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Fire Department

1913, Sept.-Dec.

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FIFTH AVENUE COR. 127TH STREET

Sept 13-1913

The Hon Joseph Johnson -

My dear Mr Johnson -

The loss to our City - seems to me
almost irreparable in the passing
of our honored Mayor. I was one who, like
yourself, admired him and I am writing
to say that I would feel honored if detailed
by you to appear in the procession of the
clergy at the Church service representing
you thus as well as the Department of you

you so graciously appointed me as
one of its chaplains - I simply send
you the above as a suggestion as it
may not have occurred to you on
the Committee of arrangements -

Believe me

Most sincerely yours

Joseph H. Love

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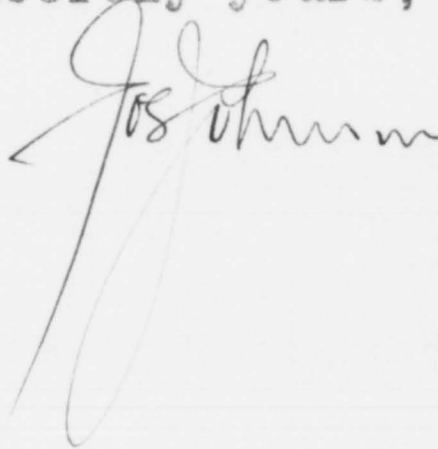
September 15, 1913.

Mr. Robert Adamson,
c/o Office of the Mayor,
City Hall,
New York City.

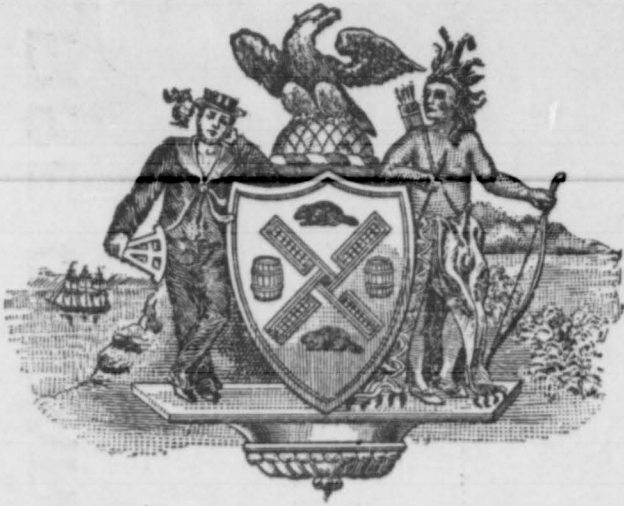
Dear Bob:-

I hand you herewith a suggestion
from Chaplain Ivie of the Fire Department,
concerning the Mayor's funeral.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Josephine", with a long, sweeping underline that extends down and to the left.

Enc.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

September 16th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

S i r :

Request is made for the transfer of funds appropriated for supplies for the year 1913, to facilitate the business of this department. Approval of the transfer, as shown by the attached schedule, is therefore requested.

Respectfully,

Jos. Thurson
Fire Commissioner.

MPC-L

September 16th, 1913.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1913 APPROPRIATION.

FROM	TO
Code Account #1398, Fire Department, Forage and Veterinary Supplies, Maintenance of Volunteer Companies \$ 2,500.	Code Account #1405, Fire Department, Office Supplies, General Administration, Executive \$ 1,500.
Code Account #1399, Fire Department, Forage and Veterinary Supplies, Maintenance of Apparatus & Equipment. 12,500.	Code Account #1457, Fire Department, Building Materials, Care of Buildings and Grounds, General 1,000.
\$ 15,000.	Code Account #1456, Fire Department, General Plant Equipment, Fire Fighting Maintenance of Apparatus and Equipment 8,000.
	Code Account #1460, Fire Department, General Plant Materials, Fire Fighting Maintenance of Apparatus and Equipment, 4,000.
	Code Account #1473, Fire Department, Transportation, General Administration, Executive 500. \$ 15,000.

CODE	APPROPRIATION	ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED	DEFICIT
1398	11,928.20	9,172.29	2,755.91	
1399	173,416.00	159,843.58	13,572.42	
1405	5,000.00	4,650.87	349.13	
145 7	20,717.00	20,078.97	638.03	
1456	109,000.00	66,784.78	42,215.22	
1460	37,000.00	37,670.59		670.59
1473	950.00	921.01	28.99	

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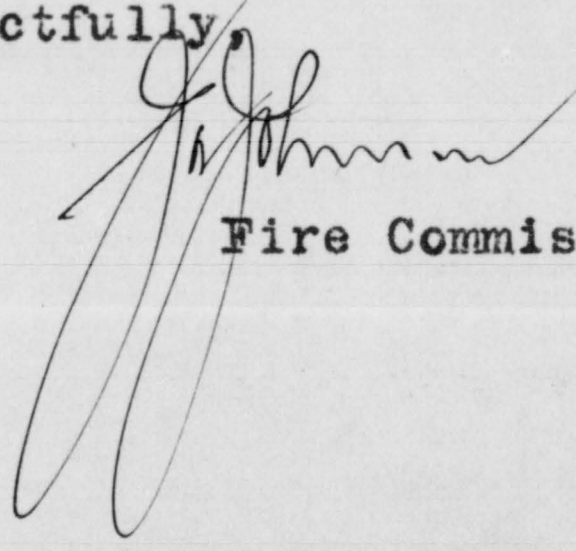
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor, City of New York,
City Hall, New York.

S i r:-

I hereby terminate, to take effect at 9 A. M.,
September 16th, 1913, designation made by me, under date of
September 3rd, 1913, pursuant to the provisions of Section 720
of the Greater New York Charter, of Deputy Fire Commissioner
George W. Olvany to act as Fire Commissioner from 9 A. M.,
September 4th, 1913, to 9 A. M., October 1st, 1913.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

MK

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September 18, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor of The City of New York.

S i r :

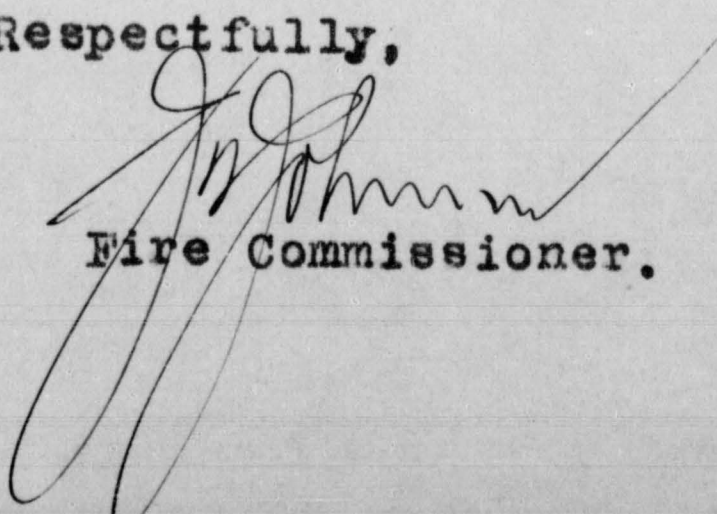
I hand you herewith Fire Department estimate for the year 1914, other than for salaries of the uniformed force which will follow later.

The total allowance for salaries and supplies for 1913 was \$1,819,949.55. The request for the same purposes for 1914 is \$1,788,759.46, a decrease of \$31,190.09.

Notwithstanding the increased number of motor apparatus which will be in the department in 1914 and the additional companies which will be organized, the cost for increased help over 1913 is only \$15,340.50.

For repairs and supplies \$46,530.59 less than was allowed in 1913 is asked for 1914, notwithstanding the estimate for next year carries \$100,000. for fire hose and \$80,000. for motorizing twenty pieces of apparatus, items which were not included in the allowance for 1913.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

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September 25, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

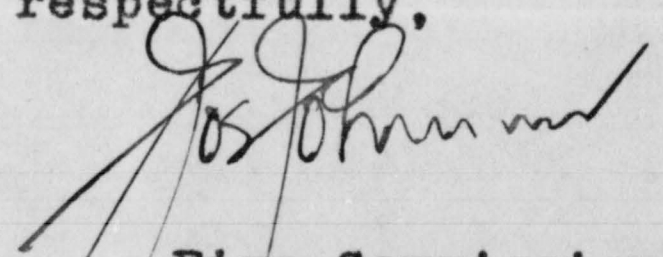
S i r : -

I have Your Honor's letter concerning the budget,
and we are now at work upon the suggestions made therein.

Also Your Honor's letter concerning the five pall-bearers furnished by the Fire Department for the funeral of the late Mayor is at hand. I have ordered it printed in the orders of the day, and I have instructed Chief Kenlon to give the men the 36-hour leaves as ordered by Your Honor. On behalf of the uniformed force permit me to thank you for your splendid appreciation of our humble part in the funeral ceremony.

Your Honor's recent verbal requests are also receiving attention.

Very respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

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September 26, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor, City of New York.

S i r :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of communication from your Secretary, under date of September 23, with enclosure of letter from Miss Marie J. Ryan, 169 East 113th Street, relative to the case of her brother, former fireman Michael J. Ryan.

Mr. Ryan was dismissed the service by my predecessor in office, on March 25, 1910, on a finding of guilty of charges of absence without leave; of conduct unbecoming a fireman or gentleman, and of being under the influence of liquor, drug or compound. Both Commissioner Waldo and myself, after full consideration, reported adversely on this matter to Mayor Gaynor, in letters dated respectively November 29, 1910, and June 6th, 1911.

On the subject of dismissals the Municipal Civil Service Commission notified me in communication dated June 4, 1912 (copy of which is enclosed), that it had been advised by the Corporation Counsel that no officer of the City government, who had lawfully dismissed a public employe, had any power, under the law, to rescind that action or reinstate the employe so dismissed, and that this advice applied to all positions save those in the uniformed forces of the Police and Fire Departments, in which cases section 1543a of the Greater New York Charter empowered the Mayor to consent to a rehearing of charges under specified limitations.

The section referred to authorizes a rehearing, with the consent of the Mayor, of the case of a dismissed fireman, provided application be made to the Mayor within one year from the date of dismissal, and "unless such dismissal was for insubordination, conduct unbecoming an officer or member, cowardice or intoxication."

In the light of the ruling of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, based upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel, there would seem to be no existing authority for the reinstatement of Mr. Ryan.

I return the letter of Miss Ryan.

Respectfully,

Joseph Johnson
Fire Commissioner.

Encl.
BB:

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MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

June 4th, 1912.

Hon. Joseph Johnson,
Commissioner, Fire Department.

S i r :-

I have the honor to convey to you the following information for your guidance in making out future payrolls for your Department.

In answer to questions of law submitted to the Law Dept. of this city, the Corporation Counsel advises that no officer of the city government who has lawfully dismissed a public employe from the city service has any power, under the law, to rescind that action or to reinstate the employe so dismissed. When once an employe has been separated from the service by a lawful dismissal he cannot re-enter the service except by appointment as though he had never been in the service. This applies to all positions except those in the uniformed forces of the Police and Fire Departments, in which cases the City Charter authorizes the Mayor to consent to rehearings of charges under specified limitations. The Corporation Counsel also advises that even in the case of an employee who fails to appear for duty or who is absent from duty without leave, or contrary to orders, some action should be preferred against the employe, and a hearing or an opportunity to make an explanation afforded, as the case may be, and then, if found guilty, he may be discharged.

The important point to remember is that, whether the position be in the competitive class or the labor class, when once an appointing officer has actually and lawfully dismissed an employe, neither he nor his successor may set aside that dismissal; the action so taken is final and the appointing officer's power is exhausted.

When an appointing officer accepts the resignation of an employe against whom charges have been preferred, in place of a dismissal, the officer in such a case may, with the consent of this Commission, reinstate such an employee at any time within a year from the time of such resignation.

The Commission will refuse to recognize the reinstatement of any person who is lawfully dismissed from the service, and will refuse to certify on the payrolls the name of any such person.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) James Creelman,
President.

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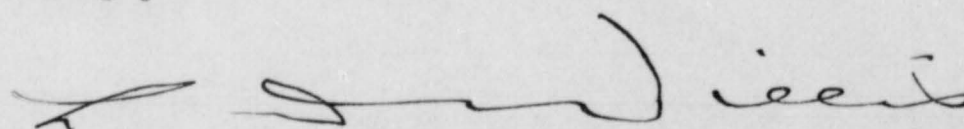
September 26, 1913.

Mr. James Matthews,
Executive Secretary to the Mayor,
City Hall, N.Y.

S i r :

In reply to your letter of September 20th, Fire
Commissioner Johnson is sending you under separate cover the
pamphlets and other written material pertaining to Fire Prevention
which you wish to transmit to the British Fire Prevention Committee
of London, England.

Respectfully,



Secretary to Commissioner.

BB.

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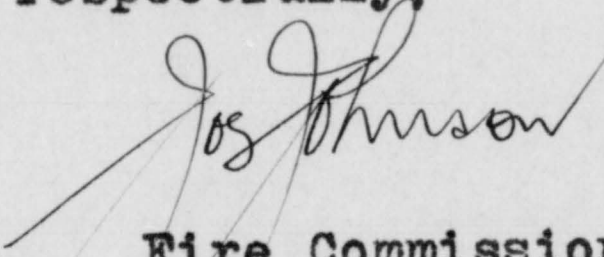
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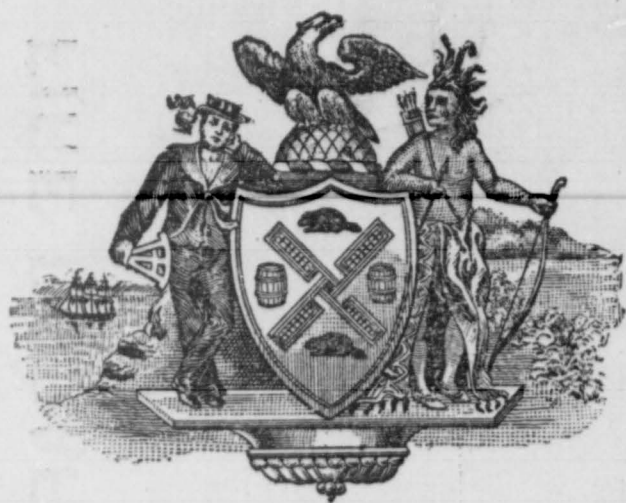
S i r : -

I have Your Honor's letter of September 25, concerning the budget. I have in a measure already answered Your Honor in my recent conversation with you. However, the subject will receive our attention forthwith.

Very respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

D.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

September 27th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor & Chairman, Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

S i r :

I have the honor to request that the transfer of funds asked for by this department on September 16th, 1913, be amended to read as per attached schedule. In order to facilitate the business of this department, approval of transfer is therefore requested.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Fire Commissioner.

MPC-L

September 27th, 1913.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1913 APPROPRIATION AS AMENDED.

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	<u>16,500.00</u>

TO

Code Account #1405, Fire Department, Office Supplies, General Administration, Executive	\$1,500.00
1457, Fire Department, Building Materials, Care of Buildings and Grounds, General	1,000.00
1446, Fire Department, Household Equipment, Care of Buildings and Grounds, Company Quarters	3,000.00
1456, Fire Department, General Plant Equipment, Fire Fighting, Maintenance of Apparatus and Equipment	5,000.00
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1473, Fire Department, Transportation, General Administration, Executive	500.00
1403, Fire Department, Fuel, Fire Fighting, Maintenance of Apparatus and Equipment	<u>1,500.00</u>
	16,500.00

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September 30, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor of The City of New York.

S i r :

Further replying to your letter of September 25, 1913, in connection with budget, and supplementing my acknowledgment thereto of September 26, 1913, the following facts in connection with the Fire Department estimate for 1914 are cited:

Other than mandatory increases and additional men required for the uniformed force, the departmental estimate for 1914 is \$31,190.09 less than was allowed for 1913 notwithstanding there will be twelve additional companies for which supplies must be furnished and more than fifty additional pieces of motor apparatus to be cared for in the Repair Shops.

There will be an increase in the departmental estimate. It is, however, entirely confined to salaries of the uniformed force, the amount asked for this purpose being \$875,644.15 more than was allowed for in 1913. Of this sum \$552,870. is for salaries of additional officers and firemen. \$321,774.15 is mandatory increases for the present force, i. e., in 1913 salary allowances for the members of companies organized in 1913 ranged from one month to eleven months as the buildings were completed

Hon. Ardolph R. Kline,
Mayor.

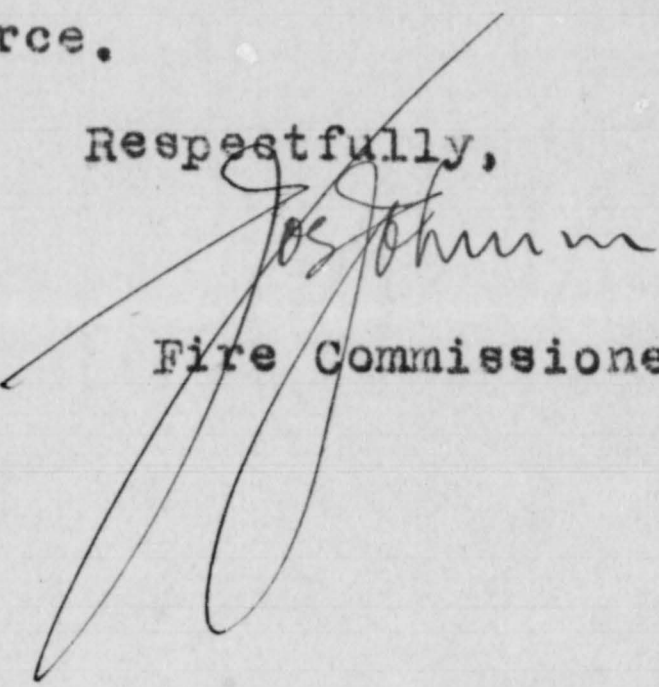
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Sept. 30, 1913.

at varied dates. In these cases allowance for 1914 must be made for a full year.

Enclosed herewith is a summary of the estimate for salaries for the uniformed force.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

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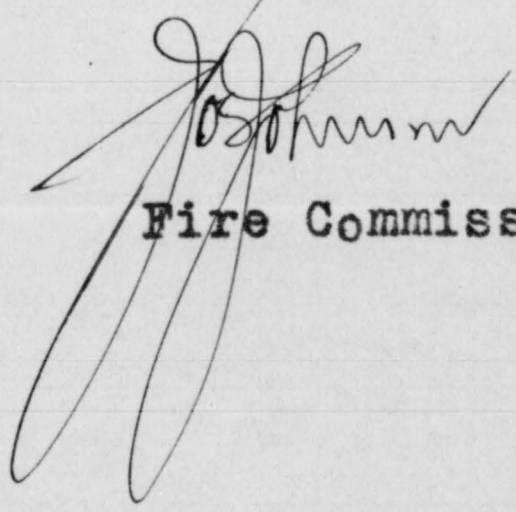
October 2, 1913.

Mr. James Matthews,
Executive Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

I have your communication of October 1, transmitting letter from Mary C. Ryan, #466 Marion Street, Brooklyn, alleging that overcrowding is permitted in certain moving picture establishments, particularly in the case of the Chauncey Theatre, Broadway and Pilling Street, Brooklyn. The matter has been referred to the Bureau of Fire Prevention for immediate attention.

Yours very truly,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

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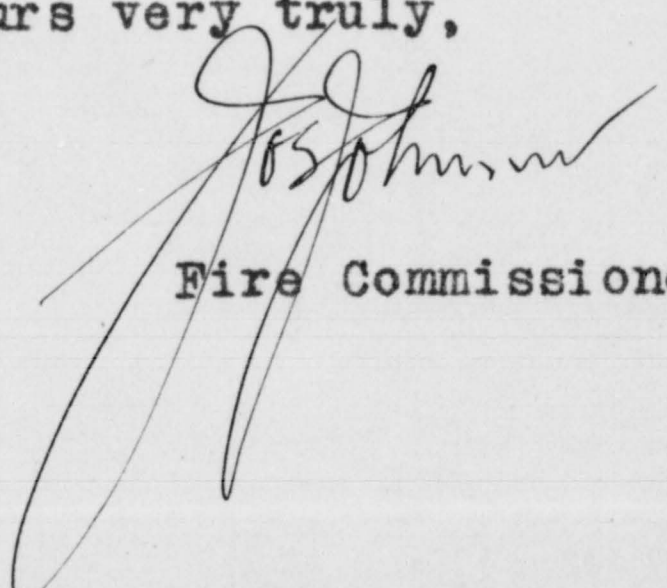
October 3, 1913.

Mr. Julian Beaty,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

The matter of sending a delegate to the Fire Prevention Convention in Philadelphia received the attention of this department many weeks ago. Chief Guerin is not only a delegate but a member of the Committee on Resolutions.

Yours very truly,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

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Oct. 3rd, 1913

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor, City of New York.

Sir:-

Thursday, October 9th, 1913, has been officially designated as Fire Prevention Day by the State authorities.

May I suggest to Your Honor that you issue to the citizens of New York City a proclamation urging them to co-operate in the work of fire prevention that is now being carried on by the Bureau of Fire Prevention of the New York Fire Department?

The following is merely a suggestion as to the facts that should be covered in such a proclamation:

The people of the city should be urged to exercise the greatest possible care in the handling of matches, cigars and cigarettes, in fact in the use of fire in any form, and in the use of volatile inflammable liquids.

They should be urged to remove, or cause the removal of all debris, rubbish or other inflammable material from their homes or places of business.

Fire Prevention Day should be observed in all public and private schools, where the principals or teachers should instruct scholars in the elementary principles of fire prevention.

The people of the city should be urged to examine the heating appliances in the buildings occupied by them, to see that these appliances are in proper condition for use during the coming winter.

In all mercantile or factory buildings where fire drills are established such drills should be practiced on Fire Prevention Day.

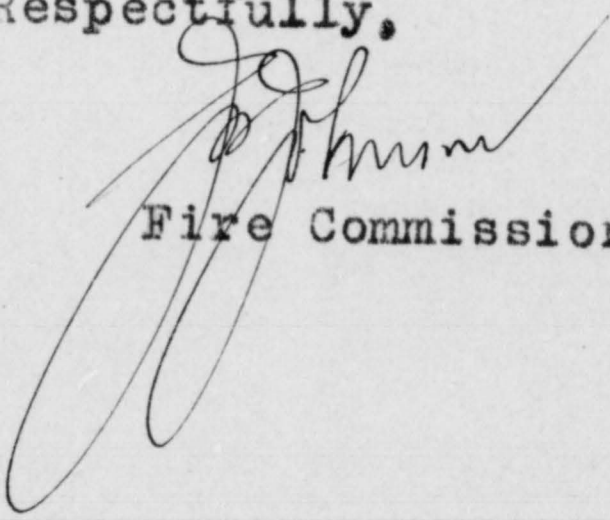
The public should be requested to notify the

Commissioner of the State Department of Labor and the Fire Commissioner of all violations of the fire prevention law coming within the jurisdiction of either of these two departments. So that no confusion may ensue in such notification, it might be well to state that locked doors and insufficient means of egress in factory buildings are, under a recent legislative enactment, under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Labor.

The co-operation of the public in carrying forward the work of fire prevention cannot be too strongly emphasized.

Excellent results in the reduction of fire losses and the number of fires have already been brought about by the Fire Prevention Bureau of this Department. Much more can be accomplished in the future with the public's hearty co-operation.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

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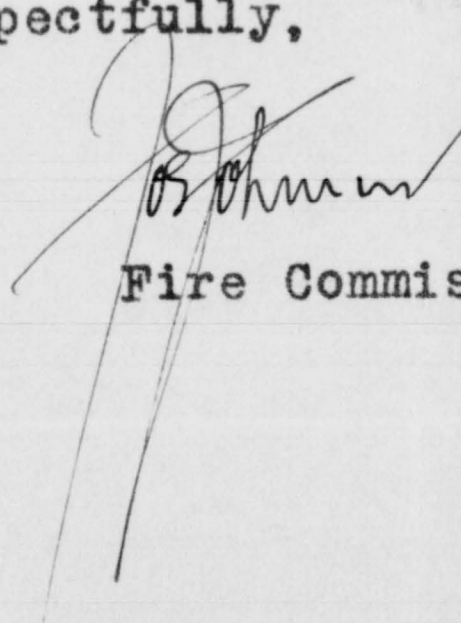
October 4, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,
Secretary to the Mayor,
City of New York.

S i r : -

The letter signed "H", transmitted to this Department by the Mayor, complaining of inadequate fire escapes at #142 Hamilton Place, Brooklyn, will receive immediate attention.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

JOSEPH JOHNSON
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October 7, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,
Secretary to the Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

In reply further to your letter of October 3rd, transmitting communication signed "H" complaining of inadequate fire escapes at #142/43 Hamilton Place, Fire Commissioner Johnson directs me to say that he has called the attention of the Tenement House Commissioner to the matter, as the latter has jurisdiction over the premises referred to.

Respectfully,

L. D. Willis

Secretary to Commissioner.

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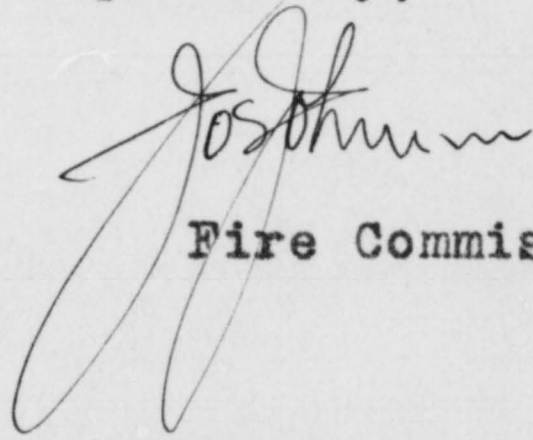
October 7, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have Your Honor's favor of October 4, concern-
ing transfer of accounts to General School Fund. Our reply
to the Comptroller on this subject was transmitted a week ago.

Very respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

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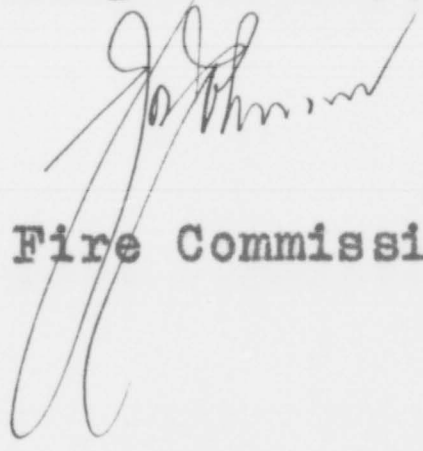
October 8, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

If Congressman Calder speaks to you in behalf of Dr. Hunter, a Medical Officer in this Department, will you tell him his assignment cannot be changed without serious inconvenience to this Department.

Very respectfully,



Fire Commissioner.

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October 8th, 1913.

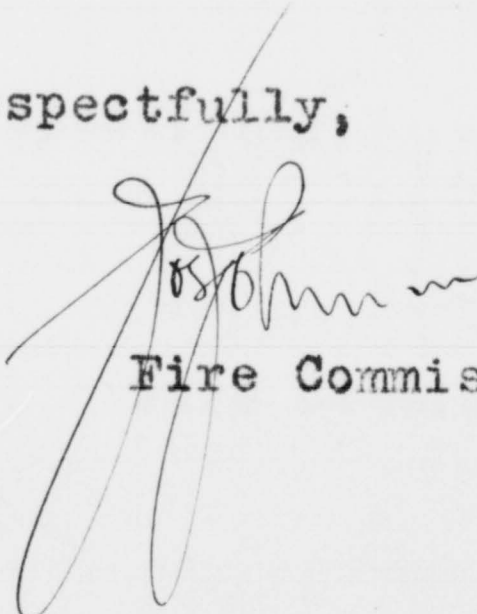
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor and Chairman, Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

S i r :

Transfer and modification of salary accounts of this department for the year 1913 as shown by the attached schedule are requested. This transfer is within the total appropriation made to this department for salaries and is in accordance with the rules of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

MPC-L

PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1913 APPROPRIATION

October 8th, 1913.

FROM

TO

Code Account #1369, Fire Department, Personal
Service, Salaries Regular Employees,
Fire Fighting, Alarm Service, Fire
Alarm Telegraph, Manhattan \$ 300.00

Code Account #1366, Fire Department, Personal
Service, Salaries Regular Employees,
Fire Fighting, Extinguishing Fires,
Supervision \$300.00

BY CHANGING SCHEDULE #1369:

LINE:	1 Clerk	@	900.00	TO READ:	1 Clerk	600.00
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BY CHANGING SCHEDULE #1366:

LINES:	1 Clerk		1,350.00	TO READ:	1 Clerk	1,500.00
	2 Stenographer & Typewriters					
		@ 900.	1,800.00	TO READ:	1 Steno & Type	1,050.00
					1 Steno & Type	<u>900.00</u>
			<u>\$ 4,050.00</u>			\$ 4,050.00

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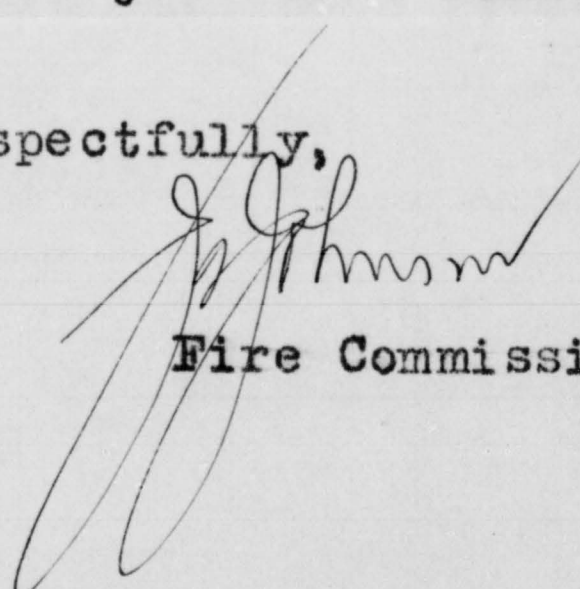
Mayor and Chairman, Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

S i r :

Request is made for the transfer of funds from existing balances in code accounts Nos. 893, 894 & 896, appropriated for the year 1912 to code No. 897, "Special Contract Obligations" for the same year as shown on schedule attached.

This request is made to enable this department to forward for payment to Department of Finance, voucher for balance due the Brooklyn Union Elevated Railroad Company for wire privileges on elevated structures during the year 1912, bills for which have just been rendered.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

MPC-L

October 10th, 1913.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1912 APPROPRIATION.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Code Account #884, Fire Department, Supplies and Materials, Maintenance and Operation \$ 1152.73	Code Account # 897, Fire Department, Special Contract Obligations, Maintenance and Operation
Code Account #893, Fire Department, Fuel, Maintenance and Operation \$ 1662.75	" Account #897, Ditto
Code Account #896, Fire Department, Forage Maintenance and extension of fire alarm system, including apparatus Borough of Queens. 720.65	" Account #897, Ditto
\$ 3536.13	\$ 3536.13

CODE	APPROPRIATION	ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED
884	145,886.00	144,733.27	1,152.73
893	147,134.10	145,471.35	1,662.75
896	<u>11,350.00</u>	<u>10,285.35</u>	<u>1,064.65</u>

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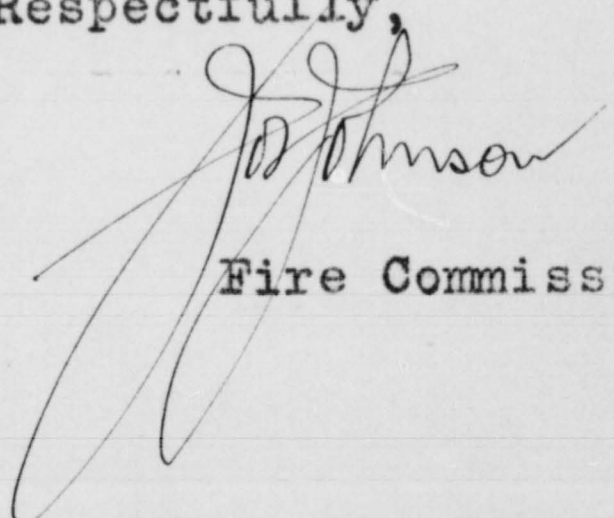
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor and Chairman, Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

S i r :

I have the honor to request that modification of salary schedule accounts, Nos. 1366 and 1369 of this department requested October 8th, 1913, be returned to this office and that no action be taken in the matter.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

MPC-L

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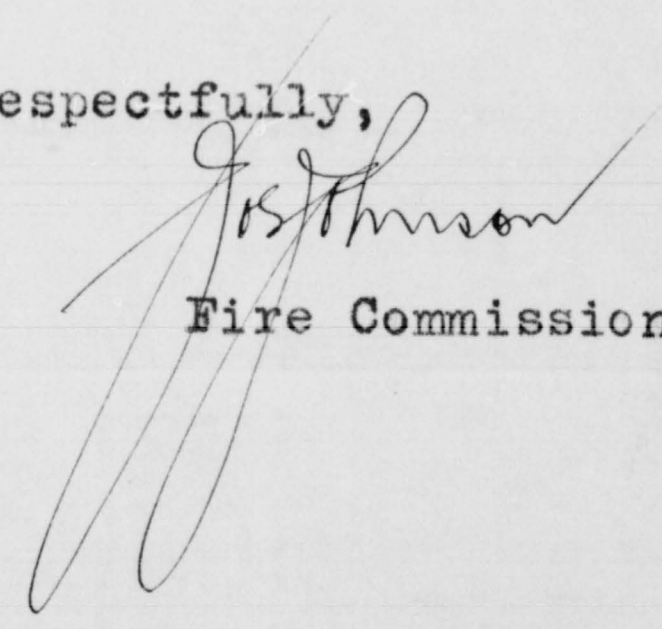
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S i r :

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Respectfully,


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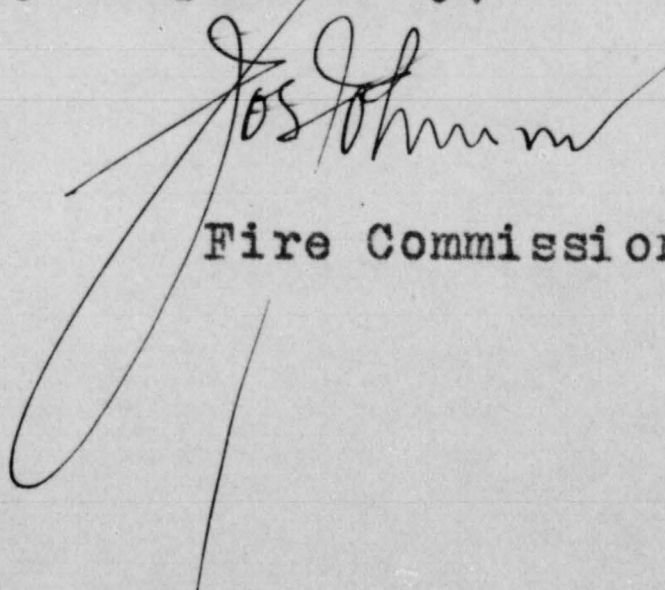
Hon. A. L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

S i r : -

Mr. Julian Beaty, Secretary, transmits to me by your direction complaint of the West End Association that the order of the Fire Department prohibiting the use of non-collapsible revolving doors is not being obeyed, and inquiring "what steps if any are to be taken."

It goes without saying that the rule of the Fire Department against this type of door is being and will be enforced. Investigation will be made of the particular premises mentioned with a view to seeing whether there be any merit in the complaint, and I shall report to Your Honor later thereon when each case has been examined.

Very respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

OCTOBER 15th, 1913.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1913 APPROPRIATION

Code Account #1369, Fire Department, Personal Service,
Salaries Regular Employees, Fire Fighting
Alarm Service, Fire Alarm Telegraph,
Manhattan.

BY CHANGING LINES:

1 Clerk	@ \$ 900.	TO READ	1 Clerk	\$ 480.
1 Instrument Maker	1,000.	" "	1 Instrument Maker	1,200.
			Unassigned (\$100. A.S.I.)	<u>220.</u>
	\$ 1,900.			\$ 1,900.

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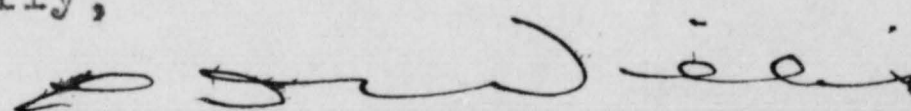
October 16, 1913.

Mr. James Matthews,
Executive Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r :

In reply further to your letter of October 1st, transmitting communication from Mrs. Mary C. Ryan alleging overcrowding in the Chauncey Theatre, Broadway & Pilling Street, Brooklyn, Fire Commissioner Johnson desires me to say that after careful investigation the official in charge of this Department's Division of Places of Public Assembly reports that no cause for complaint was found to exist.

Respectfully,



Secretary to Commissioner.

PJG

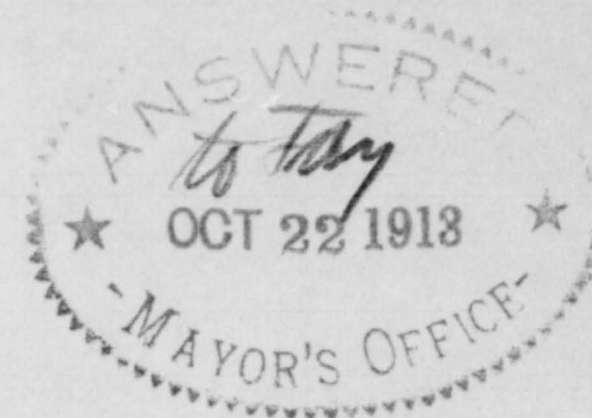
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October 17, 1913.

Mr. James Matthews,
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S i r : -

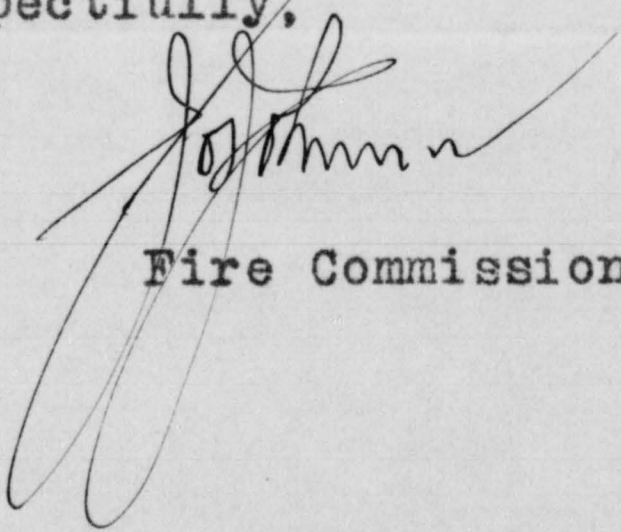
I have yours of October 16, transmitting letter addressed to His Honor from Clarence H. Fay, attorney for C.C.W. Bauder.

This matter has received the prompt attention of the Department as it came up from time to time. On August 1, 1913, I wrote Mr. Bauder as follows:

"Upon further investigation of the matter of alleged automobile accident concerning you on June 14, 1913, I find that we have been unable to locate the Department driver responsible for same. I do not object to any fair settlement, but your claim will have to be presented to the Comptroller, who, upon investigation, will adjust on the basis of facts ascertained by him."

Mr. Fay is welcome to any record that we have, but it must be obvious to him that the Department cannot assume responsibility for damage by an unknown car.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

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October 18, 1913.

Mr. Julian Beaty,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

Dear Mr. Beaty:-

Mr. Brower is one of our regular complainants, and I am surprised to see him get so far from the Union League Club window as East 41st Street, as indicated by the photograph. From this window he regulates the speed of fire apparatus and also puts into effect many great reforms. If we do not hear from him over the telephone at least once a month we feel neglected.

To his last monthly indictment, however, we plead not guilty. It is the street lamp which is near the fire box, and not the fire box which is near the street lamp. Nor does he complain to you of the proximity of the sad looking tree, surrounded by the dilapidated iron guard. The fire post is an old type and was there long before the street lamp.

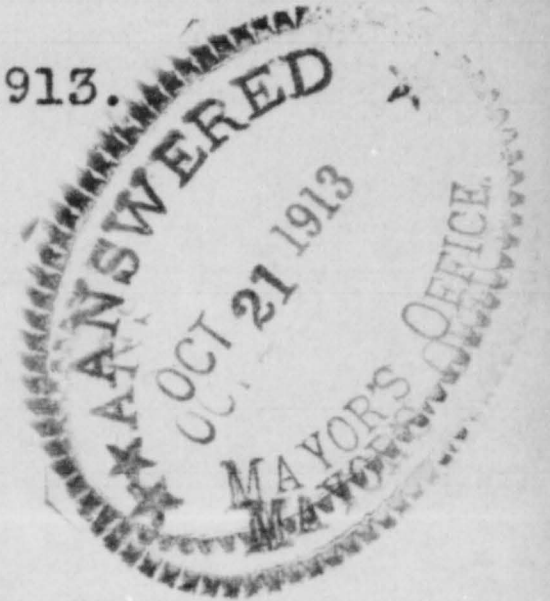
I note that this matter has been on Mr. Brower's mind a long time, because the feeble tree is bare of leaves and this sight could not have afflicted him later than last winter. I think this is a correct Conan Doyle deduction, too, because I observe in the left hand corner a young man with an overcoat. He, too, is looking at a street lamp. In the far distance I note a number of innocent bystanders.

I am free to admit that the juxta position of this tree and post and lamp are most unsightly, but we are absolutely innocent because both the tree and lamp came after the fire post.

I return herewith the photograph.

Very respectfully,

John Johnson
Fire Commissioner.





HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
157 & 159 EAST 67TH STREET
NEW YORK

October 23, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

Permit me to thank you for your refusal to listen to the clamor of the press concerning my activity in the present campaign. As a matter of fact I am giving all needed time to the Fire Department, and even now more I think than some others who are making criticisms. Not a thing is being neglected here and you may rest assured that nothing will be. As to the campaign, it simply is doubling my working hours.

Again thanking you most sincerely for your action in this matter, I am,

Very respectfully,

Jos Johnson

Engineers' and Firemen's Salary Committee

Fire Department, City of New York

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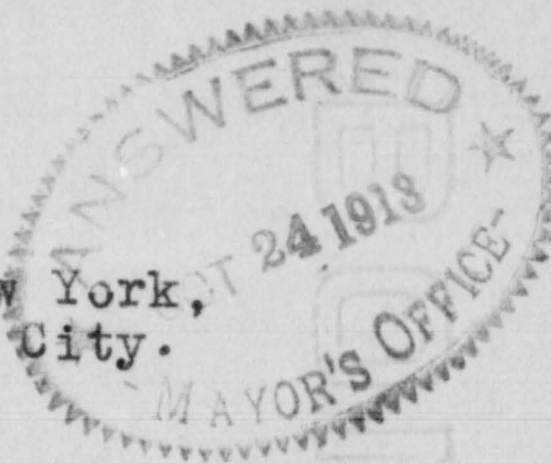
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New York, October 23rd. 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Klein,
Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall, New York City.



Sir;

Pursuant to your directions that we present, in writing, our request for salary increases for the members of the subordinate grades in the Fire Dept., I have the honor to submit herewith our petition for increases in the salaries of Engineers of Steamer, and Firemen of the first, second and third grades, a copy of which has been on file in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and awaiting final decision for over three years.

Trusting you will give this matter favorable consideration, I am,

Very respectfully,

Walter J. Dugan

Chairman

TO THE HONORABLE

ARDOLPH L. KLEIN;

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Sir:

With the permission and approval of the Fire Commissioner and Acting Chief of Department, the undersigned again respectfully appeal to you as a member of the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment on behalf of the Engineers of Steamers and Firemen of the Fire Department, City of New York, for an increase of salary for the various grades, namely:

Engineers of Steamers from \$1,600 per annum to \$1,800 per annum

Firemen of the 1st Grade	1,400	"	"	"	1,600	"	"
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"	"	"	2nd	"	1,200	"	"	"	1,400	"	"
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"	"	"	3rd	"	1,000	"	"	"	1,200	"	"
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Your petitioners beg to present the following undeniable facts, tending to show why an increase of salary should be granted them;

The salaries of the above positions have not been increased since Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-five, a period of over ^{Eighteen} ~~fifteen~~ years.

During the intervening decade and a half, the cost of living, especially in this City, has been steadily advancing; which according to statistics of the present day, has increased about fifty-six per cent.; and while the wage scale and salaries of all mechanics, laborers and employees of corporations, as well as Federal, State and other municipal employees, have been advanced proportionately from twenty to sixty per cent. to meet the prevailing conditions; the petitioners' scale of remuneration has remained stationary.

Notwithstanding the depreciating purchase value of money to-day, compared with that of ^{eighteen} ~~fifteen~~ years ago, when our

present salaries were regulated, we feel the duties and responsibilities of Engineers of Steamers and Firemen have not correspondingly diminished; but on the contrary have increased, due to the vast growth of the City's population, erection of higher buildings and the ever constantly expansion of its business interests, which necessitates greater hazards, labors and liabilities in the prevention and extinguishment of fires.

The life of one in the fire service, at its best, is subjected to unnatural conditions, which no other City Employee is obliged to contend with, owing to the irregular meal hours, disturbed sleep and undue nervous strain; this is further augmented by the fact, of being compelled to be on duty twenty and one-half hours out of twenty-four hours each working day, thereby depriving us of the home comforts, other men enjoy, with the society of their families and friends.

In connection with the foregoing statement we wish to offer the following comparison, between the number of hours we work and the average City employee:-

Total number of hours in year (365) days) - - - 8,760

Total number of hours in year at 20½ hours per

working day, members of Fire Department work, 5,237½

Total number of hours in year at 8 hours per

working day, the average city employee works, 2,216

According to the above stated figures, members of the Fire Department are compelled to work nearly three times the number of hours of other City employees.

The United States Department of Commerce and Labor has classified, the work performed by the Engineers and Firemen of the Fire Department, as skilled labor, still they hardly receive unskilled laborer's compensation, taking into considera-

tion the number of hours said Engineers and Firemen are on duty.

Unlike other positions under the City Government, our salary is burdened by compulsory expenses in the following manner:-

Life insurance (enacted by law)	averaging	-	\$20.00
Payments to Matron for making of beds "		- -	24.00
Uniforms, rubber goods, caps, etc. "		- -	85.00
			<hr/>
Making a yearly total of "		- -	\$129.00

In the matter of uniforms, rubber goods, caps, etc., it is by no means a small item of expense, when you consider that it is a general occurrence, while operating at fires, for men to have their uniform equipment completely ruined, for which the City does not reimburse them, as in other City Departments, notwithstanding the fact that the loss is sustained through the men's faithful performance of duty.

We respectfully call attention to the salary increases, (averaging over sixteen per cent.), recently granted by your Honorable Board, to the officers of the Fire and Police Departments; and ask whether or not our request, (averaging about fifteen per cent.), is not deserving of the same consideration, and spirit of fairness and justice, that actuated your course in their matter; when it is shown that our appeal for an increase of salary is based upon, practically the same arguments and contentions (i.e.), the advanced cost of living, long hours of duty, compulsory expenses and the increasing duties and responsibilities.

The Fire Department of the City of New York has always enjoyed the confidence and sympathy of the public at large, for the reason, that it has consistently lived up to its reputation as the greatest and bravest fire fighting organization

in the world. In maintaining this standard of efficiency, the men in the ranks have never faltered or hesitated to execute their sworn duties, no matter how trying the conditions, under which they worked; and very often while combating the unknown danger of fire, they have been maimed or sent without a moment's preparation before their Creator. This is substantiated by the department records, which show an average of over five men killed yearly for the past sixteen years; not counting the numerous deaths from pneumonia and consumption resulting from the hardships and exposure with which the men have to endure, in this, the most arduous and dangerous of all occupations.

While the increases asked for, will entail an expenditure of about \$696,600; it means but an additional compensation of three and three-quarter cents per hour to 3,483 Engineers and Firemen; a small amount, considering the services rendered to the City of New York and its citizens, by the members of the Fire Department in the aforesaid positions.

If further data or information of a more definite character be required, we earnestly request an opportunity to present same before you at some future date.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your kind consideration.

WILLIAM McGOUGH,
MATTHEW FITZPATRICK,
THOMAS O'TOOLE,
JOHN BOSTWICK,
TIMOTHY O'CONNELL.

Walter J. Rugan, Chairman,
Engineers' and Firemen's
Executive Committee.

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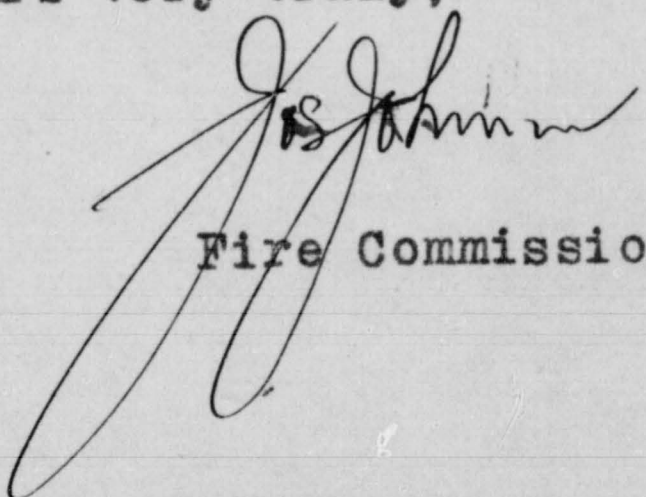
October 24, 1913.

Mr. Julian Beaty,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

I acknowledge receipt of yours of October 23,
transmitting copy of report of the Commissioner of Accounts
covering their examination into the accounts and methods of
the Fire Department, which will receive immediate attention.

Yours very truly,


Fire Commissioner.

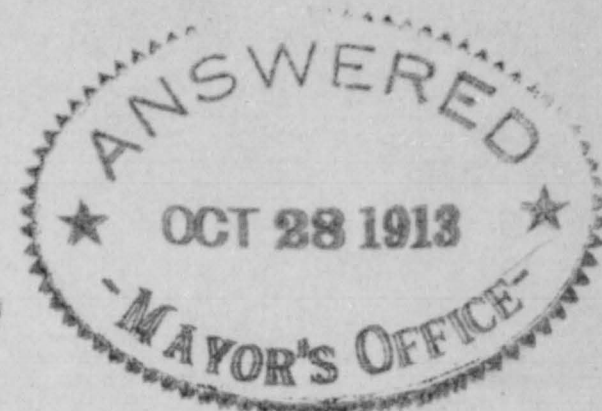
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October 27, 1913.

Mr. James Matthews,
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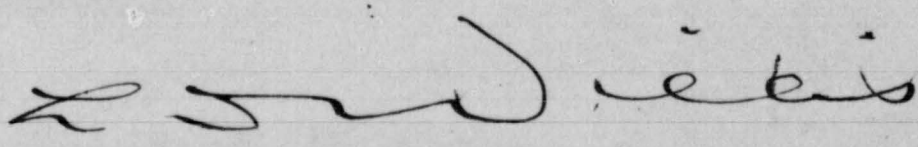
S i r :

Fire Commissioner Johnson directs me to say, in reply to your letter of October 24th transmitting communication of John H. Trapp asking for an increase of his pension as a retired Fireman, that the Clerk in charge of the Fire Department's Relief and Life Insurance Funds, to whom the matter was referred, reports thereon as follows:

"Respectfully returned to the Fire Commissioner with the information that owing to Fireman Trapp's injury, your predecessor in office granted him the largest pension ever awarded to a Fireman of this Department.

"The Corporation Counsel has advised this office that your authority to increase a pension is restricted- that the fixing of the amount of a pension is the exercise of a judicial discretion, and no authority is vested in you to review the acts of your predecessor."

Respectfully,


Secretary to Commissioner.

PJG

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October 30, 1913.


Mr. Julian Beaty,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r :

Fire Commissioner Johnson has your letter of October 29th transmitting communication from Mr. J. A. Estrup, Secretary of the 28th Ward Taxpayers' Protective Association of Brooklyn in regard to the ringing of bells in fire houses at night. The Commissioner will give the matter his attention.

Of course, the sounding of alarms in the fire houses either at night or in the daytime is unavoidable. It is by that method the Firemen on duty are notified of an alarm.

Respectfully,


Secretary to Commissioner.

PJG

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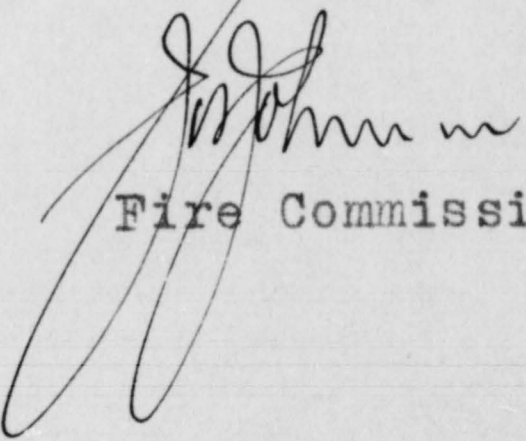
October 31, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

S i r : -

I have your letter of October 29, in which
you consent to a retrial for ex-Lieutenant Louis Semansky.
The matter will receive attention.

Very respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

JOSEPH JOHNSON
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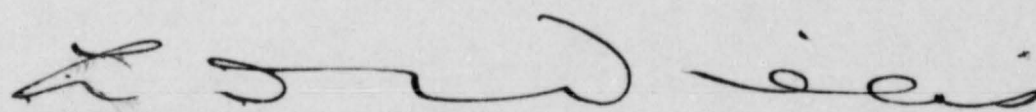
November 3, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,
Secretary,
Office of The Mayor.

S i r :

Fire Commissioner Johnson has your letter of November 1st transmitting anonymous complaint regarding lack of fire escapes on building #1010 East 178th Street, The Bronx. It has been referred to the Acting Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention, for attention.

Respectfully,


Secretary to Commissioner.

PJG

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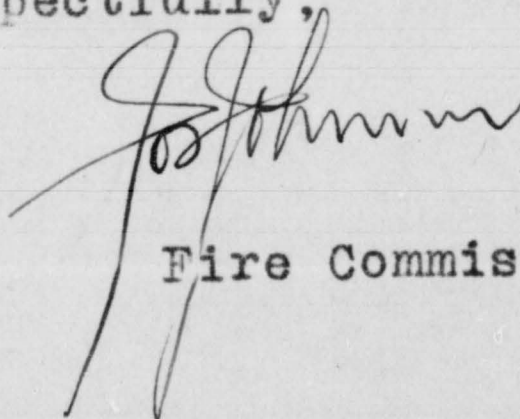
November 5, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

S i r : -

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 720 of the Greater New York Charter, I hereby designate Deputy Fire Commissioner George W. Olvany as authorized to perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of Fire Commissioner, except the appointment to or promotion, detail or dismissal of any member of the uniformed force, from 9 A.M. November 6, 1913, to 9 A.M. November 10, 1913.

Respectfully,



Fire Commissioner.

JOSEPH JOHNSON
COMMISSIONER

GEORGE W. OLVANY
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

DANIEL E. FINN
SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT

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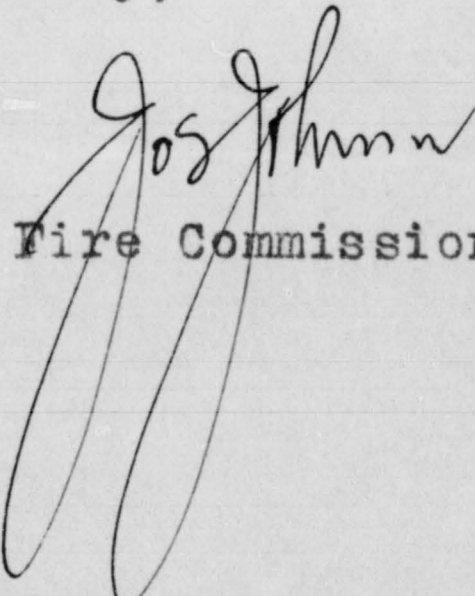
November 5, 1913.

Mr. Julian Beaty,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

I enclose herewith two copies of report submitted to me by Leonard Day, Chief of the Fire Alarm Telegraph Bureau, in reference to the complaint of Mr. Estrup, Secretary of the 28th Ward Taxpayers' Protective Association of Brooklyn, in which he said that he had written to me on September 8, and again on October 14, concerning the ringing of fire bells in fire houses. I suggest that one of the copies be sent to the complainant.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

Encls.
D.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - CITY OF NEW YORK
365-367 Jay Street,
Brooklyn,

-(COPY)-

October 31, 1914.

Hon. Joseph Johnson,
Fire Commissioner.

S i r : -

With respect to the attached communication from the Mayor's Secretary, I beg to report as follows:

For some time past two Civic Associations in different parts of this Borough have complained about the method used by this department in sending out alarms. They charge that it is unnecessary to send alarms which effect the Long Island district only and the Coney Island district only over the large gong through the territory embraced by the old City of Brooklyn. In other words, they suggest that the Fire Department divide up the City in districts and that the firemen be asked to respond on the apparatus floor only to those alarms to which it is quite likely that they will respond.

In making their complaints these Civic Associations intimate that the sounding of the gong annoys them. As a matter of fact I am convinced that this is not the real reason but that they have been approached by certain firemen who are desirous of being relieved of the duty of responding on the apparatus floor whenever the gong sounds. However, I did not fail to look into this matter, although I was convinced of this, and sent the papers to the Telegraph Bureau and I received a report from the Chief of that Bureau which reads as follows:

"New York, Sept. 12, 1913.

Respectfully returned to Deputy Commissioner Farley advising that with the present condition of circuits in the Borough of Brooklyn the alarms sent to the various engine companies can be divided into 3 general classes, those located in the Coney Island district, to which the gong line has not as yet been extended, those located in Brooklyn proper, covered by gong line, and those located in Long Island City, to which the gong line has not been extended. On receipt of a station in either one of these districts the transmission of same to the companies can, therefore, be confined to the territory in which it originates. It is my understanding that Chief Lally desires to have all companies notified of all fires in the Borough of Brooklyn and Long Island City."

You will note by this report that it is possible to divide this territory up into three districts, one of which would embrace Long Island City, one Coney Island, and one the old City of Brooklyn. It sometimes happens, however, that companies in

Greenpoint respond to fires in Long Island City and companies in Long Island City respond to fires in Greenpoint. For this reason it is not altogether advisable to make any change with reference to that portion of the City. Coney Island could possibly be cut out and alarms for that district need not be sent out to the rest of the Borough. This seems to be the opinion of Chief Kenlon, to whom I later referred this matter. I herewith quote his opinion:

"New York, Sept. 20, 1913.

I am of the opinion that it is better, for the present at least, to transmit all alarms over the circuits in Brooklyn and Long Island City, but there seems no reason why the chief and companies in Coney Island should receive 1st alarm signals for Williamsburg and Long Island City, or that Coney Island stations be transmitted over circuits serving Williamsburgh and Long Island City.

For the present, if conditions are favorable, I would recommend two general divisions, viz:

No.1 Covering Coney Island.

No.2 Covering part of Brooklyn and Long Island City, with 2nd and greater alarms transmitted over all circuits."

Notwithstanding the opinions expressed by Chief Kenlon and by the Chief of the Fire Alarm Telegraph Bureau, I did not feel warranted in ordering any change with respect to the alarms, inasmuch as Chief Lally thought the present system essential to the proper discipline of the department.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Philip P. Farley,

Deputy Fire Commissioner,
Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

D.

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November 8th. 1913.

Mr Robert Adamson,

Secretary to the Mayor,

City Hall, New-York.

SIR:—

In grateful acknowledgment of your kindly interest in behalf of the Telegraph Operator's, New-York Fire Department, in obtaining an increase of salary in the 1914 budget, I desire to sincerely thank you.

Wishing you every success, I beg to remain,

Your's respectfully,

William A. Martin
Chairman.

Telegraph Operator's, N. Y. F. D.

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November 8th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor & Chairman of the Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

S i r :

Request is made for the transfer of funds appropriated for supplies for the year 1913 to facilitate the business of this department. Approval of the transfer as shown on the attached schedule is therefore requested.

Respectfully,

G. W. Olvany

Deputy & Acting Fire Commissioner.

MPC-L

November 8th, 1913.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1913 APPROPRIATION.

FROM:

Code Account #1398, Fire Department, Supplies, Forage and Veterinary Supplies, Fire Fighting, Maintenance of Volunteer Companies	300.00
" " #1423, Fire Department, Supplies, Laundry, Cleaning and Disinfect- ant Supplies, Care of Buildings and Grounds, General	300.00
" " #1402, Fire Department, Supplies, Fuel Supplies, Fire Fighting Maintenance of Volunteer Companies	200.00
" " #1432, Fire Department, Supplies, General Plant Supplies, Fire Fighting, Alarm Service	600.00
" " #1433, Fire Department, General Plant Supplies, Fire Fighting Maintenance of Apparatus and Equipment	<u>600.00</u>
	\$ 2,000.00

TO:

Code Account #1472, Fire Department, Contract or Open Order Service, General Repairs, Care of Buildings and Grounds, Company Quarters	300.00
" " 1472, " " " " " " " "	300.00
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	\$ 2,000.00

CODE	APPROPRIATION
1398	9,428.20
1423	6,490.00
1402	375.00
1432	5,000.00
1433	25,000.00

ENCUMBERED	NOV. 8th, 1913. UNENCUMBERED
9,053.49	374.71
6,143.44	346.56
106.74	268.26
4,125.14	874.86
24,108.82	891.18

Mr. Crowell

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November 10, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

S i r : -

I have read the proposed amendment to Paragraph 14, of Section 352 D of the ordinance relating to moving picture theatres, and recommend that the amendment read:

"Fire extinguishers to be approved by the Fire Commissioner" instead of

"Fire estinguishers approved by the Bureau of Fire Prevention, and the New York Fire Insurance Exchange as required by the Bureau of Fire Prevention."

It is essential that the Fire Commissioner approve of the particular class of fire extinguishers to be installed in the different parts of motion picture theatres. All fire extinguishers are not adaptable for extinguishing the kinds of fires that are likely to occur in various parts of a theatre. For instance, the average approved fire extinguisher adaptable for fighting wood fires would not be as effective as another kind of extinguisher in fighting electric or gasoline fires.

The Bureau of Fire Prevention does not approve of any fire estinguisher. It simply reports to the Fire Commissioner on the various appliances which come within the province of the Bureau.

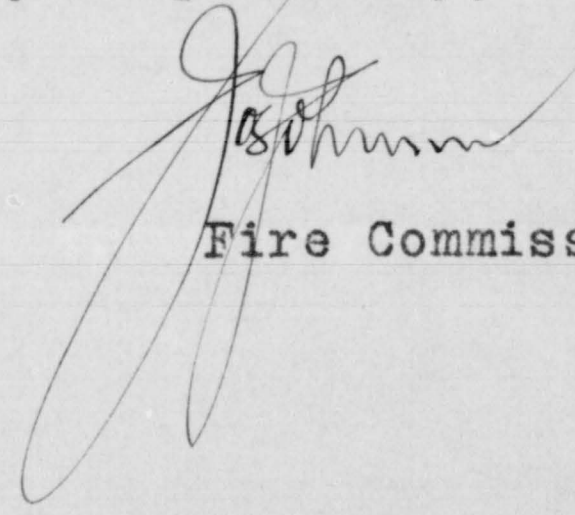
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline.
Mayor.

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November 10, 1913.

As regards the apparent intent of the proposed amendment to require approval by the New York Fire Insurance Exchange, I respectfully request that Your Honor oppose such approval. The Fire Department passes upon fire extinguishing appliances after thorough tests by it of their efficiency, and without regard as to whether they have or have not been approved by the New York Fire Insurance Exchange; nor do I believe that any such joint approval should be made necessary. Moreover, approval by the New York Fire Insurance Exchange of a fire extinguishing appliance entails a considerable expense upon the owner of such appliance. On the other hand, approval by the Fire Department is without expense to the owner.

Very respectfully,



Fire Commissioner.

D.

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November 18, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r :

Fire Commissioner Johnson has your letter of November 17th enclosing a communication to his Honor the Mayor signed "J. G. McIntyr", alleging that Thurn's, 15 East 52nd Street, is dangerous from the fire standpoint. The matter will be looked into at once.

Respectfully,


Secretary to Commissioner.

PJG

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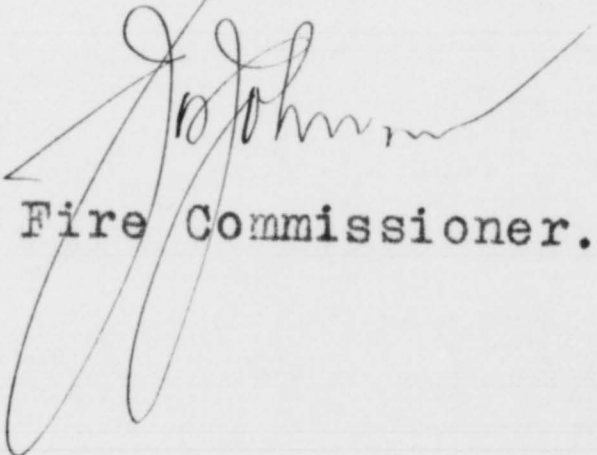
November 19, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

The complaint of George B. Ritchie, of #53
Ferry Street, against the 59th Street Theatre, will re-
ceive immediate attention.

Very truly yours,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

JOSEPH JOHNSON
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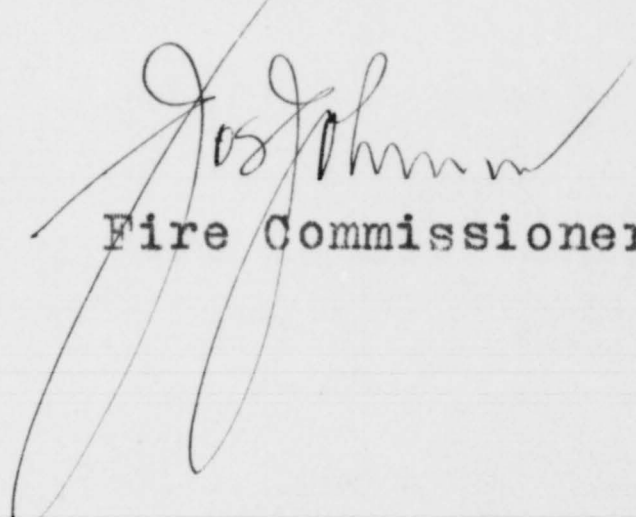
November 19, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

Replying to yours of November 17, concerning
claims of James F. Kenney, #964 Third Avenue, against Firemen,
I wish to assure you that Mr. Kenney's character will not
militate against any just complaint he has against Firemen.

Very truly yours,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

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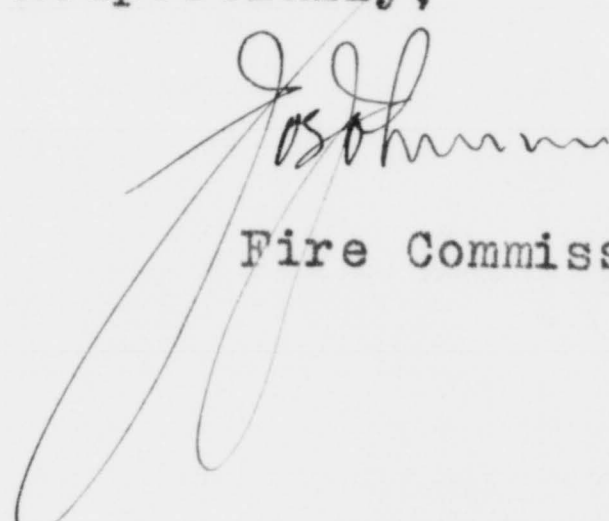
November 20, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

S i r : -

Pursuant to your request I have ordered a
fire badge issued to Mr. Ralph Davis.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

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November 21, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r :

In reply further to your letter of November 17th, enclosing communication to his Honor the Mayor, signed "J. G. McIntyr, Ritz Carlton", alleging that Thurn's, 15 East 52nd Street, is dangerous from a fire standpoint, Fire Commissioner Johnson directs me to inform you that the matter has been referred to the Industrial Board of the State Labor Department.

Since October 1, 1913, the Industrial Board has had entire supervision over exits of factory buildings.

Mr. McIntyr has been notified.

Respectfully,



Secretary to Commissioner.

PJG

JOSEPH JOHNSON
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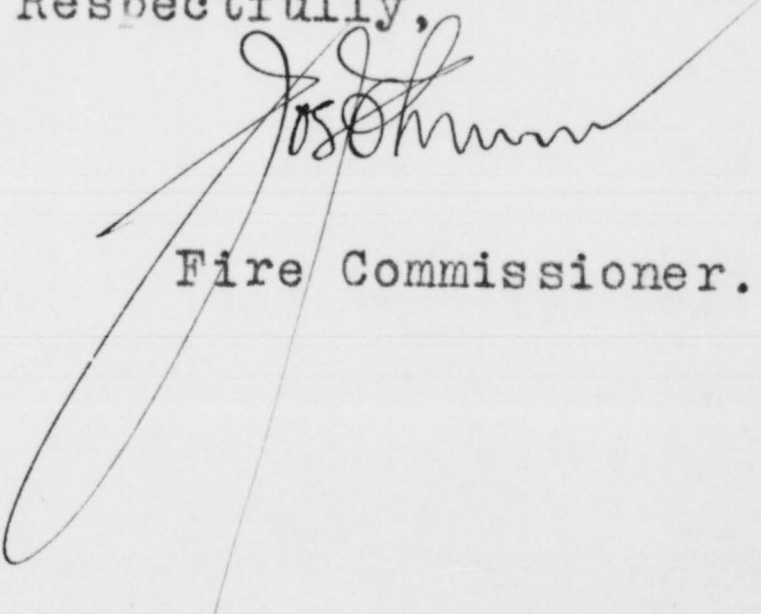
November 24, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

I hand you herewith copy of letter and report which I have forwarded to George B. Ritchie, who complained to the Mayor on November 17, that he was unable to get a seat corresponding to a ticket he had bought at the 39th Street Theatre.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

Encls.
D.

JOSEPH JOHNSON
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November 25, 1913.

Mr. George B. Ritchie,
#53 - 57 Ferry Street,
New York City.

S i r : -

I hand you herewith copy of report on your
complaint made to His Honor the Mayor on November 18.
Perhaps you can furnish me with further information
tending to justify your complaint. If so, I shall be
glad to get it.

Respectfully,

Fire Commissioner.

Enc.
D.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK

157 East 67th Street,

-(Copy)-

New York, November 20, 1913.

John P. Howe,
Chief of Battalion in charge
Division of Places of Public Assembly.

S i r : -

I have the honor to report having investigated the attached complaint of Mr. George B. Ritchie, relative to chair being placed in aisle of the 39th Street Theatre.

I called up Mr. Ritchie's office and was informed that he was out of town. I also interviewed Mr. Maynard J. Waite, the house manager of above theatre, and he informed me that there were no extra seats placed in the theatre on date mentioned, or at any other time. All the seats I could find were allowed by law and plan of same is on file in this office.

The aisle mentioned in the within complaint is on orchestra floor between end seat #20, and private box.

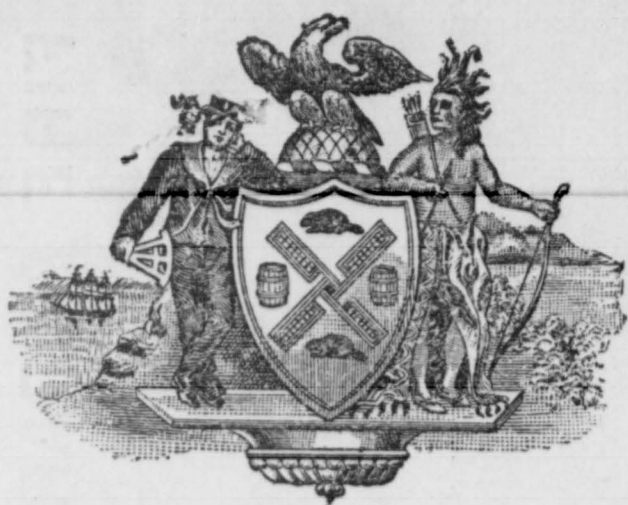
I therefore could find no cause for complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Luke J. Conlon,

Theatre Inspector.

D.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

November 25th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

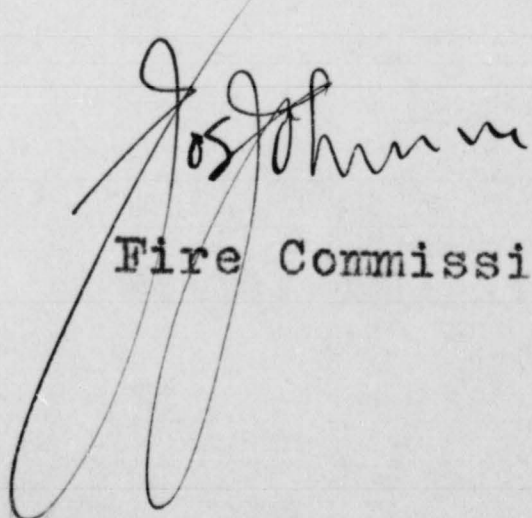
Mayor & Chairman of the Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

S i r :

Request is made for the modification of code account #1390, Repair Shop payroll of this department for the year 1913 and also for the year 1914 as shown on attached schedule.

This request is made in order to facilitate the work of the repair shop where the services of a carriage trimmer are required instead of that of an upholsterer. This change will not involve any increase in the appropriation to this department.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

MPC-L

November 25th, 1913.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1913 APPROPRIATION

Code Account #1390, Fire Department, Personal Service, Wages,
Regular Employees, Fire Fighting, Maintenance of
Apparatus and Equipment, Repairing, Manhattan, The
Bronx and Richmond.

BY CHANGING SCHEDULE LINE:

Upholsterer, 1 @ \$4.50 per diem, 278 days \$ 1,251.00

TO READ: 1 Carriage Trimmer @ \$4.50 278 days \$ 1,251.00

PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1914 APPROPRIATION

Code Account #1669, Fire Department, Personal Service, Wages,
Regular Employees, Fire Fighting, Maintenance of
Apparatus and Equipment, Repairing.

BY CHANGING LINE:

Upholsterer, 1 @ \$4.50 per diem, 278 days \$ 1,251.00

TO READ, 1 Carriage Trimmer @ \$4.50 per diem 278 days \$1,251.00

JOSEPH JOHNSON
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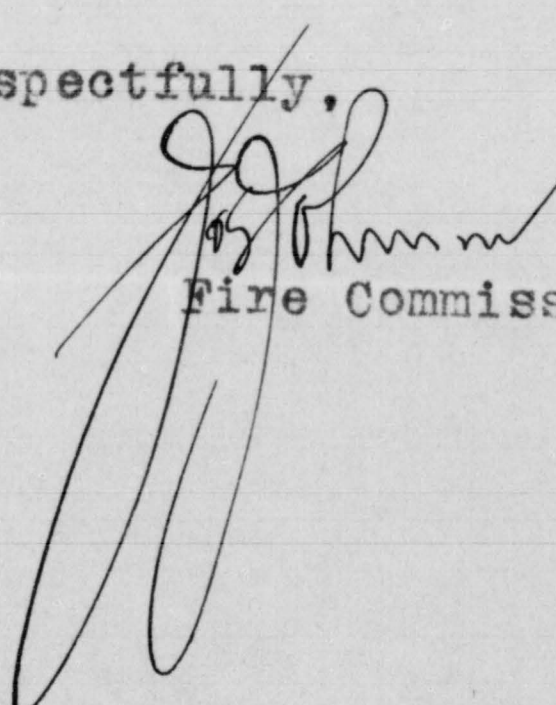
November 25, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor, City of New York.

S i r :

Pursuant to the provisions of section 720 of the Greater New York Charter, I hereby designate Deputy Fire Commissioner George W. Olvany as authorized to perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of Fire Commissioner, except the appointment to or promotion, detail or dismissal of any member of the uniformed force, from 12 noon November 26th, 1913, to 9 A.M., December 2, 1913.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

BB:

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November 26, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor, City of New York.

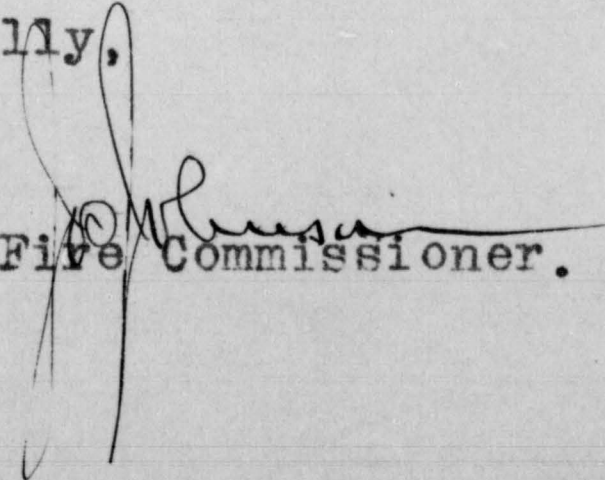
S i r :

This Department is in receipt of communication from your office of November 24th, with enclosure of letter, dated November 17th, from Mr. Herbert A. O'Brien, of Jamaica, Borough of Queens, in regard to the need of automobile fire apparatus for that town.

In reply, I have the honor to state that the alterations which for some time past have been in progress to the house of Hook and Ladder Co. 127, Jamaica, will be completed about December 10th, 1913, and that the company mentioned, which is now located temporarily in premises adjoining, will then take possession of the renovated quarters, which will be equipped with a 65-foot motor-propelled aerial hook and ladder truck.

The letter of Mr. O'Brien is herewith returned.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

Encl.
BB:

JOSEPH JOHNSON
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November 29th, 1913.

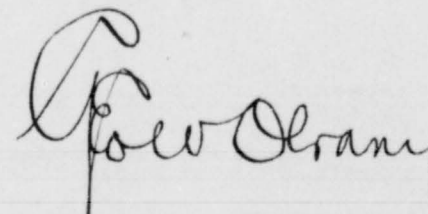
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

S i r :

I have the honor to state that in the various allotments in the corporate stock budget, specific authorizations were allowed for each new fire house. In some cases the amount allowed exceeded the requirements and in others were insufficient. It is, therefore, requested that corporate stock rescindings and releasings (transfers) as shown on the attached schedule be approved, all of which are within the total original authorizations.

Respectfully,



Deputy & Acting Fire Commissioner.

MPC-L

November 29th, 1913.

CORPORATE STOCK RELEASINGS:

FROM

Code Account, C F D 25-B, Fire Department,
Erection of Building on site in the
vicinity of Southern Boulevard and
Westchester Avenue, The Bronx.

\$ 219.08

TO

Code Account, C F D 28-G, Fire Department,
Erection of Building on site in the
vicinity of Broad and Brook Streets,
Richmond.

\$ 219.08

AUTHORIZATION

WHEN
AMENDED,
TO READ

ENCUMBERED

BALANCE

25-B \$ 57,900.00

\$ 57,680.92

\$ 49,543.50

\$ 8,137.42

28-G 51,000.00

51,219.08

48,479.63)

Additional work

2,739.45)

FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
157 East 67th Street, N.Y.

December 1, 1913.

William Guerin,
Acting Chief,

S i r :

In compliance with your orders I inspected the City Prison located on Jackson Avenue and Court Square, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, and have the honor to submit the following report showing the dangerous conditions existing, with recommendations for the removal of same. There are two buildings; one used as a prison for male inmates, the other used as follows;

1st story, Office and Kitchen,

2nd story, Reception room and Wardens Living Apartments.

3d story, Store room and civil jail.

4th, 5th and 6th stories, as prison for female inmates.

All that is necessary relative to a fire drill would be the organizing of a fire brigade among the keepers properly instructing them in the use of liquid fire extinguishers and what to do in case of fire.

The buildings have no cellars, the one used for male inmates is of fire-proof construction, except window trim which is of wood. The only other articles that would burn are the blankets and pillows in each cell; for this reason it is my opinion that a dismissal in case of fire would never be necessary. Should the occasion, however, arise that fire in an adjoining building would make it necessary to do so the same method now in use when inmates are taken out for exercise could be used.

That part of building used for female inmates while of fire

proof construction is unprotected from other parts of building and adjoining building where a considerable amount of inflammable articles are stored, which in case of fire would allow the smoke to fill the three upper stories of this building (which are used for female inmates) and probably be the cause of throwing them into a panic. For this reason I would recommend that an opening be made in the east wall on the 4th story connecting with the 5th tier of male prison, providing the same with a fireproof self-closing door.

That the stairway connecting the 3d and 4th stories be enclosed in a fireproof enclosure to prevent the heat and smoke communicating with the upper part of building.

Brick up opening in west wall on 6th story between the prison and Court House.

Provide fire retarding covering on both sides of doors and trim connecting the store room and civil jail on the 3d story. With these alterations made, all inmates could be conducted through opening in east wall into male prison if found necessary in case of fire.

I would also recommend at least one three gallon liquid fire extinguisher be placed on each tier of the male prison, and those now installed in the female prison to be lowered from their present position, and in the near future I will give instructions in their use.

The telephone system now in use could be used to give the signal in case of fire, 3 long rings to indicate a fire alarm, on receipt of which the keepers and matrons are to assume their stations.

Respectfully,

(sgd) C. Schwimbersky
Inspector

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
157 & 159 EAST 67TH STREET
NEW YORK

December 5, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline,
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Your Honor's communication
concerning the case of Fireman Kennedy will
receive immediate attention.

Very respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

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Court

QUEENS COUNTY

~~THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE~~
~~OF NEW YORK~~

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MATTER OF

GRAND JURY QUEENS.

RECOMMENDATION.

MATTHEW J. SMITH

District Attorney of Queens County

Long Island City, N. Y.

District Attorney's Office

Queens County, N.Y.

Matthew J. Smith,
District Attorney.

Long Island City, Dec. 5th 1913 19



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Hon. Adolph L. Klein,

Mayor City of New York.

Hon. and Dear Sir,

Herewith I beg to send you a copy of a recommendation of the November Grand Jury of Queens County, pursuant to their direction.

Respectfully yours

Matthew Smith
District Attorney
Queens County.

Copy

We the Grand Jury of the County of Queens for the November 1913 term, do hereby call especial attention to the recommendations of former Grand Juries, in particular that of last month, concerning the general unfit, unsafe and unsanitary condition of the City Prison in the Borough and County of Queens, and, after an inspection of the aforesaid jail, we are so strongly impressed with the menace to life therein by reason of the fact that the jail is a veritable firetrap that we add to the former recommendations one calling for immediate action with regard to rendering the jail fireproof by the removal of all inflammable material and the providing of proper fire exits. We, each and all of us, feel that personal responsibility in this matter which would make us culpable should loss of life occur through our failure to do our duty, and we therefore place this matter in the hands of the Mayor as the official with power to correct, that he may be personally responsible in case of loss of life should he fail to use every means in his power to remove this menace to life.

We further endorse in every particular the former recommendations and instruct the District Attorney of Queens County to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the City of New York personally.

Dated November 28th 1913.

(*g*) *Louis M. Fanning*
Clerk.

(*g*) *Thomas Napier*
Foreman.

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December 5, 1913.

Mr. James Matthews,
Executive Secretary,
Office of The Mayor.

S i r :

Fire Commissioner Johnson has your letter of December 4th enclosing communication from Professor J. C. McLennan of the University of Toronto, requesting certain data regarding the work of the Fire Department in this city. This data has been forwarded to Prof. McLennan today.

Respectfully,



Secretary to Commissioner.

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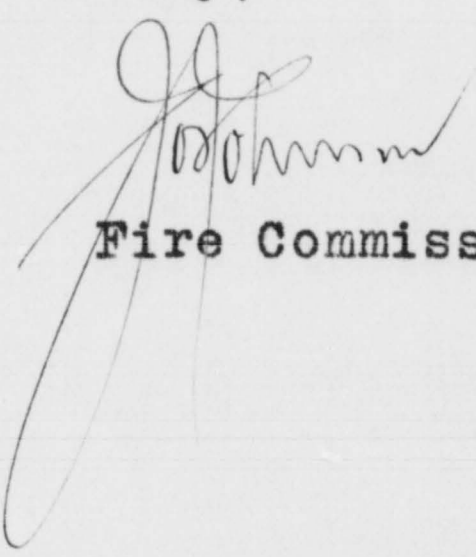
December 9, 1913.

Mr. James Matthews,
Executive Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

I have your favor of December 8, transmitting
letter of Register Hobley concerning Lieutenant Fagan, which
will receive prompt and earnest consideration.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

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D.

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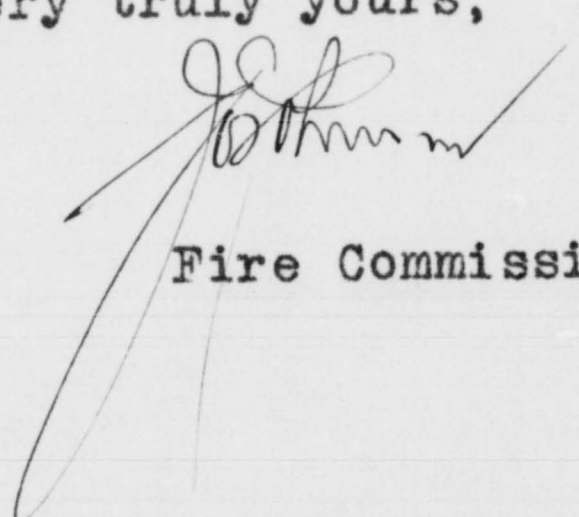
December 10, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

I have ordered an investigation to be made of
the complaint of M. Rothar, florist, of Central Avenue
and Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, against an officer of this
Department for debt, as by yours of December 8.

Very truly yours,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

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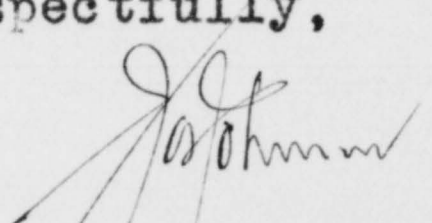
December 11, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,
Secretary,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r : -

Receipt is acknowledged of communications
of Mr. J. L. Brower to the Mayor concerning revolving
doors, which will receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

D.

JOSEPH JOHNSON
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December 12th, 1913.

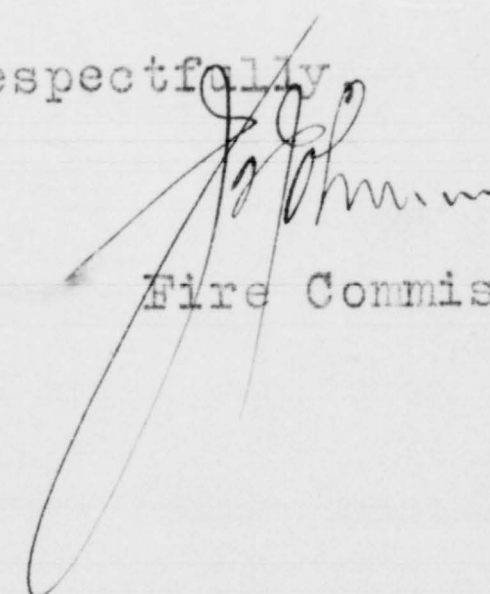
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor & Chairman of the Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

S i r :

Request is made for the transfer of funds appropriated for supplies for the year 1913 to facilitate the business of this department. Approval of the transfer as shown on the attached schedule is therefore requested.

Respectfully


Fire Commissioner.

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PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1913 APPROPRIATION

DECEMBER 12th, 1913.

FROM:

Code Account #1403,	Fire Department, Supplies, Fuel Supplies, Fire Fighting, Maintenance of Apparatus and Equipment,	\$ 700.00
Code Account #1456,	Fire Department, Purchase of Equipment, General Plant Equipment, Fire Fighting, Maintenance of Apparatus & Equipment.	700.00
" " 1456,	" " " " " " "	3,000.00
" " 1460,	Fire Department, Materials, General Plant Materials, Fire Fighting, Maintenance of Apparatus and Equipment	3,500.00
" " 1460	" " " " " " "	300.00
		<hr/> \$ 8,200.00

TO:

Code Account #1404,	Fire Department, Supplies, Fuel Supplies, Care of Buildings and Grounds	\$ 700.00
Code Account #1454,	Fire Department, Purchase of Equipment, Motor Vehicles and Equipment, Fire Fighting Extinguishing Fires	700.00
Code Account #1399,	Fire Department, Supplies, Forage and Veterinary Supplies, Fire Fighting, Mainte- nance of Apparatus & Equipment.	3,000.00
Code Account #1399	" " " " " "	3,500.00
Code Account #1472,	Fire Department, Contract or Open Order Service, General Repairs, Care of Buildings and Grounds, Company Quarters	<hr/> 300.00
		\$ 8,200.00

CODE	APPROPRIATION	WHEN AMENDED TO READ.	PRESENT ENCUMBERED	BALANCE
1403	59,977.50	59,277.50	59,126.27	851.23
1456	114,000.00	110,300.00	109,698.97	4,301.03
1460	41,000.00	37,200.00	37,140.01	3,859.99
1404	92,500.00	93,200.00	92,274.21	225.79
1454	32,000.00	32,700.00	31,999.44	.56
1399	160,916.00	167,416.00	160,913.82	92.18
1472	76,380.00	76,680.00	76,229.23	50.77

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December 17th, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,

Secretary, Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, N. Y.

S i r:-

In reply further to your letter of December 8th, relative to debt complaint of N. Rothar, Central Ave. cor. Chauncey St., Brooklyn, against Deputy Chief Frederick W. Gooderson, Fire Commissioner Johnson directs me to forward you the accompanying copy of report from Chief Gooderson:

"New York, December 12th, 1913.

Thomas Lally,
Deputy Chief in charge,
Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

S i r:-

In compliance with orders received, I have the honor to report that the reason for the neglect in liquidating the claim of N. Rothar for \$6.00, was simply that I had forgotten the matter entirely. Enclosed you will find a receipt for the amount of the claim, six dollars.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) Frederick W. Gooderson,
Deputy Chief 13th Division."

The receipt referred to is in the Fire Department files.

Respectfully,


Secretary to Commissioner.

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Dec. 22, 1913

Hon. Wm. B. Crowell,

Asst. Corporation Counsel,
Office of the Mayor.

Sir:-

The report of Foreman Thomas Napier of the Queens County Grand Jury, concerning the hazardous condition of the Queens County jail will receive the immediate attention of this Department.

Respectfully,

Joseph Johnson
Fire Commissioner

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December 23rd, 1913.

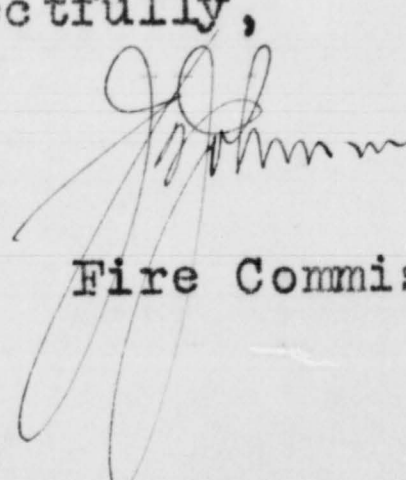
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor & Chairman of the Bd. of Estimate & Apportionment.

S i r :

Request is made for the modification of salary code account #1653, for the year 1914, of this department by changing line "Inspector @ \$2,000. to read: Asst. Fire Marshal @ \$2,000." as shown on schedule attached.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

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December 23rd, 1913.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION 1914 APPROPRIATION

Code Account #1653: ~~and~~ Fire Department, Personal Service, Salaries, Regular Employees,
Fire Prevention, Investigation.

BY CHANGING LINES:

1 Inspector	\$ 2,000.00)	(TO READ: 3 Asst. Fire Marshals @ \$2000. \$6,000.00
2 Asst. Fire Marshal @ \$2000.	4,000.00)	

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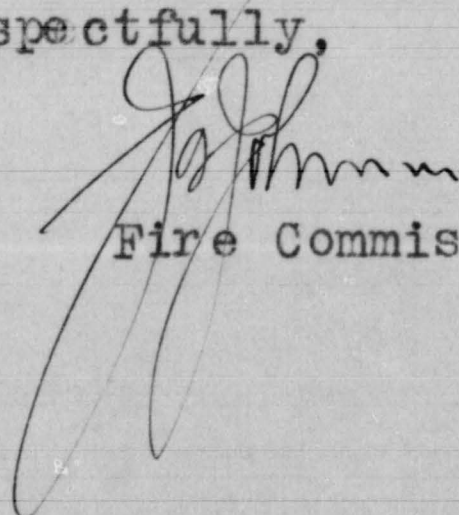
December 24, 1913.

Mr. William B. Crowell,
Assistant Corporation Counsel,
Office of the Mayor.

S i r :

In reply to your letter of December 19th enclosing a recommendation from the Grand Jury of Queens County on the condition of the City Prison for the Borough and County of Queens, together with a request from the Mayor, I hand you herewith copy of the report based upon an inspection of this prison by one of the staff of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Remedial orders based upon the recommendations in this report will be issued by this Department.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

LDW/B

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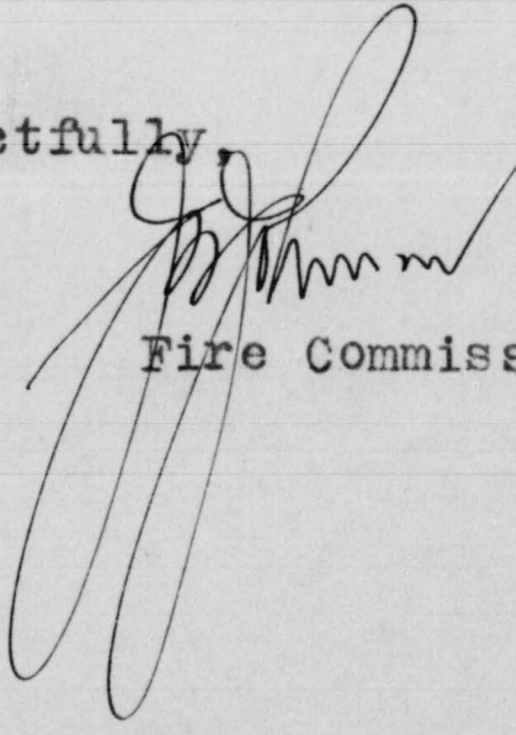
December 30, 1913.

Hon. William B. Crowell,
Assistant Corporation Counsel,
Office of the Mayor -

S i r :

I have the honor to return herewith copy of recommendation, dated November 28, 1913, of the Grand Jury of Queens County, relative to the necessity for the taking of immediate action to render fireproof the City Prison in said borough and county; together with communication, dated December 5, 1913, from District Attorney Matthew J. Smith, transmitting said recommendation to the Mayor of this city.

Respectfully,


Fire Commissioner.

Encl.
BB: