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T H E A R M O R Y B O A R D .

Monday, April 11/10

-----CALENDAR-----
THE ARMORY BOARD.
April 11th, 1910

1 Roll Call .

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2 Approval of minutes of meetings held November 30,
December 13 and 22, as printed.

3 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

4 OPENING of bids for utensils, supplies and materials for
the various armories of the N.G.N.Y.

REFER TO SECRETARY FOR TABULATION AND REPORT.

COMMUNICATIONS from the Assistant Secretary of the Board
of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting certi-
fied copies of resolutions adopted by that body at a
meeting held January 7 and February 11, 1910, as fol-
lows :

(a) Transferring the sum of \$4,560.50 within the
appropriations made to the Armory Board for
the year 1909.

(b) Approving the modification of the schedule
of salaries and wages supporting the appropria-
tion for the Armory Board for the year 1910.

(c) Transferring the sum of \$300. within the ap-
propriation made to the Armory Board for the year
1910.

FILE.

5A Communication from George Stanton requesting an extension

time (50 days) from February 24, 1910 on his contract for alterations, etc. in the armory of the 2nd Company Signal Corps, Borough of Brooklyn.

RESOLUTION.

- 6 COMMUNICATION from J. M. Knopp requesting an extension of time (to March 21, 1910) on his contract for alterations to the armory of the 14th Regiment, N.G.N.Y.

RESOLUTION.

- 7 COMMUNICATION from the Receivers of the Interborough Supply Company requesting an extension of time to April 11, 1910 on said Interborough Supply Co's contract for furnishing, equipping, etc., in the armory of the First Company Signal Corps, Borough of Manhattan.

RESOLUTION.

- 8 COMMUNICATION from the S. Fox Construction Company requesting an extension of time (to April 11, 1910) on their contract for alterations, etc., in the armory of the 14th Regiment, Borough of Brooklyn.

RESOLUTION.

- 9 The Secretary reports the receipt of the following liens:
Feb. 10/10:
Gordon Iron Works against Motta General Contracting Co.....\$396.00

- Feb. 3/10:
The J. L. Mott Iron Works against Jarossi & Dacunto.....\$519.31

Mar. 2/10:

S. C. Robins against S. Motta.....\$107.50

REFER TO COMPTROLLER.

- 10 REQUEST for the consent of the Armory Board to the assignment by the S. Fox Construction Company to Isidore Marx of all moneys now due or to grow due to said S. Fox Construction Co.

RESOLUTION?

- 11 REQUEST for the consent of the Armory Board to the assignment by the S. Fox Construction Company to Isidore Marc of all money's due or to grow due to said S. Fox Construction Company, for work, alterations etc., in the armory of the 14th Regiment, Borough of Brooklyn.

RESOLUTION.

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- 12 REQUEST for the consent of the Armory Board to the assignment by S/ Motta to the Savoy Trust Co. of all moneys due or to become due said S. Motta on his contract for alterations and improvements in the armory of the 13th Regiment.

RESOLUTION.

- 13 REQUEST for the consent of the Armory Board to the assignment by the Guidone & Galardi Co. of the sum of \$14,000. to the Ravitch Bros. out of the final payment to become due to said Guidone & Galardi Co. on their contract for the erection of an armory for the Second Battery.

RESOLUTION.

- 14 REQUEST of the consent of the Armory Board to the assignment of the Griffin Roofing Company to the Barrett Manufacturing Company of all moneys due or to become due to said Griffin Roofing Co. on their contract for improvements and repairs to the roof of the 14th Regiment armory, Borough of Brooklyn.

RESOLUTION.

- 15 REQUEST of the Commanding Officer of the 7th Regiment for permission to advertise for electric wiring fixtures and water pressure system.

REFER TO COMPTROLLER WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

- 16a REQUEST OF THE Commanding Officer of the 8th Coast Artillery District for a hearing on his application for a new armory.

REFER TO COMMITTEE.

- 17 REQUEST of the Commanding Officer of Squadron A Cavalry for increased accommodation for his organization.

REFER TO COMMITTEE.

- 18 REQUISITION of the Chief of Coast Artillery for furnishings etc. for headquarters recently provided for his accommodation.

REFER TO COMMITTEE.

- 19 REQUISITION of the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battery for an appropriation for the completion, equipment and furnishing ~~of~~ the armory for his organization

REFER TO COMMITTEE.

- 20 Notice from the Fire Department to provide auxilliary fire appliances in the armory of the Third Battery, Borough of Brooklyn.

The Secretary reports that the necessary appliances have been ordered.

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- 21 REQUISITION of the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion Naval Militia, for an appropriation of \$4,000. to repair roof damaged by storm December 25, 1909.

RESOLUTION.

- 22 THE SECRETARY reports that there are on file in his office requisitions for repairs, improvements, etc. from the commanding officers of the 8th and 9th Coast Artillery Districts, 69th, 71st and 23rd Regiments, 1st and 3rd Batteries, 1st Battalion Naval Militia, Squadrons A and C, and 1st and 2nd Signal Corps.

REFER TO COMMITTEE.

- 23 Communication from the commanding officer of the 8th Coast Artillery District making requisition for 5 steel roll top desks.

REFER TO COMMITTEE.

NOTE. Estimated cost, \$750.

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COMMUNICATION from the Reverend Peter Farrell notifying the Armory Board that the rental of the building now occupied by the Second Battery Field Artillery, on Bathgate avenue, will be increased from \$500. to 550. per month from the 30th day of April.

REFER TO COMMITTEE.

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THE SECRETARY reports that resolutions approving bills for repairs, etc., properly certified, dated December 3, 7, 14, January 31, February 8 and March 23, were duly signed by the Armory Board, and the vouchers forwarded to the Comptroller for payment.

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COMMUNICATION from the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion Naval Militia, requesting the strengthening of the floor of the armory of his organization, in order that a 4 inch gun weighing approximately 9,000 lbs may be installed.

REFER TO COMMITTEE.

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COMMUNICATION from the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion Naval Militia for the construction of cement walks, iron railings and curbing at the armory of his organization, in order to properly finish grounds for drill purposes.

REFER TO COMMITTEE.

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The Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor of The City of New York.

S i r : - -

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst., enclosing copy of a letter from Comptroller Prendergast. The instructions of the letter will be followed precisely.

Respectfully,

G. D. Rhinehart
Secretary.

May 6/10
an Letter of the
Mayors of the 4th

~~Memorandum~~ for the Mayor.

This is a letter from C. S. Reinhardt replying to a letter which you sent him a few days ago in regard to the use which Cooper Union is to put the old 69th Regiment armory at 3d Avenue at 6th and 7th street. The City in 1908 gave the Cooper Institute a 99 year lease on this property. John E. Parsons, President of the Institute, stated a year ago that at the time the lease was made the trustees believed that the building could be put into condition for use at an outlay of not more than \$50,000, but it has been since found that the building will have to be rebuilt and that the cost will be not less than \$500,000. He says that the Institute is trying to raise the necessary funds, and when this is done the building will be put in use.

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The Hon. William J. Gaynor,

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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of May 10, enclosing communication dated May 9, signed "True Citizen", relative to failure of Board of Trustees of Cooper Union to remodel the building formerly occupied by the 69th Regiment, at 3rd avenue, 6th and 7th streets.

On April 16, 1906, the Armory Board accepted the new armory at 25th street and Lexington avenue, for the 69th Regiment. The old quarters at 3rd avenue, 6th and 7th streets, then came under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held June 9, 1909, the following communication was presented from the President of Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, in answer to the inquiry of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as to what they proposed to do with the building in question:

--COPY--

New York June 1, 1909

"Hon. Herman A. Metz,
 Comptroller.

Dear Mr. Metz:

I have yours of May 28 stating that you were requested at a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to ascertain from the Trustees of Cooper Union what they propose to do with reference to the old Tompkins Market Building.

The subject is referred to in the report to be presented at the Cooper Union Commencement on Thursday evening of this week. When the lease was received from the City it was assumed that at an expenditure of \$40,000. or \$50,000. the Armory Building could be fitted up for immediate use. Cooper Union was prepared to make that outlay. Further investigation showed, and reports to that effect were obtained, that it was impossible to do anything with the building. It was in such a condition of dilapidation as to be dangerous. Nothing could be done except under the terms of the lease to take down the building and replace it at an expense of \$500,000. or more for the building itself. There never was a time when the need of a building was greater. The report to which I have referred shows a waiting list of 4,737 students. The question is one of means. For Cooper Union to use any other funds for the new building correspondingly deprives us of income which is imperatively needed. We have been trying, and are continuing to make every

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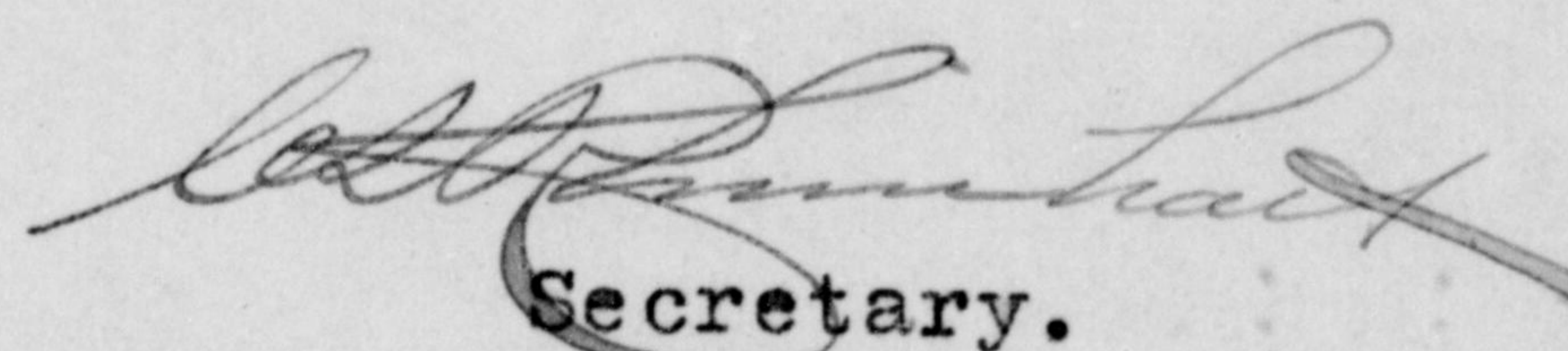
effort to obtain contributions to both the erection of a new building and for its maintenance when erected. The Commissioners may be assured that every effort in this direction will be made.

Yours very truly,

Signed: JOHN E. PARSONS,
President."

This is all the information I am able to furnish on the subject . For further information I would respectfully refer you to Mr. Parson, the President of Cooper Union.

Respectfully,


Secretary.

P.S.

I return herewith the original letter, having retained a copy thereof for the files of this Department.

May 11/1910

Up - of Anson Letter
Re - to Cooper Union

New York, May 9th 1910.

Hon. Mayor Gaynor
Dear Sir:

I take the liberty to write to you, about the old 69th Regiment building, on 3rd Avenue, 6th and 7th St. and Hall Place. I understand the City of New York, leased the Building & land to the Cooper Institute for 99 years, & that they were to improve the building into ^{an} Annex School of their Institution. ^{at once} The building is idle over ^{one} a year, and there ~~hundreds~~ of applicants to enter the school but the Institution claims they have no room. If they would remodel same at once, it will ~~be~~ greatly benefit the poor young men. The City gave them the lease

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at the present small rental for Education
purposes. Your Honor, will you
please look into the above
matter as it is a very important
to have the building remodeled
for the poor boys of New York
City.

Hoping that you will be so
kind & attract the attention
of the Trustees of the Cooper Institute
and thank you in advance, I re-
main

Yours true Citizen.
~~John F. [unclear]~~

--CALENDAR--
THE ARMORY BOARD

May 23, 1910.

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THE ARMORY BOARD
April 11, 1910.

1. Roll Call.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting held April 11, 1910, as printed.

3. Opening of bids for coal to be supplied to the various armories of the N.G.N.Y. during 1910.

Refer to Secretary for tabulation and report.

4. The Secretary to whom was referred for tabulation and award the bids received for supplies, etc. to the various armories of the N.G.N.Y., reports the following lowest bidders:

Cavanagh Bros. & Co., on 47 items, aggregating the sum of \$24,640.

Manhattan Supply Co., on 6 items, aggregating the sum of \$1,886.

H. T. Dakin, on 4 items, aggregating the sum of \$1023.08.

Frederick Pearce on 1 item, in the sum of \$338.

The Secretary further reports that in pursuance to resolution adopted by the Armory Board April 11, 1910, resolutions accepting the above bids were forwarded to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for their concurrence.

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- 5 Communication from the Secretary to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, transmitting certified copies of resolutions adopted by that body at a meeting held April 27, 1910, concurring in resolution of the Armory Board accepting the bids of Cavanagh Bros. & Co., the Manhattan Supply Co., H. T. Dakin and the Frederick Pearce Co. for supplies, etc., to be furnished to the various armories of the N.G.N.Y. during the year 1910.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON ARMORIES.

The Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
Chairman of The Armory Board.

S i r : - -

A meeting of the Committees on Armories was held this day at 3 o'clock P.M., at the office of the Secretary, Hall of Records, Manhattan.

Your committee report the consideration of the following matters:

- 7 Communication from the commanding officer of the 8th Coast Artillery District, making application for the lower unused portion of Jerome Park Reservoir, situated at the north side of Kingsbridge Road, between Jerome avenue and Grand avenue, for the purpose of erecting thereon an armory for his command.

Your Committee recommend ~~that~~ the site selected as suitable subject to an opinion from the Corporation Counsel that the City has the right to use the premises in question for armory purposes.

Resolution for adoption.

8. Communication from the commanding officer of the 71st Regiment, making requisition for alterations, etc. in the armory of his organization, at an estimated cost of \$11,375.

Your committee recommend that the work be done, and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to authorize the issue of special revenue bonds to the amount of \$11,375. to provide funds therefor.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

9. Communication from the commanding officer of the 7th Regiment, making requisition for high pressure standpipe system, electric fixtures, and renovation of electrical wiring.

Your committee recommend that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to release \$11,000. of the \$18,000. available corporate stock balance, and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to authorize the issue of special revenue bonds to the amount of \$14,000. to provide funds therefor.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

- 10 Communication from the commanding officer of the First Battery making requisition for an appropriation of \$1100. for 109 steel lockers to be installed in the armory of his organization.

Your Committee recommend that the lockers be furnished and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to authorize the issue of special revenue bonds to the amount of \$1100. to provide funds therefor.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

- 11 Communication from the commanding officer of the First

Battery making requisition for lumber to provide shelter for guns and horses at the Battery's Farm at North Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y.

Your Committee recommend that the Armory Board direct the Secretary to communicate with the Corporation Counsel and request his opinion as to the right of the Armory Board to spend money under this application, and that if a favorable opinion be received, the expenditure be made to a sum not exceeding \$500.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

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Communication from the Commanding Officer of the Field Hospital requesting that suitable storage be hired to accommodate two ambulances and 8 army wagons.

Your Committee recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to authorize the Comptroller to rent the necessary storage room in the Fidelity Warehouse, 107 West 96th Street; such rental to be at the rate of \$5. per month for each vehicle; the rent to be paid without the formality of entering into a formal lease, and to extend over a period of one year.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

13.

Communication from the commanding officer of the First Company Signal Corps, requesting the renewal of the lease for the use of the quarters and riding ring for mounted drills in the Central Park Riding Academy.

Your Committee recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to renew the lease, upon the same terms and conditions contained in the former lease.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

14

Communication from the Comptroller in relation to temporary heating in the new Second Battery armory, requesting the exact number of days such heating was used.

A report was received from C. C. Haight, Esq., giving the number of days such heating was used.

Your Committee recommend that a copy of the architect's report be transmitted to the Comptroller.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

15.

Communication from the Rev. Peter Farrell advising the Armory Board that the building now occupied by the Second Battery at No. 1891 Bathgate avenue will be at the rate of \$550. per month from May 1, 1910.

Your committee recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to authorize the Comptroller to pay such rental from month to month without the necessity of entering into a formal lease for a period not exceeding 3 months.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

16

Communication from the architect of the new Second Battery armory, submitting specifications for general equipment, furniture, fixtures, etc., at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

Brigadier-General George Moore Smith was appointed a committee of one, to confer with the architect, Mr. C. C. Haight, and to report, to the Armory Board, at its next meeting, if possible.

- 17 Communication from the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion Naval Militia, making requisition that the floor be strengthened in order that a 4 inch gun may be installed.

Your committee recommend that the work be done, and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to authorize an issue of special revenue bonds in the amount of ~~three~~ \$300. to provide funds therefor, and that the Secretary be authorized to have the work done when the bonds are issued.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

- 18 Recommendation of C. C. Haight, Esq., architect, for the new 2nd Battery armory, relative to a slight change in the location of the tablet to be placed on said armory.

Your Committee recommend that the change be made.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

- 19 Communication from the Comptroller, requesting to be advised if certain properties in the Borough of Brooklyn are required by the Armory Board for public use.

Your Committee recommend that the Comptroller be advised that the properties enumerated are not required by this Board; and also that in future the Secretary be directed to reply to communications of this nature without a reference to the Committee.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

- 20 Recommendation of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, for wiring by electricity the armory of the 9th Coast Artillery District, at an estimated cost of \$9,000.

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Your Committee recommend that the work be done and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to authorize special revenue bonds in the amount of \$9,000. to provide funds therefor.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

21

Communication from the commanding officer of the 23rd Regiment, making requisition for painting, equipment, etc., for Surgeon's and new Field Hospital Quarters, and for partitions, lockers, and enlargement of Company rooms, at an estimated cost of \$16,250.

Your Committee recommend that two items, viz. \$3200. for seats on drill room floor, and \$1075. for alterations, be stricken from the list, and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to authorize the issue of \$11,975. in special revenue bonds to provide funds for the remaining items.

RESOLUTION for adoption.

22

Communication from the architects of the new 22nd Regiment armory, requesting the substitution of limestone where terra cotta is specified for the exterior of the armory.

Your Committee recommend that the Corporation Counsel be requested to render an opinion as to the power of the Armory Board to grant the request.

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Recommendation of the Architects, Messrs. Robinson & Knust that the contract of Messrs. Kelly & Kelley for an addition to the armory of the 7th Regiment be amended so as to include various changes requested by the commanding officer.

Your Committee recommend that the changes be allowed.

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The Secretary reports that resolutions approving bills for repairs etc., properly certified, dated April 23, April 28 and May 9, 1910 were duly signed by the Armory Board, and the vouchers forwarded to the Comptroller for payment.

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The Honorable William J. Gaynor,
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S i r : - -

In response to your communication of May 27, 1910 enclosing a communication from Colonel Middleton, relative to the building formerly occupied by the 69th Regiment as an armory, at 3rd avenue, 6th and 7th streets, I most respectfully refer you to my letter of May 11, of which the following is a copy, and contains all the information available, other than that which I submit to you herewith, viz., a true copy of the lease by the City to the Cooper Union.

The communication of May 11 was in answer to an anonymous communication to you signed "A True Citizen."

COPY

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Yours very truly,

Signed: JOHN E. PARSONS
 President

This is all the information I am able to furnish on the subject. For further information, I would respectfully refer you to Mr. Parsons, the President of Cooper Union."

 Respectfully,

C. D. Rhinehart
 Secretary.

June 8/1910

re. to Letter from
Col Middleton
re. to by th Economy

M e m o :

Manifestly, it was the belief of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, upon whose resolution the above lease was given, that the Trustees of Cooper Union would lose no time in making alterations or repairs, or both, to its new property; or raze the old building and erect a new one in its place.

The Commissioners had been impressed by the immediate needs of Cooper Union for additional quarters, as the Trustees of Cooper Union had described their inability to find room for a waiting list of over four thousand.

According to the lease, if the property is used for other than educational or philanthropic purposes it reverts back to the City. It has not been used for either of these purposes, since its change of hands.



This indenture, made the 22nd day of April, in the year 1908, between the City of New York, party of the first part, and the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, a corporation organized under laws of the State of New York, party of the second part, --

WHEREAS, Under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1907 of the State of New York, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of The City of New York, on the 22nd day of January, 1908, adopted the following resolution; ----

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 740 of the Laws of 1907, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby authorize a lease to the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, the block of ground bounded by Third avenue, East Sixth street, East Seventh Street and Hall Place, with the building thereon, for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from February 1, 1908, with the privilege of renewal for an additional period of ninety-nine (99) years at a rental of One hundred (\$100) dollars per annum. The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art to have the privilege of making any change, alterations and repairs to the present structure which they may deem proper, or to take down the present structure and erect a new one in its place at its own expense; The City to pay for all taxes, assessments or water rents that may be imposed against the property. The lease to contain a clause that the property shall revert back to the City if at any time during the term of the lease the property shall be used by the Cooper Union for other than educational or philanthropic purposes; and be it --

RESOLVED, That when such lease has been prepared and approved as to form by the Corporation Counsel, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of The City of New York, and the City Clerk to cause the seal of the City of New York to be affixed thereto and duly attested.

W I T N E S S E T H , That the said party of the first part hath granted, demised and to farm let, and by these presents doth grant, demise and to farm let unto the said party of the second part the block of ground bounded by Third avenue, East Sixth street, East Seventh street and Hall place, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, with the building erected thereon. To have and to hold the said above mentioned and described premises with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, from the first day of February, 1908 for and during an until the full end and term of ninety-nine (99) years then next ensuing, and fully to be completed and ended; yielding and paying therefor unto the said party of the first part or to its successors yearly and every year during the said term hereby granted, the annual rent or sum of one hundred (100) dollars lawful money of the United States of America, in advance on February first in each year during the term of the lease , PROVIDED that if the said rent above reserved or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid on any day of payment whereon the same should be paid as aforesaid; or if default shall be made in any of the covenants herein contained on the part and behalf of the said party of the second part, to be by it kept and performed then and from thenceforth it shall and may be lawful for the said party of the first part or its successors into and upon the said demised premises, and every part thereof, wholly to re-enter and the same to have again, repossess and enjoy as in its first and former estate. The said party of the 2nd part doth covenant and agree to pay the said party of the first part or its successors the said rent in the manner and on the day and at the time hereinbefore specified. The said party of the first part for itself

and its successors, covenants and agrees that the said party of the second part, paying the said yearly rent herein reserved, and performing the covenants aforesaid, shall and may peaceably have, hold and enjoy the said demised premises for the term aforesaid.

The party of the first part further covenants and agrees that the party of the second part shall have the privilege at its own cost and expense of making any changes, alterations or repairs which it may deem proper, to the present structure upon said premises herein demised, or to take down the same and erect a new building in place of the one so taken down.

The party of the first part further covenants and agrees to pay all taxes, assessments or water rents that may be imposed upon the said premises herein demised during the term hereby granted.

It is mutually covenanted and agreed between the parties hereto that the said premises herein demised shall revert back to the said party of the first part if at any time during the term hereby granted or any renewal thereof, the said premises shall be used by the party of the second part for other than educational or philanthropic purposes.

It is further mutually covenanted and agreed between the parties hereto that the party of the second part may have a renewal of the within lease for a term of ninety-nine (99) years from the first day of February, 2007, upon the same terms and conditions as are herein contained.

It is further covenanted and agreed that this lease shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors, legal representatives, or assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, to both parts of this Indenture the said parties hereunto have set their respective hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Correct. (Sd) JOHN J. CUMING.
(SD) G.H.C.

Approved as to form,
(Sd) G. L. STERLING
Acting Corporation Counsel
(Sd) GEO. B. McCLELLAN, Mayor.

Approved:

(Sd) H. A. Metz, Comptroller.

(Sd) P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.

The Cooper Union for the
Advancement of Science
and Art.

(Sd) JOHN E. PARSONS, Prest.

THE ARMORY BOARD.

Minutes of Meeting Held June 16, 1910.

A meeting of the Armory Board was held this day at 11 o'clock a. m., at the office of the Mayor.

Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Comptroller (Edmund D. Fisher, Esq.), Brigadier General George Moore Smith, Brigadier General John G. Eddy and Commodore J. W. Miller. (The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments appeared and was excused by the Chair.)

The minutes of the meeting held May 23, 1910, were approved as printed.

A communication dated May 27, 1910, was presented from the Commissioner of the Department of Docks and Ferries requesting the Armory Board to surrender to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a certain portion of the plot of land belonging to the City, in the Borough of Brooklyn, at Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets and First avenue, occupied as a site for the armory and quarters of the Second Battalion, Naval Militia.

A communication was also presented from the commanding officer of the Second Battalion, Naval Militia, of date June 8, 1910, stating that the request of the Commissioners of the Department of Docks and Ferries meets with his approval, provided that Department agrees to provide suitable berthing and mooring space for the vessels belonging to the Second Battalion, Naval Militia, comprised between the north side of the present sheet pile bulkhead and the centre line of Fifty-first street.

Commodore J. W. Miller offered the following:

Whereas, At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held January 20, 1904, a resolution was adopted setting apart and assigning the plot of land belonging to the City, in the Borough of Brooklyn, bounded by First avenue and New York Bay, Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, together with the right, title and interest to the lands under the waters of New York Bay extending to the pierhead line, as a site for the armory and quarters of the Second Battalion, Naval Militia; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, in a communication dated May 27 1910, has requested that the Armory Board surrender to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that portion of the property comprising an area of 30 feet in width along the northerly side of the centre line of Fifty-second street extended, beginning 420 feet westerly from the westerly line of First avenue, extending to the sheet pile bulkhead, thence extending for a width of 30 feet to the northerly side of the pier between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets; also, the entire area of the pier 750 feet long and about 60 feet wide, and the waters adjacent thereto now assigned to the Armory Board; be it

Resolved, That the Armory Board hereby surrenders to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the area above described, with the request that it be assigned for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks and Ferries, provided the Department of Docks and Ferries agrees to provide suitable berthing and mooring space for the vessels belonging to the Second Battalion Naval Militia, comprised between the north side of the present sheet pile bulkhead and the centre line of Fifty-first street, as shown on the blueprint submitted by the Department of Docks and Ferries.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—The Mayor, Deputy Comptroller Fisher, Brigadier General George Moore Smith, Brigadier General John G. Eddy and Commodore J. W. Miller.

A communication was presented from Colonel E. F. Austin, commanding the Eighth Coast Artillery District to request the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity to turn over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a certain piece of property on the southerly end of Jerome Park Reservoir, to be used for the purpose of erecting thereon an armory for the Eighth Coast Artillery District.

The Mayor offered the following:

Resolved, That the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity be requested to surrender to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a certain piece of property on the southerly end of what is now known as Jerome Park Reservoir, extending from the northwest corner of Jerome avenue and Kingsbridge road northerly on Jerome avenue for a distance of 300 feet, thence at a right angle to Jerome avenue for a distance of 600 feet, thence southerly 300 feet at right angles to this line and from there to the point of beginning, making a rectangle of 300 feet by 600 feet, to be used for the purpose of erecting thereon an armory for the Eighth Coast Artillery District.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—The Mayor, Deputy Comptroller Fisher, Brigadier General George Moore Smith, Brigadier General John G. Eddy and Commodore J. W. Miller.

The following communication was received from the Corporation Counsel:

Law Department, June 6, 1910.

C. D. RHINEHART, Esq., Secretary, the Armory Board:

Sir—I have your letter dated May 17, 1910, to the following effect:

"At a meeting of the Committee on Armories held May 16, 1910, the matter of the requisition from the commanding officer of the First Battery for lumber to provide shelter on the farm owned by the Battery at North Salem, Westchester County, N. Y., was discussed. I was directed to request you to render an opinion as to the City's right to furnish supplies, etc., for the care, protection and maintenance of State property on the farm owned by this organization at the above named place."

"I was further directed to request you to render an opinion as soon as possible."

The law which sets forth the powers of the "Armory Board" is contained in the "Military Law, section 183." It provides that

"In the city of New York the applications of commanding officers of regiments, battalions, squadrons, troops, batteries * * * for suitable armories and for the furnishing thereof when first erected, and for alterations and enlargements of armories, and the major general, commanding officer of the naval militia and officer commanding a brigade or an officer commanding a battalion composed of separate troops, batteries or companies therein for suitable accommodation for brigade or other headquarters shall be made to a board herein termed the armory board. * * * If

the armory board approves such an application it shall make its recommendation to the commissioners of the sinking fund, who, if they concur therein, shall specify the sums to be appropriated therefor, and such sums shall be included by the comptroller of said city in his departmental estimates for the ensuing year and the board of estimate and apportionment and the board of aldermen are hereby directed to include such sums in the budget for the ensuing year; or the commissioners of the sinking fund may, from time to time in their discretion, authorize or direct the comptroller of the city to issue corporate stock of the city in such amounts as shall be necessary to provide such sums or any part thereof. * * * The work necessary to be done and the materials necessary to be furnished for erecting armories, and for the furnishing thereof when first erected, and for enlargements and alterations of armories as in this section above provided shall be done and furnished respectively under the direction and supervision of the armory board, under contracts made at public letting, pursuant to the general provisions of law as to public contracts in the city of New York. * * * The commissioners of the sinking fund may also, in their discretion, appropriate any plot or plots of land belonging to the city and not already appropriated to some other public use, as locations on which armory buildings may be erected. The title to property acquired under this section through the approval of the commissioners of the sinking fund shall be vested in the corporation of the city of New York. All repairs to, and except as above provided, all furnishing of armories in the city of New York shall be done by said city, and all utensils, materials and supplies certified by the auditing board of an organization, corps or artillery district quartered therein to be necessary for the cleaning, care and preservation of the portion of the armory used or occupied by said organization, corps or artillery district or of the arms, uniforms, equipments and furniture used or kept by said organization, corps or artillery district in such armory shall be supplied by said city as hereinafter in this section provided."

The act then provides that the commanding officer shall make his application for necessary expenditures to the Board before the 1st of September in each year and that on or before the 20th of September of such year the Board shall determine the amount necessary to be so expended.

"Such determination shall be made in detail, specifying as separate items the amount to be expended on each armory and for each organization, corps or artillery district, for repairs, furnishing utensils, supplies and other expenditures to be made by said city, and said board shall thereupon and before October 1 certify the amounts so fixed and determined in detail by said board to the board of estimate and apportionment, and the said board and the board of aldermen shall include said amounts as determined in detail, as aforesaid, in the final budget for the ensuing year.

"The amounts so appropriated shall be expended on the armories and for the organizations, corps or artillery districts for which the same were respectively appropriated by and under the direction of the armory board * * *"

A careful interpretation of the above statute fails to disclose authority in the Armory Board to pay for supplies for the purposes desired.

The act, in my opinion, clearly limits the application of funds of the City to the purchase or erection of armories, alterations, enlargements and furnishing thereof. The statute does not seem to contemplate the expenditure of the City's money on property without the City for any purpose whatsoever. The requisition is "for lumber to provide shelter on the farm used by the battery at North Salem, Westchester County, New York." Not only is the property upon which the shelter is to be provided not within the City but it is not City or State property, being the private property of the First Battery.

I therefore advise you that the Board has no authority to grant the requisition of the commanding officer of the First Battery as hereinbefore set forth.

Respectfully yours,

G. L. STERLING, Acting Corporation Counsel.

Which was ordered filed.

A communication was received from the Board of Aldermen transmitting a certified copy of resolution adopted by said Board at a meeting held May 10, 1910, concurring in a resolution of the Armory Board at a meeting held April 11, 1910, requesting an issue of special revenue bonds in the sum of \$4,000 for repairs to roof on the armory of the Second Battalion, Naval Militia; also a communication from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment advising the Board that at a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the resolution of the Board of Aldermen was presented and referred to the Comptroller.

Which were ordered filed.

A communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission directing that a Board of Promotion be established in each Department of the City, said Board to consist of not less than three superior officers or employees of such Department, who shall be designated for such purpose, subject to the confirmation of the Civil Service Commission.

Which was referred to the Committee on Armories.

The Secretary reported the necessity of temporarily employing the services of an Expert Filing Clerk, in order that the records, documents, maps, specifications, etc., of the Department may be systematically filed.

The Mayor offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to employ temporarily an Expert Filing Clerk to systematically file the records, documents, maps, specifications, etc., in the office of the Armory Board, such employment to be subject to the rules and regulations of the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—The Mayor, Deputy Comptroller Fisher, Brigadier General George Moore Smith, Brigadier General John G. Eddy and Commodore J. W. Miller.

The Secretary reported the issue, on June 15, 1910, of an order to secure the continuance of a lien against the Interborough Supply Company, on their contract for furnishing and installing iron grills in the armory of Squadron C.

Which was ordered filed.

Communication from the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, of date June 8, 1910, advising the Armory Board that at a meeting of that Board June 3, 1910, a report was received from the Corporate Stock Budget Committee, relative to the estimated amounts required by the issue of corporate stock for improvements in the several armory buildings for the year 1910; and that said report suggests that the communication of the Armory Board be returned with the recommendation that it be sent to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Which was referred to the Committee on Armories.

An application was presented from the Guidone & Galardi Company for an extension of time on their contract for the erection of an armory for the Second Battery, at East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street and Franklin avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx.

A communication was also presented from C. C. Haight, Esq., architect, recommending that the extension be granted.

The Mayor offered the following:

Resolved, That the time for the completion of the contract of the Guidone & Galardi Company, for the erection of the armory for the Second Battery, at East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street and Franklin avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, dated March 20, 1908, and running 300 working days be and is hereby extended to June 16, 1910.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—The Mayor, the Deputy Comptroller, Brigadier General George Moore Smith, Brigadier General John G. Eddy and Commodore J. W. Miller.

A motion to adjourn was adopted.

C. D. RHINEHART, Secretary.

---CALENDAR---
THE ARMORY BOARD
Wednesday, Aug. 24, 1910.

1. Roll Call.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting held June 16, 1910,
as printed.

3. Report of Committee on Armories.

The Committee on Armories report the consideration
of the following matters:

At a meeting held June 29, 1910.

4. Communication from Messrs. Robinson & Knust, archi-
tects recommending that the four windows called
for in the specifications for alterations, etc.,
in the armory of the 2nd Co. Signal Corps, be
omitted, and that a vent duct, as originally de-
signed, be installed.

Your Committee recommend that the change be made.

RESOLUTION.

At a meeting held August 18, 1910:

5. Requisitions of commanding officers of the N.G.N.Y.
for repairs, supplies, etc., for the year 1911.

Your Committee recommend that the following appropria-
tions be determined and certified, and that the
Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested
to make the appropriations:

Salaries, Care and Maintenance of Armories, Administration.....	\$16,050.	
Supplies and Contingencies.....	2,000.	18,050.

Repairs and Supplies, Manhattan and The Bronx, including contingencies.....	102,898.
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Repairs and Supplies, Brooklyn & Queens, Including contingencies.....	73,025.
Total -	<u>\$194,023.</u>

RESOLUTION.

6. Application of George Stanton, contractor, for an extension of time on his contract for alterations, etc., in the armory of the 2nd Company Signal Corps, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Your Committee recommend that the application be granted.

RESOLUTION.

7. Communication from William J. Phair, requesting that his title as "Stenographer" in the Armory Board be changed to that of "Clerk."

Your Committee recommend that the change of title be made.

RESOLUTION.

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8. The Secretary presents resolutions adopted by the Armory Board, June 2, and June 8, 1910, approving bills properly certified for repairs, supplies, etc., to the various armories of the N.G.N.Y. and forwarded to the Comptroller for payment.

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THE MAYOR
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
BRIG. GEN. GEORGE MOORE SMITH
BRIG. GEN. JOHN G. EDDY
COMMODORE J. W. MILLER
THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TAXES & ASSESSMENTS

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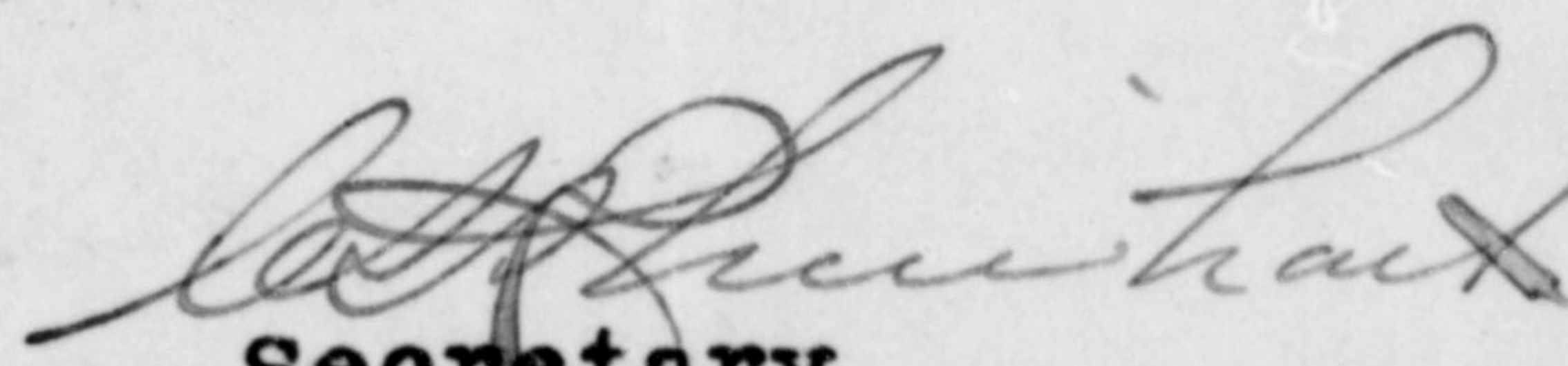
The Hon. John Purroy Mitchel,
Mayor of The City of New York.

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Pursuant to your direction, a meeting of the
Armory Board to consider the report of the Sub-Committee
of the Armory Board has been called, to be held at your
office at 11 o'clock A.M.

WEDNESDAY, August 24, 1910.

Respectfully,


Secretary.

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