

Red Bank New Jersey.

Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mr H. L. Strong.

Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir.

I ask as a special favor that this letter will bring me more than what I am. In the first place I am a son of a Lawyer. And a nephew of the Sheriff of our County. Am age twenty four, of good appearance. Am a Civil Engineer by profession having studied with Mr John Hone's sons who live on the Rumson road, not a great ways from your summer residence. And tis through them that caused me to write. I ask you very kindly for a position one where there is a chance of advancement. Am not afraid of hard work or long hours. And will do anything where I can earn enough to keep my Mother and two sisters from destitute circumstances And I cheerfully ask you as Mayor of New York to give me a chance at something. on the City Survey or wherever I can find a place hoping I am not intruding upon your Honor.

Remains very truly, F. J. Smock

New York February 21. 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong Esq

Sir! ✓

I take the liberty of addressing these few lines to you asking you to use your influence in placing me in any department of our City Government. I am a life long Republican & have for years been employed in the Brooklyn Navy Yard in the Boiler Shop of the Engineering Dept. and was discharged on the 30<sup>th</sup> of last March (for being a Republican) since which time I have had no employment. I have been a Citizen for 43 years and am anxious to work & not ashamed to do any kind of work that will give me a living. Hoping you will give this your kind consideration I am

Yours Very Truly

John Sohl

431 Stanton Street  
New York City



Bible House, March-16/89.

Hon. Wm L. Strong.

Dear Sir:-

Col. Waring has written me to call at his office & I have done so & with your approval he will appoint me Dis. Foreman with less delay than without your approval. He seems somewhat interested in me since I defeated two of his Tammany hall-oats who tried to prevent my having a certificate. But I quickly forced them to do me justice & apologize for the evidence of many business & professional men showed that Dr. Pfeiffer, the medical examiner, was absolutely false with me. With Col. Waring's consent I wanted to publish the matter. The examination is a costly & disagreeable game as I could show you in a moment, and the office ought

to be abolished. There is no virtue  
in it and it results in defamation of  
character etc. With your permission I would  
like to show you the evidence Monday or  
Tuesday P.M. I called Friday but you  
looked so tired I could not ask you  
for a moment of your time. Now Hon.  
Mayor I think you know me by way of  
testimonials from the highest sources, and  
my fate is in your hands. Col. Haring  
says distinctly, he appoints men whom  
you approve of. If I do not hear from  
you I will call just a moment on Mon-  
day or Tuesday P.M. to see if you believe  
in me. I think you know my heart  
has been with you from the start and as  
you wrote on my letter from H. Clay Hodge,  
I believe you would have appointed me  
to some post if possible --- I have been  
visiting the schools and I believe it would  
please you to know what I learned.

Sincerely yours,

M. B. Soule.





# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

(Criminal Court Building)

Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, February 16th, 1895. 189

Ullman B. Soule, Esq.,

# <sup>131</sup>~~122~~ Bible House, City.

Dear Sir,

Colonel Waring directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Feb. 15th, enclosing one of Mr. M. M. Williams.

He can not express any personal opinion in the matter before a new statement of the Medical Examiner reaches him. He instructs him to see you again and report.

Yours very truly,

*O. S. Canis*

Private Secretary.

W. B. Park



No. 109 East 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York City  
June 14<sup>th</sup> 1895

Wm L. Strong

Mayn New York City. Dear Sir:

I am told there soon will  
be positions to fill in the Tax Department,  
Deputy Comptroller. I am an applicant  
for such a position.

Mr Brookfield is I think willing  
to endorse me, He has of late  
done so to the Governor of our State.  
My record as apendant and a citizen,  
Merchant &c &c for many years,  
a Republican of a pure breed, of  
this our City will stand investigation.

Please consider this application  
and oblige yours Respectfully  
Henry Clay Southworth

Newyork, April 4. 1898

Hon. Sir,

Excuse me. for taking the Liberty to write a few lines to you. in regards to my husband. he is Idle for the last 4 months. and has a very large family to support. as we have 9 small children. not one able to work, I as Mother. beg of you for my Children's sake to give him work. of some kind. he is a Harness maker by trade. and understands his Business thoroughly. he often times parrot the remarks. he would like to get in one of the Departments. but it was no use for him to try to get there as he had no pull and no money to spend, so I took the Liberty to write to you personally. unknown to my husband. to see if you can do some thing for my family. we do not look <sup>over</sup>



Charity. give my husband work, so he  
can make a decent Living for me and his  
children, is all I ask, no matter what  
work it is, so long as it is steady,  
he can bring reference from his last  
employers. and Oblige.

yours very respectfully.

Mrs A Spickman

535 West 5<sup>th</sup> St.

City

P. S.

please give this your kind  
consideration. and keep it personal.

Mrs A Spickman

230 W 62 W St

N. Y. City  
Feb 28<sup>th</sup> / 95

Wm L Strong Esq

Esteemed Sir;

Stranger though it may seem,  
I take this method of approach  
my own Honor, as I have no Political  
backing. Though I can  
furnish eighteen years refer-  
ences, of Public and private  
services. I am a colored man  
36 years old. Steady habits, and  
a good moral character, received  
part of a common school education,  
and am quick and apt to learn  
most any kind of business. I have  
a family to support, and being  
out of employment. I am desirous  
of securing consisted of a public  
position, where, energy, honesty and  
common sense is required.



I am an Ex Letter Carrier, and  
can give personal references  
as to honesty, sobriety, and indus-  
try. Of course your Honor it may appear  
strange for you to receive such  
a letter as this from a stranger. yet  
I hope you will not look upon  
this as emanating from one of the  
many crooks that delight in  
deceiving officials. But look at  
this as coming from an honest  
hearted, and humble Republican  
Keggs who is desirous of making  
~~and~~ honest living, by merit and  
not through or by Political influ-  
ence. I would be pleased to  
get any kind of a position from  
assistant janitor, janitor, messen-  
ger in any of the several Depart-  
ments of the city. I can refer to  
gentlemen in the immediate  
vicinity of the City Hall for refer-  
ences.

via. E. M. Morgan Esq. Supr City  
Delivery. N. Y. P. O. J. H. Secor's  
Attorney, Chambers & Center st  
Robert Secor Esq. Atty Mutual Life Ins  
59 Cedar st. N. B. Secor 16 Sec-  
Foreign Missions - Bible House and  
many others. Should you, Honored  
Sir grant me an interview, you  
would confer a great favor on  
me

Yours most Respectfully  
Robt H Spokewood

230 W 62<sup>nd</sup> St

N. Y. City

## ENGINEERING NEWS

TRIBUNE BUILDING.

NEW YORK, April 19 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.

Mayor of the City of New York -

Sir:-

Along with other good citizens, this journal has noted with much pleasure your incognitions of Engineers in filling engineering positions in the service of this city, and in always striving to consider fitness for office before mere party demands or policy.

In this connection it has come to our knowledge that you at one time considered the name of Mr. Gustav Lindenthal for a position in which his Engineering experience would have been valuable to the community. And we also understand that charges made against his personal character prevented his appointment.

We do not ask that you reconsider an act ~~thus~~ performed; but we do feel called upon to defend the personal reputation of a maligned friend. Mr. Lindenthal has been personally and intimately known to the Editors of this journal for years. His reputation as an Engineer and business man is too well known to many to need further comment than to say that it is enviable. And we positively know that his personal character is as unsailable. We are familiar with all the incidents of his unhappy marriage



and while regretting much that his private life should have been marred in this way, can say that his own moral and personal character came out of that trial clear and unimpeached.

As a member of the Loyals Legion, I lately had the pleasure of hearing Mayor Strong address that body. It was the first time I had seen him, but he impressed me deeply with his honesty of purpose, strong will and inherent justice. It is that impression that impels me to address him this letter, in justice to an excellent Engineer and a personal friend. And because I believe Mayor Strong will appreciate this purpose. I am

Very Respectfully

D. M. N. Stauffer

Editor

"Engineering News"

I send a marked copy of "Engineering News" by this same mail.

To

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of New York.

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OFFICE OF

August H. Stebbins,  
**Silk & Straw Millinery Goods,**

MANUFACTURER OF TRIMMED GOODS.

No. 635 BROADWAY,

New York, June 5 " 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong  
Dear Sir;

On Mch 27"/95 I wrote you relative to a commissionship on the Board of Education and in the same communication I enclosed a petition signed by some of the most substantial business men of this City.

I have never received an acknowledgement from you of this letter.

I have been repeatedly asked by these gentlemen who endorsed my recommendation, if I had heard from you, in view of this fact will you kindly let me know what consideration my papers are receiving.

I was introduced to you by the Hon Alfred R. Conkling and at this introduction and after an extended interview with you, the encouragement you gave me of success was very flattering.

With much respect  
August H. Stebbins-



LAW OFFICE.  
STEELE & PAGE  
18 BROADWAY.

New York, October 9th., 1895

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I write to ask you if you can consistently use your influence toward procuring me a position as assistant to the Corporation Counsel or some other office in the line of my profession in any Department.

I had the honor to make application to you for appointment as City Magistrate and you then kindly expressed yourself as being pleased with my recommendations and antecedents and as seriously considering the propriety of appointing me.

Mine was the first and most vehement protest against the recent action of a faction of the Anti-Tammany Democracy in endorsing the Tammany Hall ticket and my Assembly District (the twenty first) was the first to repudiate such endorsement. The public protest of twelve leaders of that organization was prepared and affected by me.

For the last two years I have labored earnestly and consistently in support of reform government in this City and have never asked or received assistance, financial or otherwise, from any faction or person; but, rather, have crippled myself in so doing. During our last campaign my following earnestly supported the Fusion ticket and both the Senator and Assemblyman on the Republican ticket were elected.

As I am the sole support of three sisters and four children, my wife having died four years since, I am constrained to call upon your kind assistance in my attempt to obtain appointment in some



LAW OFFICE.  
STEELE, & PAGE  
18 BROADWAY.

capacity within the lines of my profession.

My recommendations are on file in your office accompanying my application for appointment as City Magistrate, and should you find them insufficient I shall be pleased to furnish you with further endorsement.

Very respectfully

*Theophilus B. Steele*

*Edward P. Steers, Pres.  
Isaac K. Kopper, V. Pres.  
F. B. French, Cashier.  
Charles M. Dayton, Counsel.*

*The Twelfth Ward Bank*  
COR. 125TH ST. & LEXINGTON AVE.

*New York,* June 21st. 1895

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir:—

I take pleasure in recommending Mr. Michael Lewis  
of No. 9 Walker Street, to you as I have known him for several years  
His business in this Bank was always that of an honest and upright man  
and I know him to always carry out all his business transactions.  
As such I warmly recommend him to your honor for due consideration.

Very respectfully yours,

*Edward P. Steers.*



REPUBLICAN CLUB,  
202 E. 49th Street,

New York, Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mr Job E Hedges

Mayors office city hall

Dear Hedges,

The Beaver Mr W. H. Bayle  
is the man whose name I gave you in Albany  
for the place in ~~the~~ Street Cleaning Dept.  
Will you try and have him put on or give him  
a letter to the Dep Commissioner  
and oblige

Yours truly

Chas Steinberg.



GEO. W. STEPHENS,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
132 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK,  
*Telephone Call: 695 Cortlandt.*

May 22nd, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have endeavored to have a personal interview with you to-day, but your time was so taken up with other matters, that I came away without waiting longer for it. The object of my call was to obtain the appointment of one, Louis Wiegel, as Pound Master in the 24th Ward. You will probably recall that some time ago I applied to you for his appointment, and you promised to make the appointment, and it was understood that I was to send you a memorandum of the section of the Consolidation Act authorizing you to make the appointment. I wrote you afterwards that I found that it would be necessary to have an ordinance passed by the Common Council, changing the location of the Pound before the appointment could be made. An ordinance was thereupon prepared for this <sup>purpose</sup> ~~prop-~~ ~~osition~~, changing the location of the Pound, to the premises now owned and occupied by Mr. Weigel. This ordinance was approved by you last week, and it now only remains for you to make the appointment of the Pound Master. Your authority to make this appointment will be found in Section 106 of the Consolidation Act. I have explained to Mr. <sup>Burrill</sup> ~~Burrill~~ the entire law on the subject.

If you will kindly make the appointment of

GEO. W. STEPHENS,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
132 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK.

*Telephone Call: 695 Cortlandt.*

(Hon. Wm. L. Strong, 2)

Mr. Weigel, I will be very much obliged to you; and, I may say, that it is really necessary that the appointment should be made, for as matters now stand, the old pound has been abolished, the new pound has been created on Mr. Weigel's premises, but there is no Pound Master to run it. The present Pound Master is Michael Donohue, but his Pound no longer exists.

I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

*G. W. Stephens*



JACOB STERNGLANZ.

M. H. BAUMGARTEN.

J. STERNGLANZ & CO.,  
SHIRT WAREHOUSE,  
24 & 26 WHITE STREET.

FACTORY:  
CHERRY HILL, N. Y.

*New York,* April 3rd, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:-

We notice through the Press that you have intended to appoint Dr. Phillip Meirowitz as School Commissioner.

We can only say of this gentleman, he is a very bright and able man, about thirty years of age, and well fitted for the position you so kindly intend to honor him.

We feel confident he will be an acquisition to the Board of School Commissioners.

Very respectfully yours,

*J. Sternglanz & Co.*



131 W 32<sup>nd</sup> St.,

New York City,

Apr. 12, 1895

To His Excellency;

Mr. W. L. Strong;

Mayor New York,

Kind Sir;

I am a student  
of the Hampton Nor-  
mal <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> Agricultural  
Institute at Hamp-  
ton, Virginia. As it  
was nearly vacation  
I was allowed to  
leave. You know we  
work to pay our  
board while our tu-

tion is contributed  
by Northern people.

A friend of mine  
asked me to come  
here to a situation  
and I came but I  
have not found my  
friend yet.

I have spent all  
my money and  
cannot get work. I  
have been to several  
places to work but  
they would not em-  
ploy me because I  
was a negro.

Can you tell me

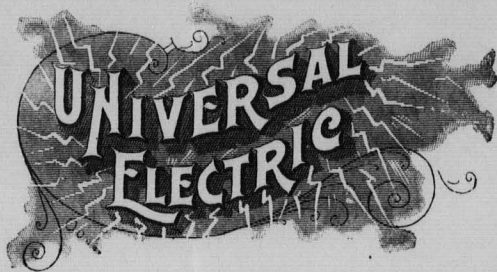
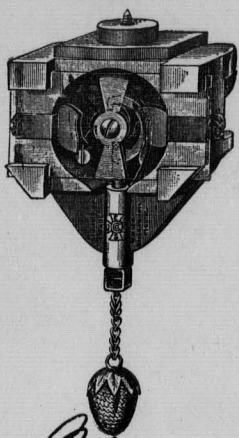
where I can get  
work? I have a sit-  
uation in Newport R.I.  
but can not get  
money to go to it.  
It costs about \$5.00.  
I owe \$2.50 for lodging.

Can you give me  
work or assist me in  
any way?

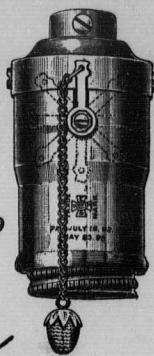
I can come to see  
you if necessary.

Respectfully Yours,

John T. Stevens Jr.



Pull Socket  
& Switch Co.



NO 27 BEAVER STREET

NEW YORK,

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Hon. W. R. Strong,  
Mayor City of N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Excuse the liberty I take in usurping upon your valuable time to apply for a position in any branch of the City Government where diligence, trustworthiness & close application to the duties required will be duly appreciated. I am 37 years of age, married and in justice to the loved ones at home may have no stone unturned to provide an honorable means of support. Am a graduate of the College of the City of N.Y. was born & brought up in this city, have been in the manufacturing business as manager & can furnish the best of references from leading merchants here also any amount of bonds if required. I have never affiliated with any political party. If you will give this your kind attention or kindly use your influence in referring me to where I would likely find employment, you would confer a favor which I assume you will be fully appreciated.

Very Respectfully,  
W. R. Strong  
1712 East End Ave City



131 Manhattan Ave. Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup>  
Hon. W. L. Strong. Mayor.

Dear Sir.

I am informed that the  
office of Peddlers-License Clerk  
is within your gift. — I ven-  
-tured to ask you for it — shortly  
before your official life began,  
but fear that in the first con-  
-fusion, My letter miscarried.  
When you appointed My neighbor  
Mr. Lehmaier, Commissioner  
of Accounts, I asked him to  
name me Examiner and Mr  
Judson Lawson, another friend  
and neighbor, went with me.

Mr. Lehmanier laughingly told  
me that "Politics, Grand Army, Pull.  
Personal friendship. Good Govt.  
influence Etc. had no weight  
there. Nothing but up to date  
Chartered Accountants were to  
be employed" — I know  
<sup>Mr. Burrows</sup> your Confidential Clerk slightly,  
~~but~~ not well enough to ask  
his aid. Yet he is in away to know  
my personal, social and political  
standing. I hope to get Assembly  
-man Lawsons. Endorsement before  
asking an Audience at your office.  
In the hope that you have not yet  
made a selection of a License Clerk  
I remain yours very truly  
G.W. Stokes.



Amityville. L.I.  
Oct 14 / 1895

To The Mayor Of New  
York City

Dear Sir

I am a young  
man 21 years of age  
sober and honest and  
would like to get a  
position in the New  
York fire department  
have good reference's  
and a fair bit of hardwork  
will you kindly send  
me an application blank

to fill out hoping  
to get an answer to  
this letter

Yours Truly  
Theodore Stratton  
Amityville  
L.I.

Lot 151



September 13<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Mayor W. L. Strong

"City Hall"

N. Y. City.

Honorable Sir:-

I beg to inform you herewith of my desire to serve the City government in the capacity as a "school-inspector" in this city, and trust you will kindly remember the writer at the appointment to take care of the existing eight vacancies.

Very respectfully

Charles E. Stohman Jr.  
Reporter

#148/150 Park Row

N. Y. City

Referred to

SEP 23 1895  
for examination and report.

W. L. Strong,

MAYOR.

57 West 58<sup>th</sup> Street New York -  
April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1895.

Hon William L. Strong

Dear Sir,

I would respectfully reintroduce myself to you, having had the pleasure of a meeting at the loyal Legion dinner the early part of the current month, as the son of the youngest Major General graduated from West Point who lost his life in the National Service and as a grandson of William A. Budd one of the first members of the Union League - A trip to Brooklyn with my regiment lost me what promised to be a good position - Colonel Waring some three weeks ago kindly gave



in the position of custodian of Incumbence  
 yard #1- of his department & I have  
 incited, I believe, his approbation & that of  
 his deputy, Mr Moore. With tens of thousands  
 of dollars worth of property in my charge  
 the master of from eight to ten men and  
 employed from ten to twelve hours a day  
 I receive but the same pay given the least  
 intelligent of my actual though not nomi-  
 nal subordinates viz 2<sup>00</sup> per diem and  
 would respectfully ask if you cannot  
 afford me a somewhat better position  
 the duties of which I am thoroughly able  
 to perform - trusting that you will not

consider this an intrusion as I am actively employed in work that<sup>3.</sup>  
requires my individual presence during business hours, I remain,

Very sincerely, Your obedient servant

Wilson B. Strong.

P.S. I believe you know the firm of Sullivan, Budd & Co. who succeeded  
the old house of Wilson & Hunt & Co., Woodland, the present succeeding  
firm dealing with the Central National Bank of I mistake not. Were it  
not for the depressed condition of business I should not seek municipal  
employment.

20 N.Y. Nov. 11/95-

Hon. W. L. Strong Esq.  
Mayor

Hon. Sir,

Hoping that I do not presume too much in thus addressing you and hoping that you will not slight my appeal but grant this a little consideration, I will now explain my situation. I am a young man twenty six years of age and am strong and healthy a total abstainer from all ~~aceto~~ alcoholic drink I am perfectly willing to work but seem to be so unlucky that I cannot obtain a steady position. I have excellent references from my employers. and



can if necessary bring  
them before you personally  
to vouch for me I have  
a fairly good education  
having graduated from  
the public school and  
spent four years in the  
College of St. Francis Xavier

If you will kindly give  
me your aid I can tell you  
what I have done. I passed the  
doctor's examination of the  
labor bureau and my  
number is 909 being a  
straight republican all my  
life. (I was captain of the 26<sup>th</sup>  
election of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly district  
this year.) They made me all  
sorts of promises but after  
I passed the examination  
they told they could do nothing  
therefore this appeal

I am in actual need of  
work and beg of you to  
aid me

Hoping you will not  
cast this aside but give  
it a little consideration

I Remain

Your Obedient Servant  
Chas. J. Sullivan  
27 Duane St  
City.

S. 102  
N. Y. April, 23, 1895

Hon. Mayor, W. S. Strong,  
Dear Sir i Jeremiah Sullivan.  
voted and worked for your  
Election on the 6 day of novemb.  
Mr. Samon lives in the same  
Block as me he spent money and  
time to defete you at the poles  
he stil holds a job as mesenger  
in the building Department,  
Dear Sir i am out of work  
and i would like to get his  
job, or some job in the Criminal  
Court building on the Elevator  
would suite m if it would  
be pleasing to your Honore,  
Dear Sir i am sending my wate  
chers papers so you can see i ham  
a voter and a worker, Dear Sir  
i will waite wth plesure for



for answer from your Honor  
hoping this appeal to you will  
recive your earnest attention  
yours truly Jeremiah

Sullivan.

no 308 E 31, St.  
n, y. City

BOH. REP. CLUB, J. A. GARFIELD,  
HEADQUARTERS:  
324 EAST 71ST STREET.

To Hon. *New York, Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 1895*  
*William L. Strong Mayor.*  
*New York City.*

Hon. Sir.

Our organization numbering One hundred and sixty five (165) members, and representing as it does the majority of Bohemian voters in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ass. Districts has six candidates for various positions in various departments for which applications has been forwarded to the respective heads of each department where positions have been desired. So far as getting an answer that said applications will be considered we have heard nothing and therefore we have resolved to appoint a committee (Messrs. Jos. F. Beran, Jos. Bazata and Frank Schimeček to wait upon You and ask Your distinguished consideration not only as Republicans but as Bohemian



citizen working men, who; though Repu-  
blicans, believing in the principles of  
the Republican Party, we are not and  
never were connected with any faction.  
The Record of the Bohemian Election Dis-  
tricts will show a constant decrease of Demo-  
cratic votes and a corresponding increase  
of Republican votes not only in the last elec-  
tion but for several years past. In the last  
Presidential Campaign our organization was  
the headquarters of all the Boh. Rep. Clubs in  
the aforesaid Districts. We have no candidates  
for big Positions nor men for whom we Bohe-  
mians could or would not be held responsible.  
for they are all men of good character whom  
any business man in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> As. Dist.  
can vouch for irrespective of Politics or Religion.  
We have two applicants in Dept. Street Cleaning 2 appli-  
cants in Dept. Public Works, One applicant in Dept.  
Public Parks and One in the Office Department.  
Hoping Honorable Sir You will consider this and  
give our committee a hearing We are Most.

Respectfully Yours for "Reform"

Boh. Rep. Club NEW YORK A. Garfield.

John Svoboda pres.

John F. Deraw Cor. Sec.

15 E. 73<sup>rd</sup> St. New York City





N.Y. City 3/6/95-

To

The Hon, Wm L. Strong,



Sir:

you will pardon me, for writing you, as I thought I might interest you in my grandson's behalf. My husband was a veteran of the late War. as was also, my son; his father. I would be deeply indebted to you if you can do anything for him in the way of an appointment of any kind. My husband was in the 42<sup>d</sup> N.Y. Volunteers, and my son in the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry, of Governor's Foot-G.

My husband died during the war, and my son is also dead, though he lived several years after the close of the War and his mother, died soon after him. He has been under my care ever since and I myself am now in the Trinity Chapel Home for Aged Women and can not do much in helping him.

I enclose a sheet from the report of the Samaritan Home of which I was matron that you may know who I am and what I have as regards my character.

Respectfully yours

J. Sykes

221 H-4th St  
N.Y. City

New York May 6-1895

Hon. William C. Strong  
Mayor of New York:  
Dear Sir:

This is only another of the innumerable applications for a position, which you no doubt receive every day; but I beg of you, not to consign it to the waste paper basket, without at least reading it. I am a young man 24 years of age, a graduate of Grammar School #2, and have held a responsible position, until recently, in a business house, but now find myself out of work. I have no political endorsements, but have recommendations from my last position, and can refer to several well known business men of this city, as to my qualifications. Perhaps among the many positions, (both political and business) of which you know, there is one, which an honest young man, anxious to advance himself can fill, if so, kindly excuse my presumption in addressing you, in this manner, and advise.

Yours Very Truly

George W. Sylvester  
79 East 108<sup>th</sup> str  
N.Y.



New York

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1845

Dear Mr. Mayor

My husband said to night  
that they most gentlemanly  
man he ever seen in  
liquor store had to sell  
out because he said that  
you and Mr. Goff made  
New-York a good city. My  
husband told me Mr. Graham  
had ten or eleven children  
and that you ought to  
give him a job see  
what I say is true  
before giving him a  
job

your obedient servant

Mrs S.

East 85<sup>th</sup>  
" "

New York, ~~December~~ *January* 15, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

As business men, we desire to urge the appointment of W.R. Spooner as Commissioner of Charities and Correction.

A self-made man, of Ohio birth and raising, his early manhood spent on the Plains in newspaper work, and for twenty years now a resident of this City. Mr. Spooner is one of those in whom are combined the directness, perseverance and energy of the western character and the discernment, breadth and correct understanding peculiar to the eastern man of affairs.

His training, experience and success at the Bar, his great services and prominence in the charitable work of fraternal societies, and his business capacity as evidenced by the prosperity attending his administration of such societies, render him especially competent for the position named.

Very respectfully,

*Thomas N. Rooker.*  
% N.Y. Tribune  
*J. G. Strong* 60 Broadway  
*W. W. Walter* 60 "  
*W. W. Lewis* - Consolidated Exchange  
*Norman S. Drake*  
156 Broadway

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NEW YORK,

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon Wm L Strong  
Sir

I enclose you a petition signed by a number of our best representative business men and write to say. I have endeavoured to find some one who knew you personally but unfortunately could not. So thought I would mail direct and that possibly you might consider it.

I have read in the papers that there might be some changes in the Comte in regard to Clerks - and possibly

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might have a chance -

I do not belong to any  
political organization. have  
always been independent  
in voting - have been with  
my father in above business  
for past 25 years. and  
can furnish A 1 Masonic  
reference as to character &c

Respectfully Yours  
G.W. Tallman



NOTARY PUBLIC.

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101 EAST 92<sup>D</sup> STREET,  
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ENTIRE CHARGE OF PROPERTY TAKEN.

New York, *March 26<sup>th</sup>* 1895

*Hon. W. L. Strong.*

*Mayor, N.Y. City.*

Dear Sir:

*If you have the appointment of the Deputy marshals will you have the kindness to send me an application blank. I oblige*

*Yours truly*

*Geo. Tanco*

*115 E. 92<sup>nd</sup> St.*



*Offices of*  
*A. W. Teele and Rodney S. Dennis,*  
*Public Accountants and Auditors,*  
*11 Wall Street,*  
*New York,* February 13th, 1895.

WILLIAM L. STRONG, ESQ.,

#75 Worth Street,

NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Sir:-

Recent developments of discrepancies in many financial institutions have demonstrated the necessity of a thorough and impartial examination of accounts by competent and disinterested experts.

Experience has shown, that in order to have a thorough and impartial examination, it must be made by some one in no way connected with the corporation or institution examined.

Our experience in matters of this kind, qualifies us to make such examinations as may be necessary to insure protection against such evils as above referred to.

By the employment of an Expert Accountant of good standing you are enabled to avail yourself of his experience not only in detecting errors, but also his suggestions as to the simplifying and improvement of your present methods of keeping accounts, which arise from his familiarity with many different kinds of business.

If you are interested in this matter, we would be glad to consult with you at any time convenient.

We enclose a list of references to whom you can refer as to our fitness to render such service as you may require.

Yours truly,

*A. W. Teele & Rodney S. Dennis*

BLAIR & PHELPS,  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
UNION TRUST BUILDING,  
80 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

CHARLES H. BLAIR.  
CHARLES HENRY PHELPS.

90 Broadway.  
New York City.  
Nov, 12<sup>th</sup> 1895.

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

Dear Sir: I understand that at an early date you are to make several changes in the various clerkships under your administration, and that a clerk for the new Park Board is to be appointed.

Being an Ohio man, (have been here a year,) with a college. Law and Commercial school education, (each of which was obtained under difficult circumstances) and being prepared by practical experience as a bookkeeper, private secretary, four years at the Ohio Bar and one here, as well as in various business capacities, to assume most any of these positions. I ask of you, as a fellow Ohioan, if, should I present to you credentials from prominent and influential men, both from Ohio and this City, showing that I am capable, worthy, correct in habits, a staunch Republican <sup>and</sup> a hard and faithful party worker, you will consider my application for one of these places? This will aid me in getting a hold in the city, increase my opportunities for efficient work in the party, and, perhaps, be a stepping stone to success.

I take it that you came up this way, and know what it means for a



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80 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

CHARLES H. BLAIR.  
CHARLES HENRY PHELPS.

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young man to get a footing.  
Will you lend a helping hand?

I am 30 years of age, and a brother of Noah Thomas, Ex Warden of the Ohio Penitentiary, (two terms) and ex Superintendent of the Ohio Soldiers & Sailor's Home, (two terms, Ex Mayor of London, Ohio, and at present member of State Ex. Com, and a one armed soldier.

Enclosed I hand you copy of a letter, volunteered by our present Congressman, which will <sup>give</sup> you some idea of my make-up.

I can bring you letters from such men as Ex. Gov. S. Foster, Foraker, and many more, if it will be of any use.

On receipt of a favorable reply, I will call on you, and furnish any papers you may require. An early reply will greatly oblige,

Yours Most Truly,

O. B. Thomas,



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,

Washington, D. C., Feb., 13, 1895.

Mr. O. B. Thomas,

New York City.

My Dear Sir-

I wish you may find some employment in the great city of New York. I am unable to direct you how to proceed; but you might call upon some of our Ohio people, and get some information, etc.

You may say to any of them that I have known you for years; that you are of good family, and that I know you to be an honorable and correct young man, worthy of the confidence of those who may be kind enough to engage your services. That you are a lawyer by profession, and, although your experience is limited, you have talents which can be used to good advantage in a law office.

Very truly,

(Signed) G. W. Wilson M. C.

7" Dis. of Ohio.

SAMUEL THOMAS.  
80 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.

October 2nd, 1895.

My dear Colonel Strong:-

I take great pleasure in recommending Mr. Joseph B. Bloomingdale for the position of Park Commissioner. I understand that he is eminently fitted for the place, of about the right age, and that he would take great interest in the work. I hope you may carefully consider his claims for the place.

Very truly yours,

*Saml Thomas*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

New York June 10 1895  
To Hon. Mayor, Sitting  
Dear Sir:-

I am a young man 18 years  
old and reside with parents, I have  
a natural talent for drawing but  
am unable to get a position in that  
line until I have taken a few lessons.  
My folks are not able to pay for a  
regular course so I will have to  
study evenings, I some art school  
but can't unless I have a position. I  
would like a public position as the  
hours are not extra long and therefore  
give me better opportunities for study.  
If you could kindly help me in  
any way as to a position I would be



✓  
would be very thankful to you, if  
you think favorable of my application  
I should refer to Dr Shaw of The  
West End Presbyterian Church and  
The Newman Grammar School  
86 Lexington Ave cor 96 Street, City  
Hoping this will receive your favorable  
approval I remain

Yours very respectfully  
James R Thompson  
109 West 102 St  
City.

F.N. BARRETT,  
Editor.

TELEPHONE, 575 FRANKLIN.  
P. O. Box 2251. \*  
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New York, June 12 1895

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Mayor Strong, Dear Sir.

Our mutual friend, Mr W F King,  
informs me that you were good enough to say  
to him today that you would appoint me as one  
of the Commissioners for the construction of the new  
Bridge across the East River. I thank you for  
this and shall endeavor to do the appointment  
credit. I was one of the earlier trustees of the  
present NY & Brooklyn Bridge and have given the  
subject some study - as well as much attention  
for many years to the terminal facilities of the  
port. I think such a place would suit me better  
than a tax commissioner ship altho' had you concluded  
to put me there I should have endeavored to  
improve matters in that department - You can  
reach me at any time, <sup>during business hours</sup> by telephone or mail as  
above \* and I also have a telephone (1215 18th St) in my  
house 49 West 25th St -

Faithfully Yours

F. B. Thurber



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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
12 West 57th. St.,

Dear sir:

Dr. Edson of the Health Department is an old friend of mine, and in discussing with him the other day his prospects for remaining in the Department, I said to him that I believed if you knew as much about him as I do you would feel that the public welfare demanded his retention, and that as I knew you were actuated solely by a desire to do that which is best for the public, I wanted to place before you at a time when you could read them, a few straws bearing on Dr. Edson's record. There are but few men whose record would command such commendation as the enclosed from the "Tribune," "Times," "Herald" and AMERICAN GROCER, to say nothing of the strong commendation of Mr. Gilder's Tenement House Commission.

After reading them, won't you place them on file in your office for future reference ?

Respectfully yours,

*F. B. Thurber*



635 West 42<sup>nd</sup> St  
Sunday 25 Aug 1895

Mr. W. L. Strong Mayor

Ed. Perobornan  
will tell you that I  
have been discharged  
upon bonus grounds  
(as a seaman per.)

To hold my dismis-  
sion written and signed  
by Madame Curie.  
But after 5 weeks  
no favorable answer  
coming - and my  
Savings Bank being  
nearly all drawn.  
I determined as a  
last resort to lay  
the matter before the Mayor.

To I trust in you will sympathize  
and a warm friend for the unfortunate of the country.

+ Commissionary Waring  
Will remember my  
prompt Contradiction of this Charge.

Worked as a Sweeper  
Sec N. 13 Months

Never absent a day  
Except in May 4 days;  
and in June 2 days.

Discharged each time  
Without any Cause assigned  
And immediately reinstated.

Now (it seems to me)  
Suspect Cushman felt  
kettled - and (still without  
a hearing) I have been  
"branded" - because

"L. D. Frank 744 Broadway  
Complained I had used  
"vile language!" when he  
said I raised a dust in  
"sweeping"!!! - - - But

Old Solomon received an  
answer from some "L. D. Frank"

(No found at 744 Broadway) with an employment of the 1887  
have any altercation

Sir, I have  
the honor to  
acknowledge  
the receipt of  
your letter of  
the 10th inst.  
and in reply  
to inform you  
that the same  
has been  
forwarded to  
the proper  
authorities  
for their  
consideration.  
I am, Sir,  
very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. J.



412 East 124<sup>th</sup> St.

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. Mayor Strong

City Hall. N.Y. City

Dear Sir!

Will you kindly tell me if there is any possible chance for an American to get employment in this City? I see foreigners employed all around me, while I cannot get work to do, and must see myself, wife and child suffer for want of the necessities of life. I will

work at anything, and have  
the highest testimonials to show  
that I am an honest, respectable  
and deserving young man. I  
think I am entitled to employ-  
ment in my native City, before  
any foreigner, from any Country,  
whatsoever. I most earnestly  
and respectfully ask you as  
an American to consider my  
application, and please give  
me employment at once if  
possible. Hoping to receive an  
early reply. I am -  
Very respectfully yours  
Wm. Thompson

New York 3/27/95.  
Edward St. Stealey  
Mayors Marshal.

Dear Sir;

I have investigated  
ed the accommodations of  
Mrs. Hannah Koerper in  
her application for an  
Employment Agency for  
Servants; and find that  
the gentlemen that in-  
dorse the said applica-  
tion, are well known bu-  
sinessmen of good reput-  
(over)



ation and character.

Bernard B. Thompson.  
Police Officer  
Detailed Mayor's Marshal  
Office.

TREADWELL & SEWARD,  
IMPORTERS OF HOSIERY AND GLOVES,  
115 & 117 FRANKLIN STREET,  
NEW YORK.

CABLE ADDRESS:  
SALIVANT—NEW YORK.  
A B C CODE USED.

NEW YORK,

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Mr Strong Mayer

I have a son 22  
years of age, he is a most  
thorough electrical Engineer  
having a graduation paper  
and is perfectly grounded  
in mathematics.

Can you aid me in any  
way in putting him in a  
position where he can  
prove his ability & usefulness  
I will appreciate it if  
you can

Truly yours

A Treadwell

St. Stephen's Ch.

52/59 W. 46<sup>th</sup> St.

Mar. 1, 1895.

My dear Mr. Shung,

I am informed that the friends of Dr. Jennie K<sup>e</sup> La M. Lozier are urging her appointment as School Commissioner. I take great pleasure in seconding their request.

In my opinion, Mr. Logier is admirably qualified for this position.

Respectful Greetings  
To the Hon. Henry Charlestown. Near  
the Mayor, Rector.



New York  
Mar 6, 1895

Hon W. L. Strong  
Mayor.

Dear Sir,

Excuse this liberty, and  
permit me to say. - When  
you desire the services of a  
good man, in a responsible  
position, who is under no  
obligation to any organization,  
or man, or man, in New York,  
send for me. I am a native  
of Vermont, forty five yrs of age;  
Have handled a cts all my life.  
Left this city for St. Louis, Mo, twenty  
two yrs ago. Under an Engage-  
ment with one of our trunk  
lines of Ry. - a position held  
up to Dec/94 - when I resigned  
to accept the Secretaryship of one

of our surface lines, (Hored AR)  
in this City. - Upon arrival  
and Examination, however,  
I find the Company, too-  
loose in their method of  
business for me, - I have there-  
fore declined the position.  
I propose to stay in New York -  
and am open for work, where  
good honest, hard, straight bus-  
iness is desired. I am a life  
long Republican, and have helped  
make St. Louis, the Republican City  
that she is, today.

Refer, with pleasure, to the following.

D. A. Waterman Esq. St. Mich. Cent. Ry. - }  
Grand Cent. Depot }

Dr. H. D. Hawks - 766 Madison Ave. -

D. G. Wild Esq. - Vanderbilt Building  
Beekman & Nassau Sts.

Geo. Gabrick Esq. Asst. Cash. - Peoples Bank }  
Canal St. }

Remain, Very Resply, H. P. Tucker

18 West 125<sup>th</sup> St. City.

240 East 41<sup>st</sup> Street  
City

Jan 11/95

To the Hon.

Wm L. Strong, Mayor  
N.Y.C.

Dear Sir-

I saw a paragraph in the Evening World last night on the subject of "Librarian" for the City Hall; and as I was asking you to give me some employment on account of type-setting machines standing in my way for a living, it strikes me that, as a printer and maker of books, I am well-adapted to fill such a vacancy if I am in time for the appointment. Can show you references of citizenship and that I bear a high class character as a working-man six years in this city, and I trust you will find something for me to do under your government.

Yours most respectfully

Henry Wm. Tusons



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New Jersey & New York Railroad.  
Port Jervis, Monticello & N. Y. R. R.  
Rockaway Valley Railroad.  
Wallkill Valley Railroad.

F. E. MORSE, MANAGER.

V New York, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1895

SUBJECT:

Hon. William L. Strong:

Dear Sir:

I take the earliest opportunity to express to you my profound regret for the language employed by Mr. Marin at the close of our interview with you yesterday, and to disclaim, in the most emphatic manner, all personal responsibility for its use. I have labored earnestly and faithfully to secure more honest and efficient methods in the administration of our municipal affairs, and I believe it is the highest duty of the two Commissions to secure the best service obtainable for the work of their department, irrespective of any other consideration. I certainly would not appear as an applicant

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SUBJECT:

for any place in their department -  
if I did not believe I have the requisite  
ability and the requisite courage and  
honesty to discharge its duties acceptably.  
I beg to assure you that whatever the  
result of their action may be upon my  
application, it will not lessen my interest  
in, or devotion to, the reform work which  
has been so well begun by your admin-  
-istration.

Respectfully Yours.

A. B. Tuttle

*Confidential*



Or William H

New York City

March 18/895

Hon Mr H. Strong

Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir,

I beg to suggest to you as one to appoint to the very responsible office of "Supr of Building Department of New York". Mr. Samuel McMillan.

This Gentleman is the President of the New York Building & Land Appraisement Co - 104 Broadway Building - Also a member of the New York Real Estate Exchange; Vice Pres of the Mutual Bank; Also an extensive builder - chiefly of a very high grade of structures and was one of the compilers of this City's building laws.

Can this Gentleman be prevailed on to accept this office - and it is my conviction that he can be although I have been exchanged a word with him on the subject - this City would possess an officer of rare qualification for its duties and reflect high credit upon your admirable administration.

Very truly Yours

L. H. Swaddell

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HAMILTON

New York

Feb 14 1895

Honorable

Mayor

Dear Sir

as an american away back  
to revolution I write you  
this Letter I always voted  
The republican ticket  
Ever since I had a vote  
that was when I was in  
the army in the war I enlisted  
in 1861 for three years received  
my three years discharged then  
listed for three years more and  
was discharged may 15 1865  
for gun shot of left arm &  
shell wound of leg now honorable

Sir you can see by this letter  
that I am a Througout american  
as my grand father was a  
Soldier under Washington  
and my Father George Washing  
ton Tyler was a Soldier in  
1812 war now Honorable sir  
if you can place me in  
Eng Light position you will  
greatly confer ~~on~~ favor on  
a veteran soldier who has  
a wife & children & an aged  
mother to support who draws  
a small pension from 1812 war

With respect your most  
Obedient Servant  
Frank C Tyler  
204 E 20 St

New York City

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New York  
Aug 26/895

Honorable  
Wm Strong  
Mayor

Honorable Sir

Please Excuse  
me for taking up your  
most valuable

I am a veteran  
Soldier who has to honorably  
<sup>3</sup>Discharges from 1861 to 1865  
was wounded in front of  
Petersburg Aug 19 1865 gun  
shot wound left arm.  
Shell wound of leg my  
Father also was a Soldier  
1812 war I appeal to your  
honor as an American &



Veteran Soldier to please place  
me in some high position  
no matter how small the  
wage, as I have a sick  
wife and in straitening cir-  
cumstances

by so doing you  
will confer a great favor  
on an American Veteran  
Soldier

Your most Humble  
Servant

Frank C. Tyler  
Box 14 — 304½ Third  
avenue  
City

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

The undersigned school  
Officers of the 11th and 17th wards respectfully show that  
the term of office of Stephen Therry one of the Inspectors  
of the 4th School District will expire on the 31st day of  
December next.

Mr. Therry has been an active , faithful and effi-  
cient officer having the entire confidence of the citizens  
of the ward and his associates of the Board,

We therefore respectfully ask in the interest of  
the cause of education that you will appoint Mr. Stephen  
Therry as his own successor as Inspector of the 4th School  
District.

Very Respectfully,

Inspectors Four th School  
District.

*Ben. Blumenthal*  
*John L. Hoffman*

Trustees of the 11th Ward.

*Geo. Gundorf*  
*William H. Graham*  
*P. J. McKee*  
*James Schmache*  
*Amos S. S. S.*

Trustees of the 17th Ward.

*Horace M. M.*  
*Henry Allen*  
*H. K. K. K. M. A.*  
*H. H. Haight*  
*P. J. Legendre*

October 31<sup>st</sup> 1895



New York 13. May 1895.

To William Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York!

As Secretary of the 1. Assembly District  
"German Republican" Organisation I am  
been instructed, to write to you, in  
support of the candidacy of. Mr. "G.  
Davis" for Commissioner of Taxes."

Mr. Davis is an earnest Repub.  
lican, an upright true and cosyable  
man, and in the estimation of all  
who know him quite competent  
to fill the position to the credit  
of your administration.

In our Organisation there are two  
Classes of members, such as take  
an interest only in National Matters  
gentleman whos put up their checks,  
but do nothing else, partly on account  
of their business, and partly their know



absolutely nothing, about local politics  
or good City Administration.

Last fall we know that Mr. G.  
Davis, tried his best, to enlist to  
help of this men, but there would be  
nothing! and now we learn that this  
have quitted an other candidate against  
Mr. Davis. have always fought in  
the front rangs, has made many friends  
for the Party and our Organization, and  
on the other side enemies, but as the  
latter are also, should not be allow  
to defeat Mr. Davis, and when it would  
perhaps serve only for personal gratifi-  
cation, without aiding our cause among  
the German Population.

You can not make any better appoint-  
ment for the Rep. Party, and not any for  
the Germans elements, either with make  
such a good impression, then he is  
known by the lonely and the rich, and  
his influence would extent to all classes  
and specially for the party, for with his  
is working many years, without any

gratification.

Your Respectfully  
Charles Uhl

recd. Secretary of the "German  
Republican" District Assembly District.

Residence:

36. Beach Street .

City



New York Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1895

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

I hereby apply  
for a position in any of the many  
departments you have control of although  
I know all clerkships &c are subject to  
and appointed by the various heads of  
the departments. a word from you...  
no doubt would secure an appointment  
such as I desire I am not after any  
sinecure but a place where I could  
work such as messenger or any other  
position that would pay me fifty or sixty  
dollars pr month please do what you can  
for me

Oblige

yours Respy

Enclose find stamp  
for reply

William H. Miles  
1854 Lexington Ave City



New York Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1895  
Hon J<sup>rs</sup> L. Strong  
Dr. Sir

I wrote you about ten days ago applying for a position in any of the many depts where changes are about to be made, any position such as messenger or any other that would pay me fifty or sixty dollars pr month where I could earn my salary. I have always been a republican and a member of the 26<sup>th</sup> Election District of the 26<sup>th</sup> Assembly District republican assn. I know that you are a very busy man and would not have troubled you with this second letter but thought the first had been mislaid as I enclosed a stamp for reply please do what you can for me

I remain  
yours Very Respy  
J<sup>rs</sup> H. Miles

enclosed find  
stamp for reply

1854 Lexington Ave  
New York City

Feb. 16/95

To Hon. Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

I am penning these few lines, in aid of a position. I am a young man 25 years of age, born in N.Y. and lived here all my life.

I am not asking for the position for my-self only that you can consider that I have an aged mother to support.

Now I have exhausted all my funds being out of employment about 7 months and am in arrears with my rent, and I must get work of some-kind. I cannot do heavy work as I have had Sun stroke.

Hoping you will look into my case as I need work, or I will be dispossessed this 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

Any kind of work, so that I can support my mother

My Address is

Sidney Singer

#116 E. 119<sup>th</sup> St.,

City.



# 126 East Nineteenth St. N.Y.  
Jan'y 14<sup>th</sup>. 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong.

Dear Sir:-

In your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup>. Ult. you kindly said that you might recommend me to some of the Departments "along about the middle of January for a position". Pardon me for reminding you of it, as I do not wish to annoy you by my persistence. If the occasion presents itself please remember me for anything in the way of employment that a book-keeper is capable of doing.

Very truly yours  
J. E. Valentine.

# 126 E. 19<sup>th</sup>. St.

Cc- Mr. Wm. G. White. N.Y. City

Respecting the accompanying  
the writer thereof had better con-  
tinue in domestic work until  
he shall have learned that it is  
necessary that Inspectors & Trustees  
be in the districts for, and to,  
which they are appointed or seek  
appointment, and that Park Row  
this City, <sup>and</sup> Nyack, Rockland Co.,  
are not in the Third School District

I suggest as a man, for whom  
I will go bail in every particular  
- as

Inspector Third School District

Jacob V. Myers - Builder  
No 2 Van Nut Place  
(Charles Street)  
N.Y. City

Very Respy  
W. J. Van Auden

Jacob V. Myers.



August 2, 1895  
Mayor of New York  
City

Dear Sir

I see where you are  
Wanting good able body men for  
Police force now I take it on  
my self to introduce my self thinking  
of being able and competent of  
filling the place I have done the  
same in small towns & also  
I am Sheriff of Bayfield county  
Two years, my height is 6ft 6 in  
44<sup>in</sup> chest - straight not but once was  
slumped shouldered weight - 200# in  
shirt sleeves. Dark complexioned for  
reference C. G. Bell. L. J. Bashard.  
J. B. Tuller Bayfield Wis. and  
my ~~the~~ age is 36 years.



Or you can write to Rust, Owen, & Co.  
Leominster, Wis.

That is a company  
I worked for a long time since 3 or  
4 years I am an American citizen  
Hoping to hear from you at  
your earliest convenient time  
I remain yours

A. Van Horn

Bayfield

Bayfield Co.  
Wis.

✓  
157 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street,  
New York, N.Y. Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 1895

The Honble  
Job E. Hedges  
Private Secy &c

City:-

Sir: Sometime during  
the latter part of December last,  
Governor McKinley of Ohio, wrote  
to Caloall Strong, recommending  
that I be appointed to a city office.  
I would like to have that letter,  
very much, if there is no objec-  
tion as I presume ~~that~~ is the  
case, inasmuch as I am  
not now an applicant  
for an appointment at  
the Mayor's hands. I can

make use of the document in  
another quarter, to a good  
purpose, I think.

I will call tomorrow to get  
it. Will you be kind enough  
to have it looked up for  
me?

Faithfully Yours  
Wilson Vance



May. 17-1895.

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

Dear Sir:

You will  
kindly pardon me if this is  
taking up any of your most  
valuable time.

I am a young man  
twenty-three years of age, having  
received a Grammar School  
education, - and am in a position  
to fill with credit (to you and  
myself) any office that you see  
fit to give me, I wish to state  
that I am no professional office



seeker, but am trying to better  
myself both socially and  
financially.

I sincerely trust  
you will consider this and  
let me know as soon as  
possible if you can do  
anything in my behalf

Respectfully Yours  
Justus J. VanderBrugle  
38 West 119<sup>th</sup> St  
New York City.

June 3<sup>d</sup>

Union Club,  
Fifth Avenue & 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

Hon. Lem L. Strong

My dear Mr Mayor

I have no possible  
interest in the appoint-  
ments for Police Magis-  
trates or justices of  
Special Sessions, but  
I cannot as a member  
of the Bar, and one  
interested in the  
success of your  
administration,  
refrain from saying

that some of the  
gentlemen named  
in today's papers  
are more likely  
to be affronted  
and wholly unfit  
either morally or  
professionally for  
such affrontment.

For Heaven sake,  
and your own,  
pray consult Mr  
Root and others.



lawyers of standing before  
~~announcing~~ the name.

Mistake in these appoint-  
-ments - can be most easily  
and naturally made by  
a layman - but the Public  
and the Bar will be most  
critical, and these appointments  
are in the view of the  
General Public amongst the

most important you will have  
to make. I have no one or  
more person to suggest  
but pray take the advice  
of some of our best lawyers  
without regard to personal  
business, political or personal  
considerations. I am respectfully  
Yours M Van Dine

New York  
March 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Wm L Strong

If your honor remembers I wrote to you some time ago stating my circumstances and asking your kind permission to call on you and as I have not heard from you I take the liberty to address you once more. which I trust you will excuse

I well know that your honor is overcrowded with applications like mine but I am sure if you only knew for certain my very sad circumstances and how hard I have struggled to keep my family; and how deserving I am myself I am sure you would accede to my request  
Trusting to hear from you  
I am honored Sir

Yours very respectfully  
Joseph P. Verdor  
112 East 47 St



New York June 20<sup>th</sup>/93

Col. William L. Strong, Mayor.  
City Hall, N. Y. C.

Dear Sir:

I am about to ask a favor of you, but before I go any further I will take the liberty of introducing myself. I am the young sailor that acted as General Robert L. Vicks's bodyguard at the opening of the Harlem Ship Canal on last Monday.

The favor I ask of you is: will you kindly inform me if you know of any situation

that I could take, I have been out of work for the last ten months. My trade is composing on book or job work, but I am willing to take any other job that I can get, and therefore I write to you as I know that through your influence I might be able to obtain work. I have walked all over the city for work without success and I am not afraid of hard work either. I am 22 years of age.

I would have called upon you personally but I did not know if you would like it, so I thought I would write this letter, and if it would make no difference ~~then~~ I could call then.

I will now close wishing you

every success in all your undertaking  
and hoping to hear from you soon

I Remain

Very Respectfully Yours

Henry Vierling

237 East 55<sup>th</sup> St

N. Y. C.

P.S. Enclosed you will find an  
addressed envelope.

H. V.



324 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St. March 29, 1895

Honorable William L. Strong.  
"Major"

On the first day of January  
I laid before your Honor  
my Application for "Excise  
Commissioner" and to day  
again I pray to your Honor  
for an appointment as  
Commissioner of one of the  
many vacancies now at  
your disposal. Considering  
myself competent and  
capable, I will if our  
"Major" trust me with an  
Office, do my duty faithfully  
and according to the will  
and wishes of your Honor.  
Since 1870. a voter and  
taxpayer, an active worker

In the Republican  
resp: Reform party  
taking great interest in  
City Affairs

With my former application  
I sent to your Honor  
Recommendations from  
Trinity Church Corporation  
and other prominent gentlemen

Also refer to:

Rector D<sup>r</sup>. } Trinity  
Colonel Kruger } Church  
Mr: Dummer }  
Mr Lathrop }

Very respectfully  
Henry von Holst.

Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer.

9 West Ninth Street.



Mrs. SCHUYLER VAN RENSSELAER, 9 West Ninth Street,

FOR INSPECTOR OF 5TH DISTRICT,

in place of

WRIGHT HOLCOMB.

*Removed*

*Rec'd by  
Mr. [unclear]  
[unclear]*

GEORGE WADDINGTON,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

160 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK, December 21<sup>st</sup> 1895

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

Sir;

I take the liberty of  
enclosing to you for your approval  
the application of Charles P. Dillon  
to His Excellency, The Governor, for a notaryship.  
The applicant is and has been for  
the last six years, my clerk. He has  
just been admitted to the Bar. His  
character is without reproach. I have  
not any notary in my office and  
sorely feel the need of one.  
For these reasons, I very respectfully  
request your Honour, to approve this  
application.

Very respectfully yours  
G. Waddington

LAW OFFICES OF  
WAKEMAN & CAMPBELL,  
93 NASSAU STREET.  
BENNETT BUILDING.

THADDEUS B. WAKEMAN.  
ALFRED B. CAMPBELL.

New York, Nov<sup>r</sup> 24. 1895. -

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

Dear Sir: - I am aware that

Dr. George William Winterburn  
has the endorsement of the  
Republican Party to a remark-  
=able extent for appointment as  
Commissioner of Public  
Charities.

I am a member of the Peoples  
Party, but I know Dr. Winterburn  
and knew his Father before him,  
and I do not believe that any  
other person could be appointed  
more satisfactory to all parties and  
to the People at large, than his. -  
I could not say more by further words.  
Hoping that you will see your way clear  
to make this appointment for the benefit  
of all, I am yours very respectfully,  
T. B. Wakeman. -



SPECIALTIES FOR THE SHIRT, SHIRT WAIST, CLOTHING AND DRY GOODS TRADES.

# H. WALLACH'S SONS,

Converters of Cottons and Manufacturers of Woolen Fabrics,

38 & 40 THOMAS STREET.

*New York,*

Col. Geo. E. Waring,

Commissioner of St. Cleaning Dept.

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Colonel;-

This will present to you Mr. B. Greenwald,  
doing business at 149 Leonard St., as a manufacturer of clothing,  
who desires to bid on the uniform for the men in your department.

Mr. Greenwald comes recommended to me by some of  
my reliable friends, as a man of integrity, and I wish you to give  
him such consideration as you consistently can in the line indicated.

Yours,

*Isaac Wallach*

*H. Wallach & Sons*

*38 Thomas Street*

12 East 62<sup>d</sup> St

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1895

My dear Mr Mayor!

May I ask the favor of  
you to send me to 38 Thomas  
St - at your convenience, a  
letter of introduction to Commis-  
-er Woodman of the Excise Board  
with such commendation as you  
may deem me deserving of, that  
I may receive his consideration and  
Confidence. I will say in advance  
that I want no office myself - but  
I want to see him in behalf of some  
one else whom I can warmly  
recommend. I hope that you are  
well and that your duties are less  
onerous than they have been hereto-  
fore. With best regards,

Yours Honor

Col Louis L. String  
City Hall

Sincerely yours

Jose Wallach



D. Wallerstein,

P. O. Box 2737,

174 William Street.

Cable Address:

Wallerstein—New York.



New York, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1895.

Honorable W. K. Strong.

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir,

Messrs. Isaac H. Bailey, Eugene Public and Felix Kaufman, who were a Committee presenting the petition signed by the members of the Hide and Leather trade in my behalf as applicant for one of the School Commissionerships, were kindly informed by you, to have me call upon you. — Will you have the goodness to inform me, when it will be convenient for you to receive me, and I shall be happy to present myself at the designated time.

Very respectfully,  
D. Wallerstein.

Call.



New York Ap. 3 1895

Hon William L. Strong

Sir your favour received  
I thank you I have applied  
to the former Park Commissioners  
but I never got a - answer I  
have twenty five years reference  
from the late Hon. H. Fish I  
can get a - letter from Siker  
Fish of Nursery I am a -  
Practical Gardener & saved  
the Country in time of need.

I am yours Most Respectfully

Henry M. Walsh

158 W. 19 St

N.Y.

A. L. HALL, Pres.  
P. H. SCOTT, 1st Vice-Pres.  
W. H. D. SHAY, 2d Vice-Pres.  
R. M. GREENBANK, Rec. Sec.  
C. M. BEINKELHOFF, Fin. Sec.  
G. B. ROBERTSON, Cor. Sec.  
FRANKLIN B. MILLER, Treas.

Republican \* Club.  
Assembly 9<sup>th</sup> District.

No. 1 Abingdon Square,

Corner Bank Street.

84 Jane St  
New York.

New York, March 4<sup>th</sup> 1895

To his Honor. The Mayor  
Wm Mc Strong

Dr Sir. Pardon me for

Introducing on your valuable time I am the father  
of 14 children own my little home I have a little mortgage  
on it, would like to get something to do even as  
messenger to help to pay of my obligations I have  
served the State for 9 yrs in the 12<sup>th</sup> Regt under  
Genl W. G. Ward also under Col. Brugger  
and I have the Hon of serving with my friend  
James W. Auten which I feel sorry that he did  
not get what he had aspired for. I would like  
you to get Col. Waring to give me the position as  
four man in Stable in West 12 St. as I live  
near their. and I. Assure you as a man and  
a mason that I will do my duty. to my god  
my country and my self Hoping your Honor will  
think favorably of this application I Remain

Yours Truly Robert Walther

P.S I can get all the signatures I want of  
Leaders and Aldermen but I do not want them



United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb. 23, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
New York,

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of writing a few words in behalf of an old friend. I knew Mr W. E. Barber well and favorably while he was a citizen of Augusta, Ga., of which city he is a native. He is an expert accountant and a courteous gentleman. He has been a resident of New York for a great many years.

Yours respectfully,  
William Walsh.



CHARLES HARDWARE COMPANY,  
BUILDERS' HARDWARE,  
236 EAST FIFTY-THIRD STREET,

New York *Feb. 29* 1894

Hon. W. R. Strong

Dear sir

I take the liberty  
to write you in reference to a position  
as. subpoena server have been twelve years  
a. voter in the 13 assembly district  
Can. refer. you to Hon. John P. Randolph?  
Who has known me for fifteen years  
Will. you be so kind. as to advise me  
What to do. to procure this same

And. Obliged

John P. Walton

373 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St.

City

116  
OFFICE OF J. SEELY WARD, JR.  
Nº 1 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.

March 21st, 1895.

Honorable W. L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York.

My dear Sir:

I have just been informed that Mr. Charles S. Foote is desirous of becoming a member of the new Board of Special Sessions, and am taking the very first opportunity to strongly endorse and recommend him for the position.

I am speaking with full knowledge, having been associated with him for over a year in work for the relief of the poor, and I have thus had abundant opportunities for judging his character and to note his genuine love for the poor and unfortunate; this, added to his well-known legal ability, seems to me would insure his filling such position honorably, with fairness and impartiality.

Very respectfully yours,

*J. Seely Ward, Jr.*

To his Honor. William L. Strong  
Mayor New York City

New York Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 95

Honored sir i hope the  
privation that i am suffering  
will pardon me with you for  
taking the liberty of writing  
to you. I am. a Carpenter out  
of work for the past four months  
with exception of .3. weeks i have  
worked at odd jobs. I am to be  
deposited for non payment of  
this months Feb<sup>ry</sup> rent of \$8. 50

Honored. sir. do not understand  
me as soliciting alms. what  
i wish is a line from you  
sir to some. head man in



some Department Public  
works or parks. to get work  
at my trade as. Carpenter  
is am desperate with destitution  
and have a wife and 3 children  
depending on me for support  
that i would willing give  
them but can not through no  
fault of my own. if this meets  
with your kind favor Sir  
Please find enclosed postage  
stamp for answer.

Again asking your pardon  
Hon Sir

I remain. Yours humble  
servant.

Thomas Warren No  
2013. Second ave. bet. 103. / 104.  
New York City

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JOHN P. WALTHER,

Architect,

230 EAST 125th STREET.  
REMOVED TO 205 E. 125th ST.

MEMORANDUM.

New York, March 15 1895.

To the Hon Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir

Being a Tammany Democrat and for that reason beyond the pale of your consideration I presume a recommendation made by me may be considered as from a disinterested party I would suggest when you make an appointment to the office of Superintendent of the Department of Buildings that you do not appoint a Speculative Builder thereto but if you must have a Builder in the Office pick one among the many respectable legitimate Builders of the city or an Engineer or Architect of Character such as one as immediately preceded Mr Brady

Yours Respectfully

John Walther

205 East 125th St.



MRS. GEO. H. MCGREW, CHAIRMAN.  
JACOB A. RIIS, ESQ., 1ST VICE-CHAIRMAN.  
MRS. L. S. HOUGHTON, 2D VICE-CHAIRMAN.  
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MRS. JULIAN HEATH, REC. SEC.  
MISS CLARA FELD, TREAS.  
MISS CHARLOTTE A. WATERBURY, SUPT.

The Tenement House Chapter  
OF  
The King's Daughters and Sons,  
HEADQUARTERS:  
No. 77 MADISON STREET.

New York,

Jan - 18th 1893 -

Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir.

Armed by  
council

Jan 27/93

I write in behalf of  
several hard working, sober  
and industrious men, with  
families depending upon  
them - who are out of  
work.

Is there any possibility  
of their being employed by  
the Street Cleaning Department

and if so, will you kindly  
advise us. what steps to  
take in order to secure for  
them the work?

Any kindness shown in  
this matter will be greatly  
appreciated by the Committee.

With apologies for taking  
any of your valuable time.

Yours Respectfully

Charlotte A. Halsey

GREENSBORO, N. Y. N.Y. April 17<sup>th</sup> 1875

Hon. W. L. Strong

Dear sir,

I hope you will Pardon me for my forwardness in addressing you but I wishing to improve my situation to work for the G.O.P. Part and also hearing that you are about to have a vacancy in your Office and I would like to have the situation I am a Republican and Vote for you and all my Club which is 200 strong and Live in the 26 Election Dist. of 18 assembly I am sorry that my District leader can not help me but but I can get his Recommendation to you if you decide to give me a trial my name is John L. Waters and I call on you with the Colored Delegation and I hope to hear from you soon I am your humble servant

John L. Waters

420 West 52<sup>d</sup> St.  
N.Y.



Carpenter Avenue  
Newburgh

N. Y.  
Mayor Strong

Sir I am informed that there is a number of men required in New York to join the Police force but presently as I cannot find out the proper Authorities I now take the liberty of writing those few lines for which I beg to be excused I would like to get on the N. Y. Police as I have been on the Royal Irish Constabulary Police in Ireland for eleven years & during that time I held the best of a character having been appointed on the Detective Force sent to Queenstown where I remained for seven years under the most trying circumstances never failing to

inspect the passengers coming  
to & from the different Countries  
It often times making very clever  
arrests I also beg to add that  
it was how I tendered my resig-  
nation with oppinion of doing  
better in America which I  
still believe I will although  
I am now eight years in this Country  
& has not made headway yet but  
believes it is the badness of the  
times is the cause If there is a  
recommendation required I can  
get the very best from the Mayor  
of this City also my last employer  
& several Aldermen that knows  
me I would also take with any  
recommendation that would be re-  
quired I know that the Mayor of this  
City is the proper person to apply  
to in such cases which is my reason  
for writing this letter

wishing to apologise for trespass-  
ing so long on your valuable  
time & remaining respectfully

Joseph Watson

Corner of Carpenter  
& Gidney Avenue  
Newburgh  
N. Y.

I will be anxious to  
receive an answer  
J. W.