

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

July 12, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to forward herewith enclosed a duplicate original of his decision in the matter of the removal from office of Police Commissioner Andrew D. Parker.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

William Mcgriffith

Private Secretary *Wm*



Albany, July 12, 1897.

In the matter of the charges preferred against ANDREW D. PARKER a Police Commissioner in the city of New York. - - Disapproval of the Mayor's order of removal.

This is a proceeding for the removal of Andrew D. Parker from the office of police commissioner of the city of New York. The proceeding was conducted before the Mayor, who decided that such removal should be made, and it was made, subject to the approval of the Governor.

The charge against Parker upon which he was tried, was that he had neglected his official duties. I have carefully read all the testimony taken upon the trial, and the briefs submitted by counsel. In my judgment the charge has not been sustained.

A review of the testimony here is neither necessary nor proper. That the efficiency of the police board could have been greater, is undoubtedly true, but the failure to attain such efficiency seems to have been due rather to the infirmities of several of its members than to the neglect of one. The offense charged is serious, but the testimony to support it is much of it trivial, and as a whole, insufficient.

A proceeding of such magnitude, whose effects must be far-reaching and harmful, should not be instituted unless evidence exists which is at least partially adequate to the gravity of the charge. I am unwilling to dissent from the conclusion of the Mayor, but I believe it is better for every interest, to correct now an error which, if sanctioned here, would be finally righted by the courts.

I therefore disapprove of the Mayor's decision.

Frank J. Black

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 15, 1896.

Hon. Commissioners of the

Sinking Fund:

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Board of Police held this day, on reading and filing communication from the Comptroller, dated the 13th inst., relative to proposed lease by the Nereid Association to the Board of Police for station house purposes, of a portion of the premises known as Nereid Engine House in the village of Wakefield,

RESOLVED, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Police June 30, 1896, requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to authorize the Comptroller to execute such lease for the sum of \$25. per month January 1st, 1896, to September 1st, 1896, be amended so that the term of such lease shall be from the 1st day of January, 1896, for and during and until the full end and term of half a year thence ensuing, and also that it shall be provided that the city shall have the privilege of continuing in occupation of these premises until the 1st day of September, 1897, from month to month upon payment of the same proportionate rental.

Very respectfully,

John J. Ketchum
Chief Clerk.

and also that it shall be provided that during and until the full end and term of such lease shall be from the month January 1st, 1898, to September 30, 1898, to execute and

RESOLVED, that the resolution

at New York Engine House in the Village
Police Station house purposes, of
July 11, 1898, be and all communication from the

Hon. Comm. At a meeting of the Board of
Gentlemen:

Police Department,

Board of Police Commissioners:

of the City of New York.

Theodore Roosevelt,
President.
Avery D. Andrews,
Treasurer.
Frederick D. Grant,
Andrew D. Parker.

300 Mulberry Street,

New York,

July 17, 1896

My dear Hedges:

As you are no doubt aware, there will be a bicycle tournament at Manhattan Beach on Saturday afternoon, July 25 in the interest of the Herald Free Ice Fund. At the request of the Herald, I have taken a great deal of interest in this matter, and have arranged for two races between representative teams from the bicycle squads of the Police Departments of New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston and possibly one or two others.

I enclose herewith a box ticket for the occasion, and hope that you will be present. The Commissioners and possibly the Mayors of several of the other cities will probably be present.

Yours very truly,

A. D. Andrews

Hon. Joel E. Hedges,

To the Honorable [✓] 537
Mayor of New York City.

Will you kindly in-
form me, when the Inspectors
of Election of November 1895
will receive their pay - if
your honorable board of Police
Commissioners would attend
to their duty and have
less fighting among them-
selves, hundreds would have
their money. I have been

informed at the Comptroller's
office that the pay-rolls
have not-reached there as
yet. I am an old time
Lincoln Republican, and
thoroughly disgusted, with
reform and plutocracy.

Yours Respectfully

John S. Ellison
270 W 118th St.
N. Y. City.

June 25th 1896.

John S. Ellison
270 West 118th St.
Concerning pay of
Election Inspector.

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Respectfully returned
Salaries of Election Officers cannot
be paid until Board of Estimate
and apportionment have made
transfer of funds - application for
which has been made
JUL 2 10 10 AM 1896

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

Wm J. Kirk
Chief Clerk

From the Board. 3622

Salaries
cannot be
made by
Board
Make Payment

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 20, 1896.

Mr. John S. Ellison,
270 West 118th street:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 25th ult., concerning pay of Election Inspectors, that salaries of Election officers cannot be paid until the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have made transfer of funds, application for which has been made.

Very respectfully,

John J. Kelly
Chief Clerk.

MEYERS CIGAR COMPANY.

Henry Meyers.

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OFFICE OF

Max L. Meyers



Henry Meyers & Son,

Commission & Import,

Cable Building.

Broadway and Houston Street,

New York, June 27th, 1896

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

Dear Sir:-

A year ago I addressed a memorial to you urging you to use your authority to stop the nuisance of the Salvation Army gathering which is opposite my residence, 110 E. 92nd St. We instructed the police to drive away bad characters and hoodlums who congregate in front of the house. Nothing has been done for the relief of the neighborhood; it is true letters were addressed to me by you and the Police Department, - a lot of official red-tape that ended the memorial.

It is even worse this year ~~by~~ your permit they march the streets with cornets and base drums, making the nights hideous; but the worse thing is that from Ave A. to Park Avenue a crowd of several hundred people follow the band and in front of the hall will shout and sing causing sick and nervous people to suffer dreadfully. How would you like to have such an unseemingly demonstration before your residence nightly? I am a tax payer and a citizen. These people contribute nothing towards the maintenance of the city. They have ruined and depreciated property, notwithstanding reduction of rents as immediate result of such depreciation, owners are unable to keep their tenants.

MEYERS CIGAR COMPANY.

Henry Meyers.

Max L. Meyers

OFFICE OF

Henry Meyers & Son,

Commission & Import,

Cable Building,

Broadway and Houston Street,

New York, _____ 189



The answer of this complaint may be that they alleviate the suffering of humanity by saving the brave souls but they create more mischief than they do good. Only ten days ago they had a fight in the hall, the salvation soldiers ejected an obnoxious man from their building to the sidewalk. A number of people witnessed the disgraceful exhibition which followed; the disputants engaged in ^{a fistic} encounter which lasted fully an ^{1/2} hour, there was no police interference of any kind. If you were impartial to the citizens of 92nd street you would not issue a permit allowing their street parade. They get a lot of people together and beg to contribute money towards their causes which money they live on, but be that as it may I look to you that the street parade will stop. If they want to have services they should do as other religious denominations do, conduct their services in ~~their~~ hall and if they use a bass drum and other instruments they must stop at 9 P. M. They bang away up to 11 P. M. I trust that you as the Mayor of this City will not allow the continuance ^{plague any} longer in a peaceful, law-abiding and cultured community, but give such relief as it is in your power without ^{as} ~~the~~ detriment to the rights of the Salvation army.

Respectfully
Henry Meyers

Henry Meyers
Complaining of
Noise &c. of Salvation
Army in front of
#110 East 92nd St.

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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* July 20, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

By direction of the Board of Police I herewith enclose copies of reports sent as requested in yours of the 29th ult., to Henry Meyers, complaining of Salvation Army, and John S. Ellison, asking information as to pay of election officers.

Very respectfully,

John J. Kane
Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York, July 20, 1896.*

Mr. Henry Meyers,

Cable Building,

Broadway and Houston street:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 27th ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, relative to alleged nuisance of Salvation Army in East 92d street, that Captain Dean, of the 27th precinct, reports concerning the same as follows:

"The said barracks has been the cause of many complaints from property owners on the block where it is located. I have personally visited the writers of many of these complaints and told them their redress was to appeal to the courts, which they have failed to do. In regard to the fight referred to in Mr. Meyers's letter, I investigated same and found that one Zeigler, a member of the army, ejected a disorderly man who entered the barracks after services were over and the officer who was detailed there ~~xxx~~ had left for this station. It only lasted a few minutes. The above barracks are properly policed until the closing of each meeting, and no persons are allowed to collect on sidewalk in front of same, and when they parade through the streets they have a permit authorizing them to do so, and are always escorted by an officer over the route specified in said permit to prevent any violation of the law. The services at above barracks are usually over before 10 p. m."

Please inform the Board of Police if you have any further comments or suggestions to make relative to this matter.

Very respectfully,

Wm J. Kern
Chief Clerk.

(copy)

New York, July 16th, 1896.

Walter L. Thompson,

Acting Inspector,

Sir:-

In relation to complaint about certain nuisances in what is known as "Little Italy" would state, that as to the Italians parading at least twice a month, such is not the case; they have about two parades during the year which are to commemorate the birth of some Saint and are held in connection with service in their church on 115th St.,

They always comply with the law relating to parades, by having permits.

The parades do not last till late in the night, but are over by eight P. M.

They do during these parades discharge fire works, but we always give that attention and arrest whenever we find any one doing do.

During these parades, the streets and sidewalks are crowded with people the same as if the parade occurred in any other part of the city.

I have yet to learn of any persons getting into any disturbance, while passing through the streets during these parades.

They decorate the front of their houses with bunting and Chinese lanterns and sometimes string them across the streets, same as is done under like circumstances in other parts of the city.

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As to the fact that a large police force is required to prevent strife among themselves, I would say that such is not the case, as I could single handed perform all the police duty required in that connection at any of such parades.

As to the depreciation in the value of property in that locality, that cannot be disputed, not however from any neglect on the part of the police, but simply from the fact that when these people colonize as they have in that vicinity, they render the neighborhood thoroughly undesirable for any other class of tenants.

I will give this matter further attention, and do all that is possible to prevent any unlawful acts on the part of the people in that neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Josiah A. Westervelt,

Captain.

Copy)

New York, July 17, 1896.

Peter Conlin,

Chief of Police,

Sir:-

Relative to the attached communication from his Honor the Mayor in which complaint is made by certain members of The " East Side Improvement Association", that the Italians who reside in the 28th Precinct are allowed to conduct parades and other festivities contrary to law, I herewith submit the following report.

Immediately upon receipt of the attached complaint I forwarded a copy of the same to Captain Westervelt commanding the 28th Precinct. with instructions that he investigate the same and to cause a uniform and strict enforcement of law regarding such affairs.

Hereunto attached will be found the answer from Captain Westervelt relative to this matter.

Upon personal investigation, I find from the records of this department that during the time that I have been in command of this inspection district there have been issued to Italian Society's seven permits for the purpose of parades through the district known as Little Italy, this covers a period of six months.

These parades usually take place in celebrating some anniversary in connection with their religious ceremony.

The last of these parades took place in July 16th, 1896. and in order that no violation of law should occur, fifty Police Officers in plain clothes, along with the force attached to my office, were present to enforce the laws and ordinances, and as a result six arrests for the violation of corporation ordinances were made.

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During these parades the sidewalks are blocked by spectators but not any more than occurs at any similar event in other portions of the city. Every attention is given so as to have a proper enforcement of law, and all these parades are given under permits issued by the proper authorities. In the future as in the past I will continue to have a strict police surveillance kept over any parades and similar demonstrations that may occur in this locality.

Respectfully,

Walter L. Thompson,
Acting Insp. 5th Dist.

I herewith transmit letter received from Edward C. Oppenheim, appreciating action taken by the police.

Respectfully,

Walter L. Thompson,
Acting Inst.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

July 22nd, 1896.

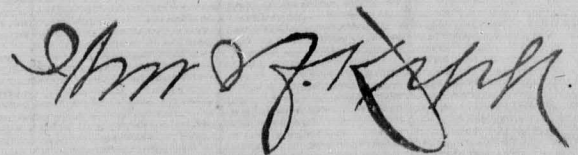
Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in further reply
to your communication enclosing petition relative to disorder in the
Italian colony uptown, I enclose herewith copy of report relative to same.

Very respectfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. Kane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Kane" clearly distinguishable.

Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

July 23, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor, City of New York.

N.Y. City.

Daer Sir:-

I am directed by the Board to foward to you copies of
the enslosed letters , to Edward P. Congannon and Mary Ann Dillon
as per your request contained in your favor of the 6th inst.,

Very respectfully,

John J. K. K.
Chief clerk.

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(Copy)

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

July 23, 1896.

Edward D. Congannon, Esq.

St. Louis , Mo.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 2nd inst., directed to his Honor the Mayor of New York, has been referred to the Board of Police of said City for reply. I am directed by the said Board of Police to say with reference to your inquiry concerning the wife of John Reid deceased that Sergt. Byrne of the Bureau of Information this Department reports as follows:

" The wife of John Reid , deceased, formerly a horse-shoer of this city; now resides at 12 East 116th Street and A.F. Reid son of the above, in the twine business, at 149 Duane Street, this City, says there was no estate left.

Very respectfully,

John J. Kane
Chief Clerk.

(Copy)

July 23, 1896.

Mary Ann Dillon.

18 Richmond Street, Prudsid S..C.

Oldham Road

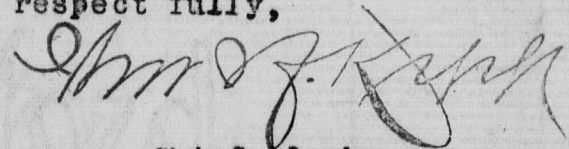
Manchester Eng.

Dear Madam:-

Your communication addressed to his Honor the Mayor of New York, relative to John Kough, your father, has been referred to this department for reply. I am directed by the Board of Police to say that Sergt. Byrne of the Bureau of Information this department reports as follows:

" Relative to the inquiry from Mary Ann Dillon requesting information of her father, James Kough, who may have taken the name of Hayes, I can state, an examination of the force book of this department has been made and neither of the above names was found thereon."

Very respect fully,



Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

July 28th, 1897.

Hon. John Jeroloman

Acting Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

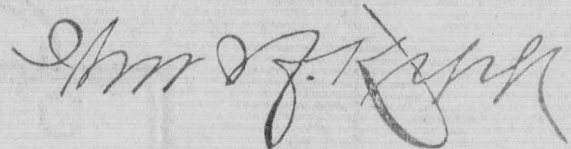
In reply to your communication of the 12th inst. relative to violation of the law at corner of 34th street and 8th Avenue I would respectfully state that Sergeant Edward Burns in Command of the 20th Precinct reports as follows:

"In answer to annexed communication relative to an alleged violation of law existing on sidewalk on the north east corner of 34th street and 8th avenue I herewith submit the following report. On receipt of annexed letter of complaint, I personally visited said premises complained of and found that the alleged violation had been removed since July 12th, 1897.

On July 9th, 1897 Patrolman Arthur Thornton of this command who was on post on 8th avenue and 34th street observed a violation of the ordinance on sidewalk in front of No. 269 West 34th street consisting of boxes of vines having been placed on sidewalk about 10 feet from houseline who at the expiration of his tour of patrol duty promptly made out a violation of the corporation ordinance complaint relative to the same which was forwarded to the Corporation Attorney on the following morning and had been reported daily by the various patrolmen on that post prior to the removal of the same, also relative to the alleged violation of the liquor tax law on sidewalk I will state that no such violation came to the notice of the police of this precinct. The premises complained of are occupied by one, Charles E. Parks, who conducts the same in an orderly manner, I have also interviewed said Mr. Parks who assured me that he would not place said boxes of vines on the sidewalk until he obtained from the proper authority permission to do so. I also called on the Honorable John Jeroloman

President of the Board of Aldermen and Acting Mayor who was perfectly satisfied with the prompt action taken in the matter and stated that he had no further cause to complain as the alleged violation had been removed, I will however give this complaint special attention and if evidence can be obtained for any violation of law prompt and effective measures will be taken to suppress the same."

Very respectfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Ryan" clearly distinguishable.

Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 6th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police I transmit herewith
copy of report on character etc. of Jos. P. Burke.

Very respectfully

John J. Ryan

Chief Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Of the City of New York,

300 MULBERRY ST.,

New York, August 12-1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor;

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 7th inst, addressed to Hon. Theodore Roosevelt relative to + enclosing letter from Mrs. E. A. Hammond, also anonymous communication and to say that the same has been referred to the Chief of Police.

Very respectfully,

Thos. Lamaker
Chief Clerk.
/ J. J. Clark

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Of the City of New York,

300 MULBERRY ST.,

New York, August 12 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 10th inst., addressed to *Hon. Theodore Roosevelt* relative to + enclosing letter of *Mrs. Mary Ann Egan*, for information; also *anyway* communication, and to say that the same has been referred to the *Chief of Police* for report.

Very respectfully,

Mrs. Kavanagh

Chief Clerk.

1 Sep 1896

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Of the City of New York,

300 MULBERRY ST.,

New York, Aug. 12 - 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8th inst., addressed to Hon. Theodore Roosevelt relative to + enclosing letter from Edward McKeahan, for information, and to say that the same has been referred to the Chief of Police for report.

Very respectfully,

Thos. Lawler

Chief Clerk.

1 Sep 1896

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 12th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find copy of letter sent to James A. McKee
re garding arrdess of John Megarry.

Very respectfully

Thos. Lamaker
Chief Clerk

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 12th, 1896.

Mr. James A. McKee

89 Thistle Street

Belfast Ireland

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor asking address of John Megarry I would
state that it is No. 362 Amsterdam Avenue this City.

very respectfully

Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 12th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find copy of letter sent to Miss C. E.
Reynolds asking information of J. S. Reynolds.

Very respectfully

Wm. J. Hawley
Chief Clerk.
W. J. Hawley

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 12th, 1896.

Miss C. E. Reynolds

No. 198 East Main street

Roshester N. Y.

Dear Madam:-

Replying to your favor addressed to his Honor the Mayor asking information regarding Jas. S. Reynolds I would respectfully state that sergeant Byrne reports as follows:

"I can state J. S. Reynolds left the Hotel Bradford about two years ago and his present address is unknown at that place.

I have been informed Mr. John S. Lyles 553 a Monroe street Brooklyn N. Y. was a particular friend of the above named and would suggest the writer be referred to him."

Very respectfully

Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 25th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed is a copy of letter forwarded to Mrs. Mary Ann Egan in reply to letter addressed to you and forwarded to this Department by you August 10th, 1896.

Very respectfully

Wm. L. Strong
1 Dep. Clerk

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 25th, 1896.

Mrs. Mary Ann Egan

325 Yankee Street St. Paul Mich.

Dear Madam:-

In re ly to your favor of the 6th Inst. Addressed to his Honor the Mayor, I would respectfully state that Sergeant Byrne reports as follows:

" I have no knowledge as to the whereabouts of Elizabeth Egan or the two boys Michael and Daniel Egan; the writer does not give any information regarding them whereby an investigation could be made."

Very respectfully

460/13.

Middletown Conn

Aug 5th 1896

Mrs William Strong

Dear Mayor.

I would

like to know if you could
find the where about of my
sister Mrs Valentine B. Greason
She lives some where in Harlem
between 120 St to 118th St
from 1st Ave to 4th Ave.

My father in Australia
wanted me to find her
where about, I hope you
will do me that favor.

I am very Respectfully yours

Edward McKeahan

478 Main St

Middletown

Conn.

Find her husband name in
the Directory.

Valentine B. Gleason or
Gleason

then your messengers will
find her easy.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 25, 1896.

Mr. Edward McKerahan,
478 Main street,
Middletown, Conn.:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 5th inst., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, making inquiry as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Valentine B. Greason or Gleason, that diligent inquiry has failed to locate the person sought.

Very respectfully,

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Vienna, the 19th July

To his Excellency
the Mayor of New-York-City!

You would very much oblige me
in telling me, whether there is any
possibility of finding out the address
of a young Austrian Doctor —
his name Henry Herskovits,
who came to New-York three
years ago and lives here about
two years 1885 Lexington-Avenue,
N. E. 80th Street. — The young
gentleman must have left N. Y.
since I do not get any letters
from him.

You will be very much surprised,
that I beg you such a favour,

but as it is an affair of greatest
importance for me, I take the
liberty to do so and beg you
therefore to kindly inform me,
what steps I have to make to
come to the result in question.

Believe me, dear Sir,
yours most respectfully

Theresa Hanke
Graz, Klosterwiesg. 42.
Austria.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 25, 1906.

Theresa Hanke,

Graz, Klosterwiesg, 42,

Vienna, Austria:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 19th of July, addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, asking information relative to Henry Herskovits, that the said Herskovits is now residing at 165 East 60th street, this city, under the name of Henry Herbert.

Very respectfully,

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 25, 1906.

Mrs. J. S. Lynch,
5 Wilbur street,
North Cambridge, Mass.:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, making inquiry concerning Philip G. James, that we are informed that James is working on the yacht "Colonia," which is owned by Clarence A. Postley, of No. 817 Fifth avenue, this city.

Very respectfully,

216 Seattle Wash Aug 12 1896

To the Mayor of New York City
Sir

I sent a Dollar ^{per order} a few weeks ago to: John W Lovell Company 14 & 16 Vesey Street New York City and have received no Acknowledgment from this concern.

Is there no such a Firm?
If they are Advertisers
fakers the Public should
know it. I had a similar
experience in Boston
a few months ago, but I
dropped a line to the
Mayor and the Detectives
were put on, and I got
my money back. I hope I
may be as fortunate in this.

Yours very respectfully
Edward Clayson Jr
Cor 4th & Pike Seattle Wash.

From the Board. 3940

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New York, Aug 20, 1886
Referred to Inspector Cartwright
for immediate investigation, attention and report

Wm. L. ...
CHIEF OF POLICE

Enclosure from Mayor

Erard Clayson

Seattle, Wash

Complaining of J. W. L. Co

14 + 16 Vesey St.

The Mayor's letter and
another Enclosure referred
to 3dist.

Make Report in Duplicate

Seattle

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

August 25, 1896.

Mr. Edward Clayson, Sr.,

4th and Pike

Seattle, Washington:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 12th inst., making inquiry as to the John W. Lovell Co., and addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, that the John W. Lovell Co. have not occupied 14 and 16 Vesey street during the past five years, and diligent inquiry has failed to discover their whereabouts.

Very respectfully,

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* August 25, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to enclose copies of letters sent direct to correspondents, directed by you, as follows:

July 30, Mrs. J. S. Lynch.
August 1, Theresa Hanke.
August 8, Edward McKarahan.
August 18, Edward Clayson.

Very respectfully,

Thos. L. Sullivan
/ Dep. Dir.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

Sept. 23rd, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Relative to the anonymous complaint against the Pilot Hotel

I would respectfully state that Captain Walsh reports as follows:
"In relation to annexed complaint I would state that I have made a full and careful investigation and have failed to find any evidence of crime as described in this anonymous communication. Shortly after I assumed command of this Precinct I received information of "bo okmaking" at the place complained of and immediately put my officers on the case which resulted in driving the parties out of the Precinct and it is my belief that they have not returned. The place is one of the ordinary Class of Hotels recently established and I believe properly conducted. I have made several visits there at different hours of the day and night and never saw any immoral act committed. I have also interviewed Mr. Logan who explained his difficulty with Jennings (as referred to) he said he gave Jennings money to bet on a race at Brooklyn but he refused to pay over the money that he won. I will give this matter special attention however and if there is any violation of the law committed there, I will take prompt measures to suppress it."

Very respectfully

Chas. J. Ketchum
Chief Clerk.

Police Department,

Board of Police Commissioners,

of the City of New York,

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300 Mulberry Street,

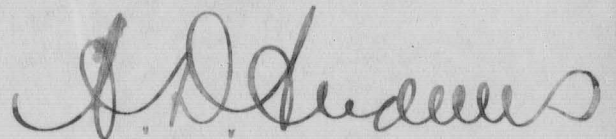
New York,

Sept. 28, 1896

My dear Mr Mayor:

I enclose herewith a report of Captain Dean in regard to the floating chute complained of at the foot of East 90th St. This report shows the action of the police. The chute, however, was removed at 6 A.M. Sunday, Sept. 27.

Yours very respectfully,



Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall, N.Y.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK,

P r e c i n c t No. 27,

New York, Septr. 28, 1896

Peter Conlin, Esq.
Chief of Police.

Sir:

At 3:30 P. M. Monday, Septr. 21, 1896, Michael J. Horan, of No. 120 Broadway, attorney for the House of Good Shepherd, located at Avenue A, 89th to 90th Streets to East River, called and informed me that a floating chute, property of Paul Boyton Co. was tied up to the dock, foot of East 90th Street, and music playing on board had demoralized the inmates of the House of Good Shepherd. I immediately went to the said chute, in company with Mr Horan, and found they had permit from the Dock Department, which allowed them to attach lines from the chute to the public dock at the foot of East 90th St., and also permit from Mr John Arfmann of 90th St. and Avenue A., agent for A. Raymond, the owner of land and water privilege, where chute was located, which granted them permission to secure chute to his dock and also use of land for one week. I informed Mr Boyton, music would have to stop, as it was a violation of the ordinance, which he complied with. The chute has been operated since it has been there from 3 to 10 P.M. Officers have been stationed there, and no exhibition of any kind, either music or dancing has been allowed aboard the said chute, and the only annoyance to the Sisters was that the chute could be seen from the windows of the institute.

Mr Boyton removed chute at 6 A. M. Septr. 27, 1896.

Respectfully,
(Signed) William Dean,
Captain.

Floating Chute

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(Copy of translation of Theater Bill, given on the witness stand at the trial of Chu Fong, who was convicted March 19th, 1896, of violating Sec. 277 of Penal Code, which prohibits the giving of theatrical performances on Sunday.)

Dr. THOMS translation.

POU YU TAEM.

NEW PLAY

EVENING OF THE 23rd.

SYNOPSIS:

Story of Su Ching.

The Aged Receive Homage. Acquiring a Concubine.

Intimate with servant. Adulterous wife injures husband.

Chin the Prefect comes to the rescue.

Midst snow offer coal.

Night visitation at the library.

Reminiscences of a former wife.

Cohabitation at bedchamber causes sickness.

Reflection causes regret.

Taking of medicine brings recovery.

Su Ching sees her own reflection.

Two beauties fight for one husband.

YOUTHS: Chung & Tong. FEMALE IMPERSONATORS: Chong & Leap.

(Copy of translation of Theater Bill, given on the witness stand at the trial of Chu Fong, who was convicted March 19th, 1896, of violating Sec. 277 of the Penal Code, which prohibits the giving of theatrical performances on Sunday.)

YAN PHON LEE'S TRANSLATION.

To do justice to the translation I ought to have two hours time, but just running along with it this is the meaning of the characters; On top here we have the name of a theatrical company or concert company, Pou You Taen.

It would take a column to explain the meaning of that, but it is simply a theatrical name. Here we have the word "new", and these two characters meaning "PIECE." (A NEW PIECE or TOPIC.

These three characters (indicating) mean THE NIGHT OF THE 23rd.

These four characters (indicating) mean A REPRESENTATION OF THE LIFE OF LITTLE CHING, being a persons name.

Those two characters there would mean something like, A SORT OF SYNOPSIS OF THE STORY THAT IS INCLUDED UNDER THE HEADING OF THIS TITLE.

The first four characters read something like this, that is to say: AT A BIRTH DAY CELEBRATION A CONCUBINE IS ACQUIRED.

Then the next one: PITYING THE SERVANT WHO STOLE THE JOE STICKS.

Next: THE LEWD WOMAN LOVING HER HUSBAND.

Next: THE FEMALE OF CHING MEETING WITH DELIVERY; That is, WITH SALVATION; BEING CONCEIVED BY SOMEONE.

Then: IN THE MIDST OF SNOW PRESENTING COAL. That is to say: A BENEVOLENT PURPOSE IN PRESENTING COAL WHEN IT IS SNOWING: that is, GIVING NEEDFUL ASSISTANCE. IN THE NIGHT TIME A VISIT IS PAID TO THE LIBRARY. TO RECALL MEMORIES OF A FORMER WIFE.

I would not translate that (indicating) in such a vulgar way as has been done. I should say it is: TEN ON THE NIGHT OF THE MARRIAGE

THE SICKNESS RECEIVED OR GOTTEN ON THE NIGHT OF THE MARRIAGE.

DRAWING A RESEMBLANCE, AND A COMPLAINT.

TO DRINK THE MEDICINE THAT IS POISON, AND RELATING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF ONE'S LIFE IN THE CASE.

Last: THE TWO PRETTY WOMEN QUARELING ABOUT A HUSBAND.

The bill is a synopsis of the performance given there that night. My view is that it is a moral story acted out as to impress the audience.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Precinct No. 6,

New York, Sept. 24, 1896

Moses W. Cortright,

Inspector, 2nd District.

Sir:

In regard to the annexed communication from his Honor, Mayor William L. Strong, to the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the Board of Police, relative to the Chinese Theatre, received by me from you for investigation and report, I herewith submit the following, viz:

The Chinese Theatre Nos. 5 & 7 Doyer Street is certainly the only Chinese Theatre in this City, and whatever trouble they have had with the Police Department is of their own choosing, as they have always taken the advice of persons whose interest it was to have the theatre running, trouble or no trouble, instead of taking the advice of the police.

The so-called Chinese merchants who are proprietors of the theatre, consist of the following five men:

Lee Quay, Gambler.

Chu Fong, Gambler and ex-convict.

Cong Him Lee, Gambler.

Ung Nim Wie, No business; formerly gambler.

Quan Hop Chine, No business; formerly gambler.

This syndicate divide the profits, after paying expenses, and they alone reap all the benefits. That the theatre is not at present making money for them, is a fact; they miss the Sunday performances. There are two objects in view in reference to having this theatre open on Sundays; one is, the money made by the syndicate, and the other is, it makes business for the gambler.

The majority of the so-called merchants of Mott, Pell and Doyer Sts., are more or less interested in the laundry business, some of them having 15 or 20; they fit up the laundries, supply them, place a couple of Chinamen in each to run them; an agent visits them once a week, looks over the accounts, pay the men and collect the balance of the receipts for their company. Sunday, the laundrymen report at their respective companies' stores, order their supplies for the following week, go to the theatre in the evening, and as the performance lasts until 11:30 P.M., it is too late for them to go home, and they are steered to the gambling places. But since the theatre has been closed on Sunday, the laundrymen go home early, and the appearance of the streets in Chinatown on Sunday night will bear me out, that the gambling interest suffers greatly, and the loss is felt by storekeepers also.

On the other hand, if the theatre should be allowed to open on Sundays, gambling and all other kinds of business would flourish.

That I have made no false assertion that this theatre is run by and in the interest of gamblers, I would state that it is only about three weeks ago that I raided a game in the sub-cellar of Chu Fong's store 20 1/2 Pell St., and arrested 41 Chinamen found gambling there, all of whom were fined \$2. each by Magistrate Brann in 1st District Magistrate's Court.

Lee Quay runs a lottery game in No. 32 Mott St., but the place is so securely barricaded, that so far we have been unable to effect an entrance. Ching Hom Yee, one of the moguls in the lottery business in No. 33 Mott St., was raided twice. As for the theatre syndicate giving any money

in charity, I have never heard of anything of the kind.

In the matter of the arrests made by the police for keeping this theatre open on Sunday, and the assertion that each Captain has a different idea of what a Chinese sacred concert should be, this is not so, a Captain's duty is plain, and his ideas are to enforce the laws of this State, and not those of China or any other country; but in doing so in this instance the greatest difficulty they had to contend with was the inability to understand the Chinese language; therefore, they could only make arrests for what they saw on the stage, which in itself was a flagrant violation of the Sunday law, according to section 277 of the Penal Code, viz: Actors in fancy costumes, faces painted and disguised with false beards and hair; others dressed to represent women, and all going through a performance on the stage; but on arraignment the ~~prisoners~~ prisoners in court, the so-called merchants who own the theatre would appear, and on the Bible, for which they have no respect, would swear that it was a religious performance, and the police not being able to dispute their sworn statement, the case would be dismissed.

But when a Chinaman was obtained who interpreted their plays and showed that the same plays were produced on Sundays that were produced during the week, and that they were not religious performances, and this evidence laid before a Magistrate who issued a warrant, they were arrested and held for trial, being indicted ~~for~~ by the Grand Jury. Every means in their power was used to prevent the case from coming to trial, and they succeeded in doing so for six months, when it was tried before Judge Fitzgerald in Court of General Sessions, Chu Fong was found guilty of violating the

Sunday law relating to theatrical performances, and fined \$500. This conviction carried with it a revocation of the license, and it was also proven at this trial, that the Sunday sacred concert they were giving and for which they were arrested, was not only a theatrical play, but an immoral one.

Chu Fong is still a prominent member of the syndicate, but the conditional license they are running the theatre on, is in the name of Lee Quay of 32 Mott St.

As for allowing them to give concerts on Sunday, sacred by their standard, and orderly by our standard, it might be done, if there is any right or justice in giving these people, who are not only constant violators of the law, but are not citizens and never intend to be, privileges which are denied citizens, who are now under the law compelled to observe our Sabbath, to open their theatre and give shows in their own way without any police supervision.

The fact of the matter is, that the Chinese cannot give a concert according to the law; i.e., to appear in their street costume on the stage and have only singing and music; it would not pay, as Chinamen would not attend. This Chu Fong admits; and as for any promise they would make to do so, they are unworthy of belief, as they are crafty and untruthful in the highest degree, making any promise to gain their point, and breaking it the next moment on the plea of ignorance.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Robert Young,
Captain, 6th precinct.

In China, a man or a woman who pursues a religious avocation is not permitted to go on the stage. A woman, even though she be an ordinary, everyday individual, is forbidden to go on the stage, as the Chinese look with horror upon a female performer. Woman's parts are performed by men disguised as women, and they paint their faces, wear wigs and rings or other ornaments in their ears.

Performers on the stage usually appear in the costumes of the Ming or T'sing dynasty, and they wear false beards or something on their faces to disguise themselves.

These are the people who sing and play on the stages in this country, and in no sense of the words are they religious performers or is the play which they give a religious exercise.

The rules of living prescribed for the priests of Buddha are very similar to the nuns.

1. Their dress is to consist of either cotton or grass cloth, and is colored either gray or black. The use of jewelry, ornaments or embroidery of any kind is forbidden.
2. They are also required to live exclusively on vegetables.
3. When worshipping, they wear what is called a priest's cap and any other head-gear is forbidden. They are also forbidden to go on the stage and to indulge in any singing during religious exercises.
4. During the reading of the prayers or holy book, they are required to have a bell in their hand.

The rules of the Buddhaist religion in regard to nuns provide:-

1. That they shall only wear garments made of either cotton or grass cloth and colored either gray or black. They are also forbidden to wear embroidery, jewelry or ornaments of any kind.
2. That they shall shave their head and abstain from the use of meat during their life time and subsist entirely on vegetables.
3. When worshipping, they must bare their heads, and their religious observances consists in reading the religious books. No singing is permitted during their exercises and they are not allowed to go on the stage and participate in any performance.
4. They are also forbidden to paint their faces or wear earrings.

The rules of the Tanist priesthood prescribe that the priests shall be plainly attired and the only colors which they can wear are red and black. All sorts of embroidery and ornaments are forbidden. When worshipping or reading prayers, the priest has a bell in his hand, but he does not indulge in any singing.

The religion of the cultivated or higher class of the Chinese - those who believe in the teaching of the sages, is derived exclusively from reading the ancient books. To this class a play or performance of any kind in a theatre has no religious significance. A play to them is purely

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and simply a recreation, and they do not believe that the sacred teachings should be accompanied by music.

W. S. B. PARAGON LINEN
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Police Department of the City of New York.
Office of the 2nd Inspection District.
#300 Mulberry Street.
New York, October 1st, 1896.

Peter Conlin, Esq.,
Chief of Police,

Sir:-

Referring to communication sent by His Honor Wm.L.Strong, Mayor of this City, to President Roosevelt, Board of Police, in behalf of the owners of the Chinese theatre, I desire to state that, during the time that I have been Inspector of the 2nd District, which includes the 6th Precinct wherein the Chinese theatre is located, the Chinese concert hall people, who own the said theatre at #5 & 7 Doyer St., have not had any trouble with the police, nor the police with them, except on two occasions where it was found that Section 2007 of the Consolidation Act had been violated, when arrests were made upon warrants. These cases were tried in the Court of General Sessions, and convictions secured by the police.

Numerous arrests, without warrant, have been made in the places of business of the so-called merchants for allowing gambling to go on there.

To say that the owners of the Chinese theatre have had no end of trouble with the police department, and in some cases through no fault of their own, is hardly fair, as these people have been cautioned repeatedly, and have been told, time and again, by the commanding officer of the precinct that, if they insisted and persisted in violating the law, arrests would follow. These admonitions were not heeded, and there remained but the one alternative, to arrest them the same as any other person who, knowingly and wilfully, violates any of the laws of this State.

That the business of running the theatre is not as lucrative for the owners, as formerly, is unquestionably true, for the large Sunday receipts have been cut off by the issuing of a conditional license, allowing performances on week-days only, and Sunday had been their harvest day.

But it is not the loss of receipts for admission to the theatre on Sundays, they mourn chiefly, but, the theatre being closed and no other attractions in view for the visiting Chinaman, after having purchased his provisions for the coming week, he wends his way homewards, with his money in pocket, instead of patronizing the gambling dens run under the supervision of the Chinese concert hall people. To secure a license, allowing them to give performances, or sacred concerts as they choose to call them, would be like finding the key to a gold mine, for spicy Sunday performances attract the visiting Chinaman, and, having him once in their meshes, they manage to keep him in their squeeze until his money is gone.

The re-opening of the Chinese theatre on Sunday means, to undo, with one single stroke, the work of many months of the hardest kind of work the police ever undertook in that part of the City. The theatre, again open, gambling would flourish as a matter of consequence; and not that alone, but with the return of "Chinese" prosperity, prostitutes would come back to their old haunts from whence they were driven by the police, and the scarcity of money among the Chinese gamblers of late.

As to the charitable disposition of the owners of the Chinese theatre, I can only say that I was informed by a very intelligent and truthful Chinaman, who is thoroughly familiar with the doings of Chinatown, that none of these men have ever been known to contribute one single dollar towards charity.

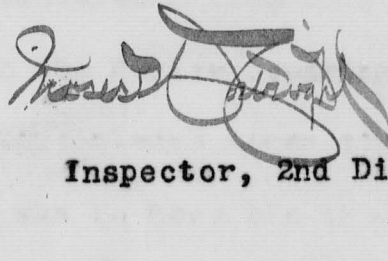
It is only natural that the promoters of Chinese sacred concert are ready to promise, and to pledge themselves, to do anything asked of them, in order to secure that Sunday privilege. They may, should such a license be granted, conform with our ideas of sacred concerts, for a short time, with a view of showing that their intentions are good, and that they mean to keep their pledges, but, being familiar with the scheming of these enterprising gentlemen, I stand ready to predict that such pretence would be of very short duration, - and pledges and promises

are forgotten.

The Captain of the precinct has no choice in the matter of Chinese sacred concerts, and is not governed by his individual ideas with regard to the same, but is guided by the provisions of law, and it is his sworn duty to enforce the law and to arrest where- and when-ever he finds it violated. I have held, and shall hold the commanding officer of that or any other precinct in my district responsible for the fair and impartial enforcement of the laws of this State.

In my opinion some of the present owners of the Chinese concert hall are not the proper persons to be entrusted with the management of sacred concerts on Sundays.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. Smith", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the typed name "Inspector, 2nd District.".

Inspector, 2nd District.

Police Department,

Board of Police Commissioners,

of the City of New York,

Theodore Roosevelt,
President.

Avery D. Andrews,
Treasurer.

Frederick D. Grant,

Andrew D. Parker.

300 Mulberry Street,

New York, Oct. 2, 1896

My dear Mr Mayor:

In reply to your two recent communications relative to the opening of the Chinese Theatre upon Sunday, and their request for a Sunday license, I enclose herewith a report by Inspector Cortright, of the 2nd District, and a copy of a report by Captain Young, in command of the 6th precinct, together with copies of translations of the program of this theatre when formerly opened on Sunday, and a copy of a report relative to the so-called religious entertainments of the Chinese people obtained by Inspector Cortright through a Chinese resident of this City believed to be responsible.

You ask us whether we cannot set some standard of a sacred concert in the Chinese Concert Hall, so that they may not be deprived of their harmless amusement on Sunday. The Sunday entertainment formerly given in this theatre has, as you are aware, been declared by the Courts a violation of the Penal Code. Future entertainments, to receive the sanction of the police must, there-

fore, be of a very different character than those which have taken place in the past.

It is not easy, and I think it would be of doubtful wisdom, for the police to attempt in advance to draw an exact line between what is and what is not a violation of the law; for such a definition of itself would suggest evasions which could not have been contemplated.

From the information which I can obtain, it seems that the former concerts were condemned because -

1st. Of the stage setting and fancy and grotesque costumes in common use.

2nd. Their immoral nature.

These suggestions suggest the ~~ready~~, and the present promoters now express their willingness in the most positive terms to conduct a concert consisting exclusively of vocal and instrumental music, not immoral, and in the ordinary and everyday street costumes of the Chinese people. Such a performance would seem to be within the law. The officers of the Department are, however, strongly of the opinion that such a program would not be consistently adhered to, and further that the opening of this theatre on Sunday upon any terms is not conducive to good order in that part of the City; and still further that such an opening would in fact tend to undo and destroy much valuable work already accomplished

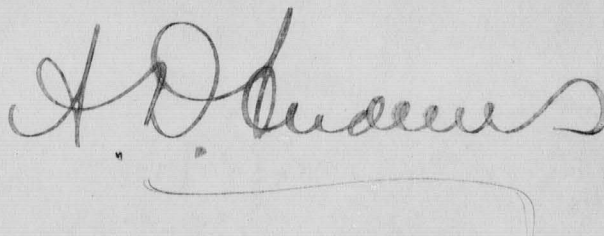
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by the police.

These conclusions are based upon a careful examination of the subject and a consideration of the views of the officers of this Department. If any further information is desired, please command me.

I am with very great respect,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. D. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor, New York, N.Y.

Detective Bureau

New York October 2nd, 1896.

Peter Conlin,

Chief of Police,

Dear Sir:-

In reference to the enclosed communication addressed to his Honor, Mayor William L. Strong, by D. C. Kissel of St. Paul, Minn., in regard to Edward Berger & Co., from whom he purchased some foreign bonds, I have caused an investigation to be made, and learn that E. Berger & Co. have not occupied the premises No. 703 Broadway during the past three years, and that Edward Berger was indicted by the Grand Jury in this County, about April, 1891 for swindles growing out of the sale of Foreign Bonds and the case is still pending. We have been unable to locate the aforesaid firm, and do not believe that at present they have a place of business in this City. However as Mr. D. C. Kissel's transaction occurred as far back as March 1889, it would be impossible to take any criminal action against the said E. Berger & Co., at this late day, as the offence if any, is outlawed, under the statute of limitations, under the laws of this State.

Yours very respectfully

Stephen O'Brien.

Captain Detective Bureau.

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regard to Edward Berger & Co., from

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Narbonne le 28 juillet 1896.

Monsieur Le Secrétaire Général
de l'Hotel de Ville
N.Y. York.

vers 1840 à 1850 est décédé à New-York
un armateur Français du nom de Dheers.
Jean Baptiste né à Oues (Ariège) le 24 avril
1772. Il armait principalement Marseille
pour l'Amérique et faisait un commerce
relativement important à New-York. ou il
vivait mort à l'époque que je vous indique
ci dessus.

Veuillez donc avoir l'obligeance de
bien vouloir faire des recherches dans le but de
connaître le date exacte du décès et de m'en
faire adresser une copie si c'est possible.
(Dans l'attente du plaisir de vous lire)
Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Secrétaire Général,
mes très respectueuses salutations.

M. Bosa

13 Rue du feu de Saum
Narbonne
France

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seront voir également reconnaissant
de vous renseigner si la succession n'aurait
pas été déclarée vacante ou en destitution
et dans ce cas, si les fonds n'auraient
pas été consignés au Trésor ou ailleurs

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Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,

New York, ————— 189

Translation

Marseilles - July 28. 96

Secretary General

Hôtel de Ville.

New York

About 1840, or 1850, there died in New York
a French Privateeroman named Jean Baptiste
Dhers, born at Orus - (Origue) April 28. 1772
He traded principally between Marseilles and
New York where he did a large business, and
died about the time stated.

Have the kindness to ascertain
the exact date of his death, and if possible
send me a certificate.

Awaiting the pleasure of your reply
accept Mr Secretary General

My Respectful Salutations

M. Bosq

13 Rue de Jem de Pauvre

Marseilles

France

JOHN BAPTIST DHERS

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

October 15, 1896.

M. Bosq,

13 Rue de Jeu de Paume,

Narbonne, France:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of July 28, asking information relative to Jean Baptiste Dhers, that the attached transcript from the records of the Health Department show that said name does not appear thereon. One John Draher, aged 57 years, born in France, died in Harlem Lane October 22, 1843, and was buried ~~in~~ in the Methodist Episcopal cemetery.

Very respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

Enclosure.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

October 15, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to enclose herewith
copies of reports sent as directed by you, as follows:

Sept. 17, to William H. Hofmeister, St. Louis.

Sept. 19, to Alonzo H. Ames, New York City.

Sept. 21, M. Bosq, Narbonne, France.

Very respectfully,

John J. Ryan
Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

October 15, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

By direction of the Board of Police I enclose herewith copy
of report on complaint of Hon. Anson G. McCook, relative to reckless
blasting at Amsterdam avenue and 76th street.

Very respectfully,

Wm J. Ryan

Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* October 15, 1896..

Hon. Anson G. McCook,
City Chamberlain:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, and referred to this Department, relative to reckless blasting at Amsterdam avenue and 76th street, that Inspector Harley, under orders from the Chief of Police, reports as follows concerning the same:

"I detailed Roundsman John H. Russell, of this office, to investigate, and he ascertained that on the northwest corner of Amsterdam avenue and 76th street, opposite Mr. Marple's house, John Kane is excavating in the street for the purpose of making a sewer connection. On Monday, the 5th inst., about 3 p. m., he fired a blast at said place and some of the small stones were thrown across the street and into the windows of the house 179 West 76th street. Mr. Kane stated to the Roundsman that he had fully complied with the ordinance relative to blasting and that the flying of the small stones was something that would occur at times no matter how careful the blaster might be. Roundsman Russell called on Dr. and Mrs. Marple, and offered if Mrs. Marple would appear as complainant to arrest Mr. Kane, the Roundsman explaining to her that not seeing the accident, and the damage being all repaired, he could not be complainant himself. This, Mrs. Marple stated, she did not desire to do, stating that as long as there were proper precautions taken to prevent a repetition of the accident, she was satisfied. The Roundsman ascertained that Officers William J. Kelly and Thomas Baker, of the 24th precinct, were at the scene of the accident shortly after it occurred and were requested by Mr. James Wilson, Janitor of 179 West 76th street, to take some action in the matter but refused. Mr. Wilson stated to me that he called the attention of Officer William J. Kelly, of the 24th precinct, to the damage done by the blast, and Officer Kelly remarking that it was not on his post, called Officer Thomas Baker, who

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failed to do anything in the matter. Officer Kelly stated that he was notified of the accident by Mr. Wilson, but seeing Officer Baker on the next corner and the accident happening on Officer Baker's post, he called Baker and then proceeded to patrol his post. Officer Baker stated that when he was notified of the accident he saw the contractor who immediately repaired all damages, and he then supposed there was nothing further for him to do. In view of the above statements I have preferred charges to the Board of Police against the said officers for neglect of duty in failing to make a proper investigation of said accident for the purpose of ascertaining if any one was injured, and for failing to report said accident at the station house."

Please send to the Board of Police any comment or suggestion you may have to make concerning this matter.

Very respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

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William Strong Esq
Mayor. City & County
New York
City

to Mayor of City & Council of N.Y.
In Behalf of Several Residents
of Block. 134th Street Between
5th and Lenox avenues I make
this Complaint to you Direct.

Lot- No 62 x 64 West 134th Street is a
nuisance. it is not fenced and it-
a Harbor for Boys to shout and annoy
all the Neighbors in two streets. 133 & 134
also the owner has not complied with the
City ordinance in respect to side walks
Please give us some Release Yours Respectfully
(and 20 others) Alongo H. Ames
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*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,* October 15, 1896.

Mr. Alonzo H. Ames,

66 West 134th street:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, and referred to this Department September 19th., concerning alleged nuisance in West 134th street, that Captain Haughey, of the 29th precinct, reports concerning the same as follows:

"Complaint has been made to the Corporation Attorney against the owner of the lot at 62 and 64 West 134th street for violation of Corporation ordinance in not having the sidewalk properly flagged. Also, the Board of Health has been notified of the failure of T. Donevan in failing to have said property properly fenced. Mr. P. Mangin, the agent, was also notified. Mr. Ames expressed his satisfaction at what had been done. In the location mentioned there are many flat houses in which reside many small children who sometimes go into the vacant lot to play and are noisy. I have instructed the members of my command on that post to drive them away. I have also detailed men in citizens' dress to visit this location and arrest any one found violating the law there. I will continue to give this matter my personal attention so as to prevent further cause for complaint."

Please send to the Board of Police any comments or suggestions you may have to make concerning this matter.

Very Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

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Room 11, Second Floor, Equitable Building,

(COR. SIXTH AND LOCUST STS.)

. . . . Telephone 1695

St. Louis, Sept. 15th,

1896.

To the Hon. Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:--

On, or about May 1889, one by the name of G. A. Stein, a white male person, is presumed to have reached New York City from New Orleans: he was reported to have been confined in the City Institution there, by some serious illness, and is reported to have died there. Nothing, it seems, has been heard from him since, and as a claim has been made on this Organization for payment of \$ 2000.00 insurance by Mrs. G. A. Stein, his wife, on the presumption of his being "legally" dead, we would appreciate very much any assistance you might be able to render us, by an investigation of the public records in your city, and advise us of any evidence you may find that will throw light upon the case.

That he was in your City about that time, is a pretty well settled fact, as he wrote from there to a Brother here, and in his letter stated he was very sick, in fact near the end of his life, presumably with Consumption.

Please let us hear from you, and greatly oblige,

WM. H. Hofmeister
 Supreme Recorder.

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 P. S. We will pay any expense which you may incur in obtaining the above information.

*Police Department,
of the City of New York,
300 Mulberry Street,
New York,*

October 15, 1896.

Mr. W. H. Hofmeister,
Legion of Honor, Equitable Building,
St. Louis, Mo.:

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 15th ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, asking relative to alleged death of G. A. Stein, that the attached transcript from the records of the Health Department of this city shows that the name of G. A. Stein was not recorded as having died during the period from January 1, 1889, to date.

Very respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

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Mr. W. H. Hollister,

Legation of Honor, Hon.