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*Office of the
Commissioners of Accounts,*

ROOMS 114 AND 115,
Stewart Building,
280 Broadway.

New York, January 30, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with the provisions of Section 164 of the New York Consolidation Act of 1882, requiring that "the accounts of the City Treasurer shall be annually closed on the last day of November, and shall be examined in the month of December in said year by the Commissioners of Accounts," we herewith transmit a report of an examination made by our predecessors in office, of the accounts and vouchers of the Chamberlain's office for the statutory year ending November 30th 1894. The law requires that such report shall be made "to the Mayor and the Common Council."

The balance in the Treasury to the credit of the City Treasury accounts at the close of business on the 30th day of November 1893, was

\$2,056,191.89

The amount of money received into the

Treasury to the credit of the City

Treasury Accounts during the year

ending November 30th 1894, was, as

per statement "A", hereto annexed:

Special and Trust Accounts,

41,072,770.66

Appropriation, General Fund and Taxes

Accounts,

37,893,756.71

The amount paid out of the Treasury to

the debit of the City Treasury Ac-

counts during the like period was:

Special and Trust Accounts,

42,018,260.14

Appropriation, General Fund and Taxes

Accounts,

36,927,806.30

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The balance that remained in the Treasury to the credit of the City Treasury accounts at the close of business on the 30th day of November 1894, all of which are contained in the statement marked "A" hereto annexed, was \$2,076,652.82

That all of said payments out of the Treasury by the Chamberlain mentioned were upon warrants drawn in due form by the Comptroller and signed by the Mayor, or his Chief Clerk, in accordance with the requirements contained in Chapter 64, Laws of 1887, as amended by Chapter 85, Laws of 1888, and that such warrants were so signed upon vouchers for the expenditure of the amounts therein examined and allowed by the Auditor of Accounts, approved by the Comptroller and filed in the Department of Finance.

The aggregate of money that was borrowed for or on account of the City, and the amount of the bonds of the City that were issued during said year ending November 30th 1894, was \$36,856,590.29, the purpose for which and the authority under which such bonds were issued are set forth in the statement herewith marked "B".

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New York.

The balance of money in the "Sinking Fund of the City of New York for the Redemption of the City Debt" at the close of business on the 30th day of November 1893, was \$ 273,475.81

The amount of money paid to the Chamberlain during the said year ending November 30th 1894, to the credit of the "Sinking Fund" Redemption" was 12,252,020.36

That the amount of moneys paid out of the "Sinking Fund" Redemption" during the said year, was 12,213,957.12

And the balance of moneys remaining in the said "Sinking Fund" on the 30th day of November 1894, as per statement "A" hereto annexed, was 311,539.05

That the balance of moneys in the "Sinking Fund of the City of New York for the payment of Interest on the City Debt" at the close of business on the 30th day of November 1893, was, 175,829.39

That the amount of money paid to the Chamberlain during the said year ending November 30th 1894, to the credit of the "Sinking Fund Interest" was 5,435,211.16

That the amount of money paid out of said "Sinking Fund - Interest" during said year, was 5,274,114.89

That the balance of money remaining in

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said "Sinking Fund - Interest" on the
30th day of November 1894, was, as
per statement "A" hereto annexed,

\$ 336,925.66

The balance of money in the "Sinking
Fund of the City of New York for the
Redemption of the City Debt, No. 2"
at the close of business on the 30th
day of November 1893, was

848,462.81

The amount of money paid to the Chamber-
lain during the said year ending
November 30th 1894, to the credit of
the Sinking Fund No. 2 was

432,142.30

That the amount of moneys paid out of
the "Sinking Fund No. 2" during the
said year, was

1,208,425.00

And the balance of moneys remaining in
said "Sinking Fund No. 2" on the 30th
day of November 1894, as per state-
ment "A" hereto annexed was

72,180.11

The said payments from the Sinking Funds,
respectively, were made by the Chamber-
lain on the authority of warrants drawn
by and bearing the signatures of the
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

James S. Lehman
Seth Sprague Terry
Commissioners of Accounts.

per statement "A" hereto annexed

\$ 330,052.00

by 30th day of November 1884 was the
consolidated "Sinking Fund - Interest" on the

File

500 Broadway

Flooms III and III

Account "Sinking Fund"

Commissaries of Accounts.

James J. Thomson
Commissary of Accounts

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CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN.

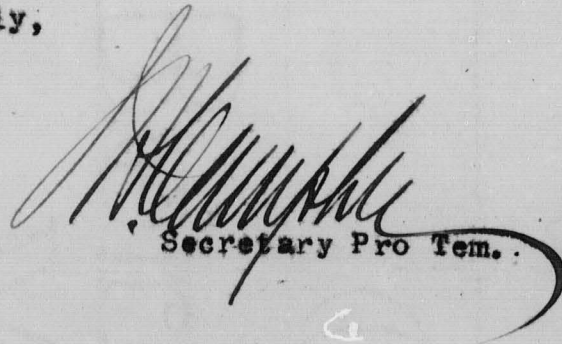
Jany. 31, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

There will be a meeting of the officers to
designate City Depositaries at the Mayor's Office on Friday,
February 1st, 1895, at 10.30 o'clock A.M.

Respectfully,


Secretary Pro Tem.

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Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York,

Jan. 31 189 *5*

Hon.

Wm. B. Strong
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

January 26 189 *5*

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

January 19 189 *5*

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

January 26 189 *5*

Very respectfully,

Joseph C. Lawrence

Chamberlain.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, Feb 14/ 1895

Hon. Wm B. Strong
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

February 9/ 1895

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

January 31/ 1895

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

February 9/ 1895

Very respectfully,

Joseph Corbridge

Chamberlain.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, Feb 21 1895

Hon. Wm L Strong

Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

February 16/ 1895

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

February 9/ 1895

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

February 16/ 1895

Very respectfully,

Repl. Lawrence

Chamberlain.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York,

Mar 28 1895

Hon.

Wm B. Strong

Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

March 23rd

1895

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

March 16/

1895

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

March 23/

1895

Very respectfully,

Joseph A. Woodruff

Chamberlain.

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Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, *May 23* 189*5*

Hon. *Wm B. Strong*
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

May 18 189*5*

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

May 11 189*5*

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

May 18 189*5*

Very respectfully,

CITY RECORD.
Please Publish and return to
MAYORS' OFFICE.

Isabel H. Sigsbee
Chief Clerk.

Rept of Wm B. Strong
Chamberlain.

CITY RECORD.
Please Publish and return to
MAYORS' OFFICE.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

Jobbels
Chief Clerk.

New York, May 31/ 1895

Hon. Wm B. Strong
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

May 25/ 1895

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

May 18/ 1895

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

May 25/ 1895

Very respectfully,

Joseph F. W. W. W.
Chamberlain.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, *June 5* 189*5*

Hon. *Wm B. Strong*

CITY RECORDS
Publish and return to
MAYOR'S OFFICE.
Chief Clerk

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the

Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

May 31/ 189*5*

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

May 25/ 189*5*

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

May 31/ 189*5*

Very respectfully,

Joseph F. Donohue
Chamberlain.



CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN.

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New York June 21/95

My dear Mayor Strong

Comptroller

Fitch. informs me he stayed here
yesterday and signed 1200
of the Bonds you spoke
of me about on Wednesday

Yours truly

J. J. Corcoran

Hon Mr L Strong

CITY RECORD.
Please Publish and return to
MAYORS' OFFICE
Chief Clerk.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, July 5 1895

Hon. Wm B Strong

Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

June 29/ 1895

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

June 22/ 1895

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

June 29/ 1895

Very respectfully,

Joseph W. Driscoll
Chamberlain.

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Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, *Aug. 16* 189*5*

Hon. *Com. G. Leroy*
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

August 10 189*5*

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

July 31 189*5*

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

August 10 189*5*

Very respectfully,

Amos G. Cook
Chamberlain.

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Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York,

Aug 29 189*5*

Hon.

Wm B. Strong
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

August 24 189*5*

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

August 17 189*5*

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

August 24 189*5*

Very respectfully,

Asa G. McCook

Chamberlain.

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Office of the City Chamberlain,



New York, Sept 6 / 1895

Hon. Wm B Strong
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

August 31 / 1895

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

August 24 / 1895

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

August 31 / 1895

Very respectfully,

Amos M. Cook

Chamberlain.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, *Sept 19/* 189*5*

Hon. *Wm B. Stead*
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

September 14/ 189*5*

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

September 7/ 189*5*

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

September 14/ 189*5*

Very respectfully,

Amos G. Cook

Chamberlain.



CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN.

October 31st, 1895.

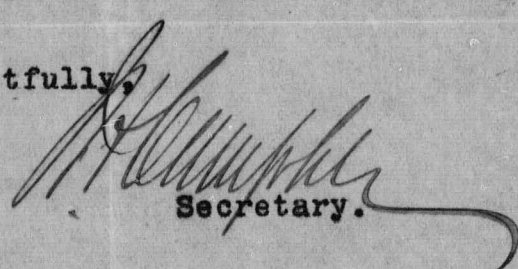
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Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York.

Sir:-

The City Officers, to designate depositaries of the City
moneys, will meet at the Mayors Office on November 1st, 1895 at 10-30 AM.

Respectfully,


Secretary.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
BUREAU OF THE CHAMBERLAIN.

Dec 6 / 1895

Received from

Cons. Wm. C. Strong Magon

Forty five 00/100

Dollars

paid to him by Henry Sedley on ac of fines
due from him while clerk of Jefferson Market Court
\$ 45 00/

Alonzo M. Cook

Chamberlain,

per

DUPLICATE

J.M.S.



CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN.

December 6th, 1895.

Sir:-

I have the honor to send you receipt for Forty five
(45.) Dollars, amount paid by Henry Sedley to you on account of fines
due from him while Clerk of Jefferson Market Court.

Respectfully yours,

Augustus M. Cook
Chamberlain

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor &c.,
C i t y H a l l.

(1 enclosure)

Hon.

William L. Strong

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one from him while at

(42.) Dollars, amount

Sir:-



CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN.

May 1st, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

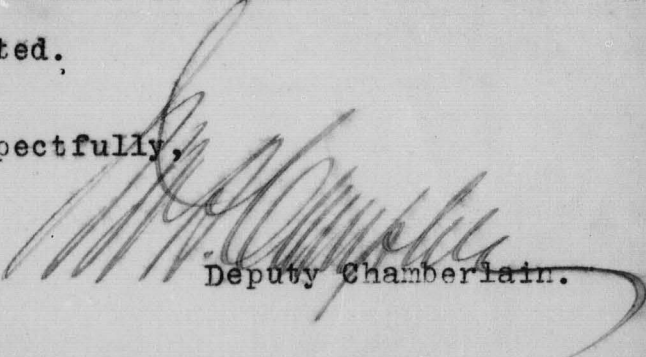
Mayor:-

Sir:-

Pursuant to Section 165, Chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, as amended by Chapter 78 Laws of 1885, the officers to designate City depositaries, consisting of the President of the Board-of-Aldemen - who acted as Mayor in your stead - the Comptroller and myself, met at your office at 11-30 A.M. to-day.

The same banks and trust companies were designated with the exception of the Southern National Bank, which is about to merge into the Market & Fulton National Bank. The rate of interest was fixed at 2 per cent. No other business transacted.

Respectfully,


Deputy Chamberlain.

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Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York,

June 11 1896

Hon.

Wm B. Strong

Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

June 6/ 1896

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

May 29/ 1896

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

June 6/ 1896

Very respectfully,

August M. Cook

Chamberlain.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, Aug 20 1896

Hon. Wm L Strong
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

August 15/ 1896

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

August 1/ 1896

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

August 15/ 1896

Very respectfully,

Alonzo W. Root
Chamberlain.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, Aug 28 1896

Hon. Wm. B. Strong

Mayor.

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

August 22 1896

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

August 15 1896

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

August 22 1896

Very respectfully,

Abou G. C. Coit

Chamberlain.

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CITY RECORD.
Please detach and return to
MAYOR'S OFFICE.
Chief Clerk.
Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, Oct 31 1896

Hon. Com. L. Leroy
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

October 24 1896

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

October 17 1896

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

October 24 1896

Very respectfully,



Augustus Cook

Chamberlain.

Office of the City Chamberlain,

New York, Feb 6 1897

Hon. Wm L. Strong
Mayor :

Sir :

In pursuance of Section 165 of the
Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to

January 30 1897

of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since

January 23 1897

and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on

January 30 1897

Very respectfully,

Amos G. Cook
Chamberlain.

The Chamberlain's Office is the only existing check to insure the annual expenditure, according to law, of \$ 40,000,000 of public money - to see that moneys raised by taxation are not spent in excess of the amounts fixed for each specific purpose by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and, that payments are not made out of accounts to be made good by the issue of bonds or the collection of City revenues, until the cash from these sources is actually deposited in the Treasury to an amount equal to the payment asked for.

The Comptroller appoints and removes the Auditor, who determines the legality of claims against the City and the appropriation or fund out of which they shall be paid. The Register who certifies that the account against which the Warrant is drawn is sufficient is only a Clerk in the Comptroller's Office.

The Chamberlain is the only Officer removed from the control and influence of the Comptroller, who examines and checks his payments of City funds before they are disbursed and collected.

Abolish the Chamberlain's Office and you have this situation. The Comptroller need only exert a little influence over his Auditor and Register. He can then Audit and register and pay any claim against the City he sees fit. He will never lack money, as he is the sole person to determine when it is expedient to issue Revenue Bonds.

If the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriated \$ 10,000 or \$ 20,000 for a specific purpose he can pay \$ 20,000 or \$ 40,000. If the payment is to

be made from moneys collected by City Officers he can pay \$10,000, \$ 20,000 or \$ 30,000, or more, without regard to the amount actually paid in, and standing to the credit of this account.

If the money is to be raised by the issue of bonds, he may abstain from issuing bonds, and pay claims from other funds. In this way he might make payments after the bonds had been issued to the limit allowed by law, and their proceeds all spent.

True, the Commissioners of Accounts would unearth such transactions, but only after the illegal warrant had been actually paid out of the City Funds. They see the paid warrants only.

One instance occurring since February 8th 1890 will illustrate, - A City Treasury warrant signed by the Comptroller and mayor, properly registered, on a properly audited voucher, was presented to the Chamberlain for signature when it was found that the account was not good for the amount, and could only be made so by the issue of bonds; and no such issue had been made. In this instance an authority had been given to issue such bonds to the Sinking Fund Commissioners, but through oversight their warrant on the Chamberlain for the principal of the bonds had not been signed by them.

This was an oversight - it shows how easily the procedure above outlined could be designedly carried out to the City's injury.

The Chamberlain keeps the cash accounts of the City. No matter what the Comptroller's books may show, the Chamberlain will not act on a credit for which he has

not actually received the money.

Abolish the Chamberlain's office and there is no daily check on the Comptroller's cash book or Ledger entries. You abolish the only independently kept set of books, and open up boundless possibilities for covering up irregularities by confusing on fictitious or false entries.

The Chamberlain's office provides for the keeping of the City Funds amounting always to several millions and for half the year aggregating from \$ 8,000,000 to \$ 15,000,000, in the custody of an officer who has no connection with loaning or borrowing funds for the City. The deposits will be distributed for safety. In any event the Comptroller is a check on the Chamberlain, since he must sign Transfer Warrants, but abolish the Chamberlain's Office and Transfer its duties to the Comptroller, and who is the check on him, in the matter of deposits.

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It is a printed brief by
Mr. Louis. The Mayor
showed it to Mr. Bowers
the other day. Also the
brief of the Corporation Council
in the same matter. It is
in relation to the Linking Fund.
