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NEW YORK,

MAY 7 1895

To the Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York,  
Dear Sir,

Whatever your action  
on the Bi-partisan Police Bill may  
be let this be your guide.

Recommend the best bill that  
you believe it is possible to pass.  
If a better bill can not be passed, in  
your judgment, accept the one in  
hand. If a better bill can be had  
insist upon it.

Yours obediently  
Chas. W. Everson

Lane Offices of  
James C. Spencer, ✓  
280 Broadway,

Stewart Building,  
Chambers and Broadway,  
Room 210, fifth floor.

New York, May 7 1895-

Dear Mayor Strong

I was very glad that you approved of the Bi-Partisan bill. It was very wise action on your part. Its rejection for amendment or otherwise, would have been most disastrous to the interests of the City and of its people.

I fully believe in the principle as more likely to establish nonpartisanism than any other plan devised for the exercise of police supervision.

With such a board of Commissioners as you can constitute, (whether or not the reorganization bill is passed) the principle of nonpartisanism in Police matters will prevail, in your time and mine, and probably will come to stay, a result much to be desired.

I hope your desire that the Civil



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Service feature will be amended  
will be gratified

I still hold that the scope powers  
and ~~jurisdiction~~ <sup>jurisdiction</sup> of the new Court of Special  
Sessions, should be enlarged so as  
to cover and control the terms and  
action of the magistrates, and to try  
all offenses of policemen charged  
by the Commissioners. It would  
make a very useful improvement  
in the police system, and create  
a power, if exercised by good men as  
you will probably appoint, of great utility.  
In the appointment of those Special  
Sessions justices, you should carry  
out the principle of non-partisanship  
and make a Court whose rules and  
practice and judgments ~~shall~~ will be  
respected by all good citizens.

Yours very truly  
James C. Spencer,

Subject: Police Reorganization and the Bi-Partisan Bill:

New York, May 7th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor,  
New York City.

Dear sir;

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I respectfully submit that, if Your Honor returns the Police Reorganization Bill with your disapproval, it will either be made a law, over your veto, and the People will hold only their agents, the legislature, responsible for the measure; or, more probably, no further action will be taken upon it at this session of the legislature, in view of public sentiment. At the next session of the legislature it will doubtless be revived and presented in a new form.

Upon the assumption that Your Honor will disapprove the bill, and that it will go over to the next session of the legislature, I respectfully suggest that, in the interval between now and the convening of the next session of the legislature, Police Commissioners Andrews and Roosevelt (or certainly Mr. Andrews,) proceed to London and Paris and make a very careful and thorough examination of the London and Paris Police Systems; that is,

- (1) Their Police Headquarters or Central Office;
- (2) Their Station-House System; and,
- (3) The Organization, Discipline, etc., etc., of the Men that constitute the Police Force.

Mr. Andrews, with his valuable double knowledge and experience as a military officer and a lawyer, his devotion to the cause of reform, and a career before him, is uniquely well-fitted for such an investigation.

The London and Paris police systems are the product of many years of valuable experience, in two of the leading cities of the world, in countries where organization, civil, political and military, has reached a high state of perfection, and there are many features of great excellence in those systems, especially the London system (which is less of a military or soldier system than that of Paris and nearly every other city on the Continent of Europe) that could be adopted, with or without modification, in the new New York Police System.

The City of London, with its six millions of inhabitants, maintains a high standard of public order, peace and safety, and holds the saloon or liquor trade in absolute control, with a police force of 15,000 or 18,000 policemen and a Detective Corps of 200 selected men, whose operations are directed from the magnificent new headquarters or central office on the Thames embankment near the Houses of Parliament, called the "New Scotland Yard," and a number of Police Station-Houses dis-



tributed over the City of London. On Sunday the liquor saloons are closed all day except from 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and 6 to 11 o'clock in the evening; and, during the rest of the day, it is ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE to obtain liquor from them; and the order and quiet and strict observance of Sunday excite the surprise and comment of visitors to that City. Such a thing as the "Side-door trade" is unknown. The police patrol the streets, not with the swagger and manner of loafers, but like soldiers on duty, but without clubs or pistols, I have been informed by several of them, and police clubbing are unheard of. I am an American by birth and education, and love my native land, but I do believe that Americans and all ought to be broad-guage enough to be willing to accept and profit by the experiences of others in the great family of cities and nations throughout the world; and even so old and experienced a police official as Superintendent Byrnes could acquire valuable information from "across the water," not to say anything of the excellent new Board of Police that you have given us, and who have just entered on a branch of municipal government entirely new to them.

It seems to me, also, that a site should be carefully selected, in this City, centrally located with special reference to the new and enlarged corporate limits of the City when the Legislature shall ~~make~~ give us "GREATER New York," and a fine, large building, equipped with an elaborate and perfect electrical plant and system communicating with the local Police-Station Houses and Fire-Houses in the City, and other alied City departments, should be erected as a Central Office or Headquarters of the Executive Officers and Detective Corps of the Police for the most efficient administration of the entire Municipal Police System of the present and the Greater New York. The building should embrace the best features of the present N.Y. Police Headquarters, also that of "Scotland Yard," London, and of the Prefecture of Police on the Seine, in Paris

Mr. Andrews could go abroad ostensibly on a vacation, so far as the public are concerned, but, really, for the purpose suggested.

Mr. Andrews, on his return, could have a conference with Your Honor and the other Police Commissioners, and recommend such a modification of the Police System and the Police Reorganization Bill, at the next session of the legislature, as might seem wise as the result of such investigation and conference.

In view of the disclosures of the Lexow Committee in regard to the Police Department of New York; of the fact that this measure is squarely before the public who are eager for radical reform; of the fact that we have a Republican Mayor and Legislature, and the best element of the City population, that represented by the Committee of Seventy are active participants in reform; of the importance of the Police Department to fair and honest elections; of the fact that the new Police Department

is not only to serve for the City in its present narrow corporate limits, but for the GREATER New York that we are bound to have at no great distant day, with its three million population rapidly increasing to four millions; of the fact that we have for a leader a Mayor, from the highest business and social life of the City, with an iron will guided by wisdom, patriotism and sincerity, I respectfully suggest that the Police Department, as reorganized should be the best in the world, superior to, and embodying the best features of, that of London and Paris, and (with the Police Magistrates) should be the leading feature of reform in the administration of New York City's present Mayor, and that the reward should be the secret satisfaction and pleasure of a record of well-performed public duty, and the nomination for Governor of the great Empire State of New York.

I remain,

Very respectfully,



313 East 57th Street,

N.Y. City.

P.S. There are a number of excellent features in regard to the Police-Court Administration of London and ~~the~~ also the lavatory etc system of London and other cities in England; also on the continent, but anything in regard to them would be irrelevant here, and I feel that I have now taken too much of your valuable time.



LAW OFFICE  
WILMER & CANFIELD,  
(BANK OF NEW YORK BUILDING,)  
48 WALL STREET.

NEW YORK May 7th, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

#12 West 57th St., City.

Hon. & Dear Sir:-

I want to join with many citizens of New York in expressing appreciation of the great change for the better in the condition of the streets. We are all indebted to you for the marked improvement which has taken place in consequence of your appointment of Col. Geo. E. Waring, Jr. All the best citizens recognize Col. Waring's efficient management and faithful service, and much satisfaction is often expressed at the results thus obtained under your administration.

Although I am a Democrat, I feel that the city is also to be congratulated on your appointment of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, as police commissioner. Mr. Roosevelt's intelligent independence and fearless integrity give every assurance of a successful career and he will not falter in making the necessary reforms in that department of the city government which is certainly in need of the courageous management of such a man.

In view of my letter to you before your election and of your frank and manly reply on the subject of the appointment of women on the school boards, I, like many others, have been much

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gratified at your selection of a number of women as inspectors. I trust you can see your way clear to also appoint some as commissioners. As I have said before, women would be most useful as trustees and it is to be feared that, only through the appointment of some women as commissioners, <sup>many</sup> ~~that women may~~ be selected as trustees. In the list of the names of women that I sent you were included two of Mr. Roosevelt's sisters, who possess similar qualities to their brother. In naming the women I did, as suitable for the positions on the school board, I had in mind the importance of eliminating from such list any women who might be known as "fussy" or "meddlesome," (a most unfortunate class.) Such positions should be filled by women of great carefulness and deliberation, as well as earnestness and tact.

Yours truly,

*W. L. S.*



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TELEPHONE CALL, 1092 CORTLANDT.

52 WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK, May 7, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor's Offices, New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Having been consulted by the editors of the Toledo Blade, who are planning for a most aggressive and extensive campaign for sound money, I should be glad to have a few minutes conversation with you as to lines along which the Reform Club proposes to co-operate.

Adding that there is involved no matter either of politics or patronage, or even of a subscription, I venture to ask at what time it may be most convenient for you to see me a few minutes should I call.

The importance of the Blade, its position at a most critical yet advantageous point for sound money work, your own knowledge of Ohio conditions, and the respect in which I know your judgment will be held, I believe warrant me in this trespass upon your courtesy.

Sincerely,

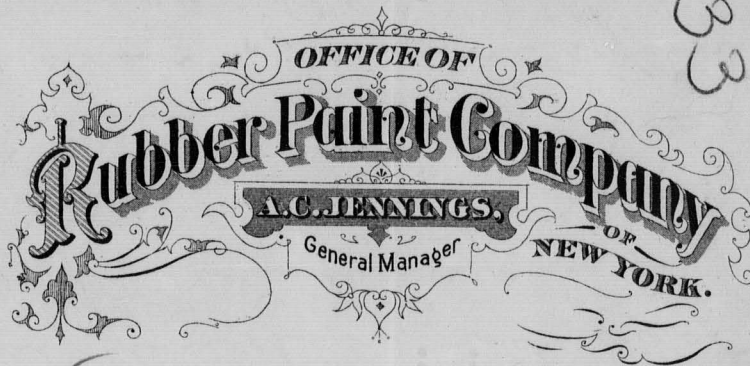
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Room 22  
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New York

May 7-95

W. S. Strong Esq.  
Mayor N.Y. City.



Dear Sir:

No doubt you are flooded with letters of congratulation, upon your fine selection and appointments of Police Commissioners. "Especially" in the appointment of Messrs Roosevelt and Grant.

Allow me as a life long Republican to add my congratulations, and I believe that more than 90% of all "Republicans" in this city are extremely glad of the removal of the so-



- Called republicans" Messrs Kerwin & Mowry.  
together with the arch Tammanyite, "Martin"  
The better element of the people of this City. had  
become restive, under the retention by you  
of these three persons, as they are considered  
as "Three" of a kind, The act of their railroading  
Mc Evoy's retirement would satisfy the  
most sceptical, that Tammanyism was  
supreme in their anatomy, and all  
their official actions.

My only regret is. that you did not oust  
these three persons the first week in Jan'y  
You have much yet to do, but "The People"  
are with you, go ahead without fear  
or favor, and all who desire genuine reform  
will stand by you Yours sincerely, A. J. Jennings.

In renewing our subscription to the Tribune to-day we  
criticise its politics as follows.

W. L. Smith X



Syracuse, N.Y. May, 7, 1895.

Editor of the Tribune,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

My subscription for the Tribune expires May 8th. My patience has been tried so severely by its course for the last six months, that I had almost made up my mind not to continue it any longer.

I have had quite a history with the Tribune. In 1872 when it went over to the rebels and free-traders, I dropped it and then took the Times. Soon that sheet abandoned the *Raymond* Policy and joined the free-traders; then I returned to the Tribune, and have taken it up to the present time. For the last six months, it has done its best to divide and weaken the Republican party. Instead of its being a National Republican Organ, it has become a disorganizing and factional sheet.

The mistake Mayor Strong has made, that after receiving two-thirds of the 154,000. reform votes, in making appointments, he has repudiated the two-thirds republican voters and selected all his appointees from the one-third section, when he should have only required to ask, are these applicants competent and worthy and good republicans. He should have made no distinction between the parties supporting him at the election.

This policy has divided the republican party in New York City and the Tribune has been the chief advisor in upholding this suicidal policy. This is why I hesitated about renewing my subscription

E.T. No.2.

I have been a thorough republican and voted for all the republican National Candidates from Harrison in 1840 to the present time, and hope to vote for the republican candidate in 1896, whether that candidate be McKinley or Mqrton.

My final decision is this,- hoping the Tribune may reform and return as a (National) republican organ, to try your sheet for six months again, not because I like its politics, but as a newspaper. In this respect it is equal to the best.

With this just criticism I have authorized J.L.Bagg, a neighbor and joint sympathizer in my views, to remit the \$4.00 and the paper to be sent to No.310 James St., Syracuse, N.Y.

Yours very truly,

*Leas A. Smith*



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New York May 7/95

Hon Mr H. Strong  
Mayor of New York City  
City Hall City

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Errami and myself  
will call at your house on Thursday  
morning May ~~seventh~~<sup>ninth</sup>, and hope you  
will be ready to visit school # 94 on  
Ninth third street, between second and  
third avenues - we will be there at eight  
thirty o'clock - at our last interview you  
told us almost any day would be  
agreeable to you - Should Thursday not  
suit your convenience will you kindly  
drop us a line -? Hoping for an early  
reply.

Respectfully yours

M. E. Trautman

72 South 6<sup>th</sup> St  
Brooklyn E.D. N.Y.  
May 7<sup>th</sup> 1895

To the Hon Mayor Strong,  
New York City

Hon Sir

The undersigned have been  
an inmate of the Suiters Suez Harbor  
over ten years, with a clean record -

I was indicted for Election frauds of  
Nov<sup>4</sup> 1893 - are or about the 29 of May  
1894, by advise of the Lawyer having  
my case in charge, I plead guilty to a  
charge, I took no part in; being  
informed that at most, it would be  
a fine, and whatever the amount it  
would be immediately paid -

Instead, I was sentenced to one  
year in the Kings County Penitentiary  
and the prime movers were never  
brought to trial

As if this was not enough punishment  
over please



I was advised by Gov. Treask, that at the  
Regular meeting of the Trustees June the  
20<sup>th</sup> 1894, I was by resolution expelled from  
the Institution.

Hon Sir

I am a chronic invalid,  
with an incurable complaint, close  
onto 71 years of age, without any possible  
means of support, and worn out.

Hon Sir

as by virtue of your  
office, you are a Trustee of the  
Sealers Inez Harbor.

I appeal to your good  
sense of justice in an effort to  
reinstale me to the only home I had.

I am most hon Sir

Your most obt servt

James W. Hewitt

7 Jul. Dist Ct of City of N.Y.

Mr. Nicholas & son

Arthur H. Munkler

New York, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

Received from Mr. A. H. Sarason Atty for Jacob Lubin City Marshal

Three and <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> ————— Dollars,

Balance of overcharge made by Jacob Lubin, a City Marshal said <sup>\$4.50</sup> 3<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> is accepted for full settlement thereof and relieves said Marshal from any claim, demand, or cause of action

\$3 <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

George B. Halcyon  
Atty for A. H. Munkler



of the Judicial District Court of the City of New York

(with Mark Hansen +  
John Perry  
and Arthur G. Munkelken)

New York, May 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Received

from Samuel L. Peyser

Four

Dollars,

100

Discharge made in execution in above matter

\$4#

Arthur G. Munkelken  
Att'y for Arthur G. Munkelken

GEORGE B. HALSEY,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,

271 <sup>TRINITY BUILDING,</sup>  
BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, April 26 <sup>1895</sup>

Mr Jacob Lubin  
City Marshall  
29 Fifth St. N.Y.

Dear Sir:

On or about April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mr Arthur G. Muhlker of  
So, Amsterdam Avenue New  
York by mistake paid  $\$30.\frac{02}{100}$ ,  
which <sup>sum</sup> was demanded of him,  
in satisfaction of a judgment  
for  $\$19.\frac{02}{100}$  recorded by W<sup>m</sup> Niephtausen  
and Isidor Levy against Arthur G.  
Muhlker in the 7<sup>th</sup> Dist Ct. on April  
6/95.

The receipt in full satisfaction of  
the above named judgment is in  
my possession and is signed by  
"Jacob Lubin, Marshall"

You will please call upon me  
and explain the matter. The  
judgment was  $\$19.\frac{02}{100}$ . The money  
collected was  $\$30.\frac{02}{100}$ . I expect you to



account true for this  
difference - Eleven Dollars.  
The money was paid in the  
presence of witnesses  
under protest.

Yours Truly

George B. Holby

LAW OFFICES  
OF  
ABRAHAM H. SARASOHN,  
OTTO A. ROSALSKY.

COURTS.  
PROCEEDINGS.  
foreclosed.  
29 FIRST STREET,  
RESIDENCE, 21 FORSYTH ST.

New York, April 20<sup>th</sup> 1895  
7<sup>th</sup> District Court.  
Nichthaus  
Levy  
Muller

JACOB SUBIN,  
CITY MARSHAL  
4th District Court

JACOB SUBIN,  
CITY MARSHAL  
4th District Court

Rec From  
Jacob Subin City  
Marshal all the property levied  
upon by me under a certain  
execution in the above entitled  
action

Arthur G. Muller

Defendant



State Charities Aid Association,

UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,

105 EAST 22D STREET,

ROOM 503,

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New York, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. William L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

It gives me much pleasure  
to inform you that our bill  
for placing the dependent  
insane of this City under the  
care of the State, & for the  
establishment of the  
Manhattan State Hospital  
passed the Senate yesterday.  
The Senate amendments were  
concurred in by the Assembly  
today, & the bill will  
doubtless be submitted to  
you tomorrow.

Will you be kind enough  
to inform me when the  
hearing upon the bill  
will be held, as our

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Managers desire to appear  
before you in behalf  
of the measure.

Could you conveniently  
give us an afternoon  
hearing, we would esteem  
it a favor.

I enclose a copy of  
the bill as it has passed  
both houses.

The date when the law,  
if enacted, will take  
effect, has been fixed  
by us as August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
The object of this late  
date is to give time  
for the General Term in



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May, & the Court of  
appeals in June, & render  
Judgement in the pending  
suit between City & State in  
regard to back taxes for  
State maintenance of the insane.  
It is the earnest desire of  
the Assn. that the pending  
suit be pressed to <sup>final</sup> Judgement  
as speedily as possible.

This is the more import-  
ant as the Special tax  
bill for the <sup>dependent</sup> insane will  
doubtless be passed this  
week. The tax of one  
mill which it imposes  
for the maintenance of the  
insane by the State, is  
designed to cover the mainte-  
nance of the dependent insane

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of New York & Kings County  
as well as those of the  
rest of the State.

On the other hand,  
no portion of this sum  
will be available for  
the support of the insane  
of New York City, (i.e. for  
the Manhattan State  
Hospital), until the  
back taxes of the City  
shall have been paid.

This condition was  
made obligatory by the  
Legislature, in the form  
of Section 15, which was  
added to the bill by the  
Finance Committee of the



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# State Charities Aid Association,

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Senate. We protested against the form & substance of this amendment, but were obliged to make this and other concessions to save the bill.

Practically however, this amendment is not of much importance, for it is generally conceded that the Courts of Appeals will decide against the City - and thus in the end it will be the same thing. The amendment does not prejudge the decision of the Court but only imposes a condition, which, it must be confessed the State has a moral right to do, especially in this instance. It is however much to be desired that this one of the City's "private" cases be pressed to speedy judgement. Very respectfully,

Louisa Lee Schuyler, Secy  
Legislation for the Insane.

Stanwix Hall,

AMERICAN  
AND  
EUROPEAN PLAN.  
C. QUACKENBUSH.

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ALBANY, N. Y., May 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor

Dear Sir,

The bill providing for the payment of my salary as Secretary of the Greater New York Commission simply provides a tribunal (The B. of Est and App<sup>als</sup>) to audit and allow, in its discretion, what they deem justly due and what ought in equity to be paid.

The rate of \$1500 per year is the rate as fixed by resolution of the Commission.

Were it not that the Greater New York interests at this time seem to require my attendance in Albany, I should have been glad to appear before you personally.

Very respectfully  
Albert S. Henshel



*Arnoux, Ritch & Woodford.*

*Cable address,  
Leducum.*

*18 Wall Street.*

WILLIAM H. ARNOUX.  
THOMAS C. RITCH.  
STEWART L. WOODFORD.  
C. N. BOVEE, JR.  
WILLIAM G. WALLACE.  
DAVID F. BUTCHER.

*New York,* May 8th, 189 5

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I regret that I could not be at your office yesterday afternoon, but I learn that General Porter, Mr. Moore and Mr. Jacobs made with you all necessary arrangements as to Governor McKinley's visit to New York and Brooklyn.

Faithfully yours,

*Wm L. Strong*

His Honor

William L. Strong,

Mayor New York City.

✓  
New York, May 8, 1895

Col. Wm L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City.  
Dear Sir:

As one of the teachers of this city who resigned their positions in the Public Schools, to enter the military service of the U.S., in the late Civil War, I respectfully request your Honor to approve the amendment to the Teachers' Retirement Fund Bill, now in your hands, for the following reasons:

(1.) Because, in leaving our positions in the schools, we not only lost our chances for promotion, but, on our return, were obliged to take whatever positions were available, even though inferior to those we had vacated.

(2.) Because, members of the police force had their term of service in the



Army included in the twenty years' service required to entitle a member of said force to be retired, with this difference between them and the teachers, that, while the former could be retired, on a service of twenty years, although healthy and vigorous, the latter must serve thirty-five years, and can be retired only in case of mental or physical disability.

(3.) Because the hardships, endured by those who left their avocations and their homes, to preserve the integrity of the Union, have, in many instances, rendered them prematurely infirm and aged.

(4.) Because the action contemplated by said amendment is in harmony with public opinion, and, also, with other legislation of a cognate nature, enacted for the benefit of veterans.

(5.) Because the raising of the fund from which the pensions are to be paid, will not add to the burdens of the tax payers, as it will accrue from salary, deducted from the pay of teachers, "on account of absence, or

from any other cause," or from "moneys received from donations, legacies, gifts, bequests or otherwise."

I will venture to add that I was one of those who was with Old John Brown in the bitter struggle in Kansas, in 1856. In the fall of that year, I came to this city and entered the Public Schools, went to the front with the 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. of this city, and, on my return, joined Col. Wainwright's regiment, the 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cavalry, became its Adjutant, leaving it finally, after three years' service, as Capt. of Co. A., and was honorably discharged.

Hoping your Honor will deem it proper and just, to approve an act which passed the legislature, with scarcely any opposition, and which is generally commended, I am

Yours very truly,

J. K. Low.

Vice Pres. G. S. #16.



President, GEO. M. CUMMING.  
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Secretary, PREBLE TUCKER.

Office of Secretary,  
ROOM, 110 TRINITY BUILDING,  
111 BROADWAY.

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# Council OF Confederated Good Government Clubs.

New York, May 8, 1895

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

Sir:

In behalf of the Confederated Good Government Clubs of this city, I beg that you will approve of Assembly Bill No. 2675, generally known as the "Police Magistrates Bill."

This Bill has received the heartiest endorsement of the Good Government Clubs, as one of the most important measures of reform needed by this city. The Good Government Clubs believe that this extraordinary legislative measure is made necessary by the extraordinary circumstances of the case. An overwhelming array of facts demonstrate the necessity of a thorough reorganization of the inferior courts of criminal jurisdiction in this city. We believe that the bill in your hands is calculated to accomplish this. We further believe that the bill was drawn by those animated with a desire for genuine reform, and not with any ulterior or selfish motives.

The Clubs do not desire to cast any reflection upon the present Police Justices, which this bill removes from office. They simply wish to point out that the results of the present system have not been beneficial to this city, and that in order to reform the system radical measures were necessary.

By providing that the present Police Justices may be re-appointed, if the Mayor deems it advisable, the apparent injustice involved in this bill is done away with. If this bill becomes a law, the Mayor will have ample power to recognize by reappointment such Police Justices as have, by their integrity and ability, demonstrated their fitness for the position.

Yours very respectfully,

*Preble Tucker*  
Secretary.



President, GEO. M. CUMMING.  
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Office of Secretary,  
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111 BROADWAY.

**Council**  
OF  
**Confederated Good Government Clubs.**

New York, May 8, 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York.

Dear sir:

I beg to inform you that the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs last night unanimously adopted the following resolution which I am directed to communicate to you:-

RESOLVED, that it is the opinion of the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs that any unofficial expression of opinion, whether in private or in public, by any officer of the city government, about the tariff, or silver, or pensions, affords no ground for his removal.

RESOLVED, that the recent clamor for the removal of an efficient municipal officer, simply because he happened to express the opinion that a certain organization was afflicted with pension seeking propensities, does not lessen the great importance of the fact that he has not failed in the performance of his official duties, and gives a fitting opportunity for this Council to make public recognition of the value to the cause of good municipal government of an absolutely non-political appointment.

I have the honor to be,

Yours very respectfully,

*Preble Tucker*  
Secretary

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NEW YORK.

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New York, May 8th, 1895.

Mayor Strong,  
City Hall,  
N. Y.

Your Honor:-

During the ceremonies of the dedication  
of the Washington Arch, I was on the grand stand,  
and made several snap shots.

Enclosed please find some photographs that  
may be of interest to you.

Yours respectfully,

Moses Joy



McMAHON & HANDLEY,  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
243 BROADWAY,

125-  
Charles Harvey

New York, May 8 — 1895

Honorable Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir,

The Manhattan Hospital

~~Bill of Fare~~ and lease act has passed the Senate—  
It may come before you officially for approval—  
I would thank you to give <sup>me</sup> one day's notice  
at least to attend before and present reasons  
to you officially for your own approval of it—

Yours

D. W. McMahon  
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*Personal**New York, May 8 1895.**Now Wm L. Strong  
Honored Sir,*

On the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April I was summoned on a complaint (No 1232 Vol 137) of the Corporation Attorney to appear before Judge Wm J. Moore and show cause why I should not be fined for having a sign hanging over the sidewalk in front of my place of Business the same as my neighbors. I answered the summons and was given three days to remove my sign which I have done. I have asked other firms if they had received summonses and they all said no, excepting, Wheeler Bradstreet Co who was fined on that day 40 Dollars. The Western Union Telegraph Co has a sign over the sidewalk besides one hanging on the corner, there are five or six other firms who have signs over the sidewalk the same as we had, but, they have them there still, may I take the liberty to ask why? and why I should be the <sup>only</sup> one to remove my sign which is doing me a certain amount of damage in my business as competition is keen and



everyone wishes to advertise their business and while  
my competitors even with the fine are still allowed to  
advertise their business with impunity, or is this a farce  
of fining firms, and the firms never pay them, for  
I do not think a firm is willing to pay a fine of \$10  
Ten Dollars a day as the Law reads, or are there  
other reasons. I fought Sammanly Hall personally as an  
Independant Candidate in 1894, in the 25<sup>th</sup> Assembly  
District, and I do not propose to stand idly by and  
be made to obey the Law while my neighbors are allowed  
to break them. I wish to state that I uphold the Rules  
and regulations of all the ordinances of the City and  
that I endeavor to make my tenants do the same, but  
I have never been bothered with so many petty complaints  
before. Naturally I personally come to the conclusion  
that perhaps its a case of getting square. I may be  
wrong and I hope that I am, but I propose to have  
my rights as a citizen of this City and I wish  
to find out why it is that I must obey the Law  
and others do not, or are there fines that are im-  
posed as I said before only a farce and never collec-  
ted. I started in Business here last July and natu-  
-rally put up a sign the same as the others who have  
had theirs there for years, and out of nine firms on  
this street which is a small one only two are summoned  
as far as I can find out Is this justice and is it  
fair that I should be the only one to be made compelled to

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*New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 189*

stay the Law. I do not care to go into print about this matter as my partner wishes for personally I know that you are not responsible for this and that you are doing what is right and I wish to congratulate you upon the stand you have taken and although I am a Democrat I know a man's worth when I see it and I admire his dependance Hoping you will look into this matter and wishing you administrative luck

I remain

Yours respectfully,

Samuel H. D. Klinker



JOHN J. HOPPER,  
CIVIL ENGINEER AND CONTRACTOR,  
215 WEST 125TH STREET.

ROOM 26.

✓ New York, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir:-

I'm sorry to be obliged to protest, which I do most emphatically, against your betrayal of the people and your violation of your election pledges.

I am a democrat who worked and voted for you last November, not that you might please the republicans up the state nor the democrats either for that matter, but because I thought you were a man who not only knew the right but dared maintain it.

If you had announced your up-state platform before election you never would have had a chance to enforce it.

You have done the cause of reform  
more harm in a day than all the  
professional politicians could have  
done in a year.

Hoping you realize the unfortu-  
-nate position in which you have  
placed both your real friends  
and the cause of reform I am  
Yours very truly  
Geo. J. Hopper

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THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

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New York, May 9, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

At a regular meeting of The Union League Club, held May 9, 1895, on motion of Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss the following was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, Mayor Strong after a careful consideration of the bill commonly known as the Bi-partisan Police Bill, has deemed it his duty to accept it for the City;

"Therefore, Resolved, that entertaining as we do the most implicit confidence in the integrity and honesty of purpose of Mayor Strong and his determination to give to New York City a pure and efficient administration of its affairs, we cordially indorse and approve his official action,

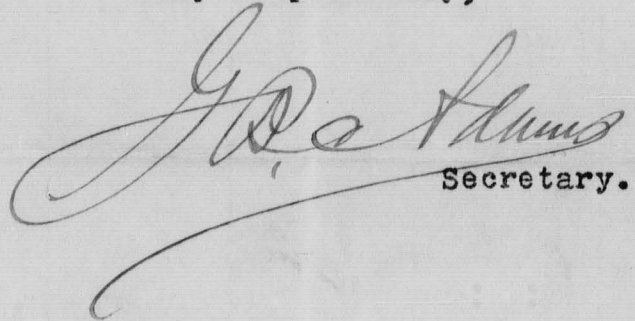
"Resolved, that in the high character of the gentlemen who have been appointed by Mayor Strong to the responsible position of Commissioners of Police, this Club recognizes a fixed purpose to restrict the police force to its legitimate duties and to put an end to the scandals that have been shown to exist,

"Resolved, that we call upon the Legislature to pass without delay the bill known as the Police Reorganization Bill. Its provisions are imperatively demanded by the people and they will

THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

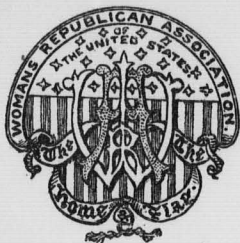
"hold to a strict accountability those who obstruct or refuse this most essential measure.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. B. Adams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the word "Secretary.".

Secretary.





Woman's Republican Association  
OF THE UNITED STATES.

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TREASURER.

MRS. THOS. W. CHACE,  
SECRETARY.

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Hotel Bartholdi May 9 '95

Hon Mr. Strong  
Mayor of New York City  
My Dear Sir:

Permit a word of congratulation  
on your approval of the Bi Partisan Police Bill.

Because of the general political policies involved  
as well as because of my interest in the administra-  
tion of municipal government in our greatest  
American city, I am heartily glad for signal  
the bill. I especially appreciate your words,

"This is not a question of merely municipal  
administration but of state policy, and I am  
bound to respect the wishes of the people of the  
whole state regarding it."

The opposite theory that Home rule for cities —  
necessitates a disregard of state relations is  
unamerican and dangerous. All the people  
of the state are more likely to be right concern-  
ing a general policy of municipal administration  
than are the people of any one municipality.  
When the interests of the state are so affected  
by municipal administration as in this case,  
their wishes should command consideration.

I am glad you so viewed your duty.



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I do not wonder that the distractions of popular government in this great city drive good people almost to phrenzy and that for the time being they cling tenaciously to the hope that non-partisanship is the solution of the problem. I believe many of them will learn through their newly aroused activity in political and civic affairs, what veterans in the service have found out through experience, that parties are the best means yet known for securing and maintaining the greatest good (in government) for all the people.

The overthrow of Tammany Hall was not a triumph of Non Partisanship but an aroused public conscience. A preservation of this triumph will not be helped by a destruction of partisanship, but by a recognition of honest partisanship.

The evil genius of Tammany was not Democracy or Republicanism, tho the former party was in power and subsidized its own hooligans and vicious men nominally republicans. Tammany was organized crime cemented with greed. Thank God its power has been so broken. I pray that you may have wisdom equal to your opportunity.

Kindly read a marked article on the City and the State in the paper I send. Yours Sincerely  
J. Ellen Foster



ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR.

7 WEST 29TH STREET.

Hon. Wm L. Strong -  
Mayor &c ✓

My dear Sir:

Assembly bill, introductory  
no. 1555, print no. 2446, amend-  
ing the Consolidation Act with  
respect to selection of trial  
jurors, I am informed by Assembly-  
man Miles, who introduced it,  
has been sent down from Albany  
for your approval. I drew  
the bill and while I do not  
suppose it calls for a public  
hearing, I shd be very glad

of an opportunity to be heard  
in its support at a private  
hearing, at such time as  
you may be good enough  
to appoint; or if desired  
will discuss its merits  
in public on notice.

Very respectfully  
Alexander V. Campbell

New York May 9. 1895

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COLEMAN, RYAN & BROWN,

16 Exchange Place.

NEW CROTON DAM

CONTRACT.

J. S. COLEMAN.  
C. J. RYAN.  
H. H. BROWN.

New York, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1895

57 My Dear Mayor

I would like to have you visit our work on the New Croton Dam - near Croton Landing - we could leave here any day on 9.45 train - Grand Central Station - arriving at Croton at 10.59. I would have my team to meet us at the depot, - drive to the work 2 1/2 miles and drive around the work and take lunch at 12 M. or whenever it suited your convenience and return by the train arriving at the Grand Central at 2.45 P.M. I am sure you would enjoy the trip and be pleased with the ride. We would make it pleasant for you.

I called this morning to pay my respects and to invite you, but as you were not in at the time Mr. Hedges thought it better that I should write you. Very respectfully yours  
J. S. Coleman  
Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Wm. Reichman, Proprietor.

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New York, May 9 - 1895

W. L. Strong Esq.

Mayor of the City of  
New York

Dear Sir,

Your endorsement of the  
Pi-Partisan Police measure is a courageous  
and manly act, worthy of a Mayor, whom  
the people have elected with an unprecedented  
majority. - Your administration thus far  
demonstrates it clearly, that a man of  
your calibre, possessed with such rare qua-  
lities of a merchant, banker and common  
sense man was needed for the high position,  
which you so ably fill. - May God  
spare you to your family and the people  
of this metropolis for many years to come.

Most respectfully

Wm. Reichman



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HEZEKIAH KING,

Late KING, BRIGGS &amp; CO., and H. &amp; J. W. KING.

IMPORTING AND COMMISSION

HARDWARE MERCHANT,

No. 106 Chambers St., New York City.

To His Honor  
the Mayor of New York City  
May 9<sup>th</sup> 1895.  
Dear Sir,

In the matter of the Bicycle Path I respectfully request that this new attempt to convert the Acqueduct to other uses than those covenanted when the ground was taken, may have careful attention.

The Riders have carried through their bill with a cohort. The Course will be a benefit to many of them (perhaps a few thousands). The owners of the

the land are a few hundred,  
and these have had to stand guard  
over their rights, (covenant rights)  
to prevent roads, streets  
& now a bicycl path to be,  
first on unimproved land and  
when an entrance is made, all  
other openings will in due time  
follow.

As kept now, it is free from  
objections, & opened, the holders  
of property adjoining will also use,  
plant & otherwise trespass.

Wm Pershy  
Herrick King



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ARTISTIC IRON WORK.  
OF ALL  
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ADOLPH RÜHLING.

TRADE MARK.

SHOP: 607 SECOND AVE. NEW YORK.

239 - East 27th St.

May 9th '95

Hon. Mayor Strong  
New York City.

Dear Sir

I believe it has been customary for every Mayor of N. Y. City to receive a pair of lamps, and as I am very desirous of being one of the honored ones to submit a design for same I take the liberty of bringing myself to your notice.

My reasons for being anxious to receive recognition by your worthy self are these, 1<sup>st</sup>, that I only attained the age of 21 and consequently the rights of a citizen, last fall and started in business for myself under your administration; and, secondly that I had the pleasure and at the same time the honor of being one of the many who cast his vote for a Government which has been a blessing for the

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public at large -

I would respectfully ask to be pardoned for any flattery which the above may infer and which also may lead one to suppose had a different meaning than which I intend it for.

If you would do me the favor of allowing me to show you sketches or samples of my work in the "ornamental wrought iron" line in which I have had quite some experience, notwithstanding that I am young in years, it will certainly be my aim to try to do myself credit in your eyes -

Being fully aware that you have but little time to give this matter any lengthy consideration, I at the same time would consider it a great pleasure if I but received some little recognition on your part and do heartily thank you, beforehand, for any time you may



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consume in the perusal of this communication.  
 Hoping that I have not incurred your  
 displeasure by taking up your valuable  
 time in this matter, I am,

Your most obedient servant,

*Adolph Rühling*

Strong & Spear,

78 & 80 Wall Street.

New York, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1895

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Hon Wm L Strong,

My dear Sir

Your action in opposing  
the bipartisan police bill has I fear given a  
death blow to reform and non partisan reform  
tickets. I have been a democrat for over thirty  
years. (not of Sammry Hall) last fall I voted the  
reform ticket because of faith in your promises  
and somewhat influenced by the family name.  
I write now to ask whether under the  
provisions of our new Constitution for a public  
hearing before the Mayor before a bill affecting the  
City is approved by him you think it right  
fair or in the interest of reform after such  
opportunity is given and only those opposed to the  
bill appear, that afterward the other side should  
have the private ear of the Mayor, make their  
objections in private so that they cannot be refused.  
Is this within in the interest of our City or of reform  
Yours Truly  
Thomas S Strong



Personal 57

NEW YORK,

May 9

1895

Mr Amos Strong -

City Hall - City -

My dear Sir - A sketch  
of your antecedents given publicly  
during your campaign gave  
Mansfield, O. as your birth place -  
It has been my purpose to  
take advantage of your position  
and call upon you - but the  
continued occupation of your  
time by public affairs has  
dissuaded me -

I had a classmate at school  
named Ben Kildreth of Mansfield  
Ohio - who is living is about  
your age (and mine) and I  
thought that I would like to  
ask you if you had any re-  
collection of such a man  
I myself am a Buckeye  
and was born in Medina  
and can't keep smothering

NEW YORK,

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that few States have contributed  
more representatives to the  
public weal who have achieved  
glory & honor than Ohio — and  
your public life thus far  
seems to promise another ex-  
ample — *Possion dies*  
hard — has more lives than a  
cat — & nothing but "Eternal  
vigilance" can eliminate it —  
Neither Rome nor the Parkhurst  
Millenium was built in a  
day — but I must stop for  
garulons — At your perfect  
convenience — kindly say  
whether Ben Kidderth is living  
or no — if you recall him I  
tho forty years since I saw  
or heard of him —  
Yr. With much respect  
P. I refer you to the  
Foundation Editor for my  
unimportance. — *C. C. Morton*



COLUMBIAN LIBERTY BELL  
COMMITTEE

WM. O. McDOWELL, CHAIRMAN  
61 LINCOLN PARK

"When a deed is done for freedom, through the broad earth's aching breast  
Runs a thrill of joy prophetic, trembling on from east to west.  
\* \* \* \* \*  
For mankind are one in spirit, and an instinct bears along  
Round the earth's electric circle, the swift flash of right or wrong;  
Whether conscious or unconscious, yet humanity's vast frame,  
Through its ocean-sundered fibres, feels the gush of joy or shame;  
In the gain or loss of one race all the rest have equal claim."—LOWELL.

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Newark, N. J., U. S. A., May 9th, 1895. 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

My dear Sir:-

This Committee are very appreciative of your letter of May the 8th inst, received this morning. We are among those who believe that the present is above all other times, full of possibilities for great steps forward along the line that the fathers had in mind when they worded the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. Those questions which for a century have divided the people of America on sectional lines, have passed into history, and to-day all of our people are in accord. United America means liberty for the world. In one particular, however, there has been room for great improvement, and that is in municipal government. The friend of American institutions abroad has had constantly thrown in his face the misgovernment of our great cities, particularly New York. He who successfully solves the problem that God in his wisdom has placed in your hands, has placed the future of the human race very much in his debt. Personally I am among those who recognize this as the third great problem in connection with our national institutions, the first being that which fell to Washington, uniting the colonies into one strong government under a constitution that in-

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sured personal liberty.

Second. The problem that fell to Lincoln, the maintenance of the Union and the release of American civilization from the curse of human slavery.

Third. The problem that is now in your hands, is the divorcing absolutely of municipal government from party politics.

This committee aim to consolidate into a permanent organization, a league of liberty and peace, the friends of the principals for which Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and their compeers stood, and whenever a step forward is taken for liberty or nobler conditions, they do what they can to advance the picket lines of the cause that far, with the hope that there may never be a retreat.

We recognize as one of the men to whom the cause of liberty owes a great debt, the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, of New York, and we desire, so far as we can, to recognize that debt by presenting to him a duplicate of the little liberty bell that Mr. Stewart placed in your hands. We would appreciate it very much if you would serve as the chairman to make this presentation, associating with yourself for the purpose such other gentlemen as you may see fit, appointing your own time and place for the ceremony. We



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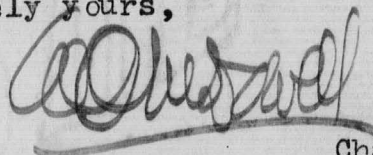
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have requested Mrs. Donald McLean, Regent of the New York City  
Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and member for  
New York of this committee to place the bell for Dr. Parkhurst in  
your hands. When you have determined upon the permanent loca-  
tion of the liberty bell that we presented, we would thank you to  
inform us.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman.

V

To the Mayor of the City of Hudson  
Dear Sir

In my opinion you have  
betrayed the Trust placed in  
your hands by the people who  
elected you.

I have surrendered to the  
enemy -

Yours Truly

John C. Jay -

54 West 47<sup>th</sup> St.

May 9<sup>th</sup> - 1895 -



✓ May 9/95

How William L. Strong

Dear Sir

I am an old  
resident of the 9<sup>th</sup> ward  
and believe in the present  
reform going on under  
your administration But!  
I also see the discrimination  
which is shown to the wealthy  
poor truck men are forced  
to take their trucks to open  
lots while some others as  
mentioned are allowed to not  
only use the street but a  
part of the sidewalk I will  
mention several one in particu-  
lar I Van Opstal & Co  
Wholesale liquor dealers

Madison & Grand Streets  
They not only do this but  
they keep a side Bar  
open all Sunday from  
6 am till 6 pm. and many  
hundreds men, women and  
children go there and buy  
rum but as I said they  
are wealthy and pay for  
those privileges. Parts of  
the families are connected  
with politicians Tammany  
& Anti-Tammany and if  
any one is arrested they go  
bail and can do more  
than big men in politics  
Dunham & Bell Burns Bros  
and other wealthy people  
over in this side of  
our City do as they please  
and break the law and  
defy decent people now



you have plenty who are  
employed under your able  
administration. Let some  
truthful man investigate  
this and force them to  
do as others do

I and many others know  
you can not remedy all  
the evils but you can do  
something to make all  
equal when shown the  
injustice of those whom  
I mention in my letter

Very respectfully  
A Law Loving  
American

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Confidential

P. J. Adams

N. Y. May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1895  
Hon William F. Hendon  
Mayor &c  
New York City

Dear Sir:-

Will you please  
interest yourself in the  
matter of having 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
from 14<sup>th</sup> Street up to 59<sup>th</sup> St  
put in proper shape?

The avenue is in a  
frightful condition and a  
disgrace to our city. If  
you have had occasion  
to ride over the avenue in  
your carriage, you no doubt  
have enjoyed the sensation  
of <sup>having</sup> your body well shaken  
up. Please do us the honor  
of having a decent path leading  
to our beautiful park. The  
rich people have 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue



to ride, and the middle class  
people have a regular  
"Rocky Road to Dublin" to  
go over before reaching.  
a road way on which  
a ride can be enjoyed  
I am

Your humble servant  
Frederick Mess.

To the Mayor of New York;  
Dear Sir,

I understand that there is a city ordinance prohibiting the firing of torpedoes, toy pistols, and other explosives in the city streets, except upon the Fourth of July, when all noises seem to be tolerated. But a fashion



began a year or two ago among the children of this neighborhood (and they are everywhere - by numerous) of beginning their firing, (especially of torpedoes) about the 1st of May. It is often kept up till late at night, and is excessively disagreeable and trying to invalids and nervous persons. The torpedoes are also dangerous as they are

apt to frighten horses. I live on  
the corner of Amsterdam Avenue  
and 95<sup>th</sup> St. and there is a public  
school on the corner of 93<sup>rd</sup> St,  
~~from~~ whose numerous pupils  
discharge incessant volleys of their  
explosives whenever they are out  
of school, Sunday being as noisy  
as any day in this respect. If  
the law could be enforced in this



district, as to explosive playthings,  
I think many people besides  
myself would be deeply grateful.

Very respectfully yours,

Natharine Hillard

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1895

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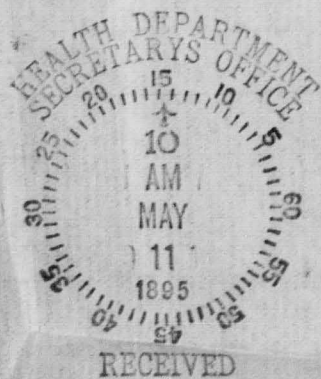
Dear Sir

For two years we have tried to get the Health Board to devise some means to stop offensive odors coming from a restaurant back of our premises. We think a cap was put over the oven, but this gave us no relief, and we were finally told last year, that since there is no evidence of injury to health, we could do nothing about it.

The smell is sickening and annoys us to such a degree that we should greatly appreciate any attention given our complaint.

Respectfully

Yours,  
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To

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

Will you kindly  
see that some one removes a  
Dead Dog from 148<sup>th</sup> St. near St Anne  
Ave. the same has been there since  
Friday last & the stench from same  
is fearfull.

I notified the board of Health Tuesday  
May 7<sup>th</sup> but no notice seems to  
have been taken as the dog is  
still there thursday 9. a.m.

Very truly Yours

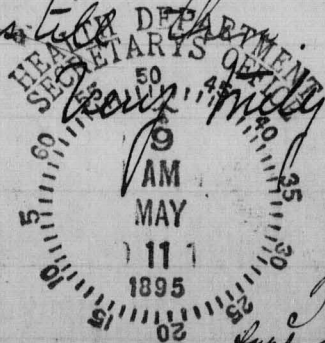
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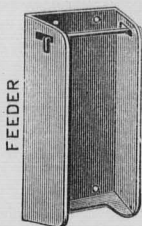
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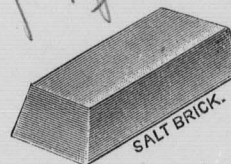
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In reply to your letter dated

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor  
My City

Dear Sir -

On last Saturday, we  
placed a barrel of ashes in front  
of our business entrance which has  
remained there ever since and it has  
not as yet been taken up by the  
ash carts. It seems, that some  
of our neighbors put a lot of paper  
(office accumulations) on the top of the  
barrel which may be the reason of the  
ashmen by not taking it away.

Respectfully,

COMPLAINT

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New York May 10/95

Hon Mr L. Strong!

Mayor of New York City, 12 N. 57. Street  
Dear Sir,

As you seemed very much annoyed at Mrs Errami and myself when we called upon you yesterday morning, I desire to explain what seemed an ~~an~~ intrusion in your home -

If you remember some days ago you gave us permission to call on you any morning, and if you were not engaged for some particular duty, you would visit the school on Saturday third street -

I sent you a few lines saying we would call Thursday morning and while your answer was received at my house on Wednesday I was away all day and did not see it until it was too late to notify Mrs Errami and our other members -

Mrs Errami arrived at my house at quarter after eight o'clock

so we decided as it was early we would  
drive over to see you - and see if it were  
possible for you to find a half hour without  
inconvenience - as the teachers and scholars  
were looking forward with so much pleasure  
at seeing you -

We had no business of any  
kind beyond our interest in the schools  
and would not think of calling at your  
house without your permission

Respectfully yours  
Dr. E. F. Farnham

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The Republican Club  
of the 26<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
122 E 15<sup>th</sup> St.

May 10 1895

Hon. Wm L Strong

Mayor N.Y. City

Dear Sir

The following resolutions were  
unanimously adopted at the meeting  
of the above organization held this  
evening.

Resolved, That The Republican  
Club of the 26<sup>th</sup> A.D. heartily  
endorses the decision of  
Mayor Wm L Strong in  
approving the Bi-Partisan  
Police Bill. And be it further  
Resolved, That the appointments  
of Messrs Roosevelt, Grant & Parker  
in place of the removed  
Commissioners, thus  
constituting the Police Board  
upon a strictly Bi-Partisan  
Basis, is hereby heartily  
approved of by this organization  
as being strictly in accord  
with the pledges made by  
Col. Wm L Strong prior to  
his election as Mayor of  
This City.  
Resolved That a copy of

These resolutions be forwarded  
to "The Honorable Wm L Strong."

Leroy B Crane  
Chairman Executive Com.

Wm Conwell President  
Hon. H. F. Audmoo 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.  
R. H. Neaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.



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*Commissioner's Office  
Police Department  
of the City of New York  
300 Mulberry St.*

*New York*, May 10, 1895

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Dear Mr Mayor:

Referring to our conversation of yesterday, I beg to inform you that I have been elected Treasurer of the Board of Police Commissioners to succeed Commissioner Kerwin, and take this method of requesting an examination of the records and accounts in the Treasurer's Office by the Commissioners of Accounts in this City before taking formal possession of the same.

Since my conversation with you of yesterday, I have received a communication from Commissioner Terry, in which he states that they will commence the examination upon Monday morning, May 12. This is entirely satisfactory, and I hasten to thank you for your prompt and courteous action in this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

*A. D. Andrews*  
Police Commissioner.



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New York May 10<sup>th</sup> 95

My dear Mayor:

Regarding my resolution relative to public pounds in the 24<sup>th</sup> Ward would state for your information 1<sup>st</sup> that two out of the three that are to be abolished have not been in use for several years past and that the third one in my opinion as well as other citizens ~~knows it to~~ <sup>is</sup> an eye sore and a detriment to a growing neighborhood; and, without any prejudice toward the present pound master. I think by its removal and placing of it in the hands of Louis Weigel of Taylor Ave & 186 St. (a war veteran), the general public would be gratified and a present nuisance abated.

These pounds are a nuisance unless in some ~~more~~ sparsely settled region as proposed.

I have no charges to make against the present pound master Michael Donohue but numerous newspaper articles ridicule the





*New York*

*management especially of the auction  
sales. Kent to for*

*Respectfully submitted by  
Jesse Randall  
Alderman 24<sup>th</sup> Ward*

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ALFRED H. THORP,  
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ARCHITECTS.

21 WEST 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET,  
NEW YORK,  
AND ORANGE, N.J.

May 10<sup>th</sup> 95

Hon. Wm L. Strong -

My Dear Sir:

Mr. Edward Kemp,  
my wife's uncle, suggests  
that you should be inter-  
ested to see drawings and  
prospectus of a project  
for Rapid Transit for  
New York, copies of which  
will be handed to you  
herewith. I should be  
glad and feel honored if  
you could find time to  
look into it. Sincerely  
to get hold of the idea -

Very truly Yours

Alfred H. Thorp.



76 Madison Avenue.

Your Honor,

I have received the letter sent me by Your Honor on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing check for two hundred and fifty

dollars from the  
Turkish fund, to  
be employed among  
the poor who  
come within the  
scope of my  
Charitable work.

In offering my  
thanks for the  
kindness in which



Your Honor has entrusted  
me with this work, I beg  
to assure your Honor  
that I will give my most  
earnest attention to its  
proper accomplishment.

I beg to remain

Your Honor's

Most obedient servant

Herant M. Kiretchjian

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1895.

To  
The Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor.

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BRAYTON IVES, President.  
V. P. SNYDER, Vice President.  
H. A. SMITH, Cashier.

*New York* 10th May 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor.

My dear Sir:

I understand that you are to give a hearing this afternoon to a number of gentlemen from the west side in regard to a bill authorizing a street railroad to be run through any street opening on a transverse road through the Park. I live on such a street, Ninety-seventh street, No. 45 West, and own my house. The street is a narrow one, and the block is almost entirely built up with private houses, their owners occupying the same. A street railroad through it would cause a very large depreciation in values, and would amount practically to a confiscation on the part of the Company whose articles of incorporation have recently been filed by the Metropolitan Traction people.

It would be a great wrong and injustice to the property owners, and I sincerely hope that you will cast your powerful influence against it.

I am, dear sir,

Yours very respectfully,

*V. P. Snyder*  
#45 West 97th st.



Abraham Gruber.

William H. Bonynge.

Gruber & Bonynge,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

305 Broadway,

New York,

May 10th, 1895.

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Mutual Reserve Building

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

As a citizen and Republican I wish to thank you for your approval of the bi-partisan police bill a measure, which in its essential parts will prove productive of much good to the people of this City, and a menace to the election day thieves and scoundrels, who have in past changed the honest result of election and bid defiance to law and order.

Yours very truly,

Ab. Gruber

Hon. Wm. L. Strong  
Mayor,  
City Hall.

Market Police Court.

Annie Smith, twenty years old, of No. 235 West Twenty-eighth street, a ballet girl in the Aladdin, Jr., Company, now playing at the Broadway Theatre, who was arrested on Saturday night charged with having taken \$51 from the pocket of Ernest Fisher, No. 416 Sixth street, while in the Hotel Europe, in Thirteenth street, was held for trial in the Essex Market Police Court yesterday.

Charles A. Gallagher, eighteen years old, No. 14



William L Strong  
Mayor of New York City  
Dear Sir

To convince you about the note that  
was send to you about the 25 of  
last april on account of the  
hotel Europe at 138 and 140  
East 13 street. that he was open  
in full blaze day and night,  
included you will find  
the very prove.

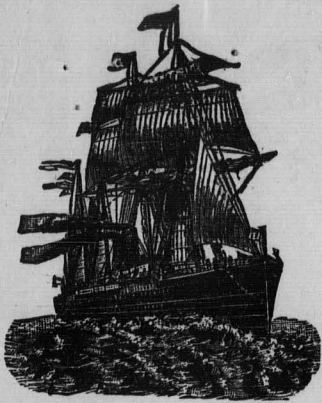
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your very truly  
a citizen. Carter

New York May 10. 95.

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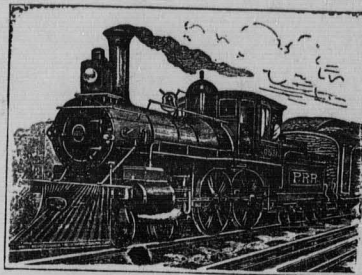
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MAY. 10 1895

L. Strong

Mayor of New York City

I suppose this is the result  
of my (Strong Ticket?)

My Wagon has been up the  
street for one week past. Yesterday  
afternoon I told my man  
to go hitch to feed the Horses  
at the Stable - 10 minutes after  
the Wagon was stolen to  
in gain of incumbrance  
what thanks

Yours

J. Keller



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New York, May 10<sup>th</sup> 1895  
Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor New York City  
Dear Sir:

I notice what is said  
in our daily papers in reference  
to the bad ventilation of our Court  
Rooms, in the Court House in this city.  
I have been spoken to by all classes  
of men who use these rooms if there  
is a remedy - I can say positively there  
is. Can you inform me who have  
charge of the building that I may have  
an interview with him in reference  
to the above matter.

Very truly yours.

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