bring to your attention, as the official head of this City, that the New York Cab Co. Limited, will resume night service on Tuesday January 5th and that we demand that our ~~employ~~ employees as well as our property shall be fully protected, and in default of which we will hold the City responsible. We have no reason to charge the police officials with being derelict in their duty, at the same time the fact remains that our drivers are assaulted and our property injured without arrests being made. We have taken all precautions, even those detrimental to our business interests, to afford our men protection, but this Company thinks it now time to demand that our drivers shall not be molested, or be compelled to have a policeman constantly in attendance whenever and wherever our patrons go.

Will you kindly bring this matter to the attention of those who are charged with the duty of seeing to it that we are amply protected.

Very respectfully yours

*Joseph Hoffman*  
.....  
General Manager

## MOTT HAVEN CANAL HEARING.

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The HERALD has always been an able champion of the rights of people and property owners, and I would suggest that before characterizing the canal as a "nuisance," or in fact taking any serious notice of such letters as the one above referred to, it investigate this matter and see that if all sewage now polluting the canal were turned into its proper channel the canal would surely be a clean, wholesome and valuable waterway.

GEORGE W. RAYMOND.

BARRE AVENUE AND 139TH STREET, Dec. 28,

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NEW YORK, Jan. 2, 1897.

New York, January 4<sup>th</sup> 1897

My Dear Mr Mayor

This Man Raymond owns one lot on west side of the Canal north of 138<sup>th</sup> Street, but, like all his neighbors, has no enterprise. The lot is worth about \$2500<sup>00</sup>, with no one anxious to purchase at that price. — If the Canal was closed and a Street put through there, the prices would run up to \$5000<sup>00</sup> a lot for factory purposes — The condition things are in, and have been in, for the last 25 years, no one cares to invest there at any price — The property owners on Canal have no one to blame but themselves and their want of enterprise to put the Canal in proper shape.

So far as the Electric Light and Power Co., I would like to put up such a plant for considerable less than \$100 000<sup>00</sup>. And as for poor old Mr Boulard, the King of the old "Alleghany Bell Ringers," traveling all over the World, seldom home in the course of

30 years; has lived at corner 742<sup>nd</sup> St.  
& College Ave for 40 years or more -  
Just ask him how many of his  
family has been buried and he  
never suspected it came from Stenches  
from the Canal - He has no  
interest in the Canal and why he  
should be so interested is a puzzle  
to all his neighbors

Respectfully  
Frank Jones



CAROLINE M. DODSON, M. D., President,  
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Betsy Ross American Flag House Fund Society,

Office, 825 ARCH STREET,

New York City.

Philadelphia,

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1897

Mayor Strong

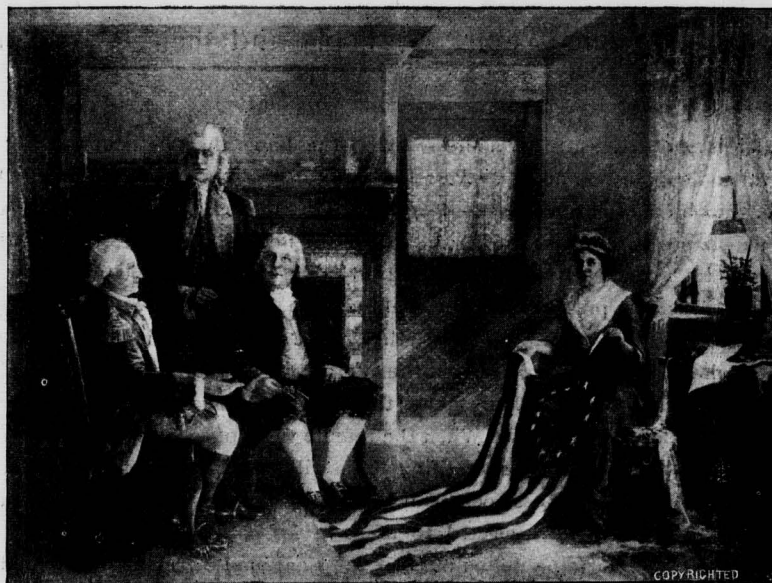
Honored Sir!

May I beg of you  
to grant me an interview upon a  
very patriotic subject? Enclosed is  
a circular which will speak for  
itself, but I do hope you will allow  
me to add a few words. The  
"Betsy Ross American Flag House  
Fund Society" needs the influence  
of such good patriotic men as you  
are to help swell the fund, which  
is to aid them in buying the Ross  
Mansion at 239 Arch St. Phila. also  
to take care of the Betsy Ross grave.  
In the hope that I may hear from you  
I am most respectfully yours

136 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St

Linda W. Glose  
New York Representative B.R.A.F.H.S.

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To the Principals of our Public Schools and their Assistant Teachers.

THIS circular is most respectfully addressed with the hope that its contents will meet with approval and support. The *Betsy Ross American Flag House Fund Society* has been organized for the object of purchasing the Ross Mansion, 239 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., where the first stars and stripes were made, and for the care of the Betsy Ross grave. With this noble and patriotic cause as its purpose, it was determined to make the matter a popular one. There have been repeated efforts made to preserve this National heirloom, yet it has never been attained. When it is known that this immortal building is hourly threatened with destruction by fire and other elements of danger, what American would not aid the efforts to save it, or keenly feel the shame of its loss. When it is reflected, how proudly we honor the heroes of the past, let us not forget to preserve the priceless relics associated with them. When the infinite value of such acquisitions are transmitted from one generation to the next, those succeeding them will with deeper veneration perpetuate the patriotism they teach. The Betsy Ross Society, believing in the universal love Americans feel for their country, and their flag, have selected to preserve for posterity this inestimable house by popular subscription, thus securing a united interest and a national ownership in it. The object of our society is meeting with universal indorsement, for, by the dissemination of patriotism, is secured the greatest safeguard against such influences as imperil our government. In our efforts to preserve this immortal house, we feel it a pleasure as well as a duty to seek your co-operation.

It is our intention to offer for sale, to the teachers of our schools beautiful artotype reproductions of the original Historical Painting, "*Birth of our Nation's Flag*," by Chas. H. Weisgerber. As they are an object lesson in patriotism and a medium to preserve forever the birthplace of America's emblem of Liberty, "her flag." These engravings are 22x28 inches and sell at the uniform price of \$1.00 per copy unframed. They are also framed in several different designs, suitable for Schools, Offices and Homes, from which you may select, and average in price \$3.00. The large sales of these engravings indicate the marked appreciation with which they are received. From it is learned the story of the Stars and Stripes, which it tells silently, but so eloquently as never to be forgotten. Its historical significance justifies its finding a prominent place on the walls of every American home. At this season of the year, when holiday gifts are purchased it would be eminently appropriate for a teacher to present a copy of the "*Birth of our Nation's Flag*" and by so doing aid the effort to preserve the birthplace of our National Emblem. The names of all purchasers shall be enrolled as contributors and placed in the archives of the Betsy Ross American Flag House Fund Society. Each subscriber will be presented with an illustrated book, containing the history of our flag, the biography of Betsy Ross, and the description of the house in which the first American flag was made. This book is especially intended for the use of teachers.

Hoping the above will receive your consideration,

We are patriotically yours,

**BETSY ROSS AMERICAN FLAG HOUSE FUND SOCIETY.**

ROOM 5.

825 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.



## Indorsements.

I am highly pleased with the pictures and intend to have one placed in the Salida High School, the other in the assembly room of the Soldiers and Sailors Home.

W. B. HARBOTTLE, *Vice President.*  
Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Salida, Col.

I take pleasure in saying that I consider your picture (Birth of our Nation's Flag) very well executed and forcibly expressive of an exalted spirit of patriotism.

CHAS. F. WARWICK, *Mayor of Phila.*

The purpose is a noble one and well worthy of every support.

ROB'T E. PATTISON, *Ex-Gov of Pa.*

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your picture "Birth of our Nation's Flag" and take great pleasure in informing you that I have placed it in the Editorial Department.

GEO. W. CHILDS, *Phila. Ledger.*

I esteem your picture with the highest appreciation.

WILLIAM M. SINGERLY, *Phila. Record.*

Your picture (Birth of our Nation's Flag) marks an important era in the development of a higher degree of American Patriotism.

RUSSELL H. CONWELL, *D. D.*

I wish you God's speed in your patriotic effort to preserve the Historic Building on the Historic Site

HENRY C. MCCOOK, *D. D.*

Your effort is such a magnificent one that we bespeak for you a very large sale of this truly Patriotic American Picture.

THE BRAINARD'S SONS COMPANY, *Publishers.*  
Chicago, Ill.

I know of nothing more suitable or calculated to teach a lesson in patriotism than this picture of Betsy Ross and the Flag.

Dr. BROOKS, L. L. D.  
*Supt. of Public Schools.*

We cannot do too much, to preserve every memorial of the men and women, to whom we owe our country and its beneficent institutions.

JAMES MACALISTER, L. L. D.

Teaching the history of the flag, will inculcate love for the flag, and that which it symbolizes, the American Republic, a copy of Mr. Weisgerber's picture should be in every school room.

A. H. FETTEROLF, L. L. D.  
*President, Girard College.*

Your picture (Birth of Our Nation's Flag), is a lesson in patriotism for every child in this broad land of ours, and is deserving of a place in the parlor of every true American.

EDWIN S. DEEMER, *Nat. Sec. Jr. O. U. A. M.*

N. B.—Orders by mail promptly attended to. Thirty or sixty days for payment granted, if desired.

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19 EAST FORTY-SEVENTH STREET.

To His Honour the Mayor  
of the City of New York.

Dear Sir

We, the undersigned  
Inspectors of Common Schools  
in the 16<sup>th</sup> District, beg  
respectfully to call your  
attention to the fact that  
there are now three vacan-  
cies in the Board of



Inspectors for this district. your Honor to fill them

The three gentlemen vacancies at your earliest  
appointed by your Honor Commence, & in doing  
have resigned & we, So we would venture to  
the remaining Members suggest the Name of  
find ourselves much W. James J. Higginson, of  
embarrassed in the legal 16 East 41<sup>st</sup> St, as that of a  
performance of our Man most eminently  
duties by the lack of fitted for one of them.  
a quorum. He would be willing to

We therefore pray Serve, & we feel sure that

well known as he is in  
the community no word  
of ours is needed to re-  
commend him to your  
attention.

Very respectfully yours

Marcia Lucinda Draper.

January 4. 1897.



# State of New York.

No. 849, 1411.

Int. 705.

## IN ASSEMBLY,

February 13, 1896.

Introduced by Mr. LEONARD — (by request) — read once and referred to the committee on affairs of cities — reported from said committee with amendments — ordered reprinted and recommitted to the committee on affairs of cities.

### AN ACT

In relation to building masons and bricklayers in cities having a population of eight hundred thousand inhabitants or over.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 Section 1. No person shall practice as a mason and builder in  
2 cities having a population of eight hundred thousand inhabitants  
3 or over except he be duly registered as hereinafter provided in  
4 the book for that purpose in the office of the clerk of the county  
5 in which he resides.

6 § 2. No person shall be entitled to register as mason builder  
7 without presenting a certificate of satisfactory examination  
8 before the board of examiners, as provided in section four, and  
9 whose qualifications for examination shall be that he is a citizen  
10 and has served an apprenticeship at bricklaying for at least four  
11 years.

EXPLANATION.—Matter underscored is new; matter in brackets old law to be omitted.



1 § 3. All persons who have been practicing as mason builders in  
 2 such city for the period of not less than four years preceding the  
 3 passage of this act, must register within six months upon making  
 4 and filing with the clerk of the county in which he practices, an  
 5 affidavit stating that he has been practicing as mason builder for  
 6 the period hereinbefore presented.

7 § 4. A board of examiners consisting of one architect, one  
 8 mason builder and three practical bricklayers is hereby created,  
 9 whose duty it shall be to carry out the provisions of section two.  
 10 The members of the board shall be appointed by the mayor and  
 11 the term of office shall be for five years, except that the members  
 12 of said board first appointed shall hold their office for the term of  
 13 one, two, three, four or five years, respectively, and until their  
 14 successors shall be duly appointed. They shall meet in those  
 15 cities at least once in every two months for the purpose of exami-  
 16 nation and granting certificates of qualification, and shall receive  
 17 as compensation a fee of ten dollars for each sitting. Three  
 18 members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

19 § 5. The register of these cities and counties shall pro-  
 20 vide a book to be known as master builders' register, in which  
 21 shall be recorded the names of the registrants who shall then be  
 22 entitled to continue the practice of mason and builder. Every  
 23 applicant who shall have complied with the provisions of section  
 24 two and section three shall be admitted to registration and shall  
 25 pay to such register the sum of ten dollars, which shall be re-  
 26 ceived as full compensation for such registration.

1 § 6. Any person who shall present to the clerk for the purpose  
 2 of registration, any certificate which has been fraudulently  
 3 obtained or shall practice as mason and builder without conform-  
 4 ing to the requirements of this act, or shall otherwise violate or  
 5 neglect to comply with any of the provisions of this act, shall be  
 6 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall for each and every offense be  
 7 punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than  
 8 two hundred and fifty, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a  
 9 term of not less than ninety days or more than two years or both  
 10 such fine and imprisonment.

11 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.



JOHN A. DOONER,

\* \* MASON AND BUILDER, \* \*

AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR,

10 RENWICK STREET, BET. SPRING AND CANAL STS.

NEW YORK.

*Jan 14 94*

*Hon Wm Strong Mayors*  
*Dear Sir*

*Enclosed*

herewith a Bill for your consideration, and request that you appoint a time for an interview at which I can express my views and the views of a great number of persons who have at heart the welfare of the public. We have no doubt that you will approve the measure after an interview at which our views can be properly expressed. Hoping for an early reply.

*I have the honor to be*

*Very Respectfully*

*John A. Dooner*

Horatio S. Sanford  
891 VERNON AVENUE,  
LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y.

Jan'y 5<sup>th</sup> / 97

Hon Wm L. Strong - New York City

Dear Sir; In accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult., I beg leave to remind you of the proposed conference between Mr. McLean and our Engineer Mr. Smith, in reference to the Free East River Bridge - We await his convenience.

Very truly yours  
Horatio Sanford

Telephone 61 Astoria



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To The Honorable W. A. Strong  
Mayor of New York City

Sir;

In the  
small room known as  
your "tea room" (I believe),  
hangs a portrait of my  
great grandfather, Judge  
Radcliffe, once Mayor of  
New York City; as we  
have no portrait of him  
in the family we are  
most anxious for a  
copy of this one. I am  
by profession an artist

and would be greatly  
obliged to you, if you  
could facilitate my  
being able to accomplish  
my purpose in making  
this copy. Perhaps the  
portrait might be removed  
to an unfrequented room  
on the north side of  
the building where I  
might work without  
inconvenience to anyone.  
I am personally known  
to Mr J. Alden Weir  
whose father is the  
~~artist~~ ~~is the~~ painter



of some of the portraits in the  
large room upstairs; If necessary  
I can easily furnish other references  
as to my identity. Hoping for a  
favorable reply to my request, I  
remain very respectfully

Yours Howard Hart.  
155 West 58<sup>th</sup> Street

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1897.

NEW YORK, 14 MAIDEN LANE.

CLEVELAND, 181 SUPERIOR ST.

PARIS, 16 RUE D'ENGHIEN

CABLE ADDRESS-JULIUS KING, NEW YORK.

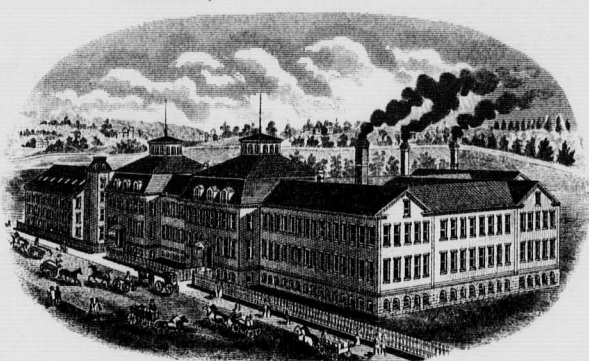
JULIUS KING, M.D.

B.W. KING.

W.G. KING

C.J. KING.

LEO WORMSER.



New York. Jan. 5th, 1897.

Mr. WM. L. Strong, Mayor,

City.

Dear sir:-

Last year you were kind enough to endorse my application for appointment as Notary Public, and I desire to further presume on your good nature, asking if you will have the kindness to sign the inclosed application for re-appointment? By so doing you would confer a very great favor on,

Yours respectfully,

Clifford J. King.





WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS, NEWBURGH, N.Y.

# Mayor's Office

City of Newburgh, Jan 5, 1897.

B. B. ODELL  
Mayor.  
Hon. Wm. D. Strong, Mayor,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

Will you kindly furnish me with a copy of the reports of the various departments for the year 1896.

Very truly yours,

*Benj B. Odell*

No. 365.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

HAMBURG, December 18, 1896.

Honorable W. W. Rockhill,  
Assistant Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that one Willie Rosenzweig, alias Edward Weil, recently called at this office, requesting me to assist him to return to the United States. He stated he was a native of New York City, aged 21, and that a month or two ago, he had fled from New York on a steamer bound for Bremen, after having forged and negotiated two checks or drafts for \$45 and \$23, respectively. The name forged was that of his former employer, George Shard, of 116 Wooster Street New York City. I informed him that I had no means of assisting him, and the next day he was brought to the consulate by a police officer, he having given himself up to the police as destitute. Among the papers taken from Rosenzweig was a letter from his father, of No 240 2d Street, New York, the contents of which seemed to corroborate his son's statement regarding the forgery. The police officer informed me that Rosenzweig would be sent to New York as a coal trimmer on the S.S. "Phoenicia," which is to sail from here on Monday the 21st instant. It would appear from the elder Rosenzweig's above mentioned letter that a warrant for the son's arrest has been issued in New York, and I therefore have deemed it proper to report the case, so as to enable the Department to submit the information to the New York police, should it see fit to do so.

I am, etc.

(signed)

CHAS. H. BURKE,

Vice and Acting Consul.



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON. January 5, 1897.

His Honor

The Mayor of New York City.

Sir:

I enclose for your information a copy of a despatch from our Vice Consul at Hamburg, Germany, reporting the departure from that place for New York on board the Steamship "Phoencia" of Willie Rosenzweig, alias Edward Weil, who accuses himself of having recently committed two forgeries in New York City.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure:

From Hamburg, No. 365, December 18, 1896.