

R O O M S   O F  
THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION,  
Mail & Express Building, 203 Broadway,

New York, April 14, 1897.

At the regular monthly meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, held this day, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, Louis Munzinger, Senator from the 16th, introduced a bill, under date of March 8th, known as Senate Bill No. 820, authorizing the audit and allowance of an alleged claim against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York for reasonable costs, counsel fees and expenses paid or incurred by a patrolman upon the police force in the City of New York in preparing for his defence and in his defence in criminal proceedings and indictment upon charges preferred against him as patrolman to, and entertained by, the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of New York, which said indictment was dismissed upon the application of the District Attorney of New York County, and which said charges were dismissed by the said Board of Police Commissioners of the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, The said patrolman having been indicted under the advice and direction of the District Attorney for the County of New York for bribery, perjury and extortion and held to bail in the sum of \$11,000.00; and

WHEREAS, On account of above indictments he would have no standing in our courts, therefore he has sought aid through the Legislature;

RESOLVED, That, in the judgment of this Board, such

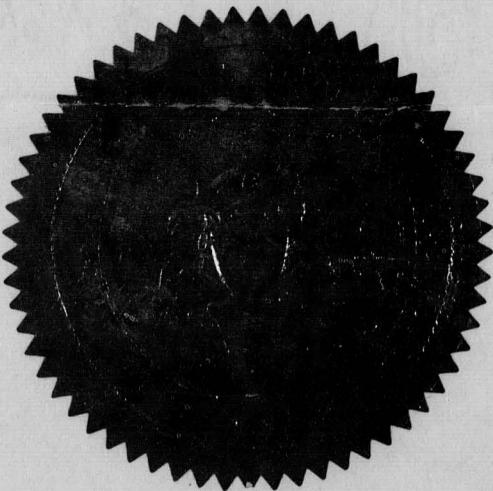
legislation is vicious, and, if enacted, would encourage dishonest employees of the City to present bills like in character;

RESOLVED, That such legislation would impose unjust burdens on the tax payers of this City;

RESOLVED, That Senate Bill No. 820, together with all other bills of like character (some fifteen in number) be and are hereby committed to the Committee on City Affairs for such action as they may deem necessary.

A TRUE COPY,

*Darwin T. James*  
President.



ATTEST,

*Frank S. Gardner*  
Secretary.

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Phila. mar 26

Mr Strong

Dear sir Will you  
please be so kind and  
help me to find my  
father Rudolph Siebert  
The last time i herd  
from him he was in  
new york he was at  
progress hotel Chatham  
square, and my  
Aunt Mary  
Althoff i do not  
no how long my  
Aunt has bin

in New York. it must  
be some four or five  
years, i am a poor  
Woman With three  
small children and  
haveent any means  
to find out as i can  
all alone With my  
children i thought  
that you would be so  
kind and assist me  
Will kindly await  
your answer i remain

Mrs Sophia

Dickinson

2435 - Local St

Phila Pa

i have a sister that is  
in the insane asylum  
and i would like to inform  
them if i can

*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* April 19, 1897.

Mrs Sophia Diehman,  
2435 Coral street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 26th ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, and referred to this Department, asking information of Rudolph Siebert, that Sergeant Patrick Burne, of the Bureau of Information, reports concerning the matter as follows:

"The person referred to, Rudolph Siebert, is now employed at the Coliseum Hotel, 37 Bowery, this city. He states that he will immediately communicate with the writer."

Very respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

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Steelton, Pa.

March 23, '97.

Mayor New York City.

Sir.

Can you give me  
any information of John Sutton,  
stone cutter - who lived at 422  
E. 114<sup>th</sup> St. N. Y. city or his brother  
William B. Sutton?

Respectfully,

Mrs. M. K. Hofferh

Box 762, Steelton, Pa.

*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* April 19, 1897.

Mrs. N. K. Hoffert,

Box 762, Steelton, Pa.:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 23d ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, and referred to this Department, asking information of John Sutton, that Sergeant Patrick Byrne, of the Bureau of Information, reports concerning the matter as follows:

"Inquiry at 422 East 114th street, showed that John Sutton was not known there, and has not been a tenant at that address during the past four years, nor is he known to old tenants in that neighborhood. The directory of this city has been examined, but the name of John or William B. Sutton was not found therein and no information has been obtained regarding them."

Very respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

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

April 19, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

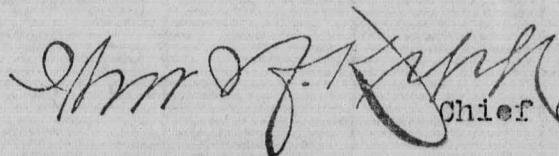
Sir:

By direction of the Board of Police I enclose herewith copies  
of reports sent as requested in yours of

March 24, Mrs. N. K. Hoffert, Steelton, Pa., and

March 27, Mrs. Sophia Diehman, 2435 Coral st., Phila., Pa.

Very respectfully,

  
Chief Clerk.

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Louisville Ky., March. 23<sup>th</sup> 1897

Mayor Strong,

Will you please oblige me  
and find out where James  
Baker is he was at 224 W  
C street and since that I have  
lost the track of and I have  
written to him and they came  
back he is my son James  
poor widow and Sam & line and  
I need him to help me

from Hannah Baker

1207 Duane St.

Louisville Ky

Police Department of the City of New York  
Bureau of Information

New York April 9th, 1897.

Peter Conlin

Chief of Police

Sir:

Inquiry at 224 West 61st street this city and the neighborhood thereof failed to find any trace of James Baker the person referred to in the annexed letter. as the writer gives no details such as when he resided at said address or his occupation or anyother information whereby an investigation could be made and as the name appears in the director of this city nineteen times a further search is impracticable.

Respectfully

Patricj Byrne  
sergeant Central Office Squad

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*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* April 19th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in further reply to your favor enclosing letter from Mrs. H. Baker asking information regarding James Baker, I return herewith original communication and a copy of report thereon.

Very respectfully

*John J. Fitzgibbon*  
Chief Clerk.

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Lincoln, Neb.,  
March 28, '94

Mayor, U. S. City,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I would like to find out if there is a gentleman in your city by the name of Sylvester D. Jones.

For short, he is called Vet Jones.

If he is there I would like to know his address, business and circumstances.

The reason I ask

for information of this person  
is because he is my - Father,  
whom I have never seen, for he  
and mother seperated before my  
birth.

I heard he was in  
D. C. City and if he is, it would  
be a great kindness, and also an  
accommodation for you to let me  
know, if you possibly can.

Wishing for a hasty  
reply, I remain

Respectfully,

Miss Georgia Sylvestia Jones.  
Dismall Blk., Room 74.  
Lincoln, Neb.

Please consider this private.

Police department of the City of New York.

Bureau of Information.

New York April 14th, 1897

Peter Conlin

Chief of Police

Sir:-

The name of Sylvester Jones appears in the directory of this city as residing on Webster Avenue near 174th street. He was interviewed with the object of establishing relationship with the writer of annexed letter but he states that such is not the case and also says he has no knowledge of a Sylvester Jones other than himself."

Respectfully

Patrick Byrne

Sergeant Central office Squad.

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

April 20th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in further reply to your favor enclosing letter from Miss G. S. Jones, I return herewith original communication, and a copy of report thereon.

Very respectfully

*Wm. J. Ryan*  
Chief Clerk.

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Philada Apr. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir :-

I write in regards of  
my nephew. Hearing of his death  
in one of the Hospitals there and  
I donot know which one. I write  
to know if you can give me any  
information from you him. If he  
has died from one of the hospitals  
there I would like to know  
which one. His name is John Booge  
about 6 ft and some inches  
weighs about 148. Age 25 yrs.  
April 12, 1897. You will kindly  
oblidge his dear loving Aunt.

Yours truly.  
Mrs Lucy A. Harris <sup>colored</sup>  
# 720 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

The young man has no parents  
living I am his guardine he is

a molatto.

Police Department of the City

Bureau of Information

New York Apr

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No Hospital-Record  
since Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1897.

J. B. P.

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Police department of the City of New York.

Bureau of Information.

New York April 15th, 1897.

Peter Conlin

Chief of Police.

Sir:-

The name of John Booye, the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ deceased person referred to in annexed letter does not appear on the records of this Department during the period from Feb 1st, 1897 to date which shows he had not been sent to a hospital through the medium of the Police Department.

The circular of the Health Department will show the writer how to establish the fact as to whether her nephew died in this city.

Respectfully

Patrick Byrne

Sergeant C. O. Squad.

*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* April 20th, 1897.

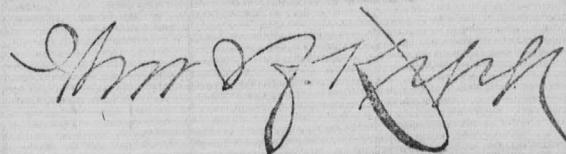
Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in further reply to your favor of the 5th inst. I return herewith original letter from Mrs. Lucy A. Harris, and a copy of report thereon.

Very respectfully



Chief Clerk.

Police Department of the City of New York.  
Precinct No. 24.  
New York Feby. 28th, 1897.

John J. Harley  
Captain and Act. Inspector

Sir:-

The annexed communication is returned with the following report:  
There are but three buildings on the block complained of one of which is used as a factory Raabe and Sons and the other is partly used as such by James Buckley. All the other portions of the block are vacant lots unfenced. Which is a violation of Section 196 of the sanitary code. I have forwarded a report of the same to the Board of Health. I called on Mr. Raabe on the 27th inst. and after informing him of the complaint made by Mr. James J. Buckley about his men going into the vacant lot and committing nuisance. He stated to me that men in the employ of Mr. Buckley has been using the vacant lots as much as his men and he further stated that the men used the vacant lots to urinate in only and now that there is a complaint he shall see that it will be stopped and no further cause for complaint in relation to the complaint about the burning of manure Mr. Raabe states that he has mixed some manure with the sawdust that comes from his scrolling mill which is burned in the boiler of his factory he will have this stopped at once.

The street is paved from West End Avenue to the Wall of the Hudson River Railroad tracks and there is no flagging on the sidewalk. I called on Mr. James J. Buckley the signer of the annexed complaint and told him of my conversation with Mr. Raabe and that I would take immediate steps to have the nuisance abated. Mr. Buckley told me he had written to the department of Public Works complaining of the condition of the sidewalk and also to the Health Department complaining about the stable in the vacant lots not having a sewer attached to it. I have instructed the officers who are on post on 64th street to arrest any person or persons found committing a nuisance in or around this vacant property and to continue reporting said vacant lots until they are fenced according to law

Respectfully

Andrew J. Thomas.  
Captain 24th Precinct.

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

March 15th, 1897.

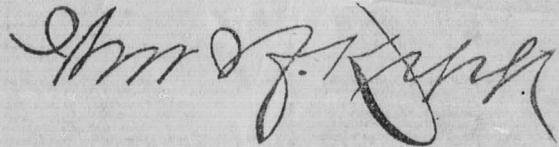
James J. Buckley Esq.,

317 West 64th street.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in reply to your favor of the 17th ult., addressed to his Honor the Mayor, complaining of nuisance, I transmit herewith copy of report thereon.

Very respectfully



Chief Clerk.

OFFICE OF JAMES J. BUCKLEY,

HOD ELEVATORS,

317 WEST 64th ST.,

~~423 and 425 WESTERN BOULEVARD.~~

~~Corner 81st Street.~~

New York, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1897.

To The Honorable William L. Strong  
Mayor New York City

Honorable Sir,

Referring to my letter of 17<sup>th</sup> February  
appertaining to nuisance existing near my premises  
I enclose correspondence from Police Dept. in reference  
thereto, and beg to inform you that Raab & Sons continue  
to bring the manure from their stable opposite, to their  
factory adjoining my house, every morning, and burn  
same to make steam for their machinery. The odor from  
the factory pervades the rooms of my dwelling, and  
when myself and family are at breakfast particularly,  
it is disgusting, to have to endure the pursuit of this  
practice continued by Raab & Sons. The windows have to be  
constantly kept closed especially during meals.

A second grievance is, that there is no proper sewerage  
from their stable, the contrivance which does exist is not  
conducted so as to carry away the drainage. Surely  
the law cannot be trampled upon in this way

Common decency alone howls at such a state of  
affairs. Notwithstanding the trouble I have given  
your Honor in this matter, and your effort to prevent  
further violation of the Law, how seems to be disregarded.

I am Honorable Sir

Yours Very Respectfully  
James J. Buckley

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

*Frederick D. Grant,  
Commissioner.*

April 29th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My dear Sir:

I understand that Assembly Bill, (Printed) No. 1586, introduced by Mr. Gilleland, to amend Section 312 of the Consolidation Act, providing for numerous additional qualifications touching the certification of engineers of stationary boilers, is now before you. I hasten to say that the new bill in reality amends Chapter 643 of the Laws of 1886, and adds qualifications for the more thorough enforcement of its provisions for securing competent steam boiler engineers who will be licensed by the City of New York. Each qualification added will be a benefit to the service, and also to the users of steam. I heartily approve the bill as it stands, and beg you to sign it.

I am, Mr. Mayor,

Very truly yours,

*Frederick D. Grant*

POLICE COMMISSIONER.

*Police Department*

*of the City of New York*

*300 Mulberry Street*

*Office of Chief of Police*

New York, April 30, 1897.

My Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 29th inst. is received, and I note with gratification your kind words of commendation for the conduct of the police force along the route of the Grant parade and around the Tomb on the 27th of this month.

I desire to thank you on behalf of the entire force, as well as for myself, and to assure you that I know every member of the Department will feel himself honored by the sincere praise you have bestowed upon their efforts. I am deeply pleased to think that the work of my command was largely instrumental in making Grant Day a success, and to know that the efficiency of the force was so conspicuous as to call forth the commendation of visitors and residents alike.

Very respectfully,

*W. L. Strong*  
*for us*

W. L. Strong, Esq.,

Mayor,

New York City.

*Peter J. Griffin*

Chief of Police.

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1054 30, St. Oakland Cal

April 7, 1894

Hon. Mayor of New York.

Dear sir, -

Mrs. Georgiana Peter  
McCulloch would like to  
know the whereabouts of her  
brother George Alexander  
Peter. He is a mulatto  
about five feet and a half,  
and is a native of Baltimore  
Md., and son of the late  
Charles and Rebecca Peter  
of Baltimore. He is about  
fifty years of age.

In 1857 he sailed on the  
Brig Annie from Baltimore  
to New York, and has

not been seen or heard  
from since. If you inquire  
among the sailor boarding  
houses you may find  
something about his near-  
abouts

Yours truly

Mrs. G. McCulloch

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*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* May 7, 1897.

Mrs. G. McCulloch,  
1054-30 st.,  
Oakland, Cal.:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 7th ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, asking whereabouts of your brother, George Alexander Deter, that Sergeant Patrick Byrne, of the Police Bureau of Information, reports concerning the matter as follows:

"No knowledge has been obtained as to the whereabouts of George Alexander Deter. Inquiry at the office of the Maritime Exchange, this city, shows that the brig "Annie" foundered off Cape Hatteras in 1859 and all hands aboard were lost. Detailed information in connection with same can be obtained by addressing Maritime Exchange, Baltimore, Md."

Very respectfully,

*Wm J. Kelly*  
Chief Clerk.

N.Y. April 9, 1897.

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The Hon. Wm L. Strong Esq.

Dear Sir:

I inform you that we are most respectful people, residing at 100 Cannon St., where a man lives who is called Benny Graham, receiving night visitors at an unusual hour. Girls & fellows have been fighting their, & they have disturbed the neighbors their enough to have him reported & put out of the place before, but half the time the landlord, the rooms would be empty urged this jew person to take the rent from him which Benny moved in after midnight hours. He disturbed the

neighbors by listening to  
their doors by going through  
the house in his bare feet  
he has made some of the women  
drunk with beer. He believes in  
giving drugs to people.

He has got an irish policeman  
to tell them if they would  
say anything about them  
he would make trouble with  
them. He pays an attention  
to the policeman & treats  
him to whiskey. The number  
of the policeman is 2446.

He has offered money to these  
jiv girls & he bothers around  
nights so, & him saying he  
works aboard of a boat, &  
him so anxious to remain in  
the house where we are. We  
think he will do some other  
crime, & run away on the boat.

Not only requesting you to put  
him out of the house, but arrest  
him. If the irish policeman  
will please see to this respect.

I remain

Yours truly  
Isaac Tachstar  
100 Cannon St.  
N.Y. City

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From the Board. 5188

Report in Duplicate

Enclosure from The Mayor

Israel Bachster, 100 Cannon St.,  
Complaining of the actions of  
a tenant at that address.

New York, Apr. 15, 1897

Referred to Acting Insp. O'Keefe  
for immediate investigation, attention and report

.....  
*V. L. Jones*  
.....  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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Recd 5 P.M.  
Apr 15/97

*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* May 7, 1897.

Mr. Israel Bachstar,  
100 Cannon street:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 9th ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, complaining of the actions of a tenant at 100 Cannon street, that Acting Captain Hogan, of the 13th precinct, reports concerning the same as follows:

"I personally investigated the matter complained of and visited the premises No. 100 Cannon street, which is a 3-story and basement house occupied by seven families. I interviewed all said tenants and they stated that there was no such person living in the house by the name of Benny Graham, who is the man complained of, and no such person living in the house as Israel Bachstar, the name signed to the complaint. The housekeeper also stated that no such persons lived there. There is no officer connected with this precinct having the number 8446."

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

Very respectfully,

*Wm J. Ryan*  
Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* May 7, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to enclose herewith  
copies of reports sent to correspondents, as requested in yours

April 14, Mrs. G. McCulloch, Oakland, Cal.;

April 10, Israel Bachstar, 100 Cannon street, N. Y. City.

Very respectfully,

*John J. Kelly*  
Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE.

CHARGE NO. ....

Long Island City, .....

May 10 1897

To the Board of Police Commissioners:

I Hereby Charge Patrolman John Cassidy  
of the Second Precinct, with Absence without leave  
from patrol duty.

SPECIFICATIONS:

That the said  
Patrolman Jno Cassidy of the second  
Precinct did absent himself from  
Patrol duty on Sunday May 9 1897 from  
4<sup>15</sup> P.M. until 5<sup>45</sup> P.M. from Posts (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>)  
he being assigned to patrol these posts on the  
above date, without permission or leave.

Roundsman Jamell patrolled  
the said Patrolman Jno Cassidy (Posts 5-6)  
from 4<sup>15</sup> P.M. until 5<sup>45</sup> P.M. and failed to find  
the said Patrolman Jno Cassidy, being  
one hour and forty five minutes absent,  
without permission. That the said Roundsman  
Jamell did order Patrolman Thomas Larkin  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct to patrol off Jno Cassidy's  
post until off Cassidy returned or until  
released.

Witness

Peter C. Jamell  
Roundsman

Wm J. [Signature]  
President

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Box 302, Manchester, Va.  
April 29, 1877

Mr. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City,  
Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me if a lady is in your city by the name of Miss Mary Doney - she used to live in New York and was there in the 80's - she may have married since then.

Any information you may give that will lead me to her address will be thankfully received -

Thanking you in advance,  
I remain yours truly,  
(Rev) G. L. Stearns

Box 302, Manchester Va

Police Department of the City of New York  
Bureau of Information.  
300 Mulberry street

New York, May 6th, 1897.

Peter Conlin

Chief of Police.

Sir:-

An examination of the directories of this City from 1880 to date have been made but the name of Mary Doney the person referred to in the annexed letter does not appear in any of them, and no knowledge has been obtained as to her whereabouts.

I would suggest that the writer be advised to advertise for the desired information by communicating with the Chesman Advertising Agency 119 Nassau street or the Place Advertising Agency No. 52 Broadway this City arrangements can be made for advertising in any newspaper published.

Respectfully

Patrick Byrne

Sergeant in Command of C. O. Squad.

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

May 12th, 1897.

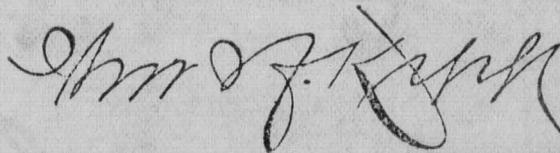
Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in further reply to your favor of the 30th ult. I return herewith original communication from the Rev. C. C. Coleman, Manchester Va., asking information as to the whereabouts of Mary Doney, and a copy of report thereon.

Very respectfully



Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* May 14, 1897.

Mrs. James Killilea,  
1320 Magnolia street,  
New Orleans, La.:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 25th ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, and referred to this Department, asking information concerning Denis and Patrick Madden, that Sergeant Patrick Byrne, of the Police Bureau of Information reports concerning the matter as follows:

"The directories of this city have been examined from 1880 to date, but the name of Patrick or Denis Madden, the persons referred to, does not appear, and no knowledge has been obtained as to their whereabouts. I would suggest that the writer be advised to advertise for the desired information. By communicating with the Chesman Advertising Agency, 119 Nassau street, or the Place Advertising Agency, 52 Broadway, this city, arrangements can be made for advertising in any newspaper published."

Very respectfully,

*Wm. L. ...*  
Chief Clerk.  
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*Police Department,*  
*of the City of New York,*  
*300 Mulberry Street,*  
*New York,* May 14, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

By direction of the Board of Police I enclose herewith copy of report sent as requested in yours of 28th ult., to Mrs. James Killilea, New Orleans, La., asking information concerning Dennis and Patrick Madden.

Very respectfully,

*Miss Lawler*  
Chief Clerk.  
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*Police Department,*

*of the City of New York,*

*300 Mulberry Street,*

*Office of Chief of Police.*

New York, May 15, 1897.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary to Mayor,

New York City.

My Dear Sir:-

Your favor of even date, referring to inquiry of C. M. Matthews, of Lynch, S. C. as to reliability of the Bayer Detective Agency, received, and I beg to inform you that the matter will receive my immediate attention.

Respectfully,



Chief of Police.



LEONARD K. SMITH & CO.,  
 Foreign & Domestic Woollens,  
 103 FIFTH AVENUE,  
 NEAR EIGHTEENTH ST.



LEONARD K. SMITH.  
 HENRY ALBRO SMITH.

New York, May 3<sup>d</sup> - 1897

Mayer W. E. Strong  
 Hon. Sir.

There is a large vacant lot opposite my residence on North East corner of Boulevard & 79<sup>th</sup> St. enclosed by a high board fence with a wide gate always open it has got to be a nuisance in the shape of a water-closet or Privy for men we can feel them come from behind the fence at almost any time of day in all sorts of disability - If I knew what department could stop this nuisance I would write to them I should think the Board of Health could take hold of it as we can almost smell the lot from home

Sorry to annoy you but will you hand this over to the proper department

Obliged yours

Leonard K. Smith

218 West 79<sup>th</sup> St

Police Department of the City of New York.

Precinct 24.

New York May 8th, 1897.

John J. Harley

Captain and Acting Inspector

4th District.

Sir:-

The annexed communication is returned with the following report.

From investigation I find that the vacant lots complained of on the north west corner of 79th street and Boulevard has been in somewhat bad condition as the gate connecting with the fence was broken, which left access for any person to enter the lots day or night.

The third Avenue Railroad Company have taken charge of the vacant lots and are repairing the fence and gate and cleaning up in and around the property and will be no further cause for complaint. I called on Mr. Smith and explained what action was taken and he is perfectly satisfied with the change that has taken place and our action in the matter.

Respectfully

Andrew J. Thomas

Captain 24th Precinct.

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

May 21st , 1897.

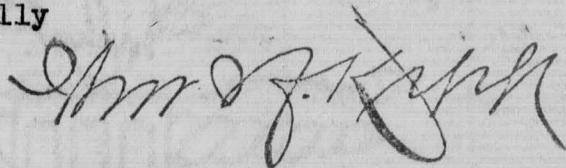
Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police and in further reply to your favor of the 4th inst. enclosing communication from L. K. Smith I return herewith original letter and copy of report thereon.

Very respectfully



Chief Clerk.

*East Hartford  
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New York City, N.Y. May 10<sup>th</sup> 1897

Hon. Wm. S. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Respected Sir:

The undersigned is an old and well known resident of this City, and, throughout the time you have had the honor to discharge the duties of your responsible position, as the Mayor & Chief Executive of the most alert and progressive City in the World, it has been my good pleasure to at all times observe the uniform courtesy and attention extended by you to any and all classes of citizens who called your official notice to matters that relate to questions affecting common decency, and an ordinary observance of the every-day proprieties of life - and particularly so in a City as large as that in which we live.

In calling attention to the two subjects below considered, I address you with the request that you refer them to the proper departments of the City Government for investigation and consideration; and, I feel assured, that when so considered and investigated the abatement of the two very offensive daily and repeated practices will be provided for.

These offensive practices are: -

First. The habit of owners of dogs - of every known breed - promenading with them - particularly on up pt 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Upper Madison Avenue - Up pt Broadway & around the Plaza (5<sup>th</sup> Ave & 59<sup>th</sup> St.) at the particular time or times when nature arranges for an easement of the bowels of the aforesaid dogs. The owners of or attendants upon these animals invariably have chains or cords attached to them, and with precision select places at or about the center of the side-walks as the only and particular space for the consummation of the act giving relief to the dog or dogs. Many of the owners & attendants seem to select Sunday - of all other days - for these parades. Pedestrians inadvertently

tread upon these deposits of filth and transport portions thereof over a considerable distance. It not alone presents a disgusting and filthy spectacle but the garments worn by Ladies are soiled and befouled; and, at times, in certain localities, the practice is so common and carried on to such an extent that the very atmosphere becomes redolent with offensive odors. The dogs referred to apparently are owned by the wealthier classes of our population, and in nine cases out of ten if the dogs were not held by a chain or cord, and left to act for themselves in these junctures of their habits, they would repair to the Streets and the Sidewalks, would be free from becoming the depositories for the purposes hereinabove pointed out.

+ Your Honor has doubtless observed the very condition of affairs pointed out in this communication, and the writer suggests that you advise the passage of an Ordinance compelling the owners of dogs of all degrees to either leave their dog or dogs unchained or uncorded - so that of their own volition they can take to the streets when their emergencies arise - or if the owners persist in pre-empting a site upon a Side Walk & holding the animal there for evacuating purposes, then let them be liable to arrest & fine.

Second - In the Sidewalk on the Eastern side of Broadway, immediately in front of the Southernly line of the Grand Hotel there is an iron grating about 4 x 5 feet - with longitudinal open spaces extending entire length. Under the Sidewalk - and as an appurtenance to this open grating there is an arrangement of machinery and appliances for ventilating purposes. This machinery & appliances seem to be kept continuously in operation, and, at night, particularly, the volume of air that is forced upward through the interstices of this grating is of such force and strength that the writer has seen the dresses and underwear of ladies and children

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- who were passing over or adjacent to this grating - forced upward to an extent that placed the innocent and unsuspecting victims in a painfully embarrassing and mortifying condition. This particular place is adjacent to Palms (now Wallack's) Theatre abutting it on the North - and when audiences are dismissed from the Theatre it has been and still is the custom for a generous collection of prurient minded loafers to station themselves in the recesses of the door-ways along the front of the Grand Hotel, at Broadway + 31<sup>st</sup> St and laugh and hoot and jest over the embarrassing flights that ladies and young girls have found themselves in by reason of passing over or near this grating.

The writer is fully aware that your Honor has about all that any one man can reasonably attend to, but I feel assured that in calling your attention to the offenses pointed out in this communication, you will cause such steps to be taken, as will place them under the attention and jurisdiction of City Departments that can, at least regulate, if not wholly abate them.

Assuring your Honor of the pleasure I have enjoyed & still enjoy in being one of your warmest supporters & trusting to be on hand to cast my vote for you as the First Mayor of Greater New York.

Remain my truly

Room #8

No. 1286 Broadway, N.Y. City  
Alpine Building

F. M. Blodgett, M.P.  
(Howard)

Chief of Investigation  
Report

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All mannered  
dogs

Bicycle riders

Police Department of the City of New York

Precinct No. 19

New York May 21st, 1897.

John J. Harley

Acting Inspector

Sir:-

In answer to the annexed communication I respectfully state that I have given instructions to patrolmen on upper Madison and Fifth Avenues and on Broadway as well as on all other streets and avenues in this precinct that where they see a person leading a dog on chain on sidewalk and the dog attempts to evacuate there to respectfully request them to lead said dog to street and to arrest the person if they refuse to do so. I have also instructed the Sergeants and Roundsman to see that this order is enforced. In answer to second specification in this communication I would respectfully state that the complaint made of a volum of air being forced through a grating on Broadway near Grand Hotel was true up to within a week ago when a complaint was made to me of the same. I ordered Roundsman Elmer B. Dixon of my command to investigate the matter and he reported to me that he saw Mr. Leland the prop. of the Grand Hotel and explained the trouble and Mr. Leland has since that time abated the nuisance. I have also given instructions to the officers on duty on Broadway posts to prevent any congregation of persons in this vicinity and I will also give the complaint my personal attention I detailed Detective John W. Walters of my command to see Doctor Blodgett and he states he saw Mr. Joseph C. Hand Room 8 Alpine Building who informed him Blodgett has been dead for past two years and also that the above letter was not written from his office.

Respectfully

George S. Chapman

Captain 19th Precinct.

Sir:-

Acting Inspector

John J. Harfen

May 22

Bicyclists

vs

Rebellions

Police Department of t

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3<sup>rd</sup> <sup>mi</sup> Park Ave. Hotel. May 16/98

Dear Mr Mayor -

Will you kindly charge the police  
to prevent (and watch to see that their  
efforts are successful.) a perpet crowd  
of bicyclists from swarming the street  
in front of the various churches just at  
the time when ladies and children are  
trying to get across to enter the church  
doors? Every Sunday it is the same thing

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over and over - and we wait so  
long for a chance to cross safely. This  
morning (Sunday) a lady was knocked  
down in front of Dr. Sabin's church -  
cr. 55<sup>th</sup> and Madison ave. I was  
nearly run over - and a lady who  
came behind me barely escaped. The  
cyclists simply laugh and go on - and  
the police are - non est. No  
just a stop to it - and gain the  
thanks of all church goers. I  
write to you because I believe in  
going direct to the fountain head  
to get rid of a nuisance. Very truly  
yours Albany D. Berne.

Police Department of the City of New York.

Precinct No. 23.

New York May 22nd, 1897.

Nicholas Brooks

Acting Inspector 3rd District.

Sir -

In answer to the annexed complaint of Mrs. Mary D. Brine relative to bicycleds swarming in numbers past churches at the conclusion of services especially in front of Dr. Sabine's Church Madison Avenue and 55th street and complaining of ladies and children being unable to cross the avenue on their account, one lady haveing been knocked down by bicyclists in front of said church, I wish to state that I have given the members of my command especially those of the bicycle squad, strict instructions to give all the protection at their command to pedestrians wishing to cross any of the streets and avenues within this precinct and to see that the ordinance relative to bicycles was strictly enforced Shall personally see that the provisions of this ordinance are obeyed.

Respectfully

John Kelly

Sergeant in Command.

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
300 MULBERRY STREET.

May 26. 1897

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

The annual parade of the  
Police Department will  
occur on the afternoon of  
Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>. and will  
be reviewed from the Worth  
Monument at four o'clock.

I have the pleasure  
and the honor to convey

to you our request that  
you will review the parade.

If we may have you  
with us. I will call  
for you at your office  
with a carriage, on Tuesday  
at quarter past three, so  
that we may start for  
the stand at half past  
three.

I should have spoken  
of this matter yesterday  
when I saw you - my

newness in the work of  
the department is my  
excuse for the delay.

I send this by my  
messenger, because I  
am held here by the  
Board meeting.

Trusting that we may  
not be disappointed in  
our hope of having you  
with us. I am

Your obedient servant,  
Frank Moss

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New York Feb 14 1876

my Dear mother I have just received  
your letter and you can  
imagine for all these years  
I have been trying to find  
your adress how happy I  
am to know that my  
mother still lives and I  
can write to her but I  
am sorry that you are not  
well but I hope to find  
you better you said  
you wanted me to send  
for you I am glad that  
you want to come I would  
send for you right away  
but I have just gone to  
house keeping and I have  
spent all of the money I  
have but I will try and

send for you by  
the last of April for you  
know that it will cost  
a good lot of money  
to come out here you ask  
me my wifes name and Babys  
I can send you my wifes  
name, but the Baby has not  
got there yet my wifes  
name is - Alice and she  
is a good woman and she  
talks of you all the time  
and she wants you to  
come so bad that she  
want be satisfide untel  
you get here I got a  
letter from uncle

Charlie Gill the other day  
and two of his children is  
dead ~~set~~ scott and Mary  
his adress is 316 north  
Jefferson st lexington Ky

My Dear mother you  
know that I want to  
see you very much now  
try and get yourself together  
and be ready to come when  
I send for you I am work-  
ing at night I want you  
to write and tell uncle  
Alex to send me your <sup>sewing</sup>  
machine tell him to send  
it C.O.D and I will pay the  
express I will write you  
a longer letter next time  
so good Bye

from your son  
James Bake  
235 W. 61<sup>st</sup> St  
New York

near of Pattison

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New York City  
march 26 1896

my Dear mother I am  
sorry that I have not  
answerd any of your  
letters but I was out  
at home and I have  
just received them

Dear mother I am doing  
my best to get you  
here I am not working  
steady now and I  
have lots of money  
to pay out how  
would you like to  
live in Chicago  
Alice wants to go  
she said she thinks

that you would  
like there better  
than here for new  
york is full of foriners  
if you would like  
to live in Chicago  
let me know I  
am going to try and  
send you some money  
if nothing but a dollor  
at the time to help  
you along you must  
excuse Bad writing  
for I am very  
sleepy or I would  
have written more  
so keep in good  
spirits and I will  
do the best I can  
from your son

James C Baker  
224 W. 61 st  
New York

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1207 Dunesmil street  
Louisville Ky

Mayor, Strong

Mayor of city of  
new york, please find  
enclosed in this the  
last letter I received  
from my son maybe  
you can find my  
son by reading it. I  
received your letter in  
which you said you failed  
to find him I am thankful  
~~for~~ to you for your trouble.  
I have concluded to send  
you two letters so you may  
have some idea what his  
occupation was as ~~father~~  
~~as he~~ he told me to write  
in care of Patterson I am  
thankful for past favors

please let me hear from  
you soon please return  
letters with respect

Hannah Baker

Police Department of the City of New York

Bureau of Information.

300 Mulberry street

New York May 5th, 1897.

Peter Conlin

Chief of Police.

Sir:-

Diligent inquiry has been made, but know knowledge has been obtained as to the whereabouts of <sup>James</sup> Samuel Baker the person referred to in the annexed letter over twelve months ago he occupied a furnished room from Mrs. Pattison of 235 West 61st street this City and he left there stating he was going West and nothing has been heard of him since .

Respectfully

Patrick Byrne

Sergeant in Command C. O. Squad.

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

May 26th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police I return herewith letter from Hannah Baker and copy of report thereon. Copy of same has been forwarded to Mrs. Baker.

Very respectfully

*John J. Kelly*

Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300. Mulberry Street,  
New York.* June 2nd, 1897.

Mrs. F. Schmidt,

418 Pleasant Avenue, City.

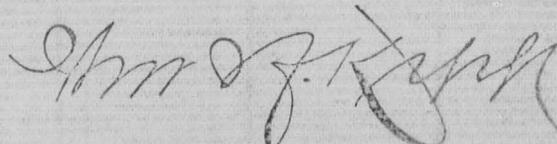
Dear Madam:

By direction of the Board of Police I transmit you herewith report of Captain Haughey, 29th Precinct, concerning floating chute referred to in your communication of May 11th, as follows:

"Would say that on two occasions Wallace Ross, the manager of the chute, was arrested by detectives of this precinct charged with violating the Sunday Law. I have detailed members of my command in citizens dress, and they have arrested parties near the chute for disorderly conduct. I have also sent a patrolman in uniform to that location with instructions to arrest any one found acting disorderly. Mrs. Schmidt was seen in relation to this matter, and stated she had no complaint to make against the manager of the chute, and was satisfied with the efforts of the police in this case."

Any further comments or suggestions you may have to make will be thankfully received.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

White.

Mr. T. Schmitt,

4th Pleasant Avenue, St.

Knox

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and Major King  
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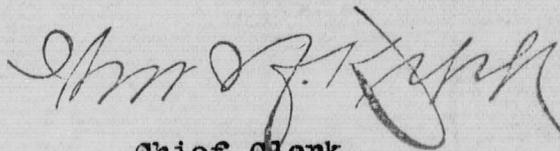
*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York, June 2nd, 1897.*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Sir:

Pursuant to directions contained in your communication of  
May 11th, 1897, I am directed by the Board of Police to forward  
you copy of letter this day mailed Mrs. F. Schmidt.

Very respectfully,



Chief Clerk.

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St Louis, Mo.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1897

#1827 1/2 Market street.

To the Mayor of New York,  
New York City.

Dear sir,

As Mary Boothe, nee McLaughlin would  
write you for information, concerning  
my Brothers Thomas and Daniel

McLaughlin. My brother kept a little  
store on Mott Street, in or around the Year  
of 1859. The house he lived in was owned by  
a man the name of Mr Curley. The last letter  
I received from Thomas was <sup>written</sup> in the beginning  
of the late War, and he was then in the same  
place. I think the number of house was 33  
Mott street, between Spring and Prince.

Before I left New York, Thomas was a Letter

carrier in New York City. He was a married man with a wife and two children a boy & girl. the boys name Thomas Patrick and girl Jane. I have wrote to Thomas before this but received no answer. So I took the liberty of writing to the Mayor.

We had friends by the name of Corrigan, and John Mc Collen. X living at the same place. If they are dead I would like to hear from the children. I may be very much mistaken, but I think that man who is Chief of Police Mr McLaughlin could perhaps give us some clue, as perhaps he may be related to us.

My family came from the North of Ireland, Tyrone. If any of my family could be found, it will be to their advantage to write me. If you would insert this letter in your papers perhaps they may chance to see it, and we could get a quicker result.

At any rate, I would love to find some of them. My brother Dan was a single man at the time I left New York. Dear Sir, I will close by hoping to hear from you soon with some news of my loved ones.

Yours Respectfully,  
Mary Boothe,  
# 1827 North Market street  
St Louis Mo.

*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* June 8, 1897.

Mrs. Mary Boothe,  
1827 North Market street,  
St. Louis, Mo.:

Madam:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 28th ult., addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, and referred to this Department, asking information of your brothers, Thomas and Daniel McLaughlin, that Sergeant Patrick Byrne, of the Police Bureau of Information, reports concerning the matter as follows:

"Inquiry shows that Thomas McLaughlin, one of the persons referred to, was a storekeeper at 229 Mott street in 1861. Inquiry among old residents in that neighborhood failed to find any one who had knowledge of the present whereabouts of said person or of his brother Daniel. The Corrigan family and John McCollen are said to be all dead. Mrs. Corley, who now resides at 237 East 49th street, this city, and owns the premises 229 Mott street, remembers the McLaughlin family well. She does not know what became of them. I would suggest that the writer be advised to communicate with her, as she may later on refresh her memory and give some information regarding them."

Very respectfully,

*John J. Kelly*  
Chief Clerk.

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

June 8, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to enclose herewith  
copy of report sent to Mrs. Mary Boothe, St. Louis, Mo., as requested in  
yours of the 14th ult.

Very respectfully,

*John J. Kane*  
Chief Clerk.

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*Police Department.*

*of the City of New York.*

*300 Mulberry Street,*

*Office of Chief of Police.*

New York, June 9th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor,

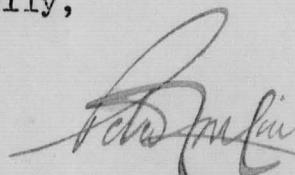
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your very kindly expressed letter of congratulation upon the appearance of the Police Force in its annual parade, is received, and on behalf of myself and all the men of my command I desire to thank you for the interest you have always shown in their welfare and their standing in the community.

The appearance and bearing of the men pleased me very much, and I am gratified to find that my appreciation was shared so largely by those who witnessed the parade, and, in particular, by you. I am very proud indeed of my men, and value highly the commendation you have been pleased to bestow upon them.

Very respectfully,



Chief of Police.

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From the Board. 5313

Pittsburg. May. 14. 97

Dear Sir

Friends of Michael Kennelly who  
died here two weeks ago wish to know the  
whereabouts of Patrick Kennelly, a brother  
of deceased, also a sister Mrs. Catherine  
Stays who formerly lived in Brooklyn.  
Any information you can <sup>give</sup> send us  
of either party will be thankfully  
received.

Please oblige Mrs. Mary Lyons  
No 42 Arch St

Pittsburg Allegheny Co  
Pa.

Patrick Kennelly was formerly in business  
on Broadway

Chief for investigation  
& report

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Police department of the City of New York.  
Bureau of Information

New York May 26th, 1897.

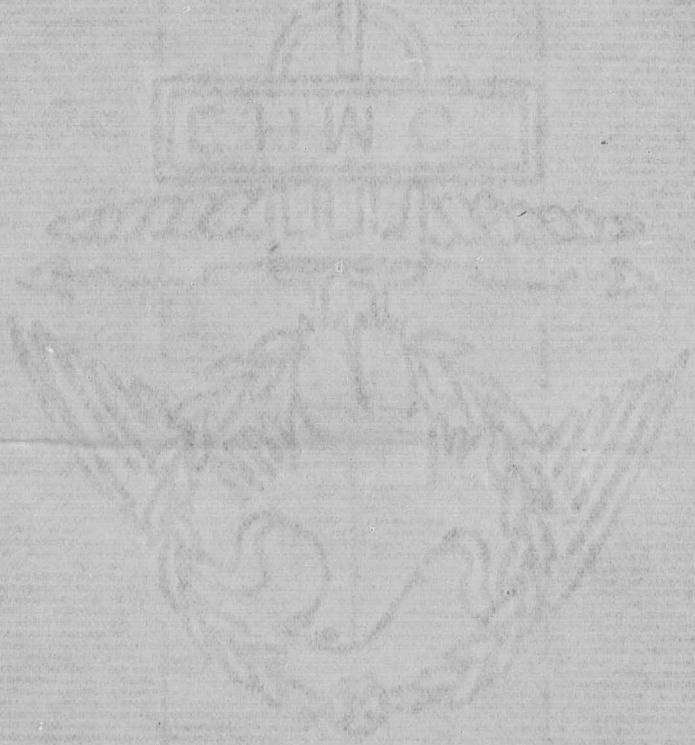
Peter Conlin  
Chief of Police.

Sir:-

The directories of this City have been examined from 1870 to date but the name of Patrick Kennelly the person referred to in the annexed letter does not appear in any of them and know knowledge has been obtained as to his whereabouts. Inquiry among the Kennellys whose names appear in the directory failed to find any one who has a knowledge of the above named person. The name of Mrs. Catherine Hays appears in the Brooklyn director once residing at 472 Smith street.

Very respectfully

Patrick Byrne  
Sergeant Commanding C. O. Sqd.



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

June 11th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor New York City.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police I return herewith letter  
from Mrs. Mary Jones, and a copy of report thereon.

Very respectfully

*John J. Kelly*

Chief Clerk.

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

June 11th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong  
Mayor New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board of Police I return herewith  
complaints from Mrs. Mary D. Brine and F. M. Blodgett, with copies of  
reports thereon. Copies have also been sent to complainants.

Very respectfully

*John J. Kelly*  
Chief Clerk.

*Police Department,  
of the City of New York,  
300 Mulberry Street,  
New York,* June 11, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Police to say with reference to yours of the 20th ult., asking for report as to standing and character of National Merchants' and Buyers' Association, that Captain Chapman, of the 19th precinct, reports concerning the matter as follows:

"I detailed Detective Livingston Hunt, of my command, to investigate, and he reports that he was informed by the janitor of the building that the National Merchants' and Buyers' Association have removed from 13 and 15 West 28th street, and are now in Wall street, number unknown. The janitor also states that this firm was only there for about two months, and he knows nothing of their business."

Captain Donald Grant, of the 1st precinct, reports:

"I have had Detectives Andrew Currie and Leroy Snyder, of my command, make a house to house canvass on Wall street, and they report that no such concern is known at any location on Wall street from Broadway to South street as the National Merchants' and Buyers' Association."

Very respectfully,

*John J. Kelly*  
Chief Clerk.