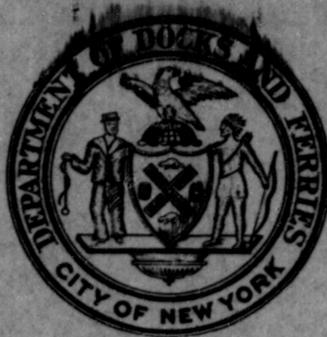


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**Docks and Ferries,  
Department of**

**1913, Sept.**



CHARLES J. FARLEY  
FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

R. A. C. SMITH  
COMMISSIONER  
PIER "A", NORTH RIVER, N. Y.

RICHARD C. HARRISON  
~~W. M. J. BARNEY~~  
SECOND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

September 2nd, 1913.

James Matthews, Esq.,  
Executive Secretary,  
City Hall, Manhattan.

S i r:

With further reference to your communication of August 13th, relative to and enclosing anonymous letter of complaint with regard to alleged unsatisfactory service furnished by those in charge of the ferry plying between Sheepshead Bay and Rockaway Point, I beg to quote you below letter received from Messrs. G. T. Charlton and J. L. Crone, Local Inspectors, Department of Commerce, Steamboat Inspection Service, received in answer to this department's inquiry of August 28th requesting that an investigation be instituted regarding this matter:

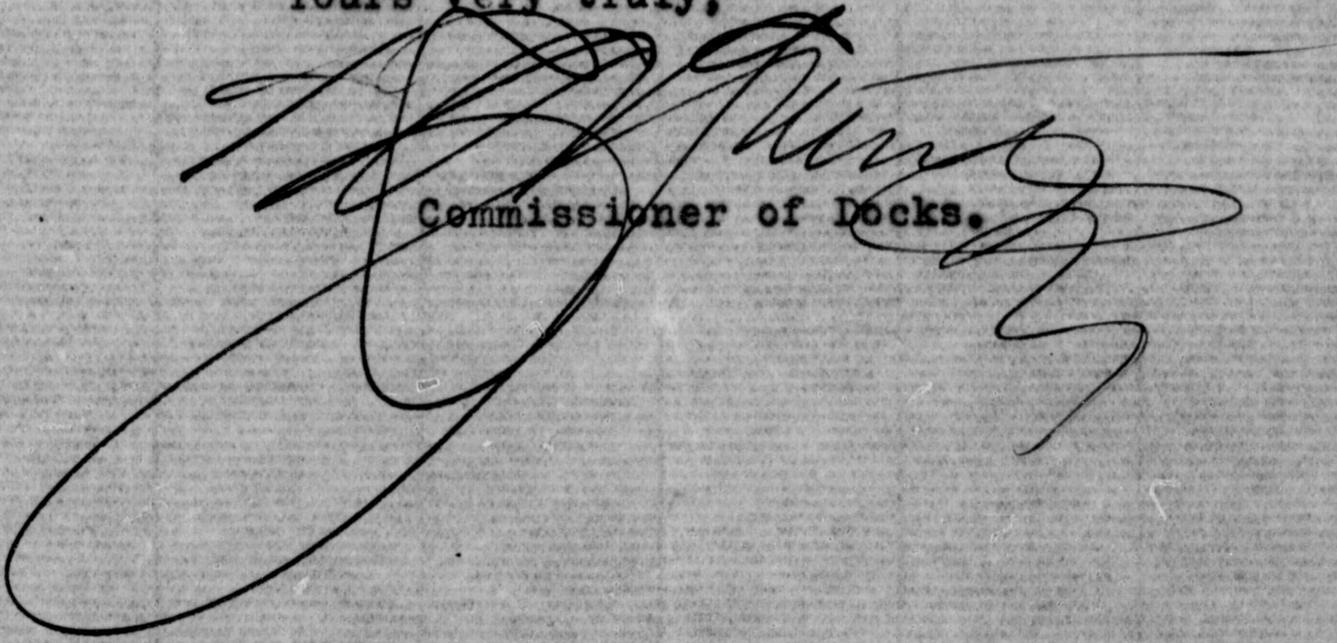
"This office is in receipt of your letter of August 28th enclosing copy of letter received from the Mayor's office which you state complains of overcrowding conditions prevailing on the ferry-boats plying between Sheepshead Bay and Rockaway Point. We find on investigation that the complaint concerns boats between Canarsie and Rockaway Point belonging to people named McAvoy, on Sunday, August 10th.

You are informed that three inspectors from this office were stationed at Canarsie to note the

passengers carried by the steamers NAIAD and FRANK & HELEN McAVOY, which are probably the vessels referred to in the complaint. Neither of the vessels carried a greater number of passengers than is allowed by the certificate of inspection and both vessels have been recently reinspected by this office and found to be in seaworthy condition and fully equipped.

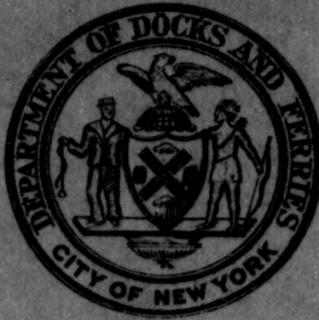
The matter complained of seems to be in the nature of disorder on the dock or landing and would seem to be under police jurisdiction. No report of anything unusual has been received by this office."

Yours very truly,



Commissioner of Docks.

R/ Ek.  
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CHARLES J. FARLEY  
FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

R. A. C. SMITH  
COMMISSIONER  
PIER "A", NORTH RIVER, N.Y.

RICHARD C. HARRISON  
~~W. J. FARNEY~~  
SECOND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

September 4, 1913

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor.

Sir:-

On July 26, 1913, Frank B. Walsh, a Machinist in this Department, was at work removing brackets and gearing from a metal shutter at the St. George terminal of the Staten Island Ferry. The shutter slipped from its gearing and fell, striking and breaking Walsh's right arm. He was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital at New Brighton for treatment and is still unable to report for duty.

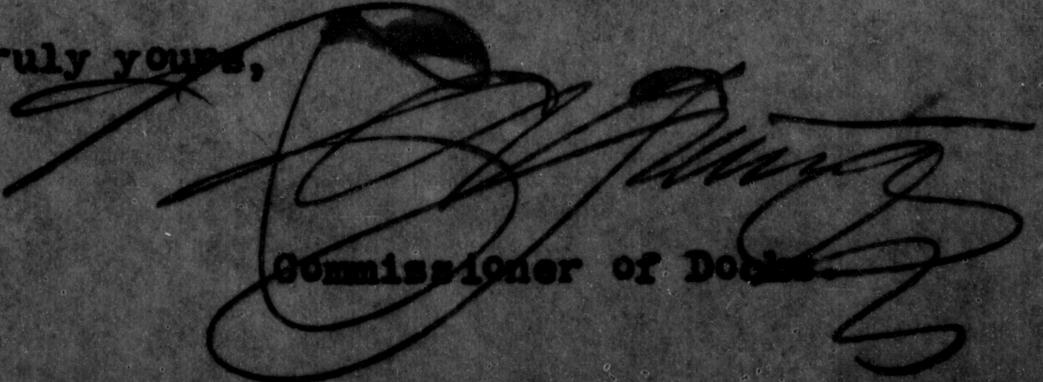
Full pay has been allowed to Walsh for the period of his absence beginning July 27th and continuing up to and including August 25th, 1913, thirty days.

His right arm is still in a plaster cast and it will be some time before he is able to return to duty.

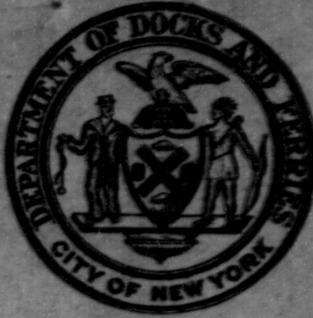
I request your approval for an allowance of full pay to Walsh for an additional period not to exceed thirty days beginning August 26th, 1913.

A letter similar to this is today being sent by me to the Comptroller for his authorization for this pay allowance.

Very truly yours,

  
Commissioner of Docks

Bk.  
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CHARLES J. FARLEY  
FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

R. A. C. SMITH  
COMMISSIONER  
PIER "A", NORTH RIVER, N.Y.

RICHARD C. HARRISON  
~~COMMISSIONER~~  
SECOND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

September 4, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor, City of New York.

Sir:-

In August of last year it was reported to the former Commissioner of Docks that Frederick Stolzenhale, a Dock Builder, assigned to work at the St. George Ferry Terminal on August 16, 1912, absented himself from duty without leave for about three-quarters of an hour, from about 11:15 A.M. to noon. Before action was taken on the said charges, Mr Stolzenhale was given an examination before the then Second Deputy Commissioner. Subsequently Frederick Stolzenhale was discharged from the position of Dock Builder on September 5, 1912.

Mr Stolzenhale now submits two affidavits; in one affidavit he waives all claim for back pay; in the second affidavit he states he left the work with permission from the foreman of the gang in which he was employed, that he did not know he would have been permitted to call witnesses at the examination in his behalf, and that his failure to submit full explanation at the time of the hearing was due to the mental strain under which he was laboring. He also submits an affidavit from the foreman to the effect that permission was granted to him to leave the work.

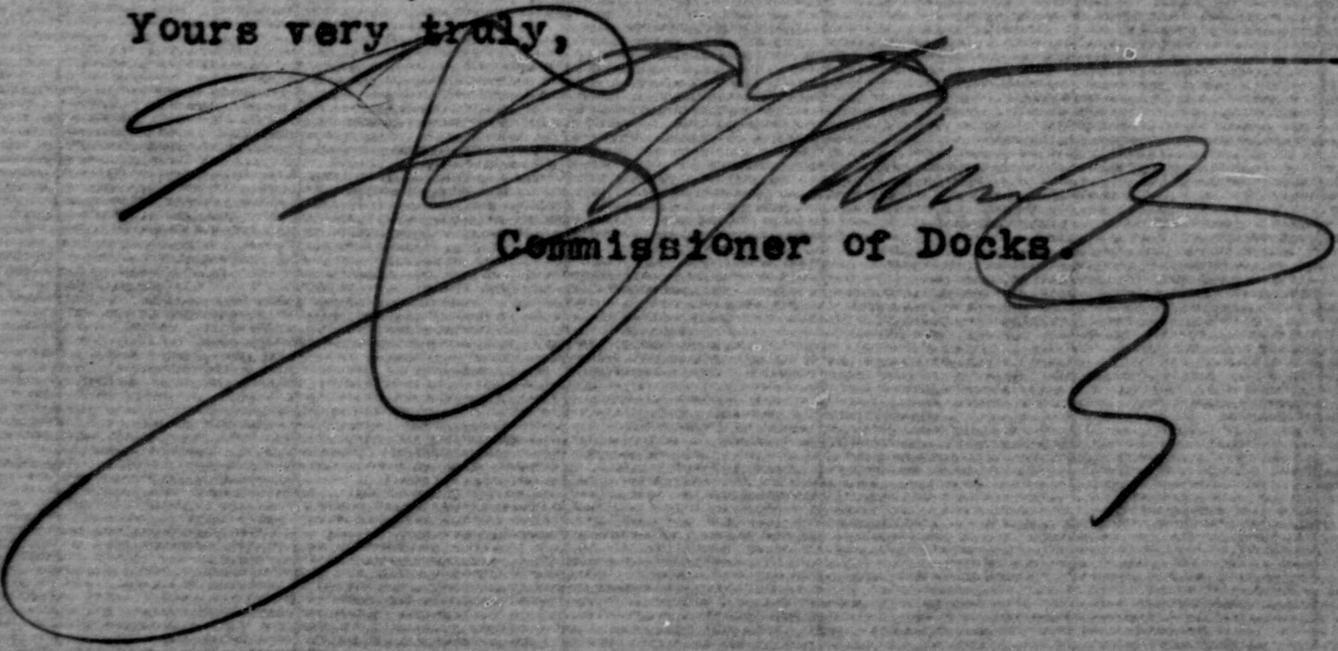
Frederick Stolzenhaler was a very good Dock Builder, and I am given to understand that since his dismissal from the City's service he has been continuously employed by the private concern with which he was employed prior to his entering the service of the City and his conduct has been exemplary.

The Chief Engineer, to whom the application for reinstatement was referred, states it seems to him clear that owing to ignorance Stolzenhaler failed to state in detail the full facts which, had they been brought out at the hearing, would have resulted in much less drastic punishment.

Mr Stolzenhaler seeks reinstatement under the provisions of Section 1543-B of the Charter.

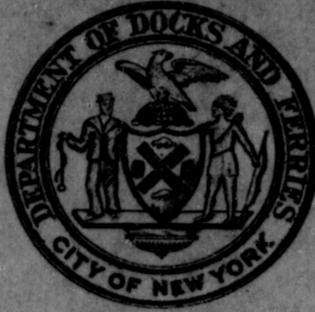
After due consideration of all the facts in this case, I request your consent, pursuant to the provisions of the said Charter section, to take up and consider the matter of the reinstatement of Frederick Stolzenhaler as Dock Builder.

Yours very truly,



Commissioner of Docks.

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CHARLES J. FARLEY  
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COMMISSIONER  
PIER "A", NORTH RIVER, N.Y.

RICHARD C. HARRISON  
~~COMMISSIONER~~  
SECOND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

September 6th, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor.

Sir ;-

I transmit herewith copies of communications forwarded to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as follows:

On September 4th, 1913,  
Requesting approval of a lease to the Ocean Steamship Company of Savannah, of an extension to Pier New 35, North River.

On September 4th, 1913,  
Requesting approval of a lease to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, of an extension to Pier New 41, North River.

On September 4th, 1913,  
Requesting approval of a lease to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company of an extension to Pier New 22, North River.

On September 4th, 1913,  
Requesting the adoption of a resolution authorizing the transfer of 900 pounds of old rope from this Department to the Department of Public Charities.

On September 5th, 1913,  
Requesting approval of a lease to the Erie Railroad Company, of extensions to Piers New 20 and 21, North River.

Yours very truly,

*Francis J. Ryan*  
Ass't. Secretary.

(Encs.)

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS & FERRIES  
Pier "A" North River.

September 4th, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor, and Chairman of the  
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

S i r ; -

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held July 17, 1913, a resolution was adopted approving of and consenting to the execution by the Commissioner of Docks of a lease to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company of an extension to Pier new 41, North River, at an annual rental of 27-1/2 cents per square foot for the area of land under water covered by said extension, and, in addition, 5-1/2% of the cost of construction of said extension, said area and cost to be as shown by the surveys and books of this Department.

The Company has requested this Department to fix a definite limit to the cost of extending the pier upon which the rental of 5-1/2% is to be paid, but this Department is unable to do so and has declined to do. The Company has received an offer from a private contracting concern, and now requests that the resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be amended so as to permit the Company to build the extension at its own expense.

I can see no objection to this and therefore beg to recommend that the aforesaid resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of July 17, 1913 be amended so as to provide that the company shall build, or cause to be built, at its own expense upon the land under water described in the resolution of July 17, 1913 an extension to said Pier new 41, North River, and that the charge of 5-1/2% of the cost of construction of said extension be eliminated.

Yours respectfully,

Signed; R. A. G. Smith,

Commissioner of Docks.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES  
Pier "A" North River.

September 4, 1913

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor, and Chairman of the  
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

S i r :

I beg to recommend that a resolution be adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approving and consenting to the execution by the Commissioner of Docks of a lease to the Ocean Steamship Company of Savannah, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, of an extension to Pier New 35, North River, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, upon land under water described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly side of present Pier New 35, at the outer end of same; running thence westerly and along the westerly prolongation of the southerly side of said pier, a distance of 173.44 to the pierhead line modified by the Secretary of War March 1, 1913; running thence northerly and along said pierhead line to the westerly prolongation of the northerly side of said pier; running thence easterly and along the westerly prolongation of the northerly side of said pier to the outer end of said pier; running thence southerly and along its outer end to the point or place of beginning.

The Department shall build or cause to be built at the expense of the City of New York, upon the land under water described above, the extension to Pier New 35, North River. The lease of said extension shall commence on the date the Chief Engineer of this Department shall certify that said extension is completed, and shall be for a period coterminous with the existing lease of said pier, dated January 31, 1913, the term of which began May 1, 1913 and expires May 1, 1923.

The lessee shall have the right to erect upon said extension and to maintain thereon during the term of the lease, a shed which shall be built in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the Chief Engineer of this Department. The extension to said pier and the shed to be erected thereon shall revert to and become the property of the City of New York at the expiration or sooner termination of the lease.

The lease shall provide that the lessee shall at all times during the term thereof keep and maintain all sheds or other structures erected or to be erected under the provisions of said lease in good condition and repair to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Docks.

The annual rental shall be at the rate of 27-1/2¢ per square foot for the area of land under water covered by said extension, and in addition, 5-1/2¢ on the cost of construction thereof, said area and cost to be as shown by the surveys and books of this Department.

The remaining terms and conditions of the lease, except insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, shall be similar to those contained in leases of wharf property now used by this Department.

It is understood and agreed that this lease shall be of no force or effect unless the surety on the lease of the existing pier shall file in this Department its written agreement that its obligations under the provisions of said lease shall in no manner be affected or impaired by reason of the extension to said pier.

Yours respectfully,

Signed;- R. A. C. Smith,  
Chief Engineer of Docks.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES  
Pier "A" North River.

September 4, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor, and Chairman of the  
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

S i r ;-

I beg to recommend that a resolution be adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approving of and consenting to the execution by the Commissioner of Docks of a lease to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, of an extension to Pier New 22, North River, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, upon land under water, described as follows:-

Beginning at a point in the southerly side of Pier New 22, North River, at the outer end of same; running thence westerly and along the westerly prolongation of the southerly side of said pier a distance of 120.28 feet to the pierhead line modified by the Secretary of War, March 1, 1913; running thence northerly and along the said modified pierhead line to the westerly prolongation of the northerly side of said pier; running thence easterly along the westerly prolongation of the northerly side of said pier to a point in the outer end of said pier; running thence southerly along the outer end of the present pier to the point or place of beginning.

The Department shall build or cause to be built at the expense of The City of New York, upon the land under water above described, the extension to Pier New 22, North River. The lease of said extension shall commence on the date the Chief Engineer of this Department shall certify that said extension is completed. The lease shall expire September 1, 1914.

The annual rental to September 1, 1914, shall be at the rate of 27-1/2¢ per square foot for the area of land under water covered by said extension, and, in addition, 5-1/2% of the cost of construction thereof; said area and cost to be as shown by surveys and books of this Department.

The lessee shall have the right to erect upon said extension and to maintain thereon during the term of the lease a shed which shall be built in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the Chief Engineer of this Department. The extension to said pier and the shed to be erected thereon, shall revert to and become the property of The City of New York at the expiration or sooner termination of the lease. The lease shall provide that the lessee shall at all times during the term thereof, keep and maintain the said extension and all sheds or other structures erected or to be erected under the provisions of said lease, in good condition and repair to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Docks.

The remaining terms and conditions of the lease, excepting so far as they are inconsistent herewith, shall be similar to those contained in the present lease of Pier New 22, North River.

Very truly yours,

Signed: R. A. C. Smith,

Commissioner of Docks.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES  
Pier "A" North River.

September 4th, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor, and Chairman of the  
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Sir :-

In a letter received by this Department in the early part of this year, the Commissioner of Public Charities asked that all old rope be turned over to him in order that it might be used at the New York City Farm Colony for the making of rope mats. Some old rope was turned over to the Department of Public Charities pursuant to your resolution of April 2nd, 1913.

There is now another lot of old rope amounting to about 900 pounds at the yard foot of East 24th Street, East River, which is of no further use to the Department. The said rope is hereby surrendered to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund with the request that a resolution be adopted authorizing its transfer to the Department of Public Charities.

Yours respectfully,

Signed: R. A. C. Smith,

Commissioner of Docks.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES  
Pier "A" North River.

September 5th, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor, and Chairman of the  
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

S i r:-

I beg to recommend that a resolution be adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approving of and consenting to the execution by the Commissioner of Docks of a lease to the Erie Railroad Company of extensions to Piers new 20 and 21, North River, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, upon land under water described as follows:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED EXTENSION  
TO PIER NEW NO. 20, NORTH RIVER.

Beginning at a point in the southerly side of Pier new No. 20 at its outer end as it now exists; running thence westerly and along the westerly prolongation of the southerly side of said pier to the pierhead line modified by the Secretary of War, March 1, 1913, a distance of 108.38 feet; running thence northerly and along said modified pierhead line to the westerly prolongation of the northerly side of said pier; running thence easterly and along the westerly prolongation of the northerly side of said pier to a point in the outer end of said pier; running thence southerly and along the outer end of said pier to the point or place of beginning.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED EXTENSION  
TO PIER NEW NO. 21, NORTH RIVER.

Beginning at a point in the southerly side of Pier New No. 21 at its outer end as it now exists; running thence westerly along the westerly prolongation of the southerly side of said pier to the pierhead line modified by the Secretary of War, March 1/1913, a distance of 116.99 feet; running thence northerly and along said modified pierhead line to the westerly prolongation of the northerly side of said pier; running thence easterly and along the westerly prolongation of the northerly side of said pier to a point in the outer end of said pier; running thence southerly and along the outer end of said pier to the point or place of beginning.

The Department shall build or cause to be built at the expense of The City of New York, on the lands under water above described, the extensions to said Piers new 20 and 21, North River. The lease of said extensions shall commence on the date the Chief Engineer of this Department shall certify that said extensions, respectively are completed.

The lease shall expire May 1/1923, at an annual rental of 27-1/2¢ per square foot for the area of land under water covered by said extensions, and, in addition, 5-1/2% of the cost of said extensions, said area and costs to be as shown by the surveys and books of the Department of Docks and Ferries.

The lessee shall have the right to erect upon said extensions, and to maintain thereon during the term of the lease, sheds which shall be built in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the Chief Engineer of the Department of Docks and Ferries; said sheds shall revert to and become the property of The City of New York at the expiration or sooner termination of the lease.

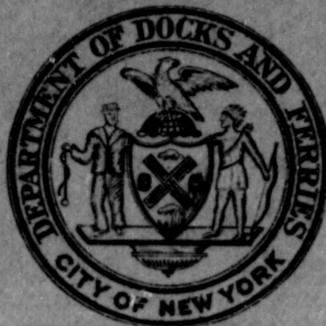
The lease shall provide that the lessee, shall at all times during the term thereof, keep and maintain all sheds or other structures erected or to be erected under the provisions of said lease in good condition and repair to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Docks.

The remaining terms and conditions of the lease, except insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, shall be similar to those contained in the existing lease of Piers new 20 and 21, North River.

Yours respectfully,

Signed; R. A. C. Smith,  
Commissioner of Docks.

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CHARLES J. FARLEY  
FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

R. A. C. SMITH  
COMMISSIONER  
PIER "A", NORTH RIVER, N.Y.

RICHARD C. HARRISON  
~~COMMISSIONER~~  
SECOND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

September 8, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith copy of communication this day forwarded to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, requesting the adoption of a resolution recommending to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock in the sum of \$850,000. for the construction of a long pier at the foot of West 46th street, North River.

Yours very truly,

*William J. Gaynor*  
Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure.

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Department of Docks and Ferries.

September 8, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,  
and Chairman Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Sir:-

A contract has been awarded for dredging in connection with proposed construction of a long pier at the foot of West 46th street, North River, and a contract is now being printed for the construction of the pier. This contract for the construction of the pier is estimated at \$850,000.

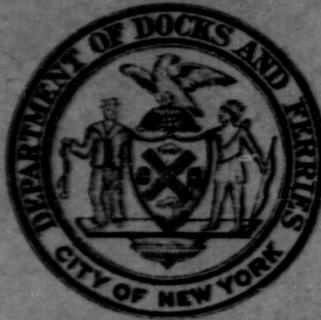
I request that a resolution be adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, recommending to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock in the sum of \$850,000. to cover the cost of this pier work.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) R. A. C. Smith,

Commissioner of Docks

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FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

R. A. C. SMITH  
COMMISSIONER  
PIER "A", NORTH RIVER, N.Y.

RICHARD C. HARRISON  
~~COMMISSIONER~~  
SECOND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

September 8, 1913

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith copy of communication this day forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, stating that request has been made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the adoption of a resolution recommending to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the Comptroller be authorized to issue Corporate Stock in the sum of \$850,000. for the construction of a long pier at the foot of West 46th street, North River.

Yours very truly,

*William J. Ryan*  
Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure.

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Department of Docks and Ferries.

September 8, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,  
and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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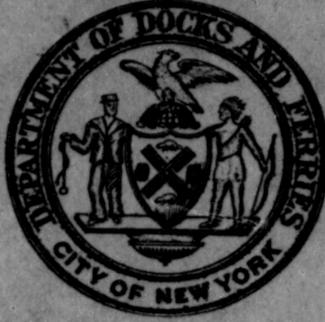
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Yours very truly,

(Sgd) R. A. C. Smith,

Commissioner of Docks.

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R. A. C. SMITH  
COMMISSIONER  
PIER "A", NORTH RIVER, N.Y.

RICHARD C. HARRISON  
~~COMMISSIONER~~  
SECOND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

September 9, 1913

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith copy of communication this day forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, requesting approval of plans, specifications, estimates and form of Contract 1382 for removing Piers Old 27 and 28, East River, and for construction of new pier at the foot of Dover street.

Yours very truly,

*William J. Ryan*  
Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure.

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Department of Docks and Ferries.

September 9, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,  
Chairman Board of Estimate & Apportionment.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith plans, specifications and form of Contract 1382, for removing the present piers Old Nos. 27 and 28, East River, for dredging at the location, and for building a new pier at the foot of Dover street to be known as Pier No. 21, East River, Borough of Manhattan, and for depositing rip-rap thereat. This contract is proposed to be awarded in two sections.

One section will cover Class 1, for removing the existing piers and for the necessary dredging at the location. This work is estimated at \$27,000.

The second section will embrace Classes 2 and 3, for the construction of the new pier and the furnishing and depositing of the necessary rip-rap at the outer end of such new pier. The estimate on this second section is \$65,500.

Section 1 of the contract is to be a charge against Corporate Stock Funds C.D.D. 35 "Removing Old Piers 27 and 28, East River."

Section 2 of the contract will be a charge against Corporate Stock Funds C.D.D. 9 B "Construction of Pier No. 21, at Dover street, East River."

I request your approval of the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimates as above.

Yours very truly,

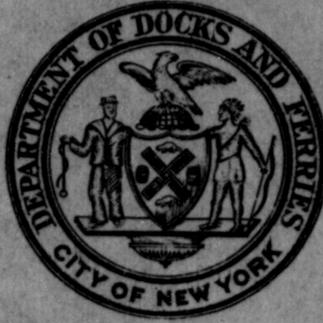
(Sgd) R. A. C. Smith,

Enclosures.

Commissioner of Docks.

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CHARLES J. FARLEY  
FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

R. A. C. SMITH  
COMMISSIONER  
PIER "A", NORTH RIVER, N.Y.

RICHARD C. HARRISON  
WM. J. BARNEY  
SECOND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

September 10, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor.

S i r :

I transmit herewith copy of communication this day forwarded to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund submitting a new map and technical description of structures to be sold and removed between West 44th Street and the centre line of the block between West 47th and West 48th Streets, North River.

Yours very truly,

*Francis J. Lyon*  
Asst. Secretary.

Enc.

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DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES,  
Pier "A", North River.

September 10, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Mayor, and Chairman of the  
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

S i r :

On August 25th, 1913 a map was forwarded to you with a request that certain structures on the area acquired by the City for the improvement of the waterfront between West 44th Street and the centre line of the block between West 47th and West 48th Streets, North River, be sold in order to effect the removal of the structures. In that request one building desired by this Department for office purposes during the progress of the construction work and the structures occupied by the Consolidated Gas Company were excepted.

The Consolidated Gas Company has since vacated the structures which it occupied.

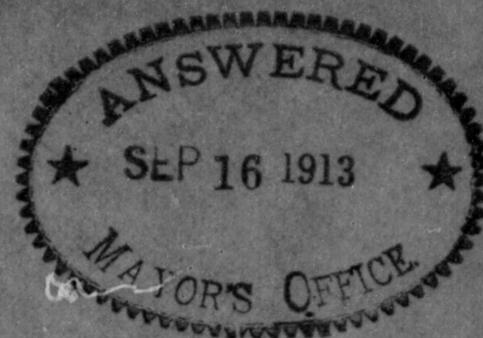
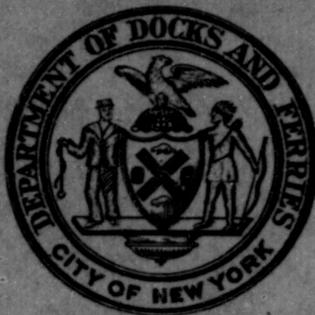
I therefore submit herewith a new map with a technical description showing all of the structures which should now be sold and removed. This new map and technical description embrace the buildings formerly occupied by the Consolidated Gas Company, and they supersede the maps and technical descriptions heretofore submitted to you.

Yours very truly,

R. A. C. SMITH (Signed)

Enc.

Commissioner of Docks.



CHARLES J. FARLEY  
FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

R. A. C. SMITH  
COMMISSIONER  
PIER "A", NORTH RIVER, N.Y.

WM. J. BARNEY  
SECOND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

September 12, 1913.

To The Honorable  
The Mayor  
Ardolph L. Kline.

Sir:-

As a citizen interested in all that concerns the welfare of New York City, I am profoundly impressed with the loss we have sustained in the untimely death of Mr. Gaynor. As an individual admirer of the man and the recipient of many confidentially expressed thoughts, I am more than grieved by the loss.

After conferences with him, which began early in his administration, I always left him with the conviction that he had no other thoughts than those directed to the solution of the problems attending the hugeness of the administration of the City for which he was as ambitious as any man I know.

When he thought it necessary to ask me to take the place I now occupy as a City official, he gave me little opportunity to show my reluctance to do so by saying, "If men who are capable of doing the things to be done will not take the responsibility, how can they expect anything better. I am only one man even though I am Mayor".

He meant to do the things that must be done now if the City is to hold its commercial prestige, and there has been a recompense for loss in personal matters while doing this work in the knowledge that I was helping a man who was doing in a large way what was so necessary and requiring patience and force to convince the citizens that the supremacy of New York lies in its ability to care for all the trade that may be brought to its doors.

Mayor Gaynor made great progress in Port improvement and expected to do much more, and would not listen to any break in the continuity of it. He gave personal attention to the work which has reached a stage where it should not be permitted to lag. However, I herewith tender you, to take effect at your convenience, my resignation as Commissioner of Docks and Ferries.

Let me assure you that the only thought that inspires this is consideration, that you may be quite free so far as this Department is concerned, to plan your administration on your own lines.

Let me also assure you that in any event you will have my entire support so far as I am able to give it to you, and I want you to know that you have my earnest wishes for success in meeting the exactions of your high office.

Very respectfully yours,