

1/3/97.

Wm L. Strong, Esq

Dear Sir:

I am a young man
Twenty six years of age. An American
All I ask for is a chance to
show my ability and capability
of making a home for my wife
and child.

I have a fair education and ex-
perience of clerkship since boyhood
I am also honest and temperate
and have good references. But Carousing
and manual labor I am not
able to compete with.

If you will use your influence in
assisting me to secure employment
you will help one who is deserving
of your gratitude.

Respectfully

Geo. M. Ackerman 133 West 62 St., City

March 15/97

Hon. Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir:

I beg pardon
for addressing you but hope
you may favor this with
your attention.

I have a dear
friend who is Asst. janitor
in 17th school bet- 8-~~9~~ 9. am. and
has been for the last 3 years
but the salary he yet is
so small hardly enough to
keep him not alone another
he is a hard working

young man, he has almost
the entire work on himself
and I know he is worthy
of a better position
Thinking it possible you
might favor him with
such as it does not lay
within my power to do
so, therefore I ask a
favor of you as I know
you can assist him to
something better, and
I know you shall never
regret it as you would
be doing a great act of kindness
to one of your fellow men
as the Lord say help one
another and you shall

get your reward. Kindly
give this your attention
and do what ever you can
by so doing you
will greatly oblige
Yours humble
servant V. Adams

W. Edson Andrews, M. D. L.
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

729 Tremont Avenue,
New York,

Balkom (587) Highbridge Road

New York, Dec 31st 1896

Hon Wm L Strong
Mayor

Fordham

Dear Sir

allow me to inclose

Dr Irving Balkom of Fordham
for the vacant School Inspectorship
for the 34th dis. Dr Balkom will make
an ideal school officer
Yours truly W E Andrews

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
No. 15 WALL STREET.
TELEPHONE 117 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK

April 15th 1897

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

Dear Sir

Referring to the possible selection of
the Honorable Henry L. Sprague for a Police Commis-
sionership permit me to say that no more fitting
and appropriate choice could be made.

For a number of years past I was in constant as-
sociation with Mr. Sprague in his endeavor for decent
local politics. He is a man of unquestioned ability,
and besides exhibiting the characteristics of a thorough
gentleman at all times, he possesses the requisite firm-
ness and stamina so much desired at this critical
juncture in the affairs of the Police Board.

If he can be prevailed upon to accept the
appointment it will be a matter of congratula-
tion to the citizens of New York, and I can
assure you sir, you will not regret it.

Very Respectfully

Wm Armstrong

Copy of letter from His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons
to the Hon. Secretary of State.

Cardinal's Residence,

408 N. Charles St.

Baltimore March 24/97.

Honored & Dear Sir:

Mr. Hugh Angier, an official in the Dept. of Street
Cleaning of New York City, is anxious to secure the Consulate
at Antwerp. He has very strong recommendations.

I am deeply interested in his success, and will take it as
a great favor if you will consider favorably his appointment.

I rarely write in behalf of any one, but make an ex-
ception in his behalf.

Faithfully Yrs in X C - s

Hon. John Sherman,

J. Cardinal Gibbons.

Secretary of State,

Washington D.C.

Copy of Genl. Longstreet's letter.

Atlanta Ga. Jan. 2^d 1897.

Hon. William McKinley
President-Elect.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Hugh Angin formerly of this city but now of New York City, an official in Col. Waring's Dept. of Street Cleaning, during the late political campaign did excellent and signal service for you and the cause of "Sound Money" -

Mr. Angin was City Engineer of Atlanta for three terms, Supr. of Construction in the U. S. Treasury Dept. two years, and Special European Agent of the U. S. Treasury Dept. two years, and now desires to become Consul at Antwerp - He is especially fitted for Diplomatic and Consular work by training, education, experience and taste, and could fill such post better than any man in my knowledge, as he speaks fluently the Continental languages, having resided abroad thirteen years, and I consider it fortunate that he puts his name at the disposal of the State Dept., and assure you that if he is appointed it will be one of the fittest and best made. His high character and attainments, and zealous and valuable work for our cause, entitles him to far more than he asks for, and hoping you will give him your favorable consideration, I am,

Sincerely Your Friend,

James Longstreet.

Names of those endorsing Hugh Angus for Consul at Antwerp.

General Horace Porter, Ambassador to France.

" Daniel E. Sickles,

" Samuel Thomas,

" James Longstreet,

" Thomas H. Hubbard,

" Chas. H. J. Collins,

Colonel Alfred E. Buck Minister to Japan.

" Frederick D. Grant,

Major E. W. Halford, Private Secretary to Pres. Harrison.

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons.

Hon. J. Munay Mitchell, M. C. 8th Dist. New York.

Hon. John S. Wise

General John R. Lewis, Washington D. C.

Hon. Richard C. Kerens Nat. Committeeman Missouri.

Senator Stephen B. Elkins.

Entire Georgia Delegation to St. Louis Convention.



Department of Street Cleaning.
City of New York.

S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 26th, 1897. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r .

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Hugh Angier, an official in this Department, who has given entire satisfaction, and whom we should be sorry to lose, has an ambition to better his condition by entering the Consular service. He says that his politics are the politics of the present administration, and that he did what he could to aid its success. He speaks French and Italian; is a gentleman of education generally; a man of fine address, and of excellent character.

I hope you will see your way to commend him to the favorable consideration of the State Department.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

From.....

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY, May 3rd 1897.Hon. William L. Strong.
Mayor.

Sir:

I beg that after reading the enclosed copy of letter from General Longstreet, (who has known my family in Atlanta Ga. for years) to Pres. McKinley; the copy of Cardinal Gibbons letter to the Secretary of State; and the list of names of distinguished gentlemen (many of whom are your personal friends) who have so kindly given me letters of strong endorsement to the President; you will also graciously favor me with a few words to the Secretary of State on Commissioner Waring's letter to you; even endorsing what Col. Waring has been good enough to say of me, without troubling you for a letter, would be received with deepest gratitude. The fact that I did valuable work last fall for the Rep. party and "Sound Money" as an independant, and am not in sympathy with or endorsed by the Plati machine, debars me from the endorsement of the Senator. Hoping you will generously extend your aid for which I earnestly pray and so much need under the circumstances, and that you will return enclosures I am.

Most Respectfully submitted,
Yours,

Hugh Angier.

To the.....

New York

Feb 11th (97

to the Honorable Mayor of N.Y.

Wm Jb Strong

Dear Sir

Coming out of Work and Very
anxious to get Work of some kind
to help get along; I submit
a few lines to your Honor
trusting that you would interest
yourself in My behalf. I am
39 years old. Married and of
good habits. have first class
City reference for Porter & Pack
and; also have My Discharge
from the U.S. Navy. am
Strong & Willing. Would do Very
Well on the Park, Street or
Public Work, I trust that your
Honor will not overlook this

Walter; Remain
Respectfully yours.

~~Wm~~ J. Walter
284 Hudson St
city.

P.S.

please tear up letter
after you have read it

Weeks & Battle.
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law.
American Surety Building.
No 100 Broadway.
New York City.

BARTOW S. WEEKS.
GEO. GORDON BATTLE.

March 13th 1897.

Hon. Job E. Hedges,
City Hall, New York.

My dear Mr. Hedges:-

Mr. Edward Carter has made application for appointment as Commissioner of Deeds in New York for North Carolina and Virginia and Governor Black has desired that the Mayor recommend him for appointment. I have endorsed his application which will be presented to the Mayor in due course.

I write to call your attention to the matter and to ask that you do him the kindness to see that the Mayor acts upon the matter as promptly as may be consistent with his convenience.

Mr. Carter has the endorsement of A. F. Young & Co., Commission Dealers in fruits and produce, Duane and Washington Street, one of the largest firms in that business.

If you can expedite him in the matter, I shall regard it as another one of the favors for which I am under obligations to you.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

Geo Gordon Battle

WM. M. EVARTS,
JOSEPH H. CHOATE,
CHARLES C. BEAMAN,
J. EVARTS TRACY,
TREADWELL CLEVELAND,
PRESCOTT HALL BUTLER,
ALLEN W. EVARTS.

Office of Evarts, Choate & Beaman,

No. 52 WALL STREET.

New York, December 20, 1897.

Hon. Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir:

I learn that James Parker, a lawyer whom I have known for some years in this city is an applicant for Governor of Sailors Snug Harbor. Mr. Parker was for many years an officer in the United States Navy, and I should suppose that his experience as such officer and his qualifications as a lawyer would fit him for the management of Sailors Snug Harbor.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Charles C. Beaman

New York January 6th 1897.
Hon William Strong.
City Hall NY

Hon Sir

I am a young man with a family and am out of work just now. I have a long time ago made application to be appointed a sweeper on the Street Cleaning Department have been examined by the doctor but it is hard for me to get the appointment I therefore apply to you for help to get me appointed I am a strong worker for the Republican party and believe for my work alone to the party I ought not be left to starve on the streets in this big City with my family while the party which I work and toil for all the year round is in power and can help me if they like. Hoping you will do something for me, and awaiting a reply.

I Remain your Obedient Servant.
Joseph Beck.
151 Attorney Str.

I Refer to.

Philip Schick. Chairman.
of the
Empire Republican League
of the
16th Assembly District

New York 1897
2/10

Dear Sir

Would you please send me
one of your Application
for Janitor if you are giving
any out i can give the
best of Refrence of my last
Place if nessary.

Yours Truly
Mrs L Bedasse
262 W 19 st

NEW YORK, August 20/97.

WILLIAM L, STRONG ESQ,

"MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY"

YOUR HONOR,

I take the liberty of addressing you, Personally. (& without bringing to bear any influence, "political" or otherwise, except my own Efficiency.) for a position as " Expert APPRAISER" of REAL ESTATE, in & about NEW YORK & VICINITY.

I have been , for 30 years, in the "LUMBER BUSINESS" in this City, & during that time, Trading (largely) with nearly all the Builders of Note, & in the course of my business, have been a close Observer of the values of Property &c. & this I consider has given me exceptional knowledge, & fitted me for the Position I seek &c.

The " Gentlemen " who have Endorsed my " PETITION" are wellknown " Business Men " (no doubt, all, well known to " YOUR HONOR") who would not append their names without due deliberation, & possessing a thorough conviction of my ability,) & as I value this " LIST" of Signatures very highly, trust you will have the goodness to prevent its being mislaid, & should " YOUR HONOR" see fit to reject my "Application", would ask (as an especial favor) that it be returned to me &c.

If (on the other hand) you think favorably of it, would be pleased to

receive a reply at as early a date as your very valuable time will
permit &c, & wishing you a very "DECISIVE VICTORY" in the coming "ELECTION
(should you accept a Nomination for " MAYOR OF OUR GREAT (& to be
GREATER, NEW YORK") I remain,

Yours very respectfully.

H. V. Benedict

*# 11 Broadway
City*

NORMAN S. BENTLEY,
27 WILLIAM STREET,
ROOM 1214.

Personal

NEW YORK,

June 10th 1897

Hon Wm L. Strong
Mayors Office
New York

My Dear Sir

Recalling to your memory
Hon Everett R. Wheelers introduction of myself
two years ago and your kind intention, had I
only been longer a resident of Manhattan Island,
to have given me an appointment in the depart-
ment of Street Cleaning I beg to ask you if
willing to do so, that you will add your name
to his ~~those~~ of other eminent friends of yours or
the accompanying endorsement of my appli-
cation for an appointment by President Mc-
Kinley. I should highly appreciate the kindness if
you will do so

I am
Very Respectfully Yours

Norman S. Bentley

C. F. WILDEY, Proprietor.



Chambers St. & West Broadway.



ON THE EUROPEAN PLAN.

New York, May 11th 1897

Hon. William B. Strong.

Dear Sir;

Knowing your kindness and philanthropy and the honored and the esteemed influence you have, I have herein taken the liberty of humbly addressing you, hoping you will give me your most valued aid.

It is, indeed, neither very polite nor business-like to request the aid of one who is a total stranger; but trusting in your kindness and in the interest you take in the people of New York, and especially, in the cause of the great Republican party, I firmly believe you will grant me my humble plea.

I am a young man twenty-one years of age, having graduated a high school

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and have been in a law office for a short period. Have been without a position since October 16th, last, and am here without friends, relatives, and totally without means, having besides an old and invalid mother whom I have to support. I being the only child, so that she has no one to help her but me. Have been, for the past six weeks, living on ten cents ^{a day} and for this I had to borrow money of strange people, who have realized my critical situation.

But how long can it keep on this way? How long can I keep on borrowing money without knowing where the money will come from to settle it? I cannot live on charity. I am too young for it. Is there no assistance for poor, but intelligent young men, and those that are trying in fact have

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to support their old and invalid parents?
Your honor! I would like to ask you,
"Why are those city government positions most-
ly assigned to people who have not to take
care of their parents"? Why are not poor
but intelligent young men, who are seek-
ing a higher education, which I am trying
to do, but have no means to do so, given a
chance? but they are mostly assigned to
people who either are wealthy; have other
good positions at good salaries, or have
wealthy parents to keep them going. If
I must say of myself, there is just the
case sought for in myself. I am ambi-
tious to take a course in either law or
medicine, but the small salary I was
getting in the last place would hardly
keep me going, and I have an invalid

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mother whom I have to assist, as my heart almost faints of the letters that I receive, asking me to aid her; but how can I do it as I have been myself for the past six weeks living on two five cents meals a day, and have been out of a position for eight months.

It is not, really, proper for me to tell you my troubles, but I cannot help it as my heart in me talks, thinking what will become of me and old mother, and the kind of life I am leading at present. I am sure that it goes to such a degree, that it cannot keep on very long this way, sooner or later it must end some way...

I, therefore, appeal to you for assistance in giving me some city position,

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or if you would kindly consult with the district attorney to give me a position on the subpoena staff, as I have noticed through the daily papers, that he is making quite a few new appointments in that branch.

Regarding my personality, character and as to whether I am deserving I refer to the above well known gentlemen.

Hon. John T. Parkhurst, committeeman of the twenty ninth congressional district, Bath, N.Y. Hon. J. S. Fassett, Elmira, N.Y., ex-comptroller, of N.Y. state, Hon. Frank Campbell, Bath, N.Y. Hon. P. C. Platt, to whom I have applied for a pageship in the Senate, but failed to secure it on account of the list of applicants being

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very large. Chas. L. Kingsley, Esq., managing clerk, of Tracy Boardman & Platt, 35 Wall St., Edward Beekman, Esq., assistant commissioner of the N.Y. state tax department, of the comptrollers office, room 84 World building, and David Rumsey, Esq. son of judge William Rumsey.

Should you think it worth a few moments of your most precious time, you would, indeed, assist ^{one} who is really deserving, and not only help a young man who is seeking a higher education, but as well as aid an old and invalid person.

Hoping you will pardon my presumption, and trusting you will give this your kind and early consideration, I remain,

Yours,

Sincerely yours,
David Bernheim

My address;
David Bernstein
General Delivery
General P.O.
City.

Penn Yan, Dec 23, '97

Mr. Strong

Dear Sir

I will make my letter as brief as possible first will give you a history of my self.

I was born in Scranton, Pa, in 1860, in the fall my parents moved to Painted Post, N. Y, we lived there until the early fall of 1868, then moved to the City of Oving, N. Y, I went to school there up to May 15, '75, we then moved to Wellsboro, Pa, I went in a printing office to learn that trade, was at 5 years, then in a machine shop for 3 years under my fathers instructions, work got slack there, I then went in a hotel as head porter and worked in all mens branches up to Clerk. I left hotel in Oct '87 and went to Hornellsville, N. Y, to work in the large Erie shops, four months afterwards I met with an accident there looping my left hand at wrist joint, depriving me from ever working at my trades again. Owing to my misfortune I cannot find much of any work to do. I am a married man in good health and temperate and have made up my mind to try a new way to gain a livelihood. if I can get some one to assist me on the start. It is that I wish to purchase a Graphophone

with latest improvements and all kinds of
music and speaking records and give ex-
hibitions in Churches, Opera houses, Club
rooms and on the streets in different
towns and Cities. This whole outfit will
cost me \$125, would you kindly assist
me and give me time to pay you back.
As regard to my Character I will refer
you to

John Akley	Penn Yan
J. Henry Smith	" "
Rensen Kinn	" "
Arthur Jessup	" "
D. S. Burns	" "
Edward P. Stuart	" "

Hoping you will consider this,
I remain sir

Respectfully Yours

W. H. Berry

Penn Yan

Jules G. N.Y.

New York; Dec. 5, 1896.

Honorable Mayor
of New York City:--

I am ⁱⁿ a very reduced condition at this time. I am a Tailor by trade; have been a resident of this City ten years and am five years a Citizen of the United States.

I have four children and as I have had no work to do for three months I can not support them and am unable to pay my rent.

If you would be as kind as to give me a job at any thing as sweeping of the Street Cleaning Department, It would help me out of my difficulty and I would then be able to support my family until the times should become a little better.

I beg of you, as the Father of this
city, to help me in the manner I ^{write} ~~tell~~
you.

Hoping to receive an answer from
you in a short time

I am

Your affectionate servant

Meyer Birenbach

27 Columbia St.,

New York City.

(2nd floor.)

New York, Jan. 11, 1896.

Honorable Mayor
of New York City :-

I wrote
you a letter about the 3rd of January
begging you to help me to get a place
on the Street Cleaning Department as
a Sweeper ~~on the Street Cleaning~~
~~Force~~ as I am now in a very bad
condition and am not able to
support my family and ~~I~~ on
the 6th I received your answer telling
me to make an application at the
Labor Bureau and take a physical
Examination.

I have done both these, and
~~am~~ as I am waiting and no answer
is coming I beg of you, you should

help me in some way so that an
answer shall come very soon as
I do not know how I will get a-
long if it does not come very
soon.

In my waiting every day is
a year to me; my children &
wife need eating and I have no
money with which to sup-
ply it. I can not pay my rent.

I made my Examination
at East 17th St.

Hoping that you will do
something to help me in my
time of need

I am
Your obedient Servant
Max Birenbach
27 Columbia St.,
New York City.

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New York; Jan. 28, '97

Honorable Mayor
of New York City:
Dear Sir:-

Please your
honor; I begged of you to please
help me in some way as I am
very poor and cannot support my
family and you wrote me a
letter telling me to go to the
Society of Improving the Con-
dition of the Poor and they
^{perhaps} would ~~see~~ help me to some work.
I went to them and they wanted
to give me charity but as I am
more of 30 years of age I do not
want any charity but I would
like very much to get some work
even as a substitute sweeper on

the Street Cleaning Department.
I made an application on
the Eighth of January at the
Street Cleaning Department and
made the Physical Examination
but I have received no answer
or word from them.

Please be so kind as to
help me so that I can get into
the Street Cleaning Department
even as an Extra.

Today I was at the De-
partment trying to get a Shovel
to shovel snow but I could not
get one how hard I tried; I waited
from the 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Hoping that you will
do something so that I can support
my family!

I am

Your obedient servant

Meyer Brienbaum
27 Columbia St.,
New York City.

Stephen M. Weld & Co.
Cotton Exchange Building.

Boston Office:
No. 89 STATE STREET,
Cable Address New York & Boston:
"WELDSHIP"

New York, May 11th, 1897.

Job E. Hedges Esq.,

C i t y.

Dear Sir:--

I respectfully make application for the position of court stenographer under you.

I have been a stenographer for eighteen years and am competent and reliable. Am a member of the Manhattan Republican Club, and can secure the endorsement of its President, Mr. Moses Miller McKee, Lemuel E. Quigg and other Republicans.

Trusting that you will be kind enough to give this application consideration, I am,

Yours truly

James Cheney Bishop

No. 17 Cotton Exchange,

C i t y.

LAW OFFICES OF
JAMES A. BLANCHARD,
154 NASSAU STREET,
(TRIBUNE BUILDING.)
Telephone: 4246 Cortlandt.

New York, March 11th, 1897.

Hon William L. Strong,

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I am informed that Mr. Edward Dubois is a candidate for appointment as Superintendent of the Outdoor Poor of this City in the place of Mr. Blake, recently deceased. I have known Mr. Dubois for ten or twelve years and I believe he meets all the requirements of the position in round, full measure. He is a man of large experience among the people whose needs would be called to his attention, is kindly disposed and of gentle nature, and at the same time is a man of ripe judgment and keen sagacity and is not likely to be deceived by the unworthy or underserving. If you can do anything in aid of his appointment, you will be doing a good thing for the City, and his appointment would be a credit to the appointing power. Thanking you in advance for your furtherance of what I believe to be a wise and worthy action, believe me to me,

Sincerely yours,

James A. Blanchard

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(J.S.)

New York, June 3d, 1897.

His Honor

The Mayor,

New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

You are doubtless aware that our mutual friend, Mr. Wilbur F. Wakeman of this City, is a candidate for Appraiser of the Port of New York. I know that he hesitates to ask his friends in the Republican Club to aid him from a feeling of delicacy and I write, therefore, to ask you to help him if you can. He will greatly appreciate anything you may do and I suggest, if it is agreeable to you, that you write directly to the President recommending him and urging his appointment.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance you may render, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

James A. Blanchard.

Dictated J. A. B.

Monsieur Le
Maire de la ville de
B. Burrow New York

12 janvier 1853

très honore Monsieur

je vous ecris en francais
pour vous dire, que mon
travail doit etre paye
je demandeur a la
publique la distiction
du Deputy Gillo adminis-
trateur du City Hospital
Un acte de l'empereur est
pouvant dans tous les
pays Monsieur le Maire
la protection de la
gastrologie et de l'art
Chirurgien est un des grands
progres des libertes publiques
H. Blanc chef

125 West 25th

#36 Gramercy Park.
N.Y. City.

Wm. L. Strong
City -

Dear Sir: -

I trust you
will pardon the
liberty I take in apply-
ing to you for a posi-
tion.

For the past two years,
I have been employed
in doing general
office work. I refer
you to Colonel Peter
Mallett at #68 Broad St.
Before going into
business, I was a stu-
dent at Columbia
College. Am twenty-one

years of age, and
I am willing to
work for a small
salary.

If you know of any
honest place in my
office, I hope I shall
you will let me
hear of some.

Respt.
Thos. W. Boock

June 17 - 97 -

New York, March 4 1897

Hon Mr. L. Strong

Mayor of New York City

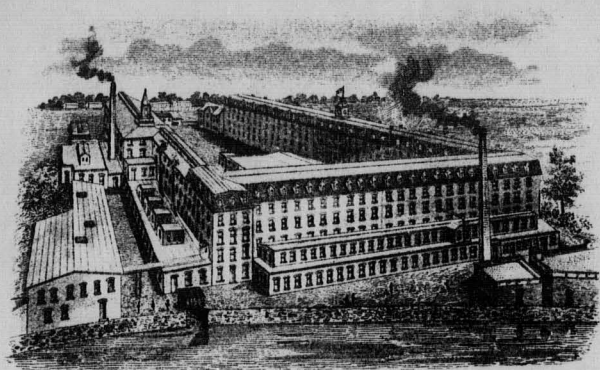
Dear Sir.

I have taken the liberty of asking you for a position in one of the Departments I have been a active and hard working Republican. and have never voted for a Democrat in my life. I have been out of a situation for the past Five months and have an old mother and father depended upon me. Can give you first class references. and I know you are bothered but this the last resource I have. Hoping you will consider this petition. I Remain

Yours Respectly.
Jacob. H. De Boer
546. E. 87th.

Telephone Connections.

Works, 177th St. & Bronx River.



Bronx Company.
Finishers of Cotton Goods.
108 Worth St.
New York, Jan. 14th, 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong.,

Mayor, City of New York

Dear Sir:-

Mounted officer Frederick J. Cregier of the 34th precinct has, he informs me, applied for promotion to the position of roundsman and thinks a few lines from me through you might be of some benefit to him.

I would say that I have known him for quite some time as a careful, conscientious, and faithful officer, and have always regarded him as a man of good habits and have understood that his record is perfectly clean.

I think should he be advanced to the position he aspires that he would do his best to give satisfaction and to prove in every way a desirable public servant.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. C. Sullivan

Yonkers June 23 ^{at} 94

Dear Sir

Mr ~~Strong~~ will You
please do me a favor
by using Your power
and help me to secure
the position as Deputy
Collector of Customs
at the port of New York
as I have wrote to
Sect S Yagi at Wash-
ington and he informed

In that my application I have a mother and a
has been referred to the sister to support and I
collectors at the part of have been out of work
New York for consideration for three months
as they have the on account of the times
power to make the we are having the firm
nominations for that has laid three of the
officer, and I know help off to reduce expen-
a word will go a ses I am at the age of
great ways to those 30 years.
people of New York,
and I beg of you to
do this, I have been a
collector for a firm
for four years

Please Answer
a J Bowler
17 Ravine
are
Yonkers
N.Y

New York, May 11th 1897

M^r. Job E. Hedges

Dear Sir: Learning of your recent appointment as a City Magistrate would it so please you if within your power to grant me a position. I am desirous of bettering myself and apply to you as you know somewhat of my character.

I graduated from the City Grammar School No. 26 with second honors in 1888 and have a creditable record of two years in the College of the City of New York. You may remember that I was successful in having ^{my} name placed upon

the eligible list for clerkship of the
Municipal Civil Service Examination
held November 1895. My percentage
was 97 ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ and I ranked third man,
but failed to get an appointment and
at the expiration of one year accord-
ing to law my name and others re-
maining on the list were considered
no longer eligible. I state these facts so
that you may know just about what
my qualifications may be and
should it so please you to grant any
position either under you or otherwise,
my greatest endeavor always will be
to prove any action of yours as well
taken. Hoping for a favorable reply
I remain

Yours respectfully

James D. Boyd
#40 West 135th Street

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New York, Nov. 16th, 97 ..

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of N. Y. City, N. Y..

Dear Sir:--

We take great pleasure in recommending for promotion
Captain John Birms.

Occupying, as we do, five stores adjacent to the
Hook and Ladder Co's building, #191 Fulton St., we have had occas-
ion to witness to his efficiency and on this ground alone we pre-
sent our request for such recognition of faithful service, as we
feel warranted in testifying to hereby,

We remain,

Very respectfully yours,

John Boyle & Co..

John Boyle.

New York Febr. 23^d 1897

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

Hon. Sir

Hereby I most respectfully beg to apply for a clerical position in your Depart. - or rather in any City Depart. where the services of an Italian of education might be most desirable either as Clerk, Translator or Interpreter.

If necessary I will submit myself to a Civil Service Examination - and also get my application duly indorsed by political and business men to your full satisfaction. —

I am a citizen of this country for over fifteen years, and have already filled the position of Interpreter in the Post Office of Baltimore and that of Stamp Clerk in the Post Office of New York.

Hoping that you may see fit to make use of my services, and assuring your Honor of faithful and respectful attention to my

duties, I am of you Honorable Sir
Most Obedient Respectful Servant
Ludovico Brignardello

107 West 3^d Str.
City

N.B. - I will take the liberty to mention
a few Depart. in which an educate Naturalized
Citizen versed with the Italian, French and
Spanish Language would properly and
usefully find a place; viz:

The marriage Depart.

The Marshall Office

The Vital Statistics

The Board of Health

The Public Works

The Streets Cleaning -

231 East 3rd St.
New York, Aug 8, 1897.
Mayor Wm L. Strong,
Dear Sir;

As I hear
you do so much in regards to
helping any body when they apply
to you, you would favor me great-
ly if you grant me the simple
favor that I ask of you.

At present I am employed
as bill clerk in a down town
store, but as I get a poor salary

I would like to get something better, and I hope you will do what you can for me in regards to getting a city position ⁱⁿ some other establishment, where there is a chance for advancement and can get a fairly good salary.

My age is eighteen, and I am a graduate of Grammar School No. 4. Last year I graduated, ~~and~~ passed the college examination with a high per cent, but as I could not afford to go to college, I would like to get a good position, and I can obtain it, if you give me your assistance in regards to referring me to some establishment that you know of.

Testimonials as to character can be furnished. I have a diploma, and several certificates from college. I also have references from former employers.

If I enter ^{the} your employment, it will be my earnest endeavor to serve the party most effectually.

If you would like to see me personally, I would be pleased to call at your office at any time.

Awaiting with patience a favorable reply,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,
Louis Broder.

P.S. Kindly answer at your earliest ^{fix myself} convenience as I would like to know how to

April 1st 1897

Mayor Strong
Dear Sir

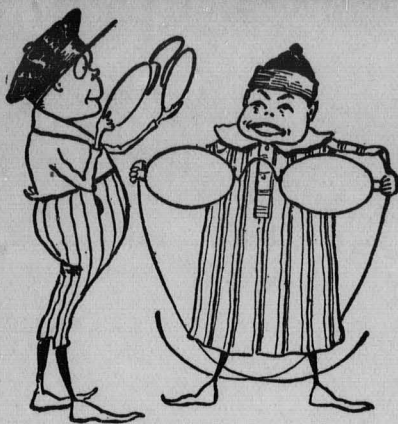
Being "head" of this great City
for the rich & poor cannot I
make one more appeal to you
if you have a good heart for
the worthy poor to give my
husband & brook enough to put
bread & butter in our mouths &
a small shelter? I know you
can do it if you will & when
your time expires, I will have
reason to thank "God" one
man at the head of this
city. Had a heart within him
that was willing to give
employment to that class

of poor, who are willing to
work & do not misapprehend the
gratitude shown them by
any bad habits. I called
to see you but could not
approach this subject as
you was so very busy
being true followers of
Christ I trust through Him
to you a way will be opened

Awaiting an early reply

I remain

Very Respectfully
Yours in Christ
Mrs Brown
90 Bedford St-
City



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ED. FRIEDMAN, M. O.,
Scientific and Practical Optician.

The Atlanta Optical Company,

314 Second Street.

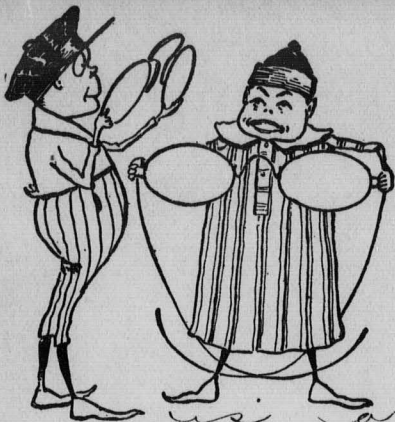
Macon, Ga., June 14th 1897.

Mayor Strong.

New York City.

Dear Sir: Upon seeing
your article in the Atlanta
Constitution of Atlanta Ga., a few
days ago, & taking such an interest
in it write to ask of you advice.

I now have a position paying
me \$7.00 a week & I really think
my services are of more value
than this, office work such as writing,
collecting & other jobs of indifference &
really I am thinking seriously of coming
to the "Metropolis"; & do you think
there is any possible chance of my
getting a situation? I guess you
know Mr. P. C. Lumsbury, President of
the Merchants Exchange National Bank, he



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Macon, Ga., _____ 189

is a very good friend of my family, or at least he was while in the city of Macon. Do let me hear from you & I will be under many, many obligations to you.

If I am unable to get employment in New York will go on to New London Conn., where my Grandfather resides Mr. Israel F. Brown. Pres. Brown Cotton

Giri Co. Hoping you will be so kind as to answer this letter, & my being a youth of 14, leads me to hope you will favor me with a reply.

Friedman,

Your most humble servant

Geo. C. Brown

#340 College St.

Macon, Ga.

Edward Sweet & Co.
Bankers.

No. 38 Broad Street

New York. Nov. 20, 189 7

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor's Office,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Strong:-

I want very much the pleasure of a few minutes conversation with you in which I may urge the appointment of my friend, Mr. E. Francis Hyde as a member of the Board of Education.

If you will kindly indicate a time when it will be convenient for you to see me, you will greatly oblige,

Yours very sincerely,

William L. Bull

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LAW DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OLIVER P. BUEL, CHAS. E. PATTERSON, COUNSEL.

New York, March 11th 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor.

Dear Sir;-

I learn that Mr. John J. Coady is an applicant for the position of Superintendent of the Outdoor Poor made vacant by the death of Mr. Blake. I desire to endorse his application most heartily.

I have known Mr. Coady for many years and cannot speak too highly of his fitness for the position. He is President of the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul in the Paulist parish and for years has made himself familiar with work among the poor.

He is very popular in the large parish and community in which he resides. His appointment I believe would give universal satisfaction.

Respectfully yours,

O. P. Buel

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POLYCARPON NEWYORK

COWEN WING PUTNAM & BURLINGHAM

Counsellors at Law

45 William Street

New York November 26 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:-

I wish to suggest to your Honor Mr. James G. Croswell, of 120 East 34th Street, as a fit man to be appointed in the 14th School District to fill the vacancy caused by my resignation. I have consulted with the ladies of the Board, who join me in requesting you to appoint Mr. Croswell. He was brought up in the Public Schools of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and has been head of the Brearley School here in New York for the last ten years. We all feel that he would be of the greatest assistance to the Board of Inspectors on account of his experience and ability. It seems to me that it would be rare good fortune to have such a man on this Board.

With great respect, I am

Yours very truly,

Charles C. Burlingham

WEST END
WOMAN'S REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION.
102 WEST 82ND STREET.

New York City, May 10th, 1897.

Honorable William L. Strong,
Mayor, New York City.

Sir:-

The name of MRS. CORNELIA STEWART ROBINSON, #200 West 88th Street, is respectfully presented to Your Honor by the Woman's West End Republican Association, as a candidate for the position of Public School Commissioner of this City, now vacant.

Mrs. Robinson is well qualified by experience and by natural ability to fill this position; and can present the united endorsement of leading Republican men and women.

Awaiting your courteous action in this matter and a favorable reply, we remain,

Respectfully,

Mrs. Harriet Burns

PRESIDENT, WEST END ASSOCIATION.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

May 4, 1897.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I am quite sure that it is hardly necessary for me to urge the best possible appointment to succeed the late Mr. Van Arsdale, on the Board of Education. ^{Who}ever you appoint now you will naturally wish to reappoint in November, and as under the terms of the new Charter the Board of Education are not subject to the power of removal, this appointee will hold for three years, and may have the controlling vote in the first organization of the Greater New York school system. I earnestly hope, therefore, that the appointee may be a man in every way competent and able to stand with the majority in behalf of educational progress. The present Board of Education, as you have constituted it, is the best Board, in my judgment, that has ever been known in the history of the city. You now have an opportunity to strengthen it still further, and I am confident that you will be able to find a man in every way suited to the place.

I am, with great respect,

Yours very truly,

Richard Henry Borden

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Brooklyn, N.Y.

April 24th 1897

Dear Sis

Kindly try and get
me some position of
some kind My wife
is in poor health and
I am out of work
I would like to get a
position in the country
I can speak French
or be reliable and

trustworthy, and a
good worker and
Gentlemanly appearance
hoping you will
favor my with
demand

Remain
Yours truly

J C Cameron
73 Concord St
Bklyn
- N. Y.

Confidential

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

April 29th 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor - City of New York.

Dear Sir:

In contemplating, as has been publicly announced, the reappointment of Edward P. Barker to the position in which you found an continued him, I beg to present for your consideration some facts, which to my mind, should debar such action on your part:

The Central Labor Union at its meeting of a few weeks ago charged corruption against the Department of Taxes and Assessments which in the light of a past record is not without some degree of foundation.

In 1872, as is well known to not a few, the above referred to individual just after being made Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works under Van Boer, caused his brother William H. Barker to be appointed contract clerk.

I have heard it credibly asserted, and that too by a friend of his, that when approached on that matter by a contractor about the first inquiry on the part of said clerk - would be "What is it worth?" implying how much for division and silence.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

The answer rendered seems to have been a most potent factor in the award of the contract ~~or~~ under-consideration and a very material increase of this world's goods to the clerk - who very soon from the style of living in accord with that of a poor bank clerk - branched out into that of wealth, although as a subordinate drawing but a minor share of the spoils as compared with the commissioner first and deputy next. He could purchase a home up town. Furnish it at no small cost. The bill of a single fur. Mrs. Potter and Stymus amounting to upwards of \$6,000 and all things else in his many even to horses.

Upon his retirement could purchase a considerable interest in the large printing house of Martin B. Brown drawing \$5,000. a year with a percentage in addition. Eventually through bad speculation he lost all. His brother. Far more secretive and politic repaired from such display.

When so many glaring instances of injustice in the matter of appointments of real estate are shown case by case, some large pieces of property being offered at but one fourth of what is conceded to be but a fair valuation, and large estates showing proportionate discrimination in their favor -

is it at all imputable that such action is but -
the result of significant cause.

I have the honor to be sir.

Very respectfully your M^t servant -

Benj. F. Lump

320 W 22nd St

My dear
Jan 14 - 1894

I have much pleasure in testifying
to the skill and efficiency of
Dr. J. Lacotte in his profession.
I have seen him operate in very
very unusual & several singular
cases with marked & happy
and I have known him to
cure cases that were
given up as hopeless & other
deteriorations. He is one
of the most learned and skillful
dentists in the city and is thoroughly
& he heartily recommended
as a man.
James A. Campbell M.D.



Hudson, Jay & Staple Streets.

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WALTER B. TIMMS.

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and WHOLESALE GROCERS.

New York Jan'y 4th 1897

Hon Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir.

Kindly Excuse the liberty I take in addressing you, but I wish to ask to be appointed to serve subpoenas on people wanted to appear in Court.

I have the best of reference from the above firm & can bring the same to you if necessary. My age is twenty seven & I am married.

Hoping you will kindly grant my request, or further instruct me as to the prospects.

I Remain
Yours very Respectfully.
H. J. Banning.

#1795-3rd Ave
City.

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C
New York. April. 11. 1897.

To Honble William. L. Strong.

Sir.

I would most respectfully apply for some position. I am a young man of 22 years of age, i am willing to work on anything i can get. I could furnish the best of references, and security. I have been out of employment seen the last 4 months. My trade is a carpenter my father is a republican and has been the last 30 years. hoping you can do some thing for me, I would be a thousand time thankful to you hoping that i could retaliate. Hoping you woulding be defender With my best wishes. I am.

Yours Respectfully.

William Capper

56 Ave C.

New York City

Excelsior Publishing House,

26 City Hall Place,

P. O. Box 1144.

T. J. CAREY & CO., Proprietors.

New York, *Feb 9th* 1897

Hon Wm L Strong

Dear Sir

The position made vacant by the death of Mr Blake which you offered yesterday to Mr Harburger, which he refused.

I would respectfully suggest your consideration for said position Mr John A O'Connor who was the leader of The State Democracy in 28th Assembly Dist. which organization in said district never received anything from your administration. Mr O'Connor spent considerable money and time in your Campaign and after your election was a candidate for an office recommended strongly by the Hon Wm R. Grace. Trusting you will kindly give above suggestion your esteemed consideration

I Remain

Respy Yours

T. J. Carey

N.Y. — Feby. 25-97
Mayor Strong —
N.Y. City —

D. Sir —

Is it in
your power and ability,
and have you the time,
to refer me to anybody in
authority or position to
give me employment? I
am an educated woman,
and have tried every means
I think of to get work, but
have found it impossible.
I am out for business, ^{and}
have health, youth, and a
will. My father was once
a successful businessman,
having a good stone-yard

and a quarry. But reverses came. He is now old, but able-bodied, healthy, ^{and} sprightly, but can't get any work. Even my mother can get nothing to do. She is an excellent housekeeper.

The entire charge devolves on me. I don't dinner for an instant, but I can't meet the expenses, and I assure you that we have now positively nothing to live on, and I have no prospect. My penmanship ought to get me a lucrative position. I understand typewriting. Yours respy—
Miss M. C. Cash
(Confidential) 1632 Bathgate Ave.

New York July 10/97

Confidential

My Dr Mr Stedman

I have a few words I desire
to speak to you about have been advised
Dr to do by friends

Now I am & have always been a
Staunch Republican Captain of 5th ^{Elit} St.
Am veteran of Civil war & Harmon Park. Dep
2^d highest on Civil service out of 135 persons
who passed I was 2^d on list Now I am
depleted to Asst Harmon, from Harmon, from
\$100 pr month to Asst of \$75 where 7/8 of
Harmon are Democrats Now, what do
you say to this for Republican? Can I ever
again be of any service to Republican Party
after such treatment time will come when I
shall again be needed ^{you} 1408 Madison Ave DC account.

Neuer Kontrakt für den
städtischen Druck. Der „Board of
City Record“ hielt in der Mayors-Office
eine Sitzung, um die Angebote für das
Drucken des „City Record“ in 1898 zu
öffnen. Es stellte sich heraus, daß James
B. Lyon von Albany, der früher die Druck-
sachen der Legislatur besorgte, mit \$27,=
328.46 der niedrigste Bieter war. Martin
B. Brown, der seit vielen Jahren die Druck-
arbeiten für die Stadt ausgeführt, hatte
eine Offerte von \$31,280.53 eingereicht;
die „Metropolitan Co.“ verlangte \$33,=
346.49. Mayor Strong erklärte, daß er,
bevor er für Ertheilung des Kontraktes
stimme, sich erst vergewissern möchte, ob
Lyon auch im Stande sei, den Kontrakt
auszuführen. Lyon, der zugegen war,
wies auf seine Bürgschaft hin. Sr. Ehren
gab zu, daß dieselbe „all right“ sei und
meinte dann, daß er seine Zweifel darüber
habe, den Kontrakt, für die städtischen
Drucksachen einem Auswärtigen zu erthei-
len, worauf Herr Lyon ihm mittheilte, daß
er die Absicht hege, hier ein Zweiggeschäft
zu etabliren. Die Ertheilung des Kon-
traktes ward schließlich bis Montag ver-
schoben.

Fahrt mit der Schnapflasche

Nov. 14/97

203 Dean St.

Brooklyn.

Hon. Wm. A. Strong.

Dear Sir:

I enclose find a clipping
from a German paper to the effect
that Mr. James B. Lyon
will start a printing office
in New York to do the
City printing. I am a
young American printer
being employed in New
York at the present time,
and believing that the
early bird catches the
worm, I take this

Nov. 14/97

253 Dean St.

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opportunity to ask you
to give this letter to
Mr. Jones for his kind
consideration. I am an
A. No. 1 printer, but
would like to "push
myself forward". Hoping
that I commit no
offense to Your Excellency
in writing this letter
I remain.

Yours Truly,

Henry G. Cherry

203 Dean St.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

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I remain.

Yours Truly,

Henry G. Perry,

203 Dean St.

Brooklyn, N.Y.



Boston

1 July 1897

My dear Mayor Stray

If there is a vacancy to occur in the Commission of Charities I think that Mr. Samuel G. French of No. 1 Broadway would be highly acceptable to the State Charities Aid Association, whose work lies so much in that quarter.

Yours most resp'ly
Joseph H. Choate

Hon. Wm. L. Stray.

New York Jan 12th/97.

To Mayor Strong: -

Honorable Dear Sir,

Pardon me for the liberty which I take upon myself to write you this note, as I have been driven almost to desperation by a depression of business I hope there may be an excuse. I have worked continuously for fifteen years, but on account of dull trade, I have been laid off until there shall be a resumption. I can produce recommendations not only from my former employers, but from a Judge of the general sessions court & from scores of business houses whom I have had transactions with. I have four small children and a wife that is almost an invalid from the effects of rheumatism to support. I had the misfortune of losing my left leg which renders me unfit for laborious work, but am capable of doing most any kind of clerical work. I am not at all particular about where I desire a position. Should you be so kind as to consider my claim, your favor will be highly appreciated by my family. A position as messenger would also be thankfully received. I pray you not to consider me an intruder or one looking for publication.

I remain

Yours Very Respy

Norman L. Christman 205 E. 97 St

FOURTH DISTRICT
CITY MAGISTRATES' COURT.
NEW YORK.



NEW YORK, March 15, 1897.

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

Some time since, Senator Frank D. Pavy spoke to you relative to my application, for the position of United States Minister to Hayti and you promised to write the President in my behalf. I write you now, to acquaint you with what endorsements I have at the present time. I have the endorsements of Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll, Gen. Anson G. McKim, Chauncey M. Depew, Gen. Samuel Thomas, John Sabine Smith and Joseph H. Choate, each of the City Magistrates, under whom I am at present, with your endorsement, all of the Republican Aldermen and Assemblymen of this City, the entire Republican Senate of this state, many prominent City Officials and Commissioners and nine U.S. Congressmen from this state. I intend to file with my application three college certificates, one from Marietta College Ohio, conferring upon me the



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degree of Bachelor of Arts, one from
Columbia College Law School, conferring
upon me the degree of Bachelor of
Laws and one from Columbia College
School of Political Science, conferring
upon me the degree of Master of Arts,
and a certified copy of my certificate
of admission to the bar.

I call your attention to
my candidacy and the endorsements
already obtained sir, in the hope of
eliciting your co-operation, as soon as poss-
ible. If not asking too much sir, I
should be pleased, for a few moments,
to see you personally this week, if you
can name some opportune time and
place that will suit your convenience.

Hoping that I have
not taken up too much of your time and
trusting that you are well, I remain
faithfully yours, Thos. F. Church
38 West 68 St,
assist-blks 4 Dist City Mag. Ct. City.

FOURTH DISTRICT
CITY MAGISTRATES' COURT.
NEW YORK.



NEW YORK, May 3 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

Some time since you promised Senator Parry, that you would write a personal letter in my behalf, to the President, endorsing my application for the position of U. S. Minister to Hayti. Owing to the many matters of importance before you at the time, in regard to hearings on the Charter, I refrained from making any more trouble for you and adding anything to your heavy responsibility, altho I called often at your office. The appointment to that mission will soon be made, a strong letter from you will, undoubtedly, have the desired effect. Please do what you can for me as soon as possible. Hoping that you are well, I remain faithfully and sincerely yours
Thos. A. Birch, No. 44 West 68 St., N.Y. City.

Oct 26 / 97

Mr. Wm. V. Strong, Hon.

Mayor of NYC
Dear Sir:—

Undoubtedly you are a gentleman of influence, therefore I take the liberty of urging you to see if you can do something for me,

I am a young lady, eighteen years of age, am a stenographer and typewriter, assistant book keeper, and am thoroughly competent in office work. I have been employed for over two years, in one house, but owing to the terrific times, unfortunately

I have lost my position,
and being one of very limited
means, one who is half the
support of a family I cannot
afford to be idle long, I have
used every means for finding
employment, but fail to do so,
and while walking about three
miles to get transplace advertised

I have all the while thought
"what if I write to the Mayor"
and ask if he can do some-
thing in my behalf, immediately
on my return, home disappointed
in obtaining a position I did so,
and now beg your Hon. Mayor
to use some effort, for it
depends on that, which will

bring happiness to a family.

I am willing and industrious
and not at all afraid of
hard work.

A reply from you will
greatly favor, Yours. truly,

Harriet Cohen
70 Orchard Str.
New York, N.Y.

P.S. Hon. Mayor; I would wish
this to be confidential

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Dover, N. J., Oct 13/97

Mr Strong Esq

Mayor of New York

Dear Sir.

I write you for particulars as well as a favor, and hope that you will grant me the same.

Some time ago, I learned that, a vacancy as Dep Collect of Post, was open for some one and as I would like, to get the appointment, and not knowing who to ask for, the same I take the liberty of writing you, hoping you will assist me and, you will never regret it Hoping to hear from you soon.

I Remain

Ed Coleman,

Ed Coleman.

Dover

N. J.

41 West Eleventh St.
June 12. 1897

To Hon. H. J. Strong,
Mayor of the City,
Sir,

One of my associate Inspectors
in the 9th District, Mr. Charles
Wiener, was appointed to com-
plete a term, Mrs. Van Bense-
leur having resigned.

This term will close with
this month. Most likely you
have already considered the
matter, and intend to renew
the appointment, but will you
allow me to say / that any
change should have been sug-

gested,) that we find Mr.
Hesner, an unusually valuable
member of our Board.
He is much interested, uniting
in his inspection, and wisely
observant of the schools and
the work done in them.

I have not ventured to
tell him that I thought of
writing to you, but I have
consulted Mr. de Forest, who
shares my opinion that the
Board of Education ought
not to lose such valuable
service. Respectfully

Ellen Collins
Inspector 9th District.

Republican Campaign Committee

FOURTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

280 EAST BROADWAY.

JOHN J. COLLINS,
CHAIRMAN.

P. J. HAYBYRNE,
Secretary.

New York, June 15th 1897

My dear Mr. Burrows:

This will serve to introduce to you Mr. Powell Finkelstein an old resident of this neighborhood, and the party in whose behalf I spoke to you this am. He is recommended to me as an honest and deserving man.

If you consistently can, will you kindly serve him & oblige

Yours truly
John J. Collins

Rion L. Burrows
Secretary

Feb 23^d 1897

W^m W. Strong Mayor "New York City

Your Honor

You will I know Excuse me for writing
to You under my pressing present Cir-
cumstances "I am a Married man with
wife and little girl to Support and
although I have the highest of References
for Sobriety Honesty "Yet I am unable to
obtain Work I have Exhausted nearly all
my Strength and Brain to obtain Em-
ployment but up to the present have failed
for two long Years I have had but 6 weeks
Steady Employment and that was at
Levi & Co. 6 weeks before New Years
I have had a long Siege of "Fickens" and
at this present time I am Expecting
Every Day" to have a Disposer Nailed on
the Door" I have withheld from making
my position known as long as possible

We have had Charge of private houses during
Summer Seasons" Such a Mr. John Thompson
36 - East 30th St. Mr. T. H. Wheeler 774 West
End. Ave. if We cannot derive any
assistance in the Shape of light Employment
we should be grateful for Some Private
Property to Care for "Your Honor"
I should feel grateful if you would
make this application a matter of your
Kind Consideration for I am at my
West End - as to know what to do after
being in New York for fourteen years I do not
wish to become a Burden to the City
Trusting to hear from Some one who is
desirous of Such a man as myself - as soon
as possible

I remain Dear Sir Yours
Very Respectfully,

W. H. Collinsworth Coff. Miss Curran 774 West End Ave
City

New York Oct 4-1897

Hon. W. L. Strong Mayor

My Dear Sir

Pardon my making so bold but my personal knowledge of your love for justice prompts me to solicit your aid I am placed on the Eligible list of the City Civil Service Com having past an examination for Inspector of Carpentry and Cabinet work Therefore I have been qualified by the Civil Service to the Board of Education as Inspector of Schools I am the only man on the Eligible list I have produced letters from my last Employers as to my Character and ability for said position by request of Capt Snyder now Mr Snyder tells me the Civil Service was too slow and that he had to put a man in my place I have worked for 18 years in Schools off and on without a complaint

I have done my best to please every body
and worked hard at my trade and to
the entire satisfaction of the Principals
and teachers the Board of Education and my
Employer I hope Your Hon will see fit
to see this in its true light I only want
justice and full Confidence that I
will get what is due me I want no
more I am a Citizen in good standing
and a Republican that believes only
in what is right Hoping Your Hon
will entertain this favourably I remain
Yours Sir Your most Humble Servant

Thomas J Conwell

473 - W. 150 St

April 3/97

Now Mayor strong

Will you be Kind Enough
if possible to get me some Kind of Labour to do
and Oblige an old Supporter of the party
I am good Carpenter by trade but will accept
any Kind of Labour I am 52 years Old
quick & active has Lived 49 years in this
City and Cant find anything to do
You may say a man has lived that long
in City Ought to be able to make out I Cant
I Support the party all those years and this is
the first time I have asked for anything
I Wish I did not have to ask now
Hoping your Honour will get me something
I Remain

Yours truly

Thomas J Gordon

59 Crosby St
City

27 East Tenth St.

Nov. 10. 1897

My dear Sir:

I would like
to apply for the
vacancy in the
Aqueduct Commission,

In 1870, I
graduated at the
Scientific School

of Yale College,
where I studied
civil engineering
among other
subjects.

If appointed, I
am willing to
give all of my

time to the duties
of the office.

If agreeable
I shall be glad
to call upon you
about this matter.

Yours respectfully
Alfred R. Conkling
Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor of New York.

THE AUTHORS CLUB,
MUSIC HALL, SEVENTH AVE. AND 56TH STREET,
NEW YORK.

April 27, 1897

Hon. Wm L Strong

Mayor of New York

My Dear Sir:

My messenger today
took a letter from me & post to you, ~~this~~
and not being able to purchase a stamp
dropped it in the P. O. without paying
postage. I hasten to explain the mistake
and to repeat in one sentence what was
stated in the letter - namely that I have
been a member of the bar here for more
than thirty years, so that the objection to
my eligibility for appointment as Police
Magistrate on that ground does not exist.

Please address any com-
munications you may have for me to 305
East 17th Street. Respectfully Yours
Thomas H. Osborn

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN.

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Personal.

May 3rd 1897

My Dear Mr Mayor.

I recd a letter today from Ex Judge Paulson, S. Morgan, 132 Nassau St. in which he refers to the rumor that Hedgus would not accept one of the new appointments. He then renewed his own application, and enclosed a letter to him from Mr Root which I can show you if you desire it.

Notwithstanding the belief that you have substantially if not actually made up your mind about these appointments, I am urged to bring certain names before you, and you will pardon me for doing it in this case because

I have known Morgan for many years,
and when I was a candidate for
Congress he was a good friend to
me.

I address you in writing
not because I don't want to come
personally, but because I brought
my children back to the house
this morning and because we have
been pretty busy over here all day.

As a matter of fact Hedges
should accept that place temporarily
and give you time to make a new ap-
pointment in November or December.

I hope you have not forgotten
Adams as Clerk to be appointed by
the new Judges. They ought to make
that concession to you very cheerfully.

Don't
Wm L. Strong.

Yours truly
A. C. Mc Cook

South Schroon,

Essex County, N. Y.

July 2^d 1897

My Dear Mr. Mayon.

Monday last I called on you on a mission in behalf of Alderman Goodman who I desire extremely to see nominated for Councilman, he lives in Corner Crofts Bldg this aid is necessary to nominate. It would from you might be of great service, and it is not necessary for me to say how grateful Goodman would be for your assistance. Since 1882 I have known him, when we started the Young Men's Repb Club of Harlem & from that day or date, I can truthfully say that I have never come in contact with a man so faithful to his friends, faithful in the discharge of his duties, honorable in his dealings, constant in his politics, and in fact a more manly man than he, and I feel it my duty to do all in my power for him.

success. I am told, though of course cannot
state it as a probability, that Goodman ~~cannot~~
be nominated, but I feel that if his friends go
to work for him the nomination will come.
I understood at the dinner given to Andrews
Goodman was not called upon to speak, nor
was he noticed, when I heard of it I felt very
much displeased for he deserved better treatment.
You will thoroughly understand my position
in writing you, when I say that there is not
a man in the whole circle of my acquaintance
who speaks more from the party than Elias
Goodman & earnestly trust you can find it within
your power to help him.

I wish you could be here to day enjoying the
cool breeze from the mountains. As I sit by
the window writing can enjoy not only writing
you, but also the fresh scenery in the Adirondacks.
I hope you may have a very pleasant occasion
and return to the city with renewed vigor & energy.

Very Respc
Levy B. Brown

March 12th 1897

231 West Eighty-third St.

Hon Wm L Strong

Mayor

Dear Sir:

Having heard that E.P. Wheeler, Esq., had resigned as Civil Service Commissioner, I took the liberty of urging upon your attention the name of Dr. E. D. Fisher, with the thought of a man eminent in his profession, long a resident here and deeply interested in our government.

Yours truly

Harford Crawford

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April 1st /97

Hon William L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir

I understand that on or about the first day of May, Prov. you will have the appointment of a number of persons to act as city Marshals. I apply to your Honor, for one of the positions and trust you will give this (my application your kind consideration. by appointing me, to one of the place, my qualification one that I ~~can~~ am an American. to the Mayor born. (old Holland Street) sober honest, and a Soldier, in the late war, I can furnish you with first class testimonials as to who I am from business men and Gentlemen of the highest standing in the

community (and I have no doubt
you or well acquainted with some
of them) I am not identified with
any political party, but number
among my friends gentlemen
of both parties, who I have no
doubt will gladly testify to
my standing in the communi-
ty. Will you please have the
kindness to let me hear from
you in relation to the matter.

Remain Very Respectfully

W. A. Crolius

266 West 11th St

N. Y. City.



Department of
Public Charities,
Commissioners Office,
66 Third Avenue,
New York,

Silas C. Croft, President,
John P. Laure, Commissioner,
Jas. R. C. Byrne, "
H. G. Weaver, Secretary.

May 13th, 1897.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Although somewhat tardy in my congratulations upon your selection of the new City Magistrates, I am none the less appreciative of the wisdom displayed in the choice, whether considered from a stand point of ability, or as applied to existing political conditions. This I believe to be a most universal sentiment.

Permit me also in this connection to urge your good offices on behalf of Mr. Frank McCabe, who seeks the appointment of Chief Clerk to the new Board. I have known him from boyhood, and since his majority he has been a most active and intelligent worker for the cause. In my own efforts in the 31st Dist. to assist a sentiment in harmony with the reform administration, Mr. McCabe has stood by me most loyally. He is most genial in disposition, of excellent habits; strictly temperate and well educated, and I have long since learned to respect him as a model young man, and I regard him in the light of a tried and faithful friend. I will vouch for him, Mr. Mayor, for every hour in the day and every day in the week, and earnestly urge that you will use your

influence looking to his appointment as suggested.

Yours very truly,

Stebbins

To

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

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Cable Address:
"LADYCOURT."

New York.

June 22, 1897.

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

Dear Sir :--

We respectfully make application in behalf of Mr. Walter J. Flesher, for a letter from you recommending him to the Governor as a proper person to be appointed Commissioner of Deeds for another State.

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#360 E. 72 St

N. Y. City July 1st/97

Hon. William L. Strong Esq.

Dear Sir,

Pardon me in writing to you but it is of the most important necessity that compells me to write to you. I seek these means in trying to get some employment immediately before going to extreme measures. I need an immediate employment as I have tried to find work for the last month but on account of an artificial leg am rejected. I can, and am willing to do any thing - except heavy lifting & carrying. Your Honor, this is of the greatest vital importance & so I hope you will give me the Honor of a personal interview with you so as you may more fully see how great a necessity it is. Please do not

delay this matter as it is very, very
important, concerning more than
me alone. Am willing to work for
even only \$7. per week only to support
myself + family.

Yours very respectfully
H. Cross.

Highest references

where I was formally employed.

Jan'y 18th 1897.
19 West 18 St.
N.Y. City

Hon W. F. Strong City

My dear Sir

I am a young man twenty four years old and for the past two months have been going from house to house seeking employment without success.

I have the best of references as to my character and ability from former employers, but it seems impossible to obtain a situation at anything, at any price. Can you assist me in any way?

I am not particular what I do - am experienced as clerk, bookkeeper and salesman for which I can furnish the best of references.

Awaiting your kind consideration of same, I remain

Very sincerely yours,
Noel Cross

✓ New York

June 17/97

Hon. Mr

William L. Strong I
cordially write you
these few lines, ask-
ing your assistance in
aiding me to secure
some light situation.

The reason
I state some light situat-
ion is because I have
but only one leg.

Some
friends of mine told
me to go to the L. & B.
as there is some light
situation such a section

keeper I went over to
office of the L. S. C
for an application
but the clerk said
he would like to
give me one but he
said the examiners
would not pass me
on account of me being
a cripple.

I ought
to be a rich young
man today I am
now the Tunnelier
through my father
spending the money
what I ought to get
when I became of
age.

I will state here my mis-
fortune. I was 9 yrs of age
and while playing I was
run over by a 5th ave car
the said R. R. Co ^{5th} ~~and~~
give my father \$15.00
on account of my losing
my leg but I did not
receive one penny of it.
My father squandered it
and enjoyed himself
The reason

I write these few lines
to you is because it is

It is
very hard for me to get
anything to do on acct
of having only 1 leg

I would like to get
something to do as my
brother is not got much
work to do. My brother
and I do not like
to lose our little home
because my mother is
in the Man. State ~~hosp~~
on wards. I s^d she is
out of her mind for the
past 3 mths. and we
have to pay \$10.00 a mth
rent for our selves.

Yours Truly

George Curtis

261 Ave D. City please answer

New York, May 3rd 1897

To Hon. William B. Strong,
Mayor of City of New York.
Dear Sir.

My wife called on you the first of May asking you if it were in your power to give me employment. And you told her to have me write you a letter in the form of application. I now take the liberty of doing so trusting that it may be the means of securing me employment of some kind of which I have very much in need. I have a wife and two small children depending upon me for support and enforced idleness means much to them, it is bad enough for our without any remuneration to be without employment, but much worse with helpless children dependent. I am as I can satisfy you to the fullest extent of highest respectability. Honest, and industrious, and willing to do anything to earn an honest living for myself or family. I trust and pray that if within your power to give me or use your influence in getting me employment you will do it. And I will not betray any confidence you may place in me.

and you will have the praise and thanks of one
who will always appreciate any kindness or favor
which is in your power to bestow. trusting my appeal
to you may prove favorable to me.

Yours

with much Respect

Clarence H. Cutler.

233 East 96 St.

New York

OFFICE OF

D. H. TOLMAN,

Rooms A & B, 18th Floor, St. Paul Building,

220 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK,

MONEY LOANED
SALARIED PEOPLE.

Aug 25 1897

To The Mayor
or his Private Secretary
New York City.

Will you kindly
give me your signature on
the enclosed application for the
office of Notary Public, recommend-
ing my appointment?

I was formerly appointed for
Kings Co. but a change of residence
makes a second appointment
necessary, and if you will grant
the above request the favor & honor
will be highly appreciated. In any
event please return application
in enclosed stamped envelope

Thanking you in advance

I am Yours Very Truly

(Mrs) Laura J. Davis

J. P. LOGAN,
WHOLESALE DRY GOODS,
329 & 331 CANAL ST.

New York, 11/23/ 1897

Hon. W. F. Strong
Mayor.

Dear Sir—

Pardon me for annoying you with these few lines, but as a defeated candidate for Alderman of the 1st assembly district, I trust you will give this letter recognition.

My object in writing you is in regard to a position of some kind, when I may become prominent with the people, and as I am still a strong Citizen's Union man, looking forward for the next Campaign so I may go out and fight against the Tammany element.

Any thing you can

J. P. LOGAN,
WHOLESALE DRY GOODS,
329 & 331 CANAL ST.

New York, 189

do for me will be highly appreciated.

My being a candidate has
caused quite some feeling between
my Employer and my self, and may
cause my dismissal.

So I would like to be prepared
to enter into another position.

I have a very good record
as a Dry Goods, Palisman, being in my
present position 20 years.

Trusting you will do
all in your power,

I remain

Yours respectfully

Samuel C. Davis

New York City.

March 27th/97.

Dear Sir^{and} Brothers.

While I am not personally acquainted with you, yet, I hope you will look with favor upon my appeal. Times were so stringent in Cincinnati O, that I determined to cast my lot in this great metropolitan city, ^{and} have been here three weeks. The Mayor of Cincinnati, Hon. John A. Caldwell, who is a friend and brother gave me an order for a ticket to N.Y. and the Knights of Pythias furnished me with suitable wearing apparel and gave me \$20⁰⁰. As yet I have not succeeded in securing a permanent situation, but have managed to get some copying to do, to liquidate expenses. I can fill any clerkship where writing or copying are the necessary qualifications. Am single, 45 years of age, was ^{born and} educated in Cincinnati. Read law in the [^] office of Hon. George H. Pendleton, attended the Cincinnati Law School, and Hughes High School. Belong to the Knights of Pythias,

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and am a Mason, but suspended for non payment of dues. I am here to stay and

hope I shall ere long secure a lucrative situation, until I become conversant with the laws of N. Y., when I shall endeavor to pursue my vocation that of a lawyer. At present my finances are short, and I ask you as an Ohioan, will you please interest yourself in my behalf, and if possible secure something for me to do, even if the salary is small.

With the assurance that you will give this appeal your earnest and earliest consideration.

I remain fraternally yours
Daniel P. Dean.

83, Second Avenue.
City.

To Mayor Strong.
City Hall.
N. Y.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 27th, 1897.

Daniel P. Dean, Esq.,

#83 Second Avenue, New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of even date, and in answering I would say that it will be necessary for you to take a Civil Service examination to obtain employment under the City Government.

I suggest that you make your application direct to the Civil Service Commissioners at their offices in the New Criminal Court Buildings.

Very respectfully yours,

J. B. Hedges
Secretary.

Great Goshaw, I am inclined to believe that this leaves me ^{out} in the cold. I am too old; have been out of school for 25 years, and doubt very much that I could pass a Civil Service examination.

Please accept my thanks for your prompt reply. Yours truly,
Daniel P. Dean.

City, May 24th 1897.

Hon. Mayor Strong.

I am somewhat surprised at the red tape for admittance to the bar before the Court of Appellate Jurisdiction. I thought I had complied with all the rules respecting the admittance of Attorneys. I read law in the office of General Henry L. Burnett, when he practiced law in Cincinnati O., and while in his office was admitted as an attorney before the District Court at Hamilton O. When Hon. Warren Higley was Police Court Judge in Cincinnati. I practiced before him.

Genl. Burnett and Warren Higley gave me commendations as a lawyer and as a gentleman of most excellent character, and I had others. I also complied with the rules and had a certificate from Hon. John A. Shrank, one of the Supreme Judges of Ohio, but because this judge did not certify that I had practiced

law for ² ² three years, (now
(when) I had practiced over 20 years)
a one Mr. Lamb a clerk
in the court of appellate jurisdiction
said the judges would not
1 admit me. I know that he
never submitted my papers
to the judges, but took the
matter in his own hands.

To day I called
on Col Wagstaff, the clerk
of said court, he is a very
warm friend of General Burnett,
and he said he would see
the judges about my matter,
and for me to call tomorrow
at 9.30. A.M.

The fact of the
matter is, I am an Ohioan, and
there is where the rub comes
in, and this man Lamb,
although I met him but once,
has it in, for any Ohio man.

I hope Col Wagstaff
can arrange matters, for, as
soon as I am admitted I
can secure a clerkship in
an attorneys office at \$10.00 per
week, and in a year by
hard study, I shall astonish

some of these Tammanyites.

If Col Hagstaff cannot do anything then I am in a hole, for Judge Shauke, would not be bothered sending another certificate, although Governor Bushnell would ask him to do so, for I delivered many speeches during his campaign.

I am glad there is a Reform Movement in this city, and hope such men as Lamb will in time be delegated to the rear. If I could remain here, I would deliver such speeches as would tear things wide open.

Now Mr. Strong, if I am not admitted, I must leave this city, for I have all told but \$3⁰⁰ in my pocket. My room rent is however paid up until next Monday.

If such a misfortune would happen, I shall go to Chicago, where I hope no red tape is demanded

and no Lamb holds the reins,
As I am busted financially,
will you (if in your power,
get me a ticket to Chicago.

It is a shame
that I am compelled to
leave N. Y. but without money,
without a position, and no
opportunity to practice my
profession, what am I to
do.

Pardon me for
writing such a long letter, but
I have endeavored to explain
matters.

Yours very truly,

Daniel P. Dean,
47 East 3rd Street.
City.

New York

April 6th 97

To Hon W. L. Strong

Dear Sir

I hope you
will please excuse me. But I
drop a few lines to ask you
if I could get a favor of you.
I am colored & only a working
^{man} but I have been out of work
two months & trying every day
for any kind have many
promises. but no work yet.
but I hope to have some soon.
my wife would like very much
to see the Parade of Gen Grants
inaugural & I would like very
much for her to see it if we
live. but as I have not had
work I cannot pay for the
places where they charge so
much & she is not able to stand

long with the Baby. I thought
I would just inquire & ask you
if any way I could just get
two Grand Stand Tickets reasonable
just for her the baby & little
girl. as for my self I could
manage any where long as I
knew she was comfortable &
safe. if I have work which I
am out looking every day. & if
I could not get out I would
know she was all right. if I
should not be busy on that
day any thing I could do for
you in any way in return for
the two Tickets I would do it
willingly. can give personal
references for work from last
employer C. E. Johnson 363 W.
57th St whom I have worked for
during the past ten year as
Janitor & Porter hard times
caused me to be laid off.

I hope you will not be
offended in me asking you
as I knew if they could in
any way be got you would
know. all I want or would
ask would be just those two
for them. & if I could get
any work to do on that day
I would be very glad of it
unless I should get a steady
position before then.

Yours Respectfully

Chas C. Decker.

80 W. 3rd St.

City.

783 Hancock St
Brooklyn N.Y.

May 13/97

To Mayor:
Hon. W. L. Strong
N.Y.

Dear Sir: I have this day applied
to Mr. Jos. Sedges, for position as
clerk of the Court:
Am 26 yrs of age &
married, & capable of filling the
position.

For information as
to character & ability I refer you
to Ex Senator W. N. Reynolds
Supr. Fitchie & Assemblyman Wilson
& 4th Ward Repus. Chas.

If you will use your
influence toward securing me
the appointment I will be
very much obliged

Very respy
J. C. Deery

*Richard Deeves & Son,
Mason Builders.*

*"Mutual Reserve" Building,
Broadway & Duane St.,*

*Personal Office Hours:
from 11 to 2 P. M.*

New York, March 26, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:--

Some of my friends have requested me to speak a good word to you for Captain Joseph B. Martin, who has been foreman of Engine Co. #31 of the New York Fire Department for five years, and in the department for fifteen years.

I do not know Captain Martin personally, but I know from the character of the gentlemen who have called my attention to him, and their standing in the drygoods district, that they would not recommend him, unless he was all that they claim for him.

Captain Martin desires promotion, and there are two vacancies in the department for battalion chiefs. Four names have been sent to the Commissioners, of which Captain Martin ranks number one. Knowing your desire to have the best men in all civil positions under the city government, I bespeak for Captain Martin your careful consideration and commendation.

Yours truly,

Richard Deeves

New York
April 5. 1897

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

Dear Sir Enclosed please
find a Reference saying I am
an old Citizen. I am on the
Civil Service list as Laborer
on the Parks & Street Repairs
I Voted for you and I
venture to ask you a favor
to use your influence to get me
employment. For the past two
winters I Shoveled Snow
in Madison Square Park I have
a large family. By conferring ^{this}
favor your kindness will always
be appreciated. Yours truly
Michael Demm 250 E. 65 St

Wm L. Strong

#412. West 28th St City -

Mayor City of New York -

Esteemed Sir: -

"Necessity - knows no Law," and that is my excuse for presuming upon your valuable time and attention - I am the proud possessor of a loving true wife, and three helpless good little children - I have been unemployed for six months: and I live, since I was laid off, I have pledged & pawned every thing I possessed. Long ago, I was evicted from what was once our cosy little home! and to-morrow I shall be evicted again from the ^{humble} furnished rooms, we are living in, if the rent is not paid - My wife is dying slowly of consumption: and I too, will pass into the blind cave of eternal night, from the same disease before many months - Sick as I am, I am more than willing I work I have walked from the Harlem river, & the Battery again & again: & as yet, I have that man I meet who has work for any one - but not possible, that you kind Sir, could with your mighty-influence secure me something to do - I can give the best of references, and I

mention incidentally I was once employed
for a winter, by your son in law, Mr Albert
Shattuck of New Orleans: who gave me
an excellent letter of recommendation, which
I have still - Any kind of work will be
acceptable - If I could secure immediate
employment it is possible I could induce
the land lady to allow me to remain, until
I could pay her, her just dues out of the
remuneration received for my work -

I am without a dollar in the world -
and the last of our food is about
consumed - Hunger Cold & trouble have
all but killed me, and in my despair
I have dared write to you - I beg of
you kind Sir, to give my poor appeal
attention - and may the blessing of health
peace & prosperity ever attend you, is my
expression of gratitude, for any efforts
you may make in my behalf

Anxiously awaiting a reply

I have the honor to be
a fellow Citizen

Daniel D C Trill

Otto Dierking

DEF. COLL.

No. 18. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

New York, April 1st 1877.

Hon. W. F. Strong.

Dear Sir,

My son is in a dry goods house in Franklin Str. and as it is only a small concern, he would like to get in some larger house where he could advance himself, I would be very thankful to you if you would place him in your business, as he has often spoken to me about your house.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail,

I am, yours Respectfully,

or. Revenue office
153. 4, Ave,

Otto Dierking.
268, W. 38th.

545- 2nd Ave

New York

July 21, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Dear Sir

Your action in sending me two dollars to alleviate my distress is in itself more Eloquent than words but it is strikingly Characteristic of the kindly nature of the Mayor of N.Y. But to go back over the beaten track - "Mr Mayor" will you kindly try and get me some employment. Such employment as will enable me to re-assert my manhood and look my fellow mortals in the face as one who is endeavoring to fill his part in life honestly and to some useful purpose.

I am Dear Sir - Very Respectfully
Your obliged & obt. Serv. Wm. J. Dobson.
2nd floor front.

Long Island State Hospital
Kings Park. N.Y.
Jan 1, 1897

Hon. Wm. E. Strong
Mayor's office
City Hall
New York

Dear Sir

I am informed
that a resident superin-
tendent is desired at
Randall's Island
who is well skilled
in diseases of children
I served there one year
and a half as medical

interns which should
give the requisite skill
and since then have
been in the U. S. State

Hospital service for
the insane where I

have acquired many
details in regard to
hospital manage-
ment which would
seem an important
disqualification. I am,
at present, first assistant

physician to this hospital at a salary
of \$2000.00 per annum but on account
of its inaccessibility am desirous of
changing my environment. I trust
you will not deem me unfortunate.
I know little of anything in regard
to New York City appointments and
know of no one to whom I could
apply apart from myself.

very respectfully yours
Louis W. Dockson M.D.

PHELPS, DODGE & CO.

118 1/2 Cliff Street.
New York, Nov 17 1897

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

Dear Sir,

We have written to the Board of Fire Commissioners recommending the promotion to the rank of Chief of Battalion, of Foreman John Binns, now of Hook and Ladder Co. No 10.

Foreman Binns was in command of Fire company No 32 for several years. This Engine House is directly opposite our building on the corner of John and Cliff streets and we have come more or less in contact with all of the Foremen who have been

in charge there for many years.

On Dec 19th 1884 we had a severe fire in one of our buildings and were particularly impressed with the prompt and efficient management of the fire by the Engine Company of which Foreman Binns was in charge.

He always seemed to us to be the most reliable and efficient man in charge of this Company, and from all that we can learn of his record since he took charge of Hook & Ladder Co. No 10 we believe that he is fully qualified and deserving of the promotion which he seeks.

Very respectfully yours,

Thos. Dodge & Co
