

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

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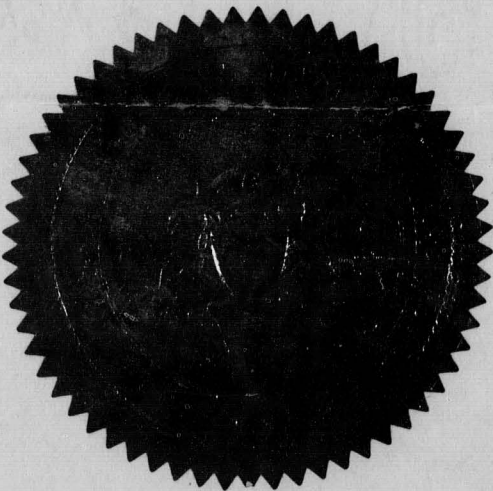
legislation is vicious, and, if enacted, would encourage dishonest employees of the City to present bills like in character;

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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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
have no means
to find out as i am
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 - Locust 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 Diehlman,

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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Heelton, 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. 114th St. N. Y. city or his brother
William B. Sutton?

Respectfully,

Mrs. W. K. Hofferh

Box 762. Heelton, 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 Diehlman, 2435 Coral st., Phila., Pa.

Very respectfully,

John J. Kane
Chief Clerk.

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Louisville Ky., March. 23th 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 him I have
written to him and they came
back he is my son James
poor widow and Sam & I
I said him to help me

from Hannah Baker
1207 Summers 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

Copy.

Handwritten: 100-10000-15-1000-3
100-10000-15-1000-2

*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

Wm. J. Kelly
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 separated 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.
Brownell 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

John J. Kane
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 23 yrs.
April 12, 1897. You will kindly
oblidge his dear loving Aunt.

Yours truly.
Mrs Lucy A. Harris ^{colored}
720 N. 9th St.

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

a molaatto.

Police Department of the City

Bureau of Information

New York Apr

No Hospital-Record
since Feb. 1st 1897.

J. B. P.

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 ~~deceased~~ deceased person referred to in annexed letter does not appear on the records of this Department during the period from Feb'y 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.

Handwritten: 100-112-24
Base of the 3rd
men

*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

John J. Kelly

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.

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

March 15th, 1897.

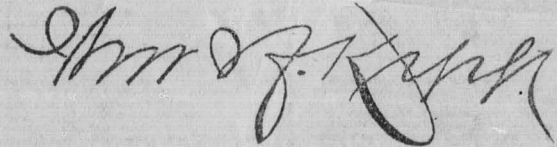
James J. Buckley Esq.,

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. Kane", written in a cursive style.

Chief Clerk.

OFFICE OF JAMES J. BUCKLEY,

HOD ELEVATORS,

317 WEST 64th ST.,

Corner 81st Street.

423 and 425 WESTERN BOULEVARD.

New York, April 23rd 1897.

To The Honorable William L. Strong
Mayor New York City

Honorable Sir,

Referring to my letter of 17th 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
connected 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, now 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 me

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. E. McCulloch

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

Mrs. G. McGulloch,
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,

John 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 a
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
five 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 Bachstar, 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

.....
J. J. L. [Signature]
CHIEF OF POLICE

CHECKED

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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 John Cassidy of the second
Precinct did absent himself from
Patrol duty on Sunday May 9 1897 from
4¹⁵ P.M. until 5⁴⁵ P.M. from Posts (5th and 6)
he being assigned to patrol these posts on the
above date, without permission or leave.

Round J. Jamell patrolled
the said Patrolman John Cassidy (Posts 5-6)
from 4¹⁵ P.M. until 5⁴⁵ P.M. and failed to find
the said Patrolman John Cassidy. being
one hour and forty five minutes absent,
without permission. That the said Round
Jamell did order Patrolman Thomas Larkin
of the 2nd Precinct to patrol off John Cassidy,
post until John Cassidy returned or until
released.

Witness

Peter C. Jamell
Roundman

Thos J. Sweeney
President

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Box 302

Manchester, Va.

April 29th 1897

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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 ad-
vance, I remain yours truly,
(Rev) J. L. C. 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

Wm J. Ryan

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,

Thos. Lamark

Chief Clerk.

1 Dep. Clerk

*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 L. A. L. L. Chief Clerk.
1 Sep. 1897

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.,

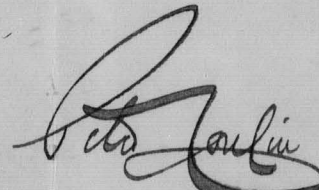
Secretary to Mayor,

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Larkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "P".

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^d - 1897

Mayer W. E. Strong
Hon. Sir.

large
vacant lot opposite my residence on
North East corner of Boulevard & 79th St.
~~the~~ 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 disa-
bilit - 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 79th 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.

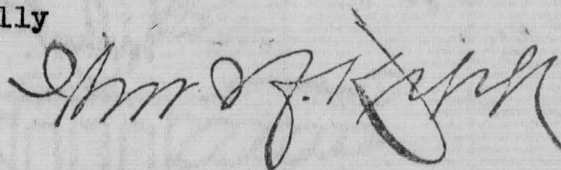
Hon. William L. Strong

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
Linen

314 JWB

New York City, N.Y. May 10th 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

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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 upper 5th Avenue - Upper Madison Avenue - Upper Broadway & around the Plaza (5th Ave & 59th 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

lead 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 depository 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 Palmer (now Hallack'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 + 31st 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 very truly

Respectfully

F. M. Blodgett. M.P.

(Forward)

No. 1286 Broadway, N.Y. City

Alpine Building

Chief of investigation
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Well 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 volumn 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:-

John J. Harter

Acting Inspector

May 22

Bicyclists

vs

Rebellians

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3rd floor Park Ave. Hotel. May 16/98 857
Dear Mr Mayor -

Will you kindly charge the police
to prevent (and watch to see that their
efforts are successful.) a perfect 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 -
on 55th 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
put 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 bicyclets 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 1st. 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 ~~Monday~~
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 address 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 sewing
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

Jamies Bake
235 W. 61st St
New York

care 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 E Baker
224 W. 61 st
new York

935/14 1207 Dunesmil street
Louisville Ky
Vd

Mayor. Strong.

Mayor of city of
new york. please find
enclosed in this. The
last letter I received
from my son may be
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 ^{James} 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. Kane

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.

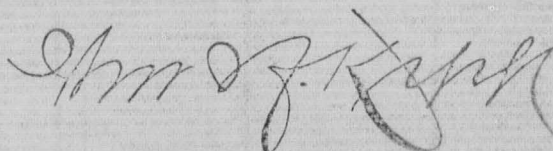
Dear Madam:

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.

Chute.

Wm. T. Schmitt,

415 Broadway Avenue, St.

King

*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,

John J. Kelly
Chief Clerk.

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St Louis, Mo.

May 28th 1897

#1827th Market street.

To the Mayor of New York.
New York City.

Dear sir,

I, 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 ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{beginning} ~~the~~ ^{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. Kane
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,

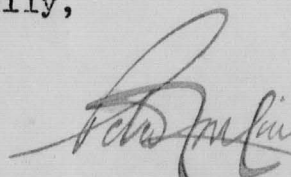
New York City.

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. 92

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 ^{give} 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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Police department of the City of New York.
Bureau of Information

New York May 26th, 1897.

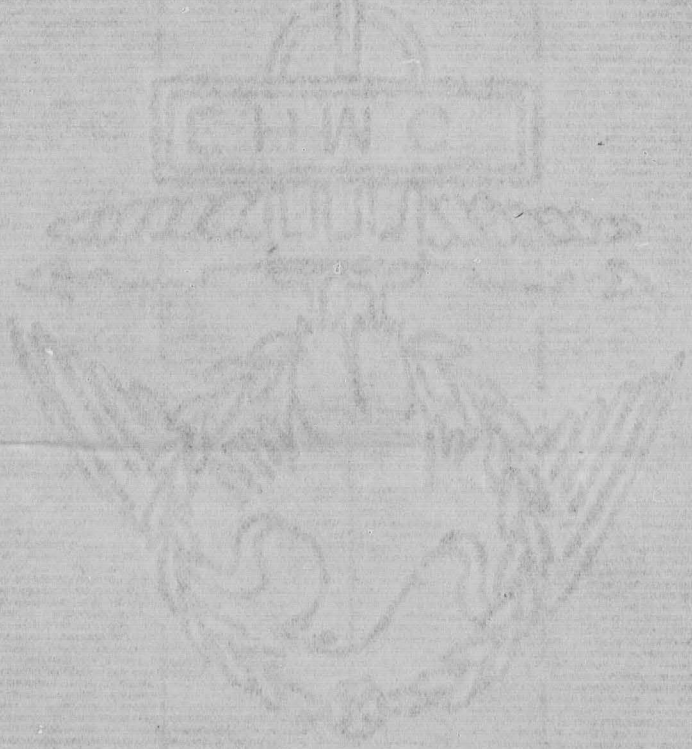
Peter Conlin
Chief of Police.

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. Ryan

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. Kane
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. Kane
Chief Clerk.