

111 West 115<sup>th</sup> St.

New York

June 10/90

To His Honor

Mayor Strong.

New York City.

Sir.

Since the receipt of  
your valued favor of  
a few days ago, informing  
me that my Communication  
to you had been forwarded  
to Mr Brookfield for his  
consideration, I am without

reply from anyone  
I still believe that  
I will be honored with a  
satisfactory explanation &  
trust that at least the  
courtesy of a reply  
will be forthcoming.

I cannot reconcile  
myself to the fact that  
hopes of success were  
given to me when the  
positions had already  
been given out, & this



Prior to the Competition  
as required by law.

I have the honor  
to be, Sir,

Yours ft. st.

(Mrs) Ida D'Kerilly.

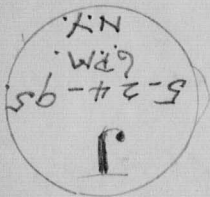
New York, March 18, 1895  
Hon William L. Strong  
Dear Colonel

I had a mind to call  
upon you, but knowing the constant  
pressure you must be subjected to  
I do not wish to increase the  
burden.

I received the acknowledgment  
of my application and drop you  
this line asking you to kindly bear  
me in mind when you have a  
position in which I can serve you  
and the city to best advantage.

Yours very truly  
G. L. Hall

Copy of Postal Card



Ida D'Hervilly.  
111 West 115<sup>th</sup> St.  
N.Y.

2387.

Civil Service Labor office.

Copy of postal card

1895.

Sir.

You will please call at this office on  
Monday May 27. 1895 at 11 am.  
for physical examination. Bring this  
card with you.

Very respectfully

J. H. Ploos.

Rubber

stamp Signature

S. William Briscoe

Labor Clerk.

No. 111 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street

New York June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895.

To His Honor

William L. Strong

Mayor.

New York City.

Sir;

In view of the inclosed clipping, I must submit my story to you in writing, altho I should have preferred to have done so in person; introduced by proper credentials.

I made application in due form, in due time, sworn to before a notary, for the humble position of Bathhouse Attendant. My application was indorsed by the Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art by Mr. H. Le Brun the well known architect of No. 1 Madison Avenue. I also have secured several other names of excellent standing had it been necessary.

This application was, in proper time, received by the gentlemen in charge of such records.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> a letter was received from Mr. Drankfield stating that the position referred to had been filled.



The following morning, May 24<sup>th</sup>, I received a postal card, a copy of which I beg to inclose. I called as per instructions, on May 27<sup>th</sup> for physical examination & was most politely received by Mr. Driscoll & the gentleman assisting him. The examination was attended to, myself being one of thirty or forty women present for the <sup>same</sup> purpose.

Kindly note that the Postoffice stamp upon the postal card reads: May 24<sup>th</sup> as the mailing date.

Not hearing anything concerning the application (altho' I had passed) I called last Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, upon Genl. Collis & was informed that the positions of "Bathhouse Attendants" had been given out "two weeks ago", i.e. May 24<sup>th</sup>, the precise day of the mailing of the postal card to call for examination May 27<sup>th</sup>! In other words: the positions had been given out 3 days prior to the day set

for the examinations for the said positions. This was certainly unkind, if not entirely useless.

I beg to ask you, Sir, as one who is just fair to all: have the women of the better class no chance in competition with the commoners? Should I have been subjected to all these contradictions & disappointments for no reason whatever, were my excellent endorsements of no weight? Has it thought that my services ~~were~~ <sup>would</sup> not be good enough, without knowing it?

I must also the positions were given to old & experienced hands "as the position was a responsible one"! This was anticipating upon the applicants to be examined.

I further beg the great favor of your kind consideration of this entire matter, & of your reply, which I will regard as your impartial view. I shall consider it a courtesy which may be extended to one even an applicant for so humble a position as



"Bath House attendant".

Have the honor to remain

Sir.

Yours obedient servant

(Mrs) Ida D'Hervilly.



N<sup>o</sup> 111 West 115<sup>th</sup> St.

New York

August 9<sup>th</sup> 1895.

To His Honor

William L. Strong.

Mayor, New York City.

Sir;

If you will have the kindness to remember, I have repeatedly written to you concerning my treatment at the hands of Mr. Brookfield, that gentleman will know that my application - blank for bath-house attendants' position was endorsed by the Director of the Metropolitan Museum, & by one of the first architects of this City, & I beg that you will request Mr. Brookfield to look up my request & apply it to the position now said to be vacant, as per the clipping herewith. I should have received the

they

position the last time it came before  
the board but no amount of  
persuasion could induce Mr Brookfield  
to give you any reason for his treatment  
of my application & of myself.

I now claim the privilege  
of first chance in the vacancy to  
be filled as per the article herewith; they  
your kindly aid to obtain it.  
Your consideration will confer  
a favor upon

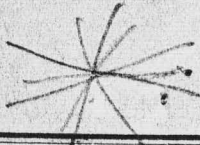
Yours truly  
J. M. St.

(Mrs) Ida D. Hervey

P.S.

My papers (application) must be  
on file at the labor bureau, or  
with Mr Brookfield.





## CIVIL SERVICE LISTS.

### NOTES FOR THOSE INTERESTED.

#### Suggestions and Rules for Persons Seeking City and Other Public Offices—Some Candidates.

Applications for employment in the city government in the various positions included in schedule G, which are subject to civil service rules, continue to be filed daily at the Labor Service Bureau of the Civil Service Commission, corner of Centre and Franklin streets. Requisitions for laborers have come in from the departments rather slowly during the summer. The comparatively few who have been lucky enough to get work have been veterans. Besides the latter there are now on the registration books of the bureau over 4,500 applicants who never shouldered a musket for Uncle Sam, and who must wait until the old soldiers are provided for before they can get work. The following are the names of the veterans now registered for the position of laborer:

Andrew J. Sutton, 430 College ave.; Wm. Davis, 55 King st.; Andrew Burnett, 303 West 40th st.; John McCarthy, 26 Beach st.; Wm. Sullivan, 140 Greenwich st.; Peter Mullen, 13 Catherine St.; Michael Gilmartin, 158 West 28th st.; Peter Corcoran, 503 West 42d st.; Lawrence Tracey, 317 East 46th st.; Winfield S. Andrews, 246 West 24th st.; Ferdinand Blauss, 5 Manhattan st.; Thomas K. Hughes, 50 Greenwich ave.; Peter Gissner, 134 East Houston st.; Mathew White, 350 East 17th st.; Wm. Francis Monroe, 1152 3d ave.; Timothy McDonald, 352 West 16th st.; Daniel McLaughlin, 421 West 36th st.; Wm. Dunn, 638 East 16th st.; John Jacob Klein, 561 Ash st.; Peter Majoelle, 43 Watt st.; John McKenna, 305 Spring st.; James Patterson, 229 West 79th st.; Louis Raschwen, 121 6th st.; Wm. Cassidy, 421 10th ave.; James Killeen; Wm. Bornhennner, 609 East 12th st.; Timothy Carroll, 427 West 42d st.; Wm. Sullivan, 140 Greenwich st.; Wm. Clayton, 444 West 26th st.; Daniel Donalton, 555 West 44th st.; Michael O'Brien, 152 South st.; Philip Krass, 424 East 17th st.; Thomas Farley, 204 East 22d st.; Wm. J. Carpenter, 84 East 113th st.; Casper Ott, 364 2d ave.; James Coyul, 208 East 50th st.; Alexander Stookie, 304 East 34th st.; Frank Kohr, 21 Broome st.; John A. Robbins, 448 West 45th st.; Charles Coll, 39 Cannon st.; Wm. Clark, 524 West 44th st.; Wm. Dunn, 638 East 16th st.; Wm. Turk, 524 West 44th st.; Robert Lershman, 554 West 43d st.; Wm. A. Smith, Brewster, N. Y.; John Brady, 773 East 183d st.; Andrew Stephen McCremlich, 117 Clinton st.; Emanuel Jeune, 922 Columbus ave.; Michael Fitzgerald, 409 West 27th st.; Philander, 515 West 52d st.; Michael Cunningham, 231 East 88th st.; Alonzo Foster, 174 Chrystie st.; Henry Loewenthal, 337 East 85th st.; George Entrecken, 532 Grand st.; John Bonsher, 306 East 9th st.; John Miller, 427 East 83d st.; Thomas Lneeny, 1763 Avenue A; Thos. O'Conner, 95 Madison st.; Patrick McNamara, 425 10th ave.; Bernard McNally, 13 Stanton st.; Richard Taylor, 380 West 54th st.; Patrick McAleer, 673 Water st.; Jacob Coffey, 340 West 53d st.; Thomas Hushon, 109 West 24th st.; Louis Schneider, 387 Cherry st.; Wm. Heath, 149 Cedar st.; John F. Sweeney, 430 West 53d st.; William Martin, 34 Morton st.; Solomon Cohen, 23 Monroe st.; Denis McTierney, 331 East 20th st.; Joseph Henneberger, Mount Vernon; John Brown, 317 West 44th st.; John A. Smith, 132 7th ave.; Frederick Schmidt, 1277 1st ave.; Patrick Coyle, 564 East 135th st.; John Hoffman, 337 9th ave.; Nick Untermier, 340 East 55th st.; Jacob Job, 597 East 135th st.; Nicholas Masterson, 37 Broome st.; John Sweeney, 95 Market st.; Thomas Scanlon, 344 East 76th st.; Hiram M. Abel, Lake Mahopac, Putnam County, N. Y.; Luke Manning, 92 Watt st.; Frederick Woats, Henbert st.; Daniel J. Canning, 325 West 35th st.; Peter Tracey Jr., 98 10th st.; John Corcoran, 422 East 10th st.; Thomas Lewis, 45 Downing st.; Benjamin L. Magill, 2308 Arthur ave.; Charles V. Waterbury, 200 East 121st st.; Patrick Canull, 34 Jefferson st.; John Witt, 340 East 36th st.; Felix A. McCosker, 33 Rivington st.; John Baxter, 355 East 114th st.; Michael Sarsfield, 447 2d ave.; John Madden, 51 2d ave.; John J. Martin, 142 East 97th st.; John Merkel, 232 West 10th st.; Cornelius Crane, 58 Henry st.; Thomas McCaul, 24 Prospect st.; Yonkers; John Broderick, 112 Monroe st.; Michael Nolan, 56 Macdougall st.; Charles Willett, 160 Stanton st., and Andrew Spangler, 49 Troutman st., Brooklyn.

The list of positions in the labor service schedule G has been extended lately by the transfer of several places from schedule F and the adding on of new positions.

The following is a complete list of the places which may now be applied for without examination: Attendant bath (male and female), attendant (laboratory), attendant (office), axman, boatman, barber, basket maker, baker, batteryman's assistant, boardman, bricklayer, butcher, climber, cartman, cartman with cart, cellarman, cement worker, chambermaid, cleaner (male and female), cook, coxswain, cutter, deckhand, digger, diver's tender, domestic, elevator man, feedman, flagman, foreman of laborers, foreman's assistant, gas maker's assistant, groundman, blacksmith's helper, machinist's helper, horeshoeer, hose repairer, hose repairer's helper, housewife, janitor, janitress, laborer, lister, markets, laundress, mate, mason, mower, mechanical engineer (Contagious Diseases Hospital), morgue keeper, office boy, oil collector, offer, painter, stripper, letterer, decorator, grainer, paver, pipe fitter, police tailor, rammer, saw filer, scowman, scrub woman, shoemaker, sounder, seamstress, stableman, steward on tug boat, stoker, stone cutter, sweeper, tailor, tapper, tapper's assistant, teamster with team, telephone boy, toolman, truckman, varnisher, waitress, watchman (temporary), receiving \$1.75 or less per day; weighmaster.

An applicant who changes the position for which he applies after filing his paper will lose his registration number and go to the bottom of the list.

Gustav A. Schurman, a war veteran, has been appointed bookbinder in the City Record office at \$3.50 a day. Benjamin F. Hannan, 169th street and Amsterdam avenue, and Thomas Harris, 324 East 123d street, have been appointed inspectors of regulating and grading by Commissioner of Public Works Brookfield.

John F. Donnell, 658 Water street; Michael Davin, 27 East 107th street; Peter McDonough, 235 East 59th street, and Edward Lynch, 314 East 40th street, have been certified to the Department of Public Works from the civil service list for the position of paver. S. William Brisco, clerk of the labor service bureau, has been notified of the following appointments in the Fire Department: Peter J. Grealy, machinist's helper in the repair yard, \$2 a day; Edward J. Halliday, hose repairer at repair shops, \$3 per day; Patrick Calne, stoker (assigned to fire boat Zophar Mills), \$2.50, and Louis Wien, stoker (assigned to headquarters), \$2.50 a day.

Secretary Lee Phillips, of the local Civil Service Bureau, was informed yesterday that the following persons had been appointed building inspectors from the list of eligibles furnished the Building Department, at a salary of \$1,000 a year each: Thomas Healty Jr., Frederick W. Vowles, Thomas Miller and Francis T. McDonough.

Box 1143,  
Denver, Colo., June 1891.  
To the Hon. Owen S. Strong,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Strong,

Will you kindly send me  
a letter of recommendation bear-  
ing your personal signature. I  
have located here, and am en-  
deavoring to find employment  
and a letter from you would  
do much toward helping me  
to a situation.

If you will grant me  
this favor, I will be very grateful  
to you.

Very respectfully yours,  
Leonard Bates.

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Denver, Colo., June 17<sup>th</sup> 92.

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

My dear Mr. Strong,

I am very gratefully  
to you for your kind letter of  
the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, giving me such  
a hearty and pleasant recom-  
mendation to whom so ever may  
desire to employ me. I think  
that your letter will do much  
for me toward getting employment,  
for I find you are known here  
almost as well as in N.Y.

Hoping that you  
may meet with all success

as Mayor of that great city,  
Samm,  
Very gratefully yours,  
Leonard Bate.

Box 443,



Drifton, Penna.  
Jan'y. 7<sup>th</sup> 1895.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly consider me as an applicant for a position. I am a stenographer and type-writer, can take charge of correspondence, and have had a general business experience of over ten years.

I have been Asst. Superintendent of the Del., Susq. & Schuylkill R.R. during the past year (Act'g. Supt. the greater part of the time), which position I have lately resigned of my own accord; and I have formerly been Asst. to President (Hon. Eckley B. Cope) of the same road; also, his private secretary for several years.

I will be glad to accept any position where there is opportunity for advancement, or where I can obtain further business training and experience that will be of future use; and would like to apply to you personally (or answer to whom you may refer my application) and give references as to my ability and work in the past, with detailed information in regard thereto.

Yours truly,  
H. Davis





TO INSURE PROMPT ATTENTION, ALL BUSINESS LETTERS SHOULD BE  
ADDRESSED TO THE FIRM, AND NOT TO ANY PERSON.

THEO. L. DE VINNE & CO.  
PRINTERS,  
12 LAFAYETTE PLACE,  
NEW-YORK.

New York, Jan. 7th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Mr. W. W. Pasko is, I am told, an applicant for the position of Supervisor of the "City Record." I have known Mr. Pasko intimately for twenty years, and beg leave to recommend him as a man of integrity, well qualified for the duties of this office. He is a practical printer, a writer and author of authority on typography, and is now assistant secretary and librarian of the Typothetae of this city.

Yours obediently,

Dictated.

*Theo. L. De Vinne*

St. Andrew's Church  
RECTOR'S OFFICE:

2087 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

June 7 '95

Dear Mayor Strong,

You have done  
nobly - The appointments are  
Excellent.

Well done - good and  
faithful! You have given us  
men, who are something  
else and something better than  
mere politicians.

I never was prouder  
of my city, nor so much in love  
with my Mayor.

Cordially Yours  
Geo. R. Van de Water

Hon.  
Wm. F. Strong  
Mayor of New York

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Richard Deeves & Son,  
Mason Builders.

"Mutual Reserve" Building,  
Broadway & Duane St.

Personal Office Hours:  
from 1 to 2 P. M.

New York May 6, 1895.

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

*File File File*

Dear Sir:--

I do not think I would be a friend of yours and of the Republican party, if I did not state a grievance which is very largely felt on the upper West side.

There was a petition gotten up and signed by a very large number of the residents of this section, asking you to appoint Mr. Cyrus Clark, one of the Park Commissioners, which was not granted. Mr. Clark has done a great deal for the West side, in giving his time and attention to the various improvements in the upper part of the City, and thereby largely helping to make it the banner Republican district of this City, in spite of the fact that Tammany Hall has sent hosts of missionaries in the form of whiskey shops to convert or conform us. We felt that Mr. Clark would be an ideal commissioner. You may have had a very good reason for not appointing him; but if there were no personal objections, we feel that there should be some consideration given to this very large and respectable Republican constituency.

Yours truly,

*Richard Deeves*



N. Y. Feb 26<sup>th</sup> / 95

To his honor. W. L. Strong

Mayor of N. Y. City

Dear Sir,

I am a private citizen born in this country and am 37 years old, and I have studied the practicability of systems. And I must say that I have not seen or heard of any ~~there is~~ whereby the government of this Municipality advances, or the idea that I could suggest. Of course there has been a system. Whereby the taxpayers of this city has had to stand the blunt, on account of the many commissions appointed to make the expenses heavier. But what I mean is to cut down to reduce and still do the same amount of work, so as to make a sound solid government of it. My argument is that the following commissions could be reduced

(1)

to a single headed commission  
and still do more than is being  
done at present. I mean the  
Police, Fire, and Excise,  
Commissioners, and the amount of  
help could be reduced and a good  
many dollars be saved to the  
taxpayers of this city. And more-  
over the system of conducting the  
affairs of this city could by a little  
work at first be systemized in  
regular order, I understand me I  
don't want to be forward in  
advancing ~~my~~ theories to you, or to  
tell you what ought to be done or what  
ought not to be done, but as a matter  
of form I take it for granted,  
every citizen has a right to his views  
Of course I don't know how  
many is employed by the city, but  
I think there could be a considerable  
reduction in the force of the

employe. but I know that if I  
 had the facts and figures of  
 the different departments, that  
 that I could show a good many  
 loopholes through which the taxpayers  
 could save a good many dollars  
 whereby further I could make  
 it possible for a single headed  
 Commissioner could have more  
 control over the men under him.  
 than there is at present under a  
 three headed Commission. I am  
 not a taxpayer but I long in  
 your spirit and being a republican  
 but belonging to no organization  
 I believe in self government  
 I am a working man and I  
 can not lose any time as I have  
 to support a wife and child. but  
 if I had the opportunity I know  
 I could do what I say. you must  
 excuse me for taking up your time

(Cf.)

But admiring your good work in  
humanitarianism, I thought I would  
write to you.

I believe in an honest  
government for an honest purpose  
and if you think I am worthy  
of a hearing I would be glad  
to talk it over with you.

I Remain Respc.

Lewis P. Kerr

2434 8th Ave

N.Y.



Grammar School No. 97,  
West Chester, W. Va. City,  
Box 119      Nov. 18, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:

Since the consummation of this village & your great city there has been considerable anxiety among our teachers as to what might be our fate.

Commissioner Joseph A. Gulcher has repeatedly visited the schools here, and in plain terms associated with a kindly manner our status under the new regime have been made plain, and our peace of mind restored.

Noticing in the daily press that this grant-  
man's term is about to expire, we have deemedit a debt  
of common gratitude to express the hope that Mr. Gulcher  
may be re-appointed.

Very respectfully,  
M. E. Decker,  
and 16 associate teachers.

Thursday. Apr. 11.  
Jas E. Kedges Esq

My Dear Sir,-

I should much like  
to push the name of  
Frederick Streicher.

No 114 Sullivan St.  
for appointment of marshal.  
He is one of our active  
members, a very respectable  
man of family - conscientious  
& capable - and one who will  
do his position & no credit -  
Our immediate district will  
much appreciate the honor in  
his selection. I wish you  
could give me some encourage-  
ment in this head. Try to do  
so and afford me a line  
in reply. Yours sincerely  
Wm B. DeGeller  
231 Spring St.

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A. L.

Wm. L. Strong Mayor  
of the City of New York  
Dear Sir

Excuse my imprudence of writing  
to you but in case of need a man  
would take any step, so it is  
with me.

I am an Italian Am. born residing  
in the 8<sup>th</sup> ward 23 years of age  
As you have a great power. you  
could recommend me to some one  
in the Police Dep- to have me in the  
Station House <sup>of the Ward</sup> where I belong as a Bootblack  
I have worked there before; but  
when Capt Price got here for no reason  
at all he put me out -

It is a very inferior ~~inferior~~  
position to ask, to a Mayor.



but knowing from the Public that  
you are a man that has pity for Poor  
people, I beg of the favor of recommen-  
ding me

I thought that I would not be granted  
the permit to see you so it is better  
to write. but if I could I would explain  
you what the course was of me  
getting put out of the said Station  
House which to my knowlege is unjust

Hope you will take some interest  
in my pityfull case - with regards

Your Obedient-Servant  
Joseph DiGiorgio  
64 1/2 Sullivan St  
New York City

New York April 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

april 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895  
Mayor Strong.

Your Excellency,

I humbly beg your  
pardon for trespassing on your  
valuable time in writing you.  
but I am driven and drawn to it  
I am in straits and can see no  
other way out.

Little did I think when I voted for  
our worthy chief Magistrate last Nov  
I should ever have occasion to trouble  
him but an adverse current set in  
and I am unable to stem it.

Instinctively I turn to you, Sir,  
hoping you might throw me a life line.

I am out of business over a year, doing  
nothing, and I took what was saved  
through my life time and put into  
Brooklyn Property, under a mortgage

when the Interest, Taxes and collections  
are paid I get nothing.

I thought that in the wide Domain  
over which you have jurisdiction you  
might think of some light manual  
work I might be able to do and so earn  
enough to get a shelter and a bit  
to eat. I am about your own age.

I am glad under your administration  
a man has not to belong to the gang,  
or be endorsed by the Whiskey Seller  
to hope for a job. That we all stand  
a chance if ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> are able to the work.  
any thing that is useful and manly.  
that I can do I would do it obediently  
and cheerfully.

I could sweep and gather leaves and  
brambles and cremate in the Parks  
as well as those I see at it.

I could guard Public Property exposed  
night or day, drive a horse and cart.

I might take the index to a water metre,  
but that subjects to examination.

I am a denizen over 40 years, a Citizen 25  
and in business up to Nov 93, at 420 Canal St  
"Money pennys Dyeing Cleaning Establishment."  
many a weather beaten seedy looking man I sent  
away great and clean. I paid large sums  
for Croton water I owe nothing there.  
The House with which I was connected  
paid much larger sums for a much longer  
period, so I have benefited the City.  
Some, I also had to patronize the Courts.  
I do not want to sit still, <sup>the</sup> all is spent  
and the Poor House be my fate

Please, your Honor,

Think of me and help  
me, and your Petitioner will  
ever pray.

And believe me, Sir, your  
obedient servant

James Dinsmore  
20 Downing St N.Y.C.



DR. F. IRVING DISBROW

Feb 2 95.

To Hon W A Strong  
Mayor's Office

Dear Sir I come to ask your advice  
once more in regard to a matter  
which has caused me much worry  
and it is this I lost my position as  
Medical Inspector through being trumped up  
charges of the present Commissioners Dr  
Edson who has just appointed me or  
who interceded on my behalf at time  
General Shaler was President of the

Board I did faithful duty &  
every body will ratify you and my  
records will show I was looking for  
advancement in my position and having  
come out to introduce for me they did  
so and if coming to Edmond care  
he became jealous and told me right  
out I wrote to many letters what  
might had to do to see the troubled  
up charges as per for my resignation  
which I forbade and would protect  
before committing my lawyer. Being  
promised if I succeeded they would re-  
appoint me the following year I  
afterwards committed to Wilson Pres  
of the Consolidated Exchange & he promised  
when I have passed the Board Civil  
Service three times standing second out  
of 300 applicants did I get it no.  
& never will until the Civil Service



DR. F. IRVING DISBROW

Board falls into different hands.

Again I ask. how is it when any man is supplied with political influence &c. he stands head of the list and again how is it a man is proposed and never fails to pass the Board. I wrote Rev. Phillips for a list of my nominations <sup>and</sup> percentages received and he carries they don't keep any record how is that for future reference I furnished him with date I come to ask I am determined to reclaim my lands in the Health Department and I want to know how the present Board has a right to throw me overboard.



even time when I come in  
with a satisfactory certificate from  
the Civil Service Board and let what  
night has the Board to throw a  
Medical man of no particular politics  
to satisfy ~~state~~ our ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~him~~ <sup>him</sup> &c.

This is the time to handle these  
people with out thought I am a <sup>Am.</sup>  
sample of many more of the same kind  
It's not the matter or position but it is  
action and I being a young Medical  
man as good as Edison Roberts or any in  
the Board. Come to you as Mayor to  
ask if I am backed by influential men  
as I Van der water of St Andrew. D. H. Long <sup>brother</sup> of  
Transfiguration <sup>church</sup> prominent members of the  
Produce Stock & Maritime Exchange can  
get a 1200 position <sup>you</sup> or  
H. I. ~~Dieter~~ <sup>Dieter</sup> ~~and~~

322 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York  
June 19, 1895

Hon. Wm. Strong

Dear Sir:  
St Johns heart was filled  
with sorrow as he sat on  
the cold rocks of Patmos.  
Yet he had not 3 little chil-  
dren looking in to his eyes<sup>vainly</sup>  
imploing their father to get  
them food nor a wife was-  
ted from want and approach-  
ing maternity with no means  
to meet that critical crisis.  
Saturday morning my  
rent will be due. the pi-  
cture is not overdrawn when

I say that means the side  
week, as it did the last  
month from 657-2<sup>nd</sup> ave.  
The few weeks work on the Bow  
City Directory at \$1.00 per day gave  
out May 31<sup>st</sup>. I have written to  
the Commis of all the City Depts.  
excepting Brookfield, they have  
been as deaf or as mute as an  
oyster. I have not the slightest  
doubt but they regard me as  
a beggar. Mr. Mayor I have  
given you a full and true his-  
tory of my case nor is there one  
more widely known fully Con-  
scious I am fearfully wronged.  
Cheated would be a better  
word. I am now within  
about 4 or 5 days of ejectment  
I have not any food for my  
children. And if you think  
it is not your place to see

that I am given employ-  
ment to support my family  
I differ very much with you.  
And had I known I  
was voting for as cold  
hearted a man as you  
have proved yourself to  
be in my case to put it  
mildly I would not have  
done so. Nor a man you  
favored with an office - will  
ever get my support - I'd vote  
for the devil first. With  
one exception - Leo Haring.  
I believe him to be a straight-  
forward honest man - a  
hater of hypocrisy and  
deception.

Now Mr. Mayor  
the only way to make  
it up with me is to  
get me some kind



of employment for  
me as promptly as you  
can for my situation  
is worse than I can  
describe it.

There are sufferings  
in this life so palpably  
real in their frigidity  
that they are indiscible.

I am Dear Sir  
Very Respectfully  
Your obt. Servt.

Wm J. Dobson.

Top floor BACK.

I filed an application in  
the Civil Service Labor Bureau  
for Asst. Foreman - May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Eg Mayor Hewitt and  
the Supt Ins Directory be  
indorsed it.

345 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

New York

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> / 1895.

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> L Strong

Dear Sir:

When you kindly sent me two dollars last July, you accentuated your kindness by stating you would endeavor to locate me in the Street Cleaning Department on your return to this City. In the interval I secured some work in the Country and since my return in Sept earned just nine dollars addressing envelopes.

My actual life to day and its gloomy surroundings would touch the heart most callous & human suffering.

If the more Charitable instincts of your nature prompts <sup>you</sup> not to secure me work I shall be obliged to absolutely desert my little family as I cannot remain sane.

What money you generously sent  
me to allievate my distress  
I shall gratefully pay you when  
the chance of earning it give  
me the opportunity.

I have an application filed with  
the Clerk of the Labor Bureau since  
last May for Asst Foreman.

The New method of Collecting and  
disposing of the City Sweepings, calls  
for men to help the foremen whos sala-  
ry is no more then a sweepers. With  
Your Honors permission I beg leave  
to say I feel as if I was entitled  
to such a position. Verbum Sap  
I hope Your Honor will do something  
in the way of work for me.

I am Dear Sir

Very Respectfully,  
Your Obedt Servt  
Wm J Dobson

2 flights back.



NO 1 BROADWAY,  
New York.

May-16/89

✓  
Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor  
New York City

Hon Sir  
Mr F. F. Frost was employed in one of my Engineering Corps in 1886. and left us to take a position on the New Croton aqueduct.

His services while in our employ was satisfactory - he is a competent Civil Engineer well experienced in all its branches.

Yours Truly  
G. W. Dudgeon

✓  
Very Illustrious Sir,

Though this is the first time I have the high honour to know you and dedicate you my servitude, yet I dare present me to you, and with the greatest respect, do you my prayers. Am San italian, who, born from high rank, at twenty-three years old, after having employed my life in continual studies, assailed my family by dire misfortune, first of eight children, before to king profession, peregrine, almost mendicating, I go. The fame of your honourable name has so potent a cry, that knows it who never saw you. Even I heard it, and so much was impression it made on my mind, that this was irradiated with a sweet hope, to its force not being I able to resist, I am constrained to follow it, and now I am here to your feet to beg you. It is true it is risen in my mind a great desire, and I have conceived a greater hope, thinking to find grace in your goodness, but I am very afraid to come with my lamentings to do you disturbances, while I want to do it, because I have a great need to do it. I now find myself poor, derelict, with many distresses on my shoulders, without knowing what to do of me. If my family had not suffered horrible misfortune, I by this time should be professor laureated in literature. Know I the italian, latin, greek, and also enough the english; I have the gymnasial licence that shows my twenty years of study and my instruction, but this useful for



nothing to me at this country. It is now two months I got at America; I have sought every where for an occupation, and till now I have not found it, and it is for this that I now am almost living my mind. I need what is necessary to live, what, then, have I to do, my illustrious Sir? My only, absolute desire is to return in Italy, I am tired to weep and sigh, and wish to find peace among my own, because America is not for me. But how may I do it, knowing to find my family a little ago prosperous, now decayed in the deepest squalor, aggravated by debts; my genitors were once gay mad by grief; my brothers poor and in grave want of education and instruction? All the hope was replaced in me first son; I thought to procure in this country the means to help them, but till now I have consumed all the money I had, and have not found a so much desired occupation. My mind faints away, my force and my duty do not raise me to continue to pray you. I want to return at my house, have compassion of me unhappy Sir, help me, succour me, forgive me. I should be a desperate one, if the hope I have set in you, Sir, would not sustain my soul. Oh yes! your goodness confides me, your potency assures me, and I am happy to have found my source and that of my family in your liberality. A little one, unknown, unhappy, follow the example of the great, stricken down by misfortune, to make recou-

se in their ruin to the immense goodness of the potent lords; you, great one, potent, glorious, you, illustrious Sir, will, with an act of your high generosities resound the fame of your revered name, in the remotest places, in my Italy, in my dear family. Your sweet name will be blest by a father, a little ago rich and in high charges in my town, now poor, but honest and respected; by a mother very distressed in the sudden misfortune; by me, humble and unworthy your servant, and with me by seven little children, whose lot is in your hands. But at this moment I feel all myself confused, I have dared trouble you too much, and for this I ask you by your clemency the deepest excuses with tears at my eyes. The authority of your <sup>presence</sup> ~~worshipful~~ inspires me solemn submission; the fear to bear you troubles cut of the words on my lips. Only I pray your lordship to pardon to a great sorrow, which transports me, this long lament; while I, deeming myself the most fortunate man in the world if I might come in your favour, receive your graces and your welcome commands, for my all existence in you, I throw myself to feet of my greatest benefactor; with infinite subjection I cover your singular authority, and with sincere and affectionate esteem I am  
Your most devout and respectful servant  
Angelus De Donatis

— Sir, do the charity of the bread for an only day to my poor family, at least this your goodness denies not me. —



Rushed back two times from your door, I have no more credi-  
ge nor money to come to you; it has not been an only time  
allowed me to see you and weep to your feet. I wish start  
<sup>as</sup> soon as possible for Italy; I expect by your great mercy  
the alms to may pay so much as to retire at my ho-  
me, and bring the food of one only day to my poor  
parents and brothers. Even a penny may be to me  
of immense help and consolation, and if you will  
deny me this, I thank you equally and am always  
Your very humble servant.

Angelus De Donadis.

From New York, at home, North Street 163. 2<sup>d</sup> floor, July 24<sup>th</sup>

Illustrious Sir Mayor,

And will it be ever true you will deny me the enjoyment to see you, salute you and dedicate you my servitude? And will it be true that it is not granted to cast me to your feet and thank you to have received that necessary charity that I expect by you and not by others? Shall I despair of your goodness and generosity? Ah, if you knew my father, if you knew me, if you knew <sup>my</sup> family! Certainly then you would be moved to compassion of us by my doleful words. Driven two times out from the gate of your palace! to my letter, sent to you by post, no answer! I am wrong, Illustrious my Sir; I am wrong! Now I have no more courage to come before you, nor money to move out; and I remain at home to weep and sigh to you. Pardon me, august Sir, if, to this, my hard sorrow and my despair drive me; that, if great is my hardihood, greater is your goodness and trust. I have set in you. By a thousand dollars only of debts, my family is decayed, my father dejected, & desperate, my seven little brothers languishing by want of education and instruction, that very much cost in Italy, being she also without so many means to live and to universal resource as in this West land. But, then, is it reason I lay down the high thought to receive your help? No, Sir; I shall not depose it! I will weep

to your feet, I will supplicate your mercy, and all shall  
obtain by your pity. Do me the charity to concede me so  
much as I may retire at my home and bring your graces  
to my family, that will never cease to thank you and  
pray the immortal God for you. Oh! dear, illustrious Sir,  
I deserve nothing, but your very high humanity certainly  
will not deny me a such very necessary relief. I expect  
it sure by your infinite potence and goodness, and be  
sure that I will be grateful to you of it at good time,  
nor I will ever forget such charity. I expect also your  
welcome commands for Italy, revere again your high  
authority and declare always to be

Your very humble and respectful servant  
Anselmus De Donatis

From No 11 St-163-2<sup>nd</sup> floor. July 21<sup>st</sup> 1895-



Sydney Lake  
Mar 5/98

Mr. William L. Strong

Dear Sir  
I am applying to you I  
would like to get a po-  
sition on the police force  
via H. P. C. or on the El-  
evated R. R. Hoping you  
will find suitable pos-  
sion for me I am 27 years  
steady and of good habits  
at present I am working  
in a round house and fil-  
ing extra on the L. & N.  
H. & R. R.

Yours Respectfully

John Zandine  
Sydney Lake  
Dutchess Co

J. Z.

1724 Madison Avenue.  
New York City, January 5<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of placing the inclosed in your hands in support of, and as an application for appointment to some position in the Municipal service suited to my ability.

I have not sought the intervention of anyone in my behalf, preferring rather to place my record before you and abide by it, than to encroach upon your time either by personal intercession or that of my friends; - but, if you desire additional endorsement or references I am confident that Messrs. Eckhardt, Rollins, Russell, Rook, R. P. Porter, Congressman. Elect Philip B. How, Gen. Horace Porter and others of similar prominence will willingly add the weight of their influence and good offices in my behalf.

It is hardly necessary that I should add that I am an honorably discharged Union Soldier and a Republican.

Yours, very respectfully,  
David H. Foxen.

Wm. A. R. Strong,  
Mayor, New York City.



Your attention is respectfully invited to the following extracts from letters in my possession; the originals I am prepared to submit, if desired.

Very respectfully,

*David M. Doremus*

.....  
From Major General John A. Dix.

"Mr. David M. Doremus was with me at our Headquarters for a long time, and is one of the very best clerks I ever knew. Moreover, he is honest, faithful, and exemplary in his habits and life." --

John A. Dix.

.....  
Headquarters Department of the East,

New York City, July 18th, 1865.

Private David M. Doremus (formerly of the 5th N. Y. Vols.) transferred to 146th N. Y. Vols., has this day been mustered out of service, under existing orders. He has been a clerk at these Headquarters for over 18 months, and has during that time proved himself a good soldier, an excellent clerk, faithful in the discharge of his duties.

Very respectfully,

D. T. Van Buren,

John A. Dix,

Ass't Adj't Gen'l,

Major Gen'l.

Dep't of the East.

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Hon. Benjamin K. Phelps,

District Attorney.

"Mr. Doremus was employed in my office for some time and has special adaptation, in my judgment, to work in compiling and tabulating figures. He has great neatness, dispatch and accuracy in his work." --

"I know him thoroughly from having had him in my own employment. He is exceedingly accurate, unusually diligent and faithful, and thoroughly honest." --

"I can cordially recommend Mr. Doremus as a most diligent, faithful and competent clerk." --

"I speak strongly from my personal knowledge of Mr. Doremus."

Benj. K. Phelps.

.....

Hon. Horace Russell,

"I know him to be thoroughly qualified and absolutely honest."

Horace Russell .

.....

Hon. Daniel G. Rollins,

"I know of no person having better clerical ability than Mr. Doremus; and I know him to be a man of the strictest integrity and industry. He was employed for many years as Deputy Chief Clerk in the office of the District Attorney of this County, while Mr. Phelps was at its head.

When I became Surrogate, I selected him for a responsible post from which he retired to take more lucrative employment in the office of Col. Erhardt, then United States Marshal.



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Mr. Doremus has exeptional capacity as a statis-  
tician, is skillful in the tabular arrangement and display  
of facts and figures, writes a rapid and handsome hand." --

Daniel G. Rollins.

.....  
Gen'l Francis A. Walker, Superintendent Tenth Census.

"Department of the Interior,

Census Office, Washington, D.C.

October 6th, 1831.

It gives me pleasure to state that Mr. D. M. Doremus  
has been employed in connection with the Tenth Census of the  
United States, first as Chief Clerk to the Supervisor of  
Census for the City of New York, and secondly, as an officer  
of the Bureau at Washington.

In the very responsible and difficult position first  
named, Mr. Doremus gave eminent satisfaction. Since his  
transfer to Washington, Mr. Doremus has exhibited a high  
order of clerical ability, and in the work of compilation  
and tabulation has few superiors. Mr. Doremus is from his  
habits and deportment in office, entitled to the highest con-  
sideration, and I cordially commend him.

Francis A. Walker,

Superintendent of Census. "

.....  
Hon. Joel B. Erhardt,

U. S. Marshal.

" I can only say in parting with you, that it has  
never been my lot to have an assistant more efficient and  
faithful than yourself.

Joel B. Erhardt."

Mr. David M. Doremus.



Hon. James C. Reed,

U. S. Shipping Commissioner,

"Mr. David M. Doremus was appointed by me a Deputy Commissioner in this office, in May 1884, and served upwards of four years, when, to my regret, he resigned on account of ill health. I found him to be an efficient officer and an expert clerk, thoroughly trustworthy in every respect.

For any kind of statistical or tabular work, of which he had a great deal in this office, I think he has few equals. He is a man whose work may always be trusted.

James C. Reed,

U. S. Shipping Commissioner."

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Hon. Robert P. Porter,

Superintendent Eleventh Census.

" Department of the Interior,

Census Office, Washington, Jan. 9th, 1891

Mr. David M. Doremus had charge of the work in relation to recorded indebtedness, in New York City, for the census, and the return of the abstracters under his supervision were as complete and perfect as those of the abstracters in any part of the United States.

Subsequently Mr. Doremus took charge of the special inquiry investigation in Ohio and Indiana after they had been begun, and completed them with great credit to himself. Mr. Doremus's industry and resources are conspicuous in all that he does, and his honor and faithfulness I have never found wanting.

R. P. Porter,

Superintendent of Census. "



J. W. Porter, Chief of Tenth Division.

"His services as Special Agent for the investigation of State Finances, under the direction of the Special Agent in charge of the Tenth Division, have been in every way satisfactory, and he has proved himself highly competent for the performance of all duties which have been assigned to him"

J. W. Porter,

Chief of Tenth Division.

Census Office, Aug. 13th, 1891. "

(Endorsement)

" Census Office, Aug. 13/91.

I cheerfully concur in the within statement as to the services rendered by Special Agent Doremus. He is in every way qualified to fill any clerical position and I commend him without reservation.

A. F. Childs,

Acting Superintendent of Census."

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Hon. James C. Reed,

Secretary of the Grant Monument Association,

"Grant Monument Association,  
Hills Building, No 15 Broad St.,  
New York, Sept. 17th, 1894.

Sir,-

I am informed that Mr. David M. Doremus has made application for the position ~~xxx~~. I beg leave to add that he was my Chief Clerk in this office during our organized movement, some two years since, to complete the Grant Monument Fund, which resulted in the getting of the additional sum of \$410,000.; and, that during the year he was here, I found him most trustworthy, competent and industrious.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) James C. Reed. "

New Orleans June 27/95

Hon. W. F. Strong

New York City

Dear Sir

No doubt, this letter is but one of thousands received daily by you, all charity letters. Well, this one is not exactly a begging letter, but a help letter. I am a young man, nineteen years of age, of fair enough appearance, have a good education, and generally intelligent. My object in addressing this to you is to implore you to ~~answer~~ whether it would be possible for you to secure me something to do in New York. You are a great and good man, and I am confident you will assist me. I was in New York, last year,



and while there formed the acquaintance of  
Mr. O'Brien, the alderman, but it seems he was  
powerless to do anything for me. I am an  
orphan, and have one sister living; have  
no income, but a few hundred dollars in cash,  
which can not last forever. I attended college  
at Bar St. Louis, Miss. and Notre Dame, Ind., to  
which you may refer. I have had very  
little business experience, as my ambitions  
were always to become a professional man,  
but as I have not the means, hence  
I beg of you to assist me, in procuring  
employment. I have tried hard here to secure  
a fairly good position, but all to no avail,  
times are so dull, and I know absolutely  
no one of influence, who could assist me.  
I understand New York and New Yorkers, and  
have traveled, a little, and I positively am  
not a raw youth, having no tact. Now,  
dear Mayor Strong, sincerely trusting you  
will favor me with a reply, and with  
fondest hopes, I am

Yours Obediently

% Cosmopolitan Hotel

Ernest B. Douglas

John Harper, Presd't.

James Christie, 1st Vice Presd't.

Lloyd Collis, 2nd Vice Presd't.

P. E. Dowe, Sec'y.

Paul Dickey, Financial Sec'y.

John J. Doody, Treasurer.

*Personal*  
**PHOENIX REPUBLICAN CLUB,**

No. 61 East 86th Street.

57 E. 86<sup>th</sup> St  
New York, N.Y. March 30<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 27<sup>th</sup> inst, I now reply to; —  
your letter was as follows:  
"your letter has been referred to the Civil Service Commissioners, upon whose recommendation the Examiners are appointed." I thank you for your consideration however in transferring the matter to the Civil Service Board; but am rather inclined to imagine that this will be the last

of the matter, & that  
my letter will rest  
serenely in your  
pigeon-hole. You may  
have forgotten that I was  
well endorsed in my  
application for Civil Service  
Commissionership; by  
business houses; - and I  
applied to you for appoint-  
ment as Examiner,  
upon my business &  
educational connections  
& record. I shall not  
attempt to pull any  
political wires, to obtain  
consideration of my  
application by Civil Service  
department. I now  
offer you an humble  
apology for my pursuing  
this in criticising  
your administration  
it was the result of an



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impulse; an outcome of  
a fear that Tammany  
might be strengthened,  
by some of the appointments  
indirectly. I am

sorry for my action,  
and trust that you  
will accept my apology.

I have no further  
favours to ask, consequently  
no axe to grind, by  
the above voluntary  
action.

Yours truly

(S) - P. E. Dowe  
57 E. 86th

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IN THE  
VARIOUS COLORS AND SHAPES.

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

As a good citizen and a republican, I take the liberty of addressing you, hoping that these qualifications will permit you to entertain an application from me for a position in one of the departments of the city's work.

I am a sober and reliable young man twenty five years of age, have had a good education and six years practical business experience, during which time I have been connected with the building trades in this city. For five years I was in the employ of Johnson Bros., Iron Works, and am at present with the above concern. I am a bookkeeper, typewriter and general office man, and am thoroughly acquainted with plans and building operations and feel confident that I can serve the city in a far better manner than a great many of incompetent office holders are now trying to.

I have refrained from bothering you during the first six weeks of your administration, not wishing to place any extra trouble on you, and now if you will kindly consider my application when there is any thing to be given out I assure you that you will not make a mistake in doing so. My character and ability bears investigation, I have always been a republican, and come from a republican Massachusetts family, and



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this is the first time that I have asked for any favor at the hands of my party. I have no political influence and would like to learn if a worthy citizen is capable of securing any favors without the aid of "practical politicians"

I can refer to the before mentioned parties, to Col. Cruger, of the Trinity Church corporation, Messrs. Dawson & Archer, the contractors for the new Criminal Court and many others.

Trusting that you will remember me, I am,

Very truly yours,

438 West 57th Street.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. J. Dowling". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed address.



N Y. June 24 - 1898

My Dear Mayor.

Since I saw You  
This Morning, I went to the Dock  
Dept. & though the Record of  
Common O'Brien was appointed as  
Labourer, which was far beneath  
a Stone Cutter which Your letter  
called for, but thank God I  
am pleased to accept the same.

I am also very thankful  
to You kind generosity shown  
me this morning of which I will  
ever remember.

Yours Truly,  
John H Doyle  
705 - 9 - am

New York. June the 26. th 1895

To Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir.

As I have heard  
and read so much of you, I tar

heart to write to you; I am a  
mother of six children ranging from  
4 months to 11 years, my husband  
is since last Fall vainly trying  
to get employment but on account  
of having no friends he can't  
get any he has passed last  
January the examination of the  
St. Cleaning Department and last  
beginning of May put his petition  
for Civil Service as laborer. and  
as we must soon go to parambroker

and finally put our children  
away I would beg you kindly to  
put in a good word for us we  
don't want charity nor any kind of  
help but just honest work  
My husband's petition is No 2386.  
is born in the United States he is  
honest and sober and always kind  
So please Dear Sir help a despairing  
family so that happiness may  
follow you too

Respectfully

Mrs Drogrey  
213 E. 11 St. City. Basement



New York June 24th 95.

To His Honor

W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong

Mayor of New York City

Your Excellency, I will be  
out of Employment shortly. Can you do  
anything for me. I am willing to do  
anything from Sweeper up.

I can give you twenty five  
years reference from the house

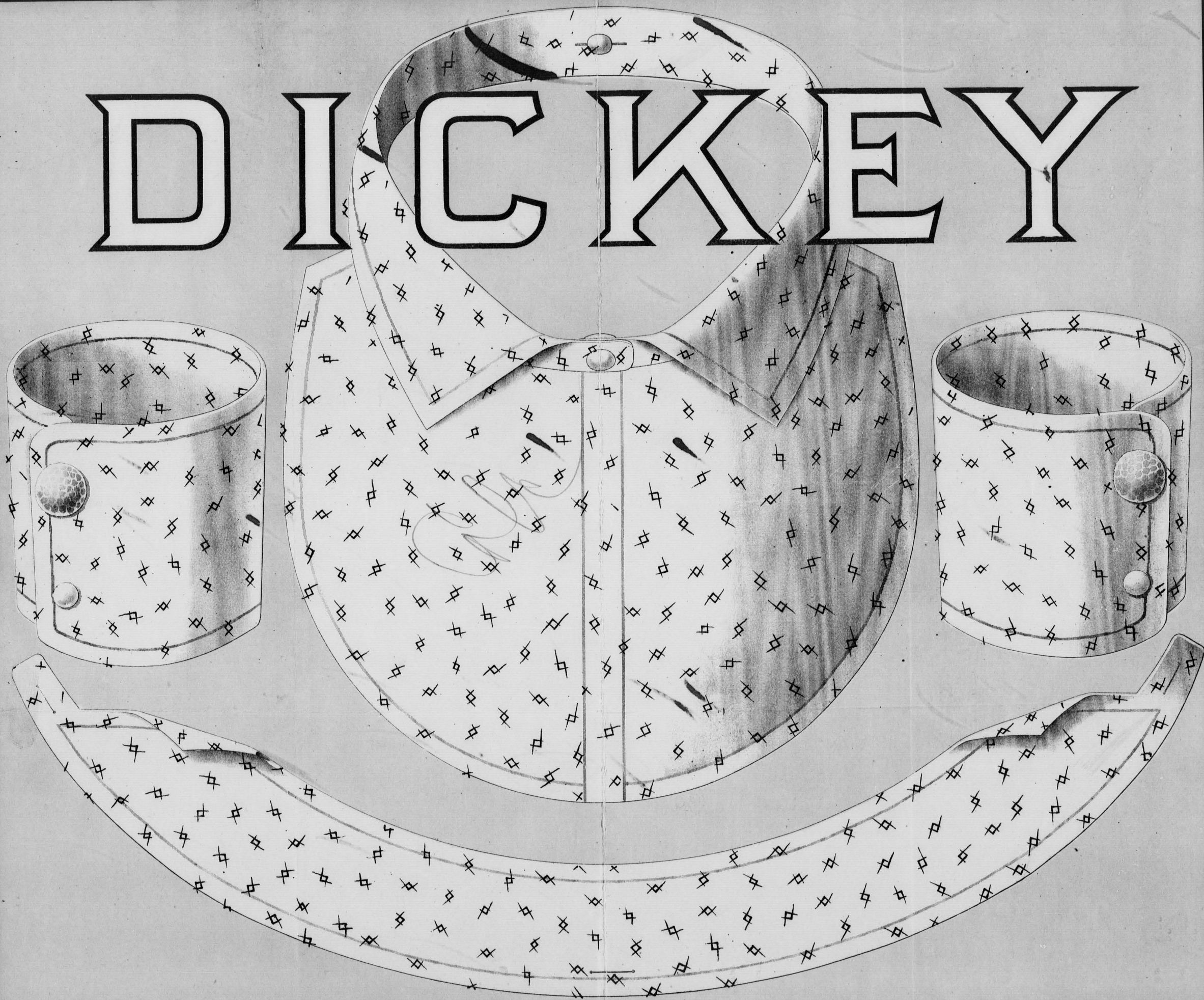
I am strong, healthy, an  
American, married, and forty three years old

Kindly give this your earnest  
consideration

Yours Servt  
Charles Henry Drummond  
130 8th Ave

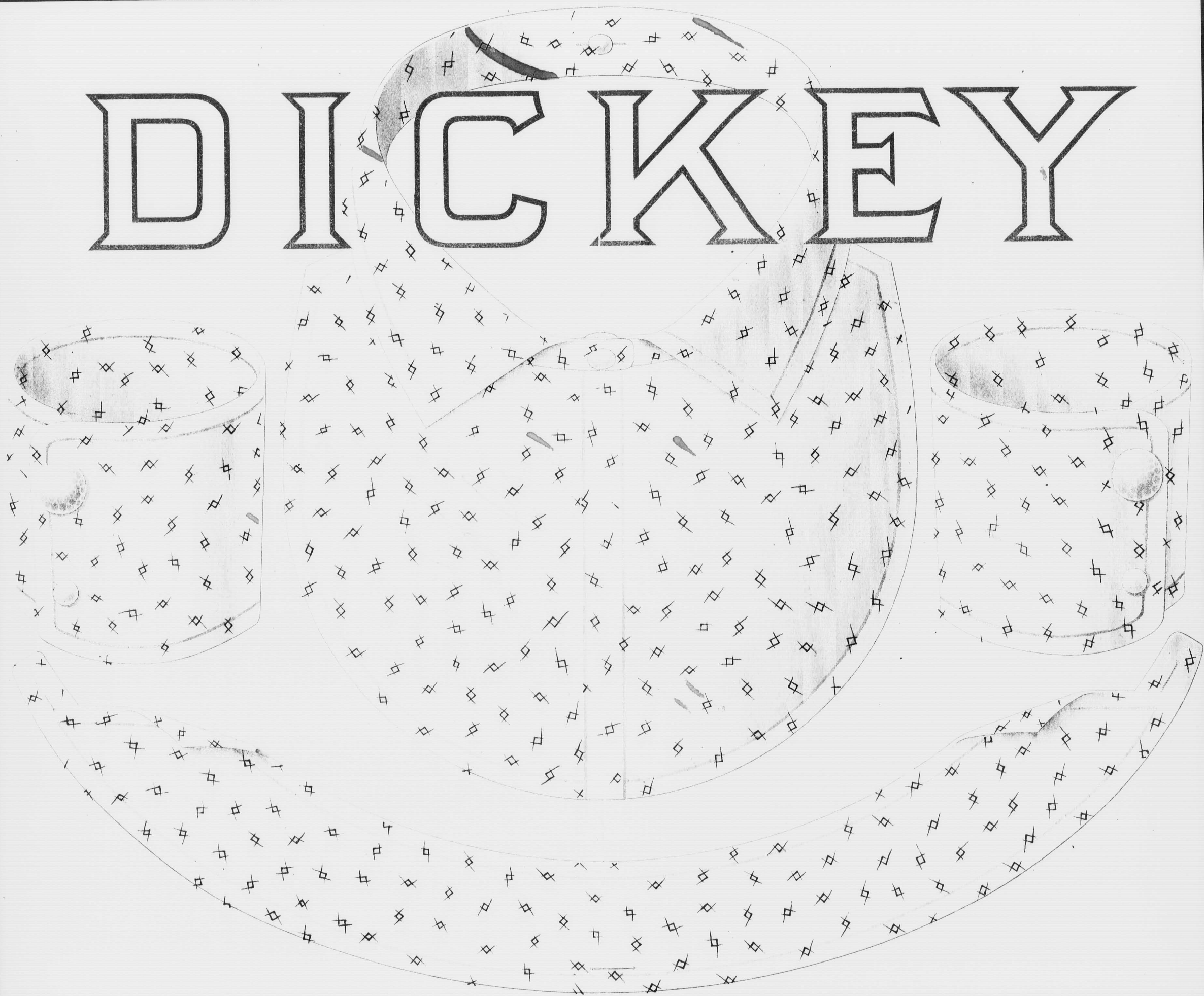


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# DICKY





2. Col Mr Henry Mayr.

My dear Sir, There seems to be a great desire to foment opposition to my self  
for the Tax. I do not wish to add to your attacks. I shall be just as  
well satisfied with a tax Comiship & have no off now or in the future  
because you give it to older men & Rep. The newspapers want to  
grow and talk. All I wish is for you to let me know at once.  
I wrote you two weeks ago expecting a decision but the papers have  
fermented & will ferment to the end. My situation is intolerable  
& I would request action so that if you want I can at once  
go to the Governor and try him. A position I wish if I can get it  
at once, if not then I must turn to lecturing without delay. You  
see others have money, are comfortably situated can take their  
comfort, pleasure and amusement and harass you merely  
for the addition to their incomes. I only seek office because  
I absolutely need the money. If I do not get it I  
must sue as a paper to stop the newspapers  
from annoying me. You see the situation and I  
trust you will settle the matter. I thought the  
matter would have been settled long ago one way or  
other but it seems difficult to settle anything the way  
everybody guesses and fessips. If you will give me  
the office of tax Comish or even as a last resort of ~~agreed~~ <sup>arbitrary</sup> conduct  
at once I want it. It is absolutely necessary. I should have  
the matter ended to save you, <sup>and myself</sup> as well as myself. I await  
reply & trusting this will settle it. <sup>remain</sup>  
Alexander Drury.

Yours  
Alexander Drury,  
39 5 Court Street,  
Brooklyn N.Y.

To Col Wm L Strong Mayor.

Will you appoint me to the Pracey Lane Board.

It seems unlikely there will be an Inter. Natl Cong & so I do not wait. I wish you could let me know at once. If you are willing I want to take up a residence over the Bridge. You can say yes & then I can take the residence & call at your & the incumbents convenience the same or if you wish me to call you can make an appointment at the City Hall at any hour of any date. Or if you do not wish to give it I trust you will let me know. I explain fully because this matter is too hot for misunderstandings, a plain blunt answer not best.

Politics will have to stay down while the thermometer is up & I for my part intend to take no active part.

I have a great deal of extremely serious business that will bother me for many years and I wish to clear my mind of officeholding matters, one way or other, so as to give it attention. You are glad I know to see the approach of the end of office fixing & I trust you will let me hear from you by return mail at your very earliest.

Convenience and oblige.

ALEXANDER DRURY.

ALEXANDER DRURY.

# 395 COURT STREET.

BROOKLYN. N.Y.

of 16 7. E. 33<sup>rd</sup> St.

Mr. Kealy is an  
applicant for "tenant  
officer." He said to  
be a most worthy  
man.

Assuring you  
of my sincere regard.  
Very truly yours,  
The Hon. H. L. Stong  
Thomas A. Dwyer  
L.S.



4 Dec  
Saturday.  
—

Hon. Sir,

I have been  
requested to say  
a word in favor  
of Mr. John J. Keely

OFFICE HOURS:  
8 TO 10 A. M.  
7 TO 9 P. M.

Office and Laboratory of  
DR. E. R. DUFFY,  
133 WEST 60TH STREET,  
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I. O. R. Men.  
Vet. Zouave's.  
Ex. U. S. Surgeon,

March 12 1895  
Hon Wm L. Strong  
Sir

I would respectfully  
call your attention to the interview I had  
with you a few days ago. After presenting  
a letter of Introduction from the Hon  
Chas T. Daxton Lt Gov. for an appointment  
to the Dept of Charities and Corrections or the  
Health Dept. as no changes have been made  
in any of these departments yet by you. I would  
respectfully state that if you should appoint  
me to either one of the positions I will endeavor  
to make your administration what you really  
intend it should be an Economical one  
As a platform orator during the last Campaign  
I refer you to the records of the State Committee  
in 93 - I was the Rep Candidate in the 19<sup>th</sup> for  
the Legislature and was honestly elected. but Fraud  
and Bribery Counted me out my vote was 2957 - and  
my Opponents about 4000.  
I have had 17 yrs Hosp experience and I am well fitted

for either the Charities or Corrections or Health  
Departments-

My truly yours to  
Lanana - R. Drugg AM. M. S



St Cecilia's Rectory  
125 E 105 St.  
City.

Hon. W. R. Strong

Mayor. N. Y. City.

The bearer,  
Christopher Kane, is an  
honest and respectable  
man, who through a  
mistake, lost his position  
as street sweeper.

As he has a family de-  
pending upon him for  
support, I take the  
liberty of asking you  
use your good offices  
in his behalf, & have  
him restored.

Hoping that you may  
without inconvenience,  
be able to visit him

I am,

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c.

Michael J. Duffy  
Asst

N.Y. June 16/95

Mayor W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong

Dear Sir,

I have been out of  
employment for some time,  
and have been advised  
to ask you if you could not  
do something for me, I am  
a colored woman, Mr Gibb  
& Mr Hamilton of the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Assembly dist, know me  
well, as I am <sup>willing</sup> to do any



thing you could give me  
to make my living,

Hoping you will consider  
my humble appeal,

Yours Respectfully  
Mrs Duff,

of Mrs Duff

331 West 26 St,  
City

Charleston S.C.

April 15<sup>th</sup> / 95.

Hon. Mayor Strong Esq.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to  
write to you trusting  
you will do the best you  
can in this matter as I  
am in need of the money

I hurted my arm last  
January down here working  
at cotton work. That is  
loading ships and was not  
able to ~~do~~ any thing for  
2 months now cotton season  
is over and I am very much  
in need of the money my  
Brother Bill owes to me  
he can afford to pay it and  
ought to be maid to pay.

His name is William H.  
Duggan (Police) in the 23  
Percent East 51st station

Hon. Mayor, I loan him  
this money since the 5<sup>th</sup> of  
sept. 1883 if he was not  
able to pay me I would  
never ask him for it but  
a man that does not drink  
or smoke with only a small  
family of 2. <sup>with a fine salary of 1200 or 1400 a year</sup> I have a wife  
and 3 children when I loan  
him the money I was in fair  
circumstances <sup>but now I have not one dollar to my name</sup> but when I  
asked him for it he said  
he did not owe it to me  
so I was in New York City at the time,  
brought suit against him  
and got a judgement <sup>for \$112.</sup> but  
not having any money to  
hire an attorney never could

collect it now I have  
one who took the case <sup>on percentage</sup> but  
his house he owns is in  
his father-in-law name  
so I cant get a cent my  
judgement is for \$112.00.  
with interest trusting in the  
name of God and your-  
self to here some good news  
from you

I Remain your  
Obediant servant

P. J. Duggan  
No 2. State Street

Charleston S.C.



\*  
Hon<sup>r</sup> Mayor Pleast excuse me  
for taking up your valuable time  
But as God is my Judge I  
have not got one dollar to my  
name in the world.

Please if you can make him  
Pay me in any way make him  
and you will oblige  
me

your obedient Servant

P. J. Duggan  
# 2 State St  
Charleston  
S.C.

I marked the envelope

Private so I would  
be sure you will get it

Cornwall-on-Hudson 3-29-95  
Orange Co.  
N.Y.

V  
Mayor, Wm L Strong -

Dear Sir -

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in writing you.

But I feel as though I must tell my troubles to some one. I am a man 20 years of age & have a wife & two children to care for and on Aug-3-1843 I had a stroke of paralysis which left me with-out the use of either of my lower limbs & have been unable to work any since. Now what I wish to ask you is do you know of any thing a man in my condition could do to earn a little to support my family. I am a carpenter by trade what little I had

sword is gone. I do not  
ask for charity but thought  
probably you could suggest  
something by which I could  
earn something. It seems  
hard that so many in this  
world have more than they  
know really what to do with  
while I am a cripple & have  
nothing. I have a fair edu-  
cation & have considerable  
knowledge of draughting.  
Hoping you will not consign  
this to the waste basket  
without giving it a second  
thought. I am

Yours very truly

Harry L. Dunnagan



277 Jewett Avenue  
West New Brighton  
Staten Island  
Jan 12 1895

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

Sir:

It has been suggested by one of my friends, who knows my qualifications as a Civil and Mechanical Engineer, that, as you were known to be overwhelmed by personal applications for positions, I had better write a letter, than to attempt to see you in person; I will therefore ask your kindly consideration of the following.

I have had an active and varied experience as a designing and constructing engineer for the past forty years, during which time I have built a number of works for the manufacture of iron, steel, copper, and machinery. I was a member of the Board of Judges of the Centennial Exhibition, and was one of the few members of the Board who received a medal "for services". I have had a large experience in arranging systems for the determination of "prime costs" in manufacturing establishments, and in the administration of industries employing large numbers of

men, and have kept myself thoroughly familiar with modern improvements in engineering practice. I am a member of "The Am Inst of Mining Engineers," "The Am Soc of Mechanical Engineers," "The Franklin Institute," "The Iron & Steel Institute" of Great Britain; and am an Associate member of "The United States Naval Institute."

I have no right to be considered a "politician," but am in hearty accord with all endeavours for purifying the administration of public affairs from the influence of such as are politicians first and criminals afterwards. I will refer you to J. H. Holloway Consulting Engineer, Snow Pump Co 106 Liberty St. N.Y. Theodore Cooper C.E. 35 Broadway N.Y. Stephen W. Baldwin Esq Agt Pennsylvania Steel Co "2 Wall St N.Y. Albert Bierstadt Esq Artist. 1271 Broadway N.Y. John Thomson C.E. Pres<sup>t</sup> Thomson Press Co 408 Temple Court N.Y. James M. Swank Esq Genl Manager "Am Iron & Steel Association" "261 South 4<sup>th</sup> St Philadelphia, Pa. Simon Sterne Esq New York

I do not wish to be regarded as making application for any particular position, but if, strictly as a matter of business, a person is wanted for a duty

which requires engineering knowledge, and administrative ability, I shall be glad to have my qualifications considered; as I believe that I could discharge such duty with advantage to the public, and credit to the appointing power.

With best wishes for your success in the arduous task you have in hand I remain

Yours Truly  
W. A. Durfee



New York January 21<sup>st</sup> 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong - Mayor etc.

Dear Sir.

As You have recently had placed before you, a report etc, concerning the workings of the Municipal Civil Service, and while the subject is under deliberation, I beg Your indulgence while I present a serious grievance of my own, in connection with said Civil Service; And should you see that I am entitled to redress? I respectfully ask that I may obtain the same through You.

A Civil Service examination for the position of Deputy Tax Commissioner was held at the Cooper Union on July 28<sup>th</sup> 1892. Availing myself of the privilege I entered said examination, obtaining a general rating 71.52 according to the figures furnished me by Mr Lee Phillips. On August 12<sup>th</sup>/92 I received from Mr Lee Phillips a notice, that having obtained but 57.50 out of a possible 60 on Technical Knowledge, I failed to pass. I called upon Mr Phillips a day or so later, for an explanation as to my rating. Mr Phillips then informed me that he and Mr Beardsley, who was then connected with the board, together with others, had, upon examining my papers, rated me high, thereby crediting me with having successfully passed the examination; and making the remark that as I was a Veteran of the War for the Union, I would surely secure the position; but alas for human nature. When President Barker of the Tax Board made his appearance, he entirely changed the order of things by declaring that my answers to the technical questions

were all wrong, and that the answers of those who subsequently secured the positions were correct;

I then, in October 1892 filed an appeal for justice, with the Supervisory board; and on November 3<sup>rd</sup> following I received a reply, denying my appeal; Thus the matter stands as far as the Civil Service Board are concerned.

During the month of June 1894 a vacancy was caused in the board of Deputy Tax Commissioners, by reason of the death of one of its members. I then, in accordance with Chap 312 Laws 1884 and Chap 364 Laws 1887 filed an application with the Tax Commissioners, to be appointed to the vacancy, to which application I never received a reply; but instead, the position of Deputy Tax Commissioner was then and there taken from the Classified list, and an appointment made independent of the Civil Service Laws.

My grievance is, my low rating on examination of July 28<sup>th</sup> 1892 - I claim that I made, and should have received a much higher general rating than that of 71.52.

I also claim that I made, and should have received a much higher rating on Technical Knowledge than 57.50.

And I claim that I should have received a much higher rating on Experience than 57.50 which was allowed.

And I further claim that in accordance with Civil Service Laws, I was entitled to an appointment to one of the vacancies.

For obvious reasons, I refrained from appealing to Mayor Gilroy; but under the influence of the present era of reform, I appeal to You for justice.



I most respectfully ask that you send for all  
papers of that examination, and compare them  
personally, or submit them for examination  
to some disinterested person or persons, and  
whatever the result, I will be satisfied.

Sincerely hoping that you will consider the  
foregoing matter within your province, and  
praying that you will grant my request for an  
inquiry, I am, with deep regard,

Yours very truly

George W. Dyer

1209 Franklin Avenue  
Wf City.



York February 11<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon Wm Strong - Mayor etc.

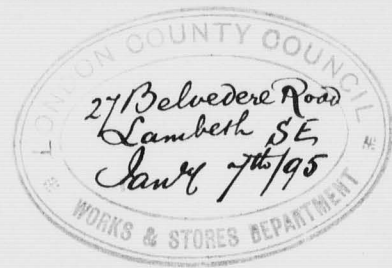
My dear Sir.

Your favor of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult, containing inclosure from Lee Phillips, Secretary etc, came duly to hand, & for which I express thanks.

The result of referring the matter to the Civil Service board, in the manner you did, was foreseen by me. I was satisfied in my own mind, that Lee Phillips would deny ever having made certain statements to me, which I charge him with. I was also satisfied that the Civil Service board, would not recede from their former decision, under the insufficient pressure brought to bear. I had hoped you would send for examination papers, as suggested by me. I intend, should the Legislature appoint an investigating Committee, to cover all Departments, to bring the matter before them in a forcible manner, and trust you will not relieve from duty, either President Barker of the Tax Board, or Sec Lee Phillips of Civil Service board, either by resignation or otherwise, as I think them both amenable to the law, and can be indicted.

Respectfully &

George W. Dyer  
1209 Franklin Avenue  
N.Y. City JH



To the Mayor of New York

Worshipful Sir. Having seen in our papers that there is a movement on foot to institute Municipal bodies in America somewhat on the lines of our London County Council I take the liberty of informing you that if you should desire to obtain assistance from one who has an intimate knowledge of the methods of procedure both in the Council and in the Committees and also who has been one of the chief organisers of this the newest and largest of the Departments of the Council and who has a talent for the work of organisation I shall be happy to place my services at your disposal if you can offer me a sufficient inducement in money and position

Asking pardon for encroaching upon your valuable time

I remain  
Yours faithfully  
William Franklin Dyson  
Principal Clerk to Works Dept.



THOMAS F. EAGAN  
JOHN T. EAGAN.



THOMAS F. EAGAN & SON,

PRINTERS AND ENGRAVERS, . . . . .

148-150 East 42d Street, . . . . .

*New York, Nov. 29/95*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York.

Honorable sir:-

Being one of the most earnest supporters of your administration, and having been defeated for Senator, I take the liberty of placing myself before you as an applicant for some Commissionership, which may be at your disposal. If you read the daily papers during the campaign, you saw that not one word derogatory to my character as a business man or otherwise has been stated, but on the contrary they have all supported me in the contest. I also received the endorsement of the Good Government Clubs of the District; by reading the enclosed you can obtain a fair statement of who I am- my record and character is beyond reproach. The District I represent on the County Committee is the 22d, a solid administration district beyond question. I don't need to say to you that Mess. Brookfield, McCook and Bliss are my personal friends, as I suppose you know the fact. I desire also to call your attention to the fact, that notwithstanding our loyalty to



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your administration, that not one position of prominence has been awarded to our District.

Yours very truly,

*Thos. F. Eagar*

## A LIVELY CAMPAIGN.

The Republican campaign has been inaugurated with tremendous vigor. Three great mass-meetings have already been decided upon, one for each Assembly district. The first will be in the Academy of Music, the second in the Lyceum Building in East Thirty-Fourth street, and the third in Industrial Hall, Lexington avenue and Forty-third street. Mayor Strong is expected to preside at the meeting of the Academy, and to deliver an address. Every prominent Republican leader in the city has promised his assistance, and the speakers in the campaign will include Theodore Roosevelt, Gen. Anson G. McCook, Gen. C. H. T. Collis, Cornelius N. Bliss and fifty others. Dr. Parkhurst will invade the district and in characteristic vein pay his respects to his old friend Grady.

The Brookfield and Platt leaders are vying with each other in working for Eagan. Col. Cruger is doing active service in the Twentieth Assembly, while James L. Stewart, the Platt leader, has his coat off and is making a lively canvass.

Below him, in the Eighteenth Assembly, William Menkel is stirring up things, while the Twenty-second Assembly, Eagan's home district, has the reputation of being one of the best organized in the entire city.

Headquarters have been opened at No. 200 East Forty-ninth street, No. 215 East Forty-fifth street, No. 161 East Thirty-second Street, No. 290 Avenue A, Northwest corner of Forty-first street and Second Avenue, and at No. 300 East Thirtieth street. They will be open every day from 9 in the morning until midnight, and workers will be in attendance to instruct voters in the mysteries of the new ballot, to send out circulars and enroll Republicans in the various organizations.

## EAGAN'S GOOD RECORD.

Mr. Eagan's headquarters will be in the saddle, as he expresses it. He is making a personal canvass, and his wide acquaintance renders it effective. He is a politician in the best sense of the word. His business interests are considerable, but he is has taken a lively interest in public affairs, and in matters political his friends say that he would rather fight than eat. His personality is attractive, his manners winning. His robust figure and bright eye are known to almost every voter in the district, with whom his word is counted as good as his bond. In party affairs he has been a stalwart Republican, but independent.

Thomas F. Eagan was born August 15th, 1845, at Forty-second street and Third avenue, and has lived the entire fifty years of his life in the block between Forty-second and Forty-fifth streets and Lexington and Third avenues. He is the son of the late John Eagan, who saved the life of Superintendent of Police Kennedy in the draft riots of 1863. Young Eagan himself played a heroic part in the rescue. The mob had thrown Kennedy into a deep pond at Forty-sixth street and Third avenue, and he was saved with difficulty by the efforts of father and son, both of whom leaped into the pond. Mrs. Eagan herself rescued a police-

man when hard beset, and the family sheltered twenty-five officers who were hunted by the mob. The incident is a part of the published history of the Police Department.

The Republican candidate started in the printing business in 1865, but left it temporarily to become clerk to the Board of Assistant Aldermen in 1873. He returned to the printing business in which he is still engaged. He has an extensive establishment at No. 150 East Forty-second street, where only union men are employed. Ten years ago he secured the contracts for printing the programmes, tickets and posters of a number of the leading jockey clubs throughout the country.

Mr. Eagan has been active in the Republican organization since 1878. In 1888 he withdrew from active participation in politics, the tactics of the district machine arousing his opposition. Upon the recent reorganization of the party he came to the front again as leader of his district, and was one of the most prominent advocates on the Nominating Committee of the present union ticket. He has twice been a candidate for Alderman, in 1888 running 1100 votes above Gen. Harrison and last year failing of election by only 62 votes. It is interesting to record that there are 32 votes in his own family, all of them in the block between Forty-second and Forty-fifth streets.

**Mr. Eagan's candidacy is one to arouse the enthusiasm and enlist the support of every Republican. The party cannot afford to let so gallant a fighter go down to defeat, and there is every prospect of his triumphant election.**



W. S. WEBB,  
President.

H. W. WEBB,  
Vice-President.

J. A. SPOOR,  
Gen'l Manager.

## WAGNER PALACE CAR COMPANY.

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

Hon W. L. Strong

Mayor

My Dear Sir

Would fur kindly help, aid & assist a life long Republican & native of this city, and a veteran of the late war, having seen four years active service, without political influence, to obtain a clerical position in the Dept. of Public Works.

I entered the Volunteer Service as a private and was mustered out a Colonel

I have only been idle since the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month and having no influence I have presumed on your kindness of heart, and rather out of the usual way to ask you to interest yourself in my behalf, that I may be able to support myself & family.

Fraternally Yours

Oscar Eastmond

941 Fleetwood Ave

bet 162<sup>nd</sup> & 163<sup>rd</sup> St



March 18/93.

Col. H. L. Strong.

Having wrote to you in regard  
to the removal to the stands, at 71, 77, 93,  
their effect at 71 Columbia St City Hoping  
to be favored as a Citizen of the United States  
there for should judge as that to get my  
equal rights, I don't ask nothing else. but  
my rights. Having my business at 256.  
City for the past five years.  
impossible for me to support a  
family as you have no idea how many  
stands surrounding me. I have been down  
to your office. at least for the past month,  
every day. regular receiving and answer.  
the Mayor, is out, or at a meeting in other  
words. busy I there for wish you would  
do a favor as to investigate to the effect  
there of wishing it not delayed any longer.  
If I have no right to make such a report  
I there fore like to know if I can get any  
more rights in the City of New York.  
Also. Having something else to mention in  
my letter that I have render the report to  
the Superintendent of the Bureau of Incivberance  
and getting no satisfaction from him. over

As I think he is there for that purpose:  
Having completed my short address:  
I remain

Yours  
Respt

S. Clark  
256 Rivington St  
City

PUTNAM HOUSE,  
COR. FOURTH AVE. & 26TH STREET,  
OPPOSITE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN,

NEW YORK,

April 15 1895

C 16  
Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor's Office  
New York City

Dear Sir -

I hope you will pardon me for intruding upon your valuable time but I have no other means of addressing you. - I am a tax payer (through guardian) and am in my twentieth year, and can furnish references or bond if necessary. I send this application for a clerkship messenger or position as office boy.

Hoping this may find favorable consideration. I Remain Respectfully  
John H Eddy - 369 - 4 Ave



New York

April 1<sup>st</sup> 95

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of  
New York

Dear Sir

The Working men of this City took an active part in bringing about the Reform government we are now enjoying but they have not received any recognition one man I know worked hard to accomplish this that man is John S. Henry Secy. of the Central Labor Union for the past two years a level headed conservative man one who enjoys the confidence & respect of all in the labor movement but being a Workingman he is a wood carver he did not have the necessary time to give to the committee but he worked hard for the reform movement and was a frequent visitor to the head quarters in 23<sup>rd</sup> St. I would

Respectfully ask your honor to mention  
his name to the Commissioners of Jurors,  
as a clerk or some place in any of the  
departments should your honor see  
fit to do so I assure you it will be  
highly appreciated by his host of  
friends in the labor movement

Respectfully Yours

Edward J. Egan  
213 W. 18th St

31. Cherry St.  
New York City.

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. 1895.

H. L. Strong. Mayor &c.

Dear Sir: I know that the most of your valuable time is taken up with <sup>the</sup> pressure of Public Business and Office-Seekers.

Consequently instead of seeking to see your honor in person, I have ventured to write to you in hopes that you will interest yourself in my behalf by procuring me employment of any kind in some one of the various public Depts.

I am Married, and have lost my Left Arm in the Late Rebellion. I receive \$30. per Month pension from the Government, but in these times that is hardly sufficient to keep a Man & wife & pay rent &c. I am therefore very much in need of Employment.

I can satisfy you as to my Character for Sobriety, Honesty, Reliability &c.

I have always been a good Solid Republican, but I started in with the Milholland Party, and intend to stay with them, as I am getting tired of Boss Platism:

I hope you will order your Sec'y. to reply so that I may know if I may entertain any hopes or encouragement. Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt. &c.

John B. Egan



OFFICE HOURS:  
COLUMBIA ST., 12-1.6-7 P.M. (EXCEPT FRIDAY)  
WILLET ST., 10-12 A.M. 3-5. 7-9 P.M.

Henry F. Eichacker, M.D.

RESIDENCE: 66 Columbia St. N.Y.  
OFFICE: 79 Willett St. N.Y.  
FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER: SETAUKET, L.I.

New York April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895

W. T. Strong Mayor of New York.

Your Honor:

D. Ph. Meironitz asked me last Sunday to go with the committee before you to use my influence to have him appointed as a school commissioner.

After due deliberation I decided not to do so, as honors conferred upon young men are apt to spoil their future career.

It would be better for him to attend to his as yet embryonic practice and travel the harder road of an honest worker, which alone makes good citizens.

Very respectfully H. F. Eichacker

Brooklyn, Dec. 14, 1895.

W. L. Strong, Esq.,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-,

Some three months ago I presented a personal letter of introduction from my father, Frank Elliott, and you then very kindly offered any assistance in your power, but I did not require any then. I am now looking for a position which will enable me to remain here instead of returning to Mexico and if you could help me in this respect it would be a great favor.

I am more adapted to office work than anything else, and am a good stenographer, telegraph operator, fair book-keeper, and understand Spanish fairly well. I have done a good deal of rustling but have been unable to get a position paying more than \$10. a week, there being so many girls working in my line.

Hoping that you may be able to do something for me, I remain

Yours respectfully,

*F. C. Elliott*

45 Green Ave..





New York March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895

Colonel W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong  
My Dear Colonel.

The recent overthrow  
of Tammany Hall and especially  
in this the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
was due as you are probably aware  
to the efforts of the young men connect-  
ed with the New York State Democracy  
of this district.

At a ratification meeting held at our  
headquarters on Saturday evening  
preceding election you spoke to a  
large audience and among the remarks  
you made ~~was~~ you said that if elected  
you would not forget the Boys after-  
ward.

Now Dear Colonel, not one solitary  
has been given to us as yet still



I do not think you have forgotten us  
and I hope you will not forget us.  
Several of our members have applied  
for places in the different depart-  
ments but with no success.

Hoping you will consider this matter  
favorably

I remain yours Truly

John H. Ellis

1790 Bray

22 West 57th St

New York Nov 6/95

How Mayor Strong

my dear Sir - I understand that Mr K. H. Allen Esq intends to present his name to you for appointment as Park Commissioner.

I think this would be a first rate appointment. I have known him for

many years as a gentle -

man of intelligence,

good business capacity

and unimpeachable character.

Very sincerely, John W. Ellis

108 Gold, cor. Frankfort Street, 31

New York, May 4 1895

Dear Mr. Mayor

I wish to say that I am much gratified with the announcement that you intend to appoint Mr. John Woulke as Comd. of Docks.

I have known Mr. Woulke many years, and he once built a dock for me. He does honest work and I hope he will be appointed.

Very cordially

Smith Ely

Hon. Mr. C. Strong



JAMES E. GRANNISS, Vice President.  
FRANK SPERRY, Secretary

JOEL B. ERHARDT, President

THOMAS HUNT, Second Vice President.  
JOHN I. WATERBURY, Treasurer.

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NEW YORK, February 6, 1895.

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

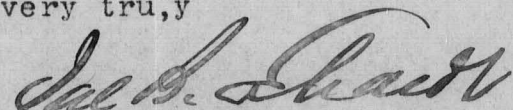
My dear Mr. Strong:-

I take great pleasure in recommending to your kind consideration the application of the friends of Hon. Lucius E. Chittenden for an appointment at your hands if you ever have the power so to do.

He was, as you are aware, the Register of the Treasury during the war; his ability, his loyalty, his untiring devotion to whatever he undertook, coupled with his perfect integrity, gives me the opportunity to most heartily endorse his application. I have known him for more than thirty years and have yet to hear anything derogative to him.

I sincerely trust that the application will receive favorable consideration, and I shall take pleasure in talking with you personally about it when occasion offers.

Yours very truly,



Dec 9. 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, but as I am not an applicant for any position, or public employment, I trust that my views stated below are as nearly disinterested, as it is possible for me to attain. I only presume that possibly I may, have the right to suggest, as, so far as my influence goes it was exerted for the reform ticket.

The papers state that you will appoint Commissioners of Charities &c. by the 20<sup>th</sup> instant. I do not know any of the applicants; all of them are doubtless men of good character: but I hope you will avoid the mistake of making it a Catholic board, or continuing it a Democratic institution. In either of these events, sooner or later it will be found arrayed against you and your policy - any pledge or promise to the contrary notwithstanding.

I write this from a sense of duty and fidelity to you.

Very truly yours  
Edwin Este

168 W. 126 St

John W. L. Strong

Sir:

This is not an application for office, nor does it require an answer, but - I hope you will not allow yourself to be influenced by the claims of such Cal Hering - in the "pension business" matter for as a loyal citizen who served his country well during the rebellion and who has now asked a pension



for it, I declare he  
has spoken nothing but  
the truth - The virtues  
of the late war have now  
gathered about every thing  
except a representation  
in the trinity, and therefore  
they should with their  
other virtues acquire  
modesty -

Yours very truly  
Edwin Edwards

New York  
Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1898

Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir -

As I heard  
you have given positions to  
people, I thought I would  
and see if you would help  
my papa to a position  
of some kind, as he is honest  
& trustworthy of a steady  
position. Papa has been  
in business & has lost all  
we have. He has been very  
unlucky in finding work.  
The only income has

been my salary from  
singing in choir & that  
is very small Papa  
has been a struck repub-  
lican for the last 20 years

I beg of you to look  
this letter over & do the  
best you can for my  
papa we have 4 children  
to support

Please give me  
an answer as soon as  
possible as Papa does not  
know I wrote

Yours Truly  
H. Estebly  
225 W. 5th St  
No. Y. City



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# 831 Park Av.  
March 11<sup>th</sup> 95

Hon W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong,

Dear Sir:-

I now am,  
and have been a teacher  
in the Public Schools  
of New York, for over twenty  
two years.

I consider that  
I know something of their  
requirements, and would  
like very much to pre-  
sent my views to you.  
Will you give me a  
few moments at your  
home rather than at

your office, as I prefer  
not to be interviewed  
by reporters.

Yours very respy  
Edw A. Everett

New York Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1892

To the Mayor of New York

Mr Mayor  
Dear Sir

I hope you will forgive the liberty which I have taken in writing to you but seeing that you were so good as to <sup>give</sup> other ladies positions I thought that if I wrote to you and explained my case you might do something for me being as I am a widow with four children of course I do not aspire to any thing so high as the positions you can give but I thought if you would be so kind as to speak for me I would get something to do at present I go out



nursing the sick but I do not  
get enough of places and besides  
I have to be away from the  
children which makes it so  
lonesome I live in the sixteenth  
district and had parties trying to  
get me a position in one of the  
cottages in the park and other  
places but I did not get either  
and believe me kind sir some  
of those places filled with ladies  
who may have held the position  
for years and I am sure do  
not need it as bad as I do  
I was thinking a long time of  
going to see you myself and  
I know judging from the way  
you received others you would  
receive me kindly and perhaps  
do more for me than those  
whome you have appointed  
to positions but I was afraid

of the press and I would much  
rather never get a position than  
see my name in the papers  
so I thought I would write to  
you privately I can get a letter  
of recommendation from the  
leader of the district and  
the names of some of the  
clergy and business men  
if necessary I am affraid you  
will think me bold for  
presuming to write to you  
but seeing that you are kind  
enough to receive letters from  
people in all stations in  
life I know you will receive  
mine and at the same time  
think with me that there is  
no disgrace in asking for work  
for the support of my children  
beging your pardon for the

for the liberty which I  
have taken and hoping  
that God will spare you  
many years to your family  
and the people of New York  
I remain

Yours respt.  
Mrs C J Fagan

No 422 East 52 st  
New York  
City

P.S. be kind enough to  
excuse me if I did not  
direct your letter correctly  
as I did not like to ask  
any one how to do it

New York Security & Trust Co.

46 Wall Street,

Charles S. Fairchild, Pres.  
William H. Appleton, 1st Vice Pres.  
William L. Strong, 2d Vice Pres.  
John L. Jamison, Secretary.  
Zelah Van Loan, Asst Secy.

New York, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon William L. Strong

Dear Sir

Permit me to call to your attention  
the name of Samuel D. Adams for the position of  
Park Commissioner. From all that I can learn Mr  
Adams would be an admirable man, this position  
and I should be glad to have him appointed

Yours truly

Charles S. Fairchild





New York Feb 18/95  
Hon. Wm L. Strong  
Mayor of New York  
Dear Sir:

As I am desirous  
of obtaining employment  
and being a veteran of  
the late war, having  
served my country  
faithfully and honorably,  
I would kindly request  
you to assist me in  
my efforts to make an

honest living, as I have  
never held an office  
under the city government  
before. I am satisfied  
to take most any position  
which you would tender  
me. Hoping you will  
kindly comply with  
my request, and awaiting  
a speedy reply, I remain

Your obedient servant  
Alexander Falke  
#157 E 103<sup>d</sup> St

New York Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1895

To Your Most Honorable  
Mr Strong  
Mayor of the City & County  
of New York  
Dr. Your Honor

I write you a few lines  
and hope you will excuse my  
self liberty. I am an honest industrious  
man 37 years old and am married  
and have a family of 4 small children  
myself & wife to support I am a Mechanic  
Plumber by trade and have been engaged  
in same for a number of years and  
only could make a very scanty living  
from same for my family I have been  
very sick mostly all winter with Rheumatism  
and scarcely able to do any work at all  
at my business as it does not agree with  
me any more I ask your honor if you  
will to make a place for me in the Health  
Dept or the Dept of Public works or any  
office you would be pleased to give me so  
I can earn a respectable living for my  
wife & family I have a very fair education  
and can do quite a little in same if  
required I ask your Honor that probably you  
may give me a place as Plumbing Inspector  
in the Health Dept as I would be well  
capable of looking after same as I  
am a first class Practical man in the  
line of Plumbing Business but unable  
to work at same on account of Bad  
Health I have contracted from same.  
if you will your Honor assist me in  
my requests you will have the utmost  
over



Wishes of My wife & little family as  
I am very much in need of a way  
to earn a living for my family I  
have given your Honor my vote to you  
for your election as Mayor of the City  
& County of New York I am a Republican  
in my politics and has always been so  
and a native Born — — — — —  
So if you will your Honor  
please have this note answered to me  
with a satisfactory Reply you will  
do a very necessary & praise worthy  
request

Respect Yours  
Thomas Gallon  
# 215 West 142<sup>nd</sup> St

N. Y. May 21/95

Mayor H<sup>on</sup> L. Strong.  
Your Honor.

Having been  
out of employment for  
some time. I make  
application to you for  
a position in one of  
the city departments.  
I have been employed by  
The Importers & Traders  
Nat'l Bank for a period  
extending over 4 years  
from messenger to book-  
keeper and for the past  
3 years have been in the  
employ of Palmer & Steele  
late of 78 Barrow St who

have retired from business  
I would be willing to  
take anything that you  
may have at your dis-  
posal. I have been a  
republican since attain-  
ing my majority 8 years  
ago and have belonged  
to the following repub-  
lican dist organizations  
Old 5<sup>th</sup> now part of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>  
13<sup>th</sup> Assn and at present  
am enrolled member of  
the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Trusting that  
you will favor me with  
an acknowledgement or  
or grant an interview

You will oblige  
Yours Resp  
Eugene Farley  
79 & 94<sup>th</sup> St



New York March 12/95

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Sir

With an apology I address a gentleman in your busy position to ask your attention to the following.

I am 56 years old, have lived in the 12<sup>th</sup> ward over 30 years, have a family to support but unfortunately am out of employment some time, having used every exertion to obtain work I have not succeeded in competing with younger men.

I respectfully ask your honor to have me appointed watchman or laborer in the Public works or any of the city depts.

Although a voter in this ward since 1867 I am without political influence to reach any of the Commrs. so take this liberty of appealing to your honor to give me a chance to make a living. My character will bear investigation.

If you can grant me this favor  
you will confer a great benefit  
on a poor man and family

Yours Respectly  
J. L. Gurnan

67 East 104<sup>th</sup> St.  
City

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SECRETARY'S ADDRESS,

78 FRANKLIN STREET,

New York, Mch. 19th, 1895. 189

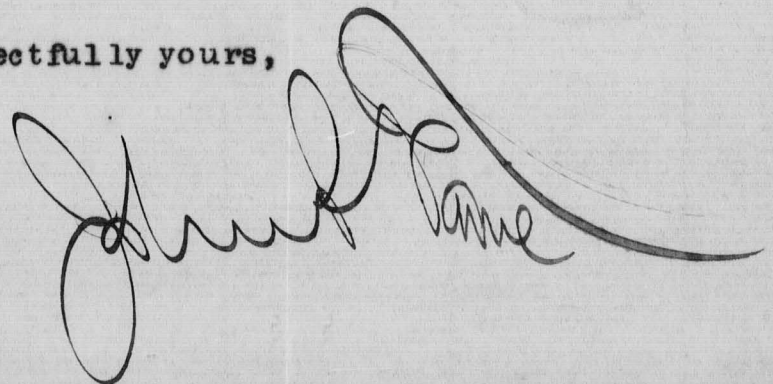
Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Having just learned that my very dear friend, Col. James R. Hosmer is a candidate for appointment as Police Justice, I cannot, consistently, with my esteem for him, permit any time to lapse before testifying to you ( from personal contact of a number of years ) of my knowledge of this gentleman's high character, kindly disposition, and wide experience with various kinds of human nature.

In my judgment, he is especially well qualified for the position which he seeks at your hands, and I feel convinced that his appointment would result most creditably to your administration and be a large factor in producing that better government of our City, in the interests of the people, for which you and I jointly labored in the recent campaign.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John P. Faure", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.



~ NEW YORK CITY ~  
Presbyterian Hebrew - Christian Mission,  
128 Forsyth Street.

New-York, July: 22<sup>nd</sup> 1893.

Colonel Wm. J. Strong,  
Mayor.

N.Y. City.

Your Honor!

I beg pardon for requesting your Honor  
of a kindly favor, to do it for an American  
Citizen, which is a good sincere and honest  
man, known for a long time to me, and to  
help him, which some position in any  
line of office department work, in New  
York or somewhere else.

His name is Jacob Nissenorn 29 Cullen  
St. I hope your Honor will grant me  
a favorable answer, of am your Honor  
thankfull servant.

Tratbernst

Yours Herman Paul Faust

206 West 24<sup>th</sup> St.

New York March 19<sup>th</sup> 95

To the Hon. Mayor of New York.

If you will pardon me, I desire to ask if you will not give me a position of some kind at your disposal, or request one from one of the many depts. of the City. Am out of employment since it. Am a veteran of the war, 23 battles & nearly all the campaigns of the Potomac Army, of Genl. Butterfields, original, 3<sup>d</sup> Brig. 1<sup>st</sup> Div. 5<sup>th</sup> Corps.

Was born brought up - a farmers boy - in Saratoga Co. N.Y. with public school education, Volunteered & entered the Army under 18 yrs in the 114<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Inf. Vol. Aug. 1861. After the war, was offered & accepted the position of Collector of Canal Tolls, at Waterford N.Y. filled the position two yrs. & went west to State of Kansas, where I bought & improved farm lands & other real estate for speculation. The Panic of 73-77 was too much for me & I lost all. Coming to N.Y. City, entered the service of R.H. Macy & Co. in their big store on 14<sup>th</sup> St. as asst. bookkeeper, in two yrs. was

Supt. of Packing, Shipping, Collecting & delivery  
depts. filling the position eight yrs. my health  
gave out & was obliged to give it up, an injury  
recd. in battle affecting my hearing, so as now, to  
have become an impediment toward employment  
in a store. Though entitled to, I have never asked or  
recd. a cent, or favor of the Government & shall  
not while able to work, nor of the State or City.  
The Canal Collector - the only political office I  
ever held which was unsolicited by me.

Am not a politician, always been an ardent  
Republican. have done much in my way for  
the cause. Having filled positions requiring man-  
agement & good Common Sense, am Capable of  
such, but would be pleased to accept anything  
you might give or procure. Have asked or  
sought no political or other influence, but  
come to you with this letter pleading my  
cause, and would feel greatly pleased  
to hear favorably from your honor, and  
remain

Very Respectfully  
J. V. Fent Brock



ST. GEORGE'S MEN'S CLUB,

207 East 16th Street,

NEW YORK.

121 East 12<sup>th</sup> St.,

March 28, '95.

Hon William L Strong,

Dear Sir:

I have applied to you  
for the appointment of  
Inspector of Measures and  
Weights. Will you be  
kind enough to inform  
me what my prospects  
are in that connection.

Yours truly,

George Bentrick

ST. GEORGE'S MEN'S CLUB,

207 East 16th Street,

NEW YORK.

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121 East 12<sup>th</sup> St.,

March 30,<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

Having failed to secure the position of Assistant Supervisor of the "City Record," I am still outside the "breast works," and will cheerfully accept any position you may offer me. Hoping you will give favorable consideration to one who deserves it, I am,

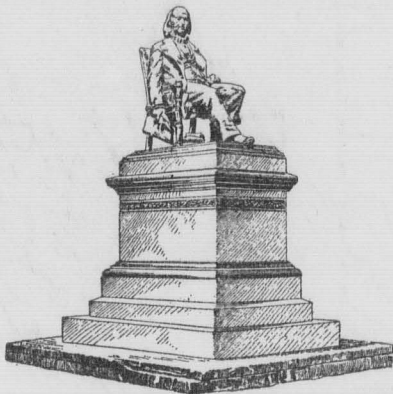
Yours very truly,

George Kentrick

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*New York, April 12<sup>th</sup> 1896*

*Hon. William L. Strong*

*Dear Sir:*

About three months ago I severed my connection with the printing business and entered the field as an aspirant for the office of Supervisor of the "City Record." I resigned from my position for the reason that I was positive that if I would not be appointed Supervisor I would at least receive the second or third place. When I asked Mr. Sleicher how it was that I, who had the indorsement of the entire printing fraternity, could not get the second place in preference to a man who had absolutely no knowledge of the printing business and who could, therefore, not be appointed on his merits, he said: "Well, there was too much pressure brought to bear upon me and I had to acquiesce." Now, Mr. Mayor, this is certainly not in harmony with reform.

You will remember that besides being indorsed by the printing fraternity I had the indorsement of several



Republican clubs and the united indorsement of my  
assembly District - the Tenth. My application was signed,  
by Col. S. V. R. Crago, President Wright, of the Park Bank,  
Judge Taintor, Hiram Merritt, Dr. W. S. Rainsford  
and others, and four committees called upon you  
in my behalf: one committee composed of the best  
known printers in town, and the other committees  
composed of prominent Republicans. I have been  
an active Republican for the past ten years; have  
been a member of the County Committee five years; chair-  
man of my Election District seven years; Secretary of  
the Assembly District three years; was the organizer  
of the Printers' Republican Club, and served as its Secre-  
tary two years; am a member of three Republican Clubs  
at the present time, and have sacrificed time and  
money for the welfare of the Republican party. I am  
a Republican for principle and not for revenue, but still I  
think that incidentally the active Republicans should re-  
ceive the preference in the distribution of patronage, and  
when a Republican who has rendered as much service for the party  
as I have, is left outside the "breastworks," it is a state of affairs  
which is certainly not conducive to Republican success in the  
future, but is an incentive for a reaction. Now, I am very desirous  
of leaving the printing business and securing an office in the present  
administration. I have made application for a position as City  
Marshal. Should there be no chance for me in this connection,  
I will gladly accept any position you offer me. Please let me  
know what my prospects are, and oblige

Yours very truly,

George Kentrick

121 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

18  
✓  
April 12th, 1895.

George Fentricks, Esq.,

#121 East 12th St., New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of recent date, and to suggest that you apply to some of the various City Departments direct for such employment as you seek, as there appears to be no position within his gift in which he could avail himself of your services. There are already some three hundred applications for City Marshals, and the appointments have been practically determined upon.

Very respectfully,

*J. B. McKeen*  
Secretary.

*Hon. William L. Strong,*

Dear Sir:

In reply to the above, will you be kind enough to assist me in securing a position elsewhere? You certainly have heard enough of my character, qualifications and Republicanism to enable you to say a word in my behalf. Please do this for me, Mr. Mayor, and oblige.

Yours very truly,  
*George Fentricks*

121 East 12<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Hon. William L. Strong.  
Dear Sir:

I write to remind you  
of your promise to me  
when you were up at  
Richfield Springs. You  
wrote to me, saying,  
"When I return to New York  
I will try and get a  
place for you." Hoping  
you will fulfill your  
promise, I am,

Yours very truly,  
George Kentrick



ROBERT M. FERRIS,  
HANOVER SQUARE BUILDING,  
130 & 132 PEARL STREET.

NEW YORK, March 5 5 1895

Hon W. L. Strong  
Mayor City New York  
Dear Sir

I understand that Rev Dr E. A. Hoffman  
Dean of the Free Theological Seminary called upon you yesterday  
afternoon and that you informed him that you had  
told me that you had determined not to appoint  
me a Dock Commissioner. This places me in a  
false position towards my friends, I have not seen  
you for over four weeks, when you told me  
that at the proper time my application would have  
careful consideration. Within 10 days I have  
been informed by two of my friends, who  
have seen you, that ~~you~~ you stated that you  
had reconsidered your determination as to certain  
names, and that the matter was open and that my  
application was under favorable consideration. As it  
is possible others may speak to you about me I write  
that you may not inadvertently do me an injustice  
and allow those advocating my appointment to  
appear to be misinformed by me.

I believe I could serve the City well as a Dock  
Commissioner and as far as one man (of three) could  
I would introduce business methods into its  
administration. And many others, good men  
whose opinion you doubtless respect think the  
same as you have evidence. I take the liberty of thus  
writing you that I may be not right. <sup>Yours respectfully</sup> Robert M. Ferris